

WORCESTER & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB



News

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Happy New Year - and it's a busy one!

Hello everyone and happy new year.

Firstly I had better introduce myself as this year's chairman. I'm Sarah Lovatt. I've been a member of the club for the last couple of years and have found myself in the hot seat for this year! Hopefully I will have already met quite a few of you at different things last year but I'm very much looking forward to meeting everyone at our events during 2009.

As you will see from our diary dates the committee has planned a busy and varied programme for the club this year including a wider range of members only competitions. Hopefully it will include something for everyone. If anyone feels there is something missing from the list that they would desperately like to have a go at please let us know and we will do our very best to arrange it for you.

This year we have planned our members' shows for weekends. Hopefully those of us who work during the week will find it a bit easier to bring their neddies out and join in. Anyone who has a friend who is not a member but would like to come along to see what it is all about, please invite them. The more the merrier.

We have planned a social evening in February. Our "Tack and Tuck" night is a great opportunity for everyone to get together without the ponies getting in the way! Please feel free to bring any friends who might be interested.

The diary dates, including provisional dates for Mercian competitions, are all in this newsletter. We will, of course, let you know if any of these dates change for any reason.

As you'll see our club is holding a one-day-event at Hilltop, including the Mercian teams competition, and we really hope lots of you will be involved either competing or helping on the day - no previous experience necessary! There was no Mercian ODE last year because no club would take it on so we've bitten the bullet and hope we will have all our members' support.

Lastly I would like to wish everyone a successful season.

See you all soon!

Sarah



DIARY DATES

FOR 2009

- February 15 – Area indoor showjumping – Hartpury College
- February 22 – Area senior winter dressage – Hartpury College
- Feb 26 – Tack & Tuck – The Long Room, Hunt Kennels
- March 1 – Members dressage show – Hadley Riding Stables
- March 7 – Mercian indoor showjumping – Bromyard Equestrian
- March 28&29 – winter dressage & indoor SJ championships
- April 4 – CT & showjumping members' show - Lincomb
- April 18 – Mercian hunter trial – Bewdley
- April 25 – Area hunter trial – Ascott under Wychwood
- May 3 – Members' dressage show - Hadley Riding Stables
- May 24 – Area senior SJ, nov, int, open & equitation - Malvern
- May 25 – Mercian CT – Malvern
- May 30&31 – Festival of the Hunter
- May 31 – Mini 2-phase members' show & barbecue - Lincomb
- June 7 – Mercian showing show – South Shropshire RC
- June 14 – Area horse trials – Broadway
- June 21 W&DRC Open Show, Park Hall Farm, Hanbury
- June 28 – Area dressage, novice, riding test & pairs
- July 4 – Area senior dressage to music
- July 5 – Dressage & Riding Test members' show – venue TBC.
- July 19 – Area dressage: open, medium & rural riders – Bristol
- July 26 – Mercian dressage – Wyvern RC
- August 2 – Midi 2-phase members; show - Lincomb Equestrian
- August 7-9 – Festival of the Hunter – Offchurch Bury
- August 23 – ODE incorporating Mercian teams – HILLTOP
- September 6 – Show- & equitation-jumping members' show –
Lincomb
- September 12&13 – National championships, Lincoln
- September 19 – Mercian show- and style-jumping – CEVRC
- October 4 – Mercian two-phase – Malvern
- October TBA – Mercian quiz – Bromyard

**FURTHER DETAILS IN 2009 SCHEDULE
available at Tack & Tuck Social
or on our website:
www.worcsterridingclub.co.uk**

TRAINING DATES

- **Friday 6 Feb Mandy Kent Show Jumping Clinic** at Lincomb Equestrian, Lincomb, from 12pm. All abilities welcome, grouped accordingly, max 4 in a group. £13.50 per session.
 - **Tuesday 10 Feb, 11am Flat Work with Sue Parkes** at Callimore Farm, Rushock. Groups of 2 £20 each (indoor school).
 - **Thursday 19 Feb, 6pm Flat Work with Sue Parkes** at Callimore Farm, Rushock. Groups of 2 £20 each (indoor school). *If any of those on the Area Dressage teams who like to come and ride the test, Sue is more than happy to give you some pointers.*
 - **Sunday 22 Feb Mandy Kent Show Jumping Clinic** at Lincomb Equestrian, Lincomb, from 12pm. All abilities welcome, grouped accordingly, max 4 in a group. £13.50 per session.
 - **Tuesday 24 Feb, 11am Flat Work with Sue Parkes** at Callimore Farm, Rushock. Groups of 2 £20 each (indoor school).
 - **Saturday 28 Feb Trailer Towing/reversing day** with Tracy Hammond of Passtime Motoring. Bring your own vehicle and trailer or use one of the trailers supplied. Open to all. Further details to follow.
 - **Sunday 1st March Matt & Marie Ryan Cross Country Clinic** at Lincomb Equestrian. Some cross country experience is required.
 - **Tuesday 3 March, 6pm Flat Work with Sue Parkes at Callimore Farm, Rushock.** Groups of 2 £20 each (indoor school).
 - **Sunday 15 March Cross Country Clinic with Robert Stevens,** BE accredited trainer at Lincomb Equestrian, Lincomb. All abilities welcome, grouped accordingly. 4 in a group, 1 hour session £35.
- Visit www.robertstevensventing.co.uk for further info on Robert.

Please contact Rebecca Symonds on 01299 251351 / 07967 687692 / tony@tonysymonds.co.uk for further information on any of the above

DON'T FORGET... This is the last newsletter you will receive until you have renewed your membership. You can download a form from the club website, contact Natalie via 01905 771087/07771 848812/natalielindsay@hotmail.co.uk or

COME ALONG TO THE FREE TUCK AND TACK EVENING ON FEBRUARY 26th AT THE LONG ROOM, KENNELS LANE, FERNHILL HEATH, WORCESTER

Where you can meet committee members, sell unwanted items, find out about club activities, have something to eat, renew your membership and collect your programme all in one go!

ROSIE PUGH - A GREAT LOSS TO THE EQUINE COMMUNITY

IT is with great sadness and fond memories that we have to report the passing of Rosie Pugh, late last year.

Rosie was a great supporter of the club for many years, as well as being involved with other activities around Droitwich and the wider Worcester area.

She judged dressage for Worcester & District Riding Club as well as various pony club branches, and was on the Hanbury Show Committee, so will be very much missed.

The club did send Rosie flowers as a token of our esteem, to let her know we were thinking of her while she was ill.

MERCIAN TEAMS

If you want to know more about Mercian Teams, please contact

Janice Gilbert.

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MERCIAN DATES

- March 7 INDOOR SJ (Bromyard EC)
 - April 18 HUNTER TRIAL (Bewdley)
 - May 25 CT - Malvern
 - June 7 SHOWING SHOW South Shropshire RC
 - July 26 DRESSAGE - Wyvern
 - AUG 23 ODE - Hilltop WDRC
 - Sep 19 SJ & Style-jumping CEVRC
 - Oct 4 Two-phase - Malvern
 - Oct TBA Quiz - Bromyard
- Eligibility details on website*

NAGS' NEEDS 'N FEEDS

Equestrian supplies

☎ 01905 755773

- Knoll Farm •
- Ladywood Road •
- Worcester • WR3 7SX •

Gracelands Equestrian Centre

- Unaff. showjumping every Wed (from 1'9") & Thu (from 2'6') Clear round from 6pm Classes from 7.15pm

ALSO

- BSJA Junior & Senior
- Unaffiliated dressage
- Available for private hire

☎ 01527 861476