

WORCESTER & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB



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NEWS

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MAY 2010

NEW SEASON OFF TO FLYING START

AFTER a very slow start for everyone due to the weather things are now gathering pace and we've fielded loads of teams for Mercian and Area competitions with great results. Bearing in mind what a huge Riding Club area we belong to this is a huge achievement. We have also attracted loads of new members - welcome everyone.

We have several new items on the club agenda this year, adding more variety to what you can enjoy with your horse, including drill riding and dressage to music.

Drill riding was a suggestion from a member who has done it in the past and says it's great fun - so new(ish) committee members Nicki Smith and Becky Vale have organised an introduction to it as a social event with refreshments in the barn afterwards when you can watch the video of the ride.

The date is May 15th, venue Lunnon Cottage, Rushock, near Droitwich, WR9 0NW and as it's non profit-making the cost is just £10 per rider for the half day's activities.

Hannah Jackson, who is very experienced with drill rides as the students at Rodbaston do them for open days, is running the ride - which is non-competitive.

No previous experience is necessary and spectators are welcome so please do come along and support the new venture. Anyone wishing to ride should contact Nicki or Becky by May

10th please. Nicki can also give directions to the venue - 07792 222101.

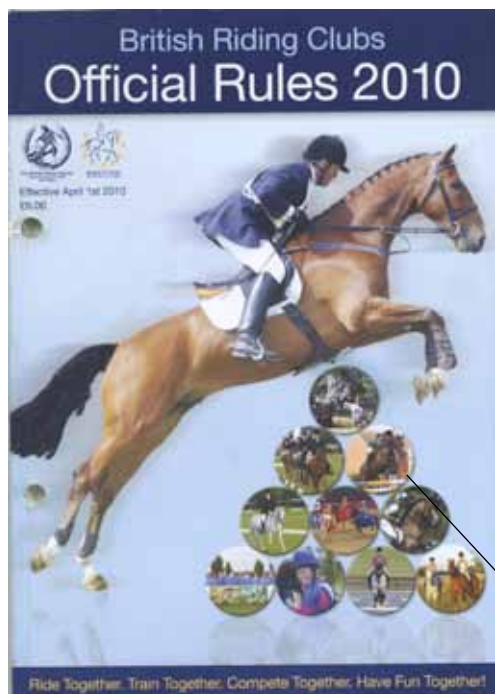
There's also a Mercian dressage to music competition this year and loads of people have expressed interest.

Jan is organising training, beginning with a get-together (without horses) and demonstration at Lincomb Equestrian on May 17th.

If you'd like to join in please contact Jan by calling the number on the reverse of the newsletter, or e-mailing her.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR E-MAILS

The vast majority of club information, particularly if it is urgent, is despatched via e-mail to those who have given us an e-mail address and you may miss out if you don't check it regularly! Also please remember to update us when you change e-mail address/mobile/home phone number.



RULE BOOK

If anyone would like a copy of the current rule book Alison Harris has some which you can collect from her in Fernhill Heath avoiding P&P. £6 each. Call 01905 452183/07836 584400 or e-mail. 1st come first served. Two available.

One of our members!

Diary dates 2010

- May 9 – Mercian HT – Bewdley Bridle Club, Pound Green
- May 15 - WDRC Drill Ride social
- May 17 - WDRC dressage to music introduction
- May 29-31 - adult camp at Lincomb Equestrian
- May 30 – Area show and style jumping, Three Counties
- May 31 – Mercian arena eventing, Bromyard, Allens Hill
- June 6 – Mercian D2music and style jumping, Gracelands
- June 08 - Members dressage show at Lunnon Cottage
- June 12 – Area D2music, Home Farm, Cheltenham
- June 13 – Area horse trials, Broadway
- June 27 – Area Novice dressage & RT, Manor Farm, Longley
- July 11 – Area open dressage, Leyland Court, Bristol
- July 14 - Members mini two-phase, Lincomb Equestrian
- July 18 – Mercian dressage, Wyvern RC, Sinton Green
- June 20 - W&DRC OPEN SHOW, Hanbury
- July 25 - Mercian CT, Cleeve Prior
- Aug 6-8, Horse Trials Championships, Aston-Le-Walls
- Aug 15 – Mercian showing, Bromsgrove RC, Bissell Wood
- Aug 18 - Members midi two-phase, Lincomb Equestrian
- August 22 – Mercian ODE, Worcester, Hilltop, Ledbury
- Sep 9 - RC team eventer challenge, Blenheim Horse Trials
- Sep 12 - Members dressage & CT, Lincomb Equestrian
- Sep 19th – Mercian 2-phase, Malvern RC, Tack Farm
- Oct TBA – Mercian Quiz – Worcester RC

OPEN SHOW - JUNE 20TH

Our third annual open show is on June 20th at Park Hall Farm, Hanbury, by kind permission of the Heath family. If you can help set up on Saturday and/or dismantle on the Sunday and/or steward please let Alison Harris know ASAP. Those who help get a voucher for free entry to the class of their choice (excluding showjumping).

RESULTS

• **Area indoor showjumping**, Feb 21st, Hartpury
Two teams were fielded – neither came anywhere but everyone had a laugh.

• **Area Winter Dressage** Feb 27th, Hartpury
Team 1: Carol Pointon (individual 4th), Liz Davies, Becky Harris.
This team came 14th overall despite being one down due to illness.

Team 2: Nicki Mundy, Liz Lindsay, Zoe Griffin, Vicky Heleno.

• **Members Dressage** 14th March, Hadley Riding Stables
Class 1 - Intro A: 1st Heidi Bradshaw, 2nd Lauren Brown and Cara Sankey
Class 2 - Prelim 4: 1st Caroline Horsley, 2nd Heidi Bradshaw, 3rd Lynn Biggs
Class 3 - Prelim 12: 1st Lynn Biggs, 2nd Becky Vale, 3rd Becky Johnson
Class 4 - Novice 27: 1st Heidi Bradshaw, 2nd Becky Vale

• **Mercian Showjumping**, April 4th, Tack Farm
2'3": 3rd Worcester Warriors
4th Worcester Willows
2'9": 2nd Worcester Wizards

• **Members Dressage** 10th April, Lincomb Equestrian
Class 1 - Intro B: 1st Nicki Mundy, 2nd Dee Phillips, 3rd Rachel Edmonds.
Class 2 - Prelim 10: 1st Liz Lindsay, 2nd Pheobe Baylis.
Class 3 - Prelim 18: 1st Liz Lindsay, 2nd Nicki Mundy, 3rd Laura Cockram

• **Area Eventer Challenge**, April 18th
Novice: the team (Daisy Ingram, Vicki Hancox, Beth Evans and Liz Warner on Fleur) came 3rd, and the top two teams qualify.
Novice pairs: Vicki Hancox on Areley and Beth Evans on Bailey won and Vicki Hancox on Quigley and Leanne Bennett on Magic came 3rd and again top two pairs qualify. Liz Warner riding Roy and Sarah Walton also competed.
Open: The team (Liz Davies, Beth Evans, Rebecca Harris and Vicki Hancox) came 4th and Vicki Hancox on Dudley came 5th individually.

• **Mercian Showjumping**, April 4th, Tack Farm
2'3" 3rd Worcester Warriors: Joyce Brown, Leanne Bennet (individual 4th) and Jo Elliott.
4th Worcester Willows: Heather Smith (individual 1st), Lucy Conway, Sarah Walton and Maggie Bakewell.
2'9" 2nd Worcester Wizards: Leanne Bennett (individual 1st), Vicki Hancox, Claire Watkins and Beth Evans.
Apologies if any individual placings have been missed - blame the organising club!

SHOWJUMPING TRAINING

The next sessions with Sue Parkes (novice level) are on May 12 & 26 and June 9. Please contact Michelle on 07785 781847 or 01905 391959 if you would like to join in. £17 per lesson.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE

Due to relocation and work pressures a couple of committee members need help. If you would be happy to be co-opted until November please let Sarah know on 01905 621858 or 07776 187089.

Horse advertising jargon demystified

- **Bold jump** - Nips over five bar gate from a standstill when someone tries to catch him.
- **Home Bred** - Knows nothing other than how to pull up plants in vegetable gardens.
- **No vices** - Especially when wearing muzzle.
- **Plenty of bone** - Good thing it has a mane, tail and little ears, otherwise it could be mistaken for a small elephant.
- **Well mannered** - Hasn't stepped on, bitten, crushed or kicked anyone for at least a week.
- **Will make eventer** - No brakes

- **Will make dressage horse** - No accelerator
- **Quietly brought on** - Walked about in yard in headcollar, hobbles and muzzle.
- **Fun hack** - Spooks at crisp packets, carrier bags, birds, lorries, tractors, dogs etc.
- **Schoolmaster** - Old and decrepit
- **Fast against the clock** - Especially after having dumped rider and is galloping across the showground.
- **Open to vet** - Prospective purchaser to pay for current owners to find out, finally, what is wrong with it.

MERCIAN TEAMS

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

Janice Gilbert.

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Tel: 01948 861137
Glebe Cottage, Church Street, Malpas, Cheshire SY14 8PW

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

MASSAGE THERAPY

Equissage therapy: contact Vicki Hancox: 07903 437622.

WANTED

GELDING 5-7 years, 15.2-16.00HH
3/4 bred for Mercian level competition. Reasonably priced bay/black/chestnut preferred
Contact Susan Newell: 07977 214588.

PLEASE SUPPORT LIZ AND HORSES 4 HEROES

Liz Lindsay and Dylan are doing the largest sponsored ride ever, approximately five miles, starting from Ascot Racecourse, going to the Jubilee Statue in Windsor Great Park, and culminating in a very special ride around the track and past the finishing post at Ascot racecourse on July 10th.

Horses 4 Heroes is a fundraising initiative of Ascot Racecourse in support of Help for Heroes which raises money to support members of the armed forces who have been wounded in the service of their country.

Over a million people have given to the charity to date and millions of pounds have been raised to buy much needed services that will aid recovery, but more is needed!

Liz would appreciate your support by linking onto her giving page: www.justgiving.com/Elizabeth-Lindsay0