



West Somerset Riding Club

E-NEWS – 14th January 2011

E-News

We hope you like the idea of an E-Newsletter and we will try to send them out regularly so news doesn't become out of date. Copies of all the E-Newsletters will be added to the WSRC website – www.westsomersetridingclub.co.uk

Our Charities for 2011

This year we have chosen Brooke Hospital for Animals and the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance as our nominated charities. Please help us to support them by becoming involved in our events. Links to their websites will be put on the club's website so that you can learn more about these charities.

Committee for 2011

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Membership 2011

Please remember to send back your subscription form and dues as soon as possible for continued membership. If you have lost your form or need further information regarding renewals, then please contact Zoe Willford.

Riding Club Team and Individual Events

If you are interested in representing the club in a team or as an individual in dressage, show jumping or horse trials please contact Catherine Freeman in the first instance or Anne Hand. If you would like to be involved in Endurance then please contact Sue Rose

FIT TO RIDE

Jon Pitts from Fit To Ride (www.fittoride.org) will be with us at **The Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross on THURSDAY 24TH MARCH at 7.30pm**. Jon will be presenting a fun awareness session for riders of all ages and abilities to help improve their riding ability, confidence and safety in the saddle. We will have a fun interactive evening with a presentation that explains what happens to our bodies as we ride, followed by some practical work on Swiss balls (those big balls that you can do some exercises on to improve balance and stability). Ensure you wear comfortable clothes. The cost is £5.00 per WSRC members and £5.50 for any non member, so invite your friends. Please support the evening and don't leave it to the last minute, as no entries will be taken on the door. Please send a cheque as soon as possible made payable to WSRC with your name and telephone number and post to Maggie Robertson, Burrow Farm, Wootton Courtenay, Nr Minehead, TA24 7UD. For further details see the entry on the Club's website – [Fit-to-Ride Details](#)

The Points Accumulator 2011

This will run again in 2011, but you will now be able to gain points by being placed in the first six in classes with at least 6 competitors at most shows held in West Somerset. This is not only at the club's competitions but also those run by other Area 12 riding clubs, events at Stockland Lovell, Pontispool and Conquest, and also at the main West Somerset Shows: Cutcombe; Holnicote; Porlock; Bilbrook; Dunster; Exford; and Brompton Regis.

We will of course make a note of who is placed at the club's shows, but it is up to you to contact either Anne Hand or Sarah Thresher. The Accumulator is open to all paid up members of WSRC. To register your points from non-WSRC shows you should give Anne or Sarah the following information: name of rider and horse; date and the name of show; class and placing in the class. All disciplines will count: show jumping; dressage; hunter trials; horse trials; showing; endurance; and TREC. Your placing will be recorded on the Points Accumulator which will be shown on the club's website so members can keep track of who is competing and how they are getting on at non-WSRC shows. The awards will be presented at the 2011 AGM. Good luck and don't forget to tell Anne or Sarah T.

Show Jumping Training with Julie Langrish

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th January. All ages and abilities welcome – individual or small group tuition according to demand. Ideal preparation for Area 12 Novice Show Jumping at Badgworth on Saturday 5th February! For more information or to reserve a slot please email Catherine Freeman.

Cross Country Training with Cindy Rawson

Saturday 2nd April and Tuesday 12th April at Treborough Common and keep an eye on the cross country page of the website for further dates. All abilities are welcome. For more information please contact Anne Hand.

TREC

For those of you who are interested in TREC, or perhaps would like to know more about it, then there are a couple of training dates and a competition date that you may be interested in, either to take part or perhaps give up some of your time to help and learn more.

Saturday Afternoon 26th February – Orienteering Training for Beginners and Novices. To be held at Halberton Village Hall, Nr Tiverton. For further details download a copy of the [Form](#) from the club's website or contact Maggie Robertson

Sunday 20th March - Indoor TREC Obstacles and Control of Paces at Cannington College, Bridgwater. Classes: Newcomers and Open. To be eligible for Newcomers, riders must not have taken part in more than one full BHS TREC competition (ie all three phases) and must not have won a Winter Series Open/Newcomers class before 1st October 2010. The Open class is open to all. At each event, the winner of each class will receive a voucher for the Intelligent Horsemanship shop. All competitors' scores to be converted to a percentage achieved (as per dressage). Rankings table of best percentages for a) Newcomers and b) Open to be maintained (and published on BHS website), with the overall winner in each section (individual top percentage score) receiving a trophy from the BHS, and the Top 10 placed riders will receive rosettes at the end of the series. If you would like to know more or can help out please contact Anne Hand.

TREC Training Weekend on 21 – 22nd May at Burrow Farm, Wootton Courtenay. This training is aimed at those TREC riders who are already competing at Level 2 and now wish to progress to Level 3 and 4. If anyone can help out on a checkpoint on the Sunday afternoon when the riders will be orienteering around the countryside, your time would be much appreciated. Helpers are also invited to the Saturday evening social at Burrow Farm with a free meal and a talk/demo by [Helen Tompkins](#) during the evening. For further details download a copy of the [Schedule and Entry form](#) from the club's website or contact Maggie Robertson.

Other Dates

Sunday 30th January at Stockland Lovell Manor. Quantock RC unaffiliated dressage including qualifiers for the *West Somerset and Devon Dressage Championships* in October. [Schedule and Entry](#) form available to download from the club's website.

Monday 7th February at 7.30pm the Phoenix Group at Wootton Courtenay has a talk on *Exmoor Ponies* by Joanna Webber and a show of photographs that she has taken on the moor. This will take place in the Village Hall and everyone is welcome. There is usually a small charge for guests.

Friday 10th February at The Tithe Barn, Dunster the Minehead Harriers has its '*Starters & Puds*' evening with a talk by Mary Bromiley MBE.

Friday 25th February at The Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster, TA19 9AR from 7pm. Taunton & District RC invite everyone to a *Film and Social Evening of Showing Equestrian Greats & Success*. Film show starts at 7.30PM, aims to finish at 10.00PM, and includes some of their own riding club members' achievements from Windsor and HOYS 2010. Come and see what fantastic top equestrian places you could ride at through being a riding club member. TICKETS £10 EACH (ticket includes food). Raffle on the night with all proceeds to the Air Ambulance. To get your tickets please telephone Charlotte Merry on 01460 55414/ 07976962046 or Chris Derryman 07515164581. Please leave a message if no answer and we will return your call. Tickets must be purchased by Friday 18th Feb; there will be no tickets for sale on the door. This event is open to all (not just riding club members)

Sunday 10th April – South Exmoor Ride, near Molland in aid of Witheridge RC Quadrille Team for 2011. See their website for [Schedule and Entry form](#) which will be available shortly.

WEST SOMERSET RIDING CLUB SPRING & SUMMER EVENT PROGRAMME 2011

Sunday 17th April - Brendon Hills Open Sponsored Ride

In aid of the St John's Ambulance Brigade. To be held at Treborough Common. Open to all riders. For further details see the [Schedule and Entry Form](#) on the club's website or contact Mrs Irene Farmer, 3 Bridge Street, Williton, Somerset, TA4 4NR Tel: 01984 633056 or 01984 632769

Saturday 21st May – Fun Treasure Hunt

This will be starting from Treborough Common. A donation will be given to Brooke Hospital for Animals. The schedule will be made available on the website. For further details contact Anne Hand or Zoe Willford

Sunday 5th June – Open Show with Dressage and Show Jumping

To be held at Treborough Common. This show is being organised jointly with the DSSH Pony Club. The schedule will be made available on the website. For further details contact Sarah Weatherlake or Anne Hand

Sunday 10th July – Open Dressage Afternoon

To be held at Roborough Gate, Brendon Hill with qualifiers for the *West Somerset and Devon Dressage Championships*. The schedule will be made available on the club's website. The contact is Maggie Robertson

Sunday 14th August – Open Dressage Afternoon

To be held at Burrow Farm, Wootton Courtenay with qualifiers for the *West Somerset and Devon Dressage Championships*. The schedule will be made available on the website. The contact is Maggie Robertson.