



WEST SOMERSET RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Secretary – Maggie Robertson

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7.30pm – start.

Teams of up to six players.

£12.00 per team payable on the night

Food at half time, but must be ordered in advance from the White Horse (tel 01643 831229).

For more information contact

Denise Latreille 01643 831225 (eves) or glazydo@btinternet.com

RIDING CLUB MEETS

ENDURANCE GB

Riding Club endurance is to be resurrected after a couple of years in the wilderness. If you are interested in learning more about this sport we will be having a

‘Getting to know Endurance Evening’**at the Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross****Friday 5th February at 7.30pm**

With

Barbara Wigley who has competed at the top level of endurance riding for many years and currently heads up the organising committee for the Golden Horseshoe. She will be there to give you a feeling for the sport and answer questions. She has also kindly offered to help put together a training programme and hopefully we may have a team to enter the riding club qualifier at Treborough XC in August.

If you would like more information please contact Sue
susan_rose@btconnect.com.

There is no charge for the evening**DRESSAGE TO MUSIC?**

If anyone would like to learn more about dressage to music please would they contact Maggie. If there is sufficient interest the club will either organise a talk/demo or for riders to have some help with their horses in the form of a lesson. Tel: 01643 841833

robertsonm@ranmorecommon.demon.co.uk**BRITISH DRESSAGE CONVENTION****Wednesday, 31 March****at Hartpury College, Glos GL19 3BE**
10am - 4pm

This Convention will be dedicated completely to judging Dressage to Music, it will cover every aspect. Taken by FEI International Judges ANDREW GARDNER, JUDY HARVEY and other GUEST SPEAKERS. Tickets cost £15 Listed Judges, £20 Trainee Judges and £25 All Others. **Open to All.**

For tickets please write to British Dressage, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2RJ and send a stamped addressed envelope and a cheque made payable to British Dressage.

The Harriers ‘Starters & Puds’ Evening

Friday 26th February

at the Tithe Barn, Dunster

The ‘main course’ will be a talk by Mary Bromiley on the Human Back, this will be on all the mysteries and problems and the best way to avoid the latter by understanding the former. Admission will be £10 (this includes the food) and will start at 7-00pm .

Please could those wishing to attend ring Barbara Stevens on 01643 705924

MEMBERSHIP 2010

Please send your subscription form and payment to Zoe Willford ASAP to ensure continued membership.

Tel: 01643 841555zoewillford@tiscali.co.uk

Western Somerset Region Dressage Championship 2010

The following Riding Clubs, Taunton, Exeter, Witheridge, West Somerset, Quantock, Sid & Otter Valley, North Devon and Blackdown Hills will be running qualifiers at their dressage shows for the final which will be held at Stockland Lovell Manor, Bridgwater on Sunday 10 October, 2010.

The Series will have Prelim and Novice sections.

Qualification eligibility

1. Horses or ponies who have **any BD points on the day of the qualifying show are not eligible** for the Prelim qualifying classes.
2. Horses or ponies who have **more than 49 BD points on the day of the qualifying show are not eligible** for the Novice qualifying classes
3. Riders may only qualify one horse in each class
4. If the first and/or second placed riders in a qualifying class have already qualified, the qualification passes down to the next qualified riders(s)
5. Riders must be a member of one of the above riding clubs.

At the championship the winners in each section will receive a Training Grant with the Trainer of their choice. There will also be prizes for the runners up and special rosettes.

Any profits from the championship will be donated to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance

The dates of all the qualifying competitions will be posted on the clubs' website page as soon as they are confirmed. We have set up a special 'Dressage' webpage giving all the dates and details of the participating clubs shows. We will also include results from the shows giving the names of those who have qualified for the final.

Spring qualifying shows North Devon RC 21st February at the Calvert Trust, Witheridge RC on 14th March at Wellbeck EC and Taunton RC 18th April at Netherclay Livery Centre. Details on WSRC website.

Our club's dressage qualifying shows will be on 6th June at Treborough XC and 8th August at Roborough Gate

The schedules for WSRC will be made available to download from the club's website or please contact Anne Hand if you want a postal copy.

Royal Windsor Horse Show Qualifier

Taunton & District Riding Club will be running a Royal Windsor Riding Test Club Qualifier (Round One morning) and the Area 12 Qualifier (Round Two afternoon) at its dressage competition at Netherclay Livery Centre, Thurlbear, Taunton on Sunday 28 March 2010.

At the Royal Windsor Horse Show Riding Club Championships on 12-16 May, sponsored by AmTrust Equine Insurance.

There are two classes: Junior Riding Test and Senior Riding Test. Riding Test 6 (2005) will be used for all rounds. Horses/ponies are allowed 0-60 BD points. Riders who have attained their Pony Club A Test in the last 10 years, BHSAI, BHSII, BHSI and FBHS are ineligible to compete.

There will be four rounds. Round One (Club Qualifiers) will be open to all riders, including non-BRC members. Those who qualify in Round One will be required to become a BRC member (if not already) before taking part in Round Two (Area Qualifiers).

In Round One, one Junior and one Senior rider will qualify to go forward to Round Two. In Round Two, one Junior and one Senior rider will qualify to go forward to Round Three.

Horses/ponies do not need to comply with equine influenza requirements for Round One, but for Round Two they must have had at least the first primary injection at least 7 clear days prior to the competition. Those who qualify for Round Three must have a complete vaccination certificate.

Riders who qualify at the Area Qualifiers will then be invited to the Finals at the Royal Windsor Horse Show. The two Champions at Royal Windsor will be invited back to Windsor for additional presentations at the European Championships in August.

On top of all that, the two Champions will experience a trip to Lexington to see the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in September 2010, during which they will take centre stage when presented with their Champions' trophies at the Lexington Civic Centre. The five-day trip includes flights, transport, hotel accommodation and meals for each Champion plus tickets to the Games.

Junior Champions (under 16 years of age) can take a parent or guardian with them at no extra charge.

Secretary: Gaynor Lomas, Netherclay Livery Centre, Thurlbear, Taunton, TA3 5AX. 07710 614139

www.tauntondistrictrc.co.uk

<p>SHOW JUMPING TEAM MANAGER</p> <p>Nicola Moon</p> <p>EMAIL Nmoon00@aol.com</p> <p>TELEPHONE 01643 841414</p>	<p>Orienteering Competition at Treborough on Sunday 11th April</p> <p>Right on your doorstep a chance to ride some routes which you probably won't have ridden before as we have negotiated special access for the competition. The Level 1 route (about 7.5 miles) will be easy to follow, and any local horse or pony who goes out hacking regularly will be fit enough. The level 2 route is longer (12.5 miles) and will be a bit more fiddly. The level 3 route will be about 20 miles and may include sections where you have to navigate without your map or using grid references. However for levels 1 and 2 you just have to follow the route you have marked on your map beforehand, and you can do the competition in pairs which is more fun than doing it on your own. Most of the equipment you require you will have anyway: everyday riding clothes, waterproofs, hat with recognised kite mark, hi-viz for rider and horse, headcollar. You do need a compass and a map case is not compulsory but very highly recommended. The schedule lists the compulsory equipment which you must carry with you. Maggie Robertson (01643 841833, robertsonm@ranmorecommon.demon.co.uk) and Anne Hand (01984 641302, annehand@tiscali.co.uk) will be happy to discuss any aspect of the day, so please feel free to email or ring if you would like to know more.</p>
<p>DRESSAGE TEAM MANAGER</p> <p>Catherine Freeman</p> <p>EMAIL freemanjd@tiscali.co.uk</p> <p>TELEPHONE 01398 371416</p>	<p><u>FOR SALE & WANTED</u></p> <p>16.1 TB Bay Mare 11 years old. Very smart talented horse. Good on the flat and bold SJ/XC. Ideal for a keen PC or RC member to event. Has done BE competitions. Easy to do, clip, shoe and box. Fully vaccinated. This horses' potential is going to waste as rider has gone to university. £4500 Tel: 01398 341520</p> <p>18" brown close contact saddle. Fantastic condition. Contact Annabelle 07929600412</p> <p>Pretty Ponies dark green tweed jacket with navy and red check. In very good condition, suitable for all round use. Size 33 (Large Child/Small Adult). Bargain at £60. Please ring 01984 633392 for more info (leave a message if no reply).</p>
<p>HORSE TRIALS TEAM MANAGER</p> <p>Anne Hand</p> <p>EMAIL annehand@tiscali.co.uk</p> <p>TELEPHONE 01984 641302</p>	<p>Equine Librium GP treeless saddle, 17", black leather, looks like a normal GP saddle but is flexible to fit almost any horse. It has good spine / wither clearance and doesn't require any special pad. I've used it only a few times – my mare loves it but it's too forward cut for me. I paid £405.00 for it new and it's still in perfect condition. £250 or near offer. 01643 841310 cait@globalnet.co.uk</p> <p>Good quality small bale hay £3.00 and small bale haylage £5.00. Tel 01643 841833 (Wootton Courtenay) - evenings best or leave a message.</p> <p>Animal portrait commissions in pastels or water-colours. Taken from photos or if I can meet the pet to capture the character and take some photos. Telephone Annabelle 07929600412</p> <p>+++++</p>
<p>FOR TRAINING</p> <p>Sue Rose</p> <p>EMAIL susan_rose@btconnect.com</p> <p>TELEPHONE 01643 841411</p>	<p>IRENE'S SPONSORED CHARITY RIDE</p> <p>10 or 15 miles</p> <p>Treborough Common, Brendon Hill</p> <p>Sunday 18th April</p> <p>For further details please contact Irene Farmer 01984 633056</p> <p>The schedule and entry form can be downloaded from the WSRC website.</p>



Horseshoe Training & Fun Rides

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27th
Closing date 20th February

AT THORNEMEAD, EXFORD
Courtesy of Mr D. Floyd

A RIDE OF APPROXIMATELY 24K (15 miles)
INCLUDING SOME OF THE 2009
'HORSESHOE' ROUTE.

www.wessexendurancegb.co.uk

Entry fee for EGB members and WSRC members: £15
Entry fee for Non-members: £20 (includes day-membership fee)

Excellent training for the season (and especially Golden Horseshoe) before the 'proper' rides begin!

Entry form can be obtained by sending a SAE to:
Nikki Routledge, The Granary, Castle Street, Bampton,
Devon, EX16 9NS

Or download entry form from the EGB website (Wessex group)

QUANTOCKS RIDE

SATURDAY 27th March

From
Ramscombe Car Park, Nether Stowey
Bridgwater

This is a fantastic ride - plenty of hills for fitness training, and good firm tracks almost the whole way round. The pleasure ride will be approximately 24K (or 15 miles)

For more details contact: Margaret Swords
Tel: 01278 732406
Email: m.swords@btconnect.com

TAUNTON HORSE SHOW

(INCORPORATING AREA 12 QUALIFIERS &
AREA 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR SJ,
DRESSAGE & RIDING TEST)

TAUNTON RACECOURSE
JUNE 12 / 13 2010

Those of you that came to this show last year will remember that it was a great success, with open classes for all abilities and every member of the family (showing, dressage, SJ (inc mini).

However, this show costs over £6000 to stage and so we are appealing to all RC members in Area 12 to try and help the committee to ensure the continued success of this venture. If you know of a company who might advertise in the schedule the cost is £25 for $\frac{1}{4}$ page, £50 for $\frac{1}{2}$ page and £100 for A5 page.

We also print a list of sponsors who may not want an advert but who would contribute to the show - we are very grateful to our £10 donors. Every class has a prize in kind and last year we gave out over £1500 worth of prizes - so if you could donate a prize or £5 to buy a prize - or find a prize from your local tack shop - please let us know. Cheques to be made payable to BRC Area 12, please. www.brcarea12.org.uk

The deadline for your adverts or sponsors name to be included in the schedule is end of February 2010. Please contact the Sponsorship Team of Margaret Peverley (01935 840 735) or Marian Draper (01458 241 506)

We have a new club logo, designed for us by [Esther Freeman](#). A huge thank you to Esther for all the time and trouble she has put into the design. In future the logo will appear on schedules, newsletters and correspondence and will raise the Club's profile.

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