WEST SOMERSET RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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TWO SUMMER SHOWS

Show Jumping Evening
Monday 26th July at Porlock
and
Dressage Afternoon
Sunday 8th August at Roborough Gate
Schedules on the Website

Evening Moorland Pleasure Ride on Wednesday 18th August starting at 5.00 - 5.30pm.

The ride will be about 10 miles long. The start venue is yet to be finalised, but for further details please contact Zoe Willford 01643 841555 zoewillford@tiscali.co.uk

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Parelli Natural Horsemanship DEMONSTRATION

Saturday 17th July 7.00pm
Conquest Centre, Taunton, TA2 6PN
Alison Jones *and* **David Zuend**
3* Parelli Professionals

Entry £5.00 on the door, please bring a chair
More info email: ajones@alison-jones.net /
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Senior Novice Show Jumping team June 2010:
Sarah Thresher, Nicola Moon, Maggie Wilson & Lucy Coppin
(see Area 12 report for more details).

SHOW JUMPING & DRESSAGE SUMMER SHOW Sunday 6th June Treborough Hill Cross Country

The joint day with the Devon and Somerset Pony Club proved to be a great success and all classes were very well attended.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped on the day to ensure its success and all the members who competed. The PC has asked the riding club if they will join forces again in 2011, and I think we can definitely say yes!

The dressage was organised by Anne Hand for WSRC and results for members as follows:-

BD Introductory Test B

1st - Gwenda Bassett	Cullingford Miss Gainey
4th - Louise White	Manni
5th - Jo Giblett	Fireman
6th - Karina Heymer	Moon

Prelim 7

1st - Gwenda Bassett	Cullingford Miss Gainey
9th - Hazel Grundy	Chorus Girl III

Prelim 13

5th - Maggie Wilson	Tottie
7th - Hazel Grundy	Chorus Girl III
9th - Rachel Hill	McBain

Novice 20

6th - Esther Freeman	Grace

SHOW JUMPING TEAM MANAGER

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Does Your Favourite Four-Legged Friend Deserve Some Limelight?

Cindy Cowling is the writer for *Exmoor The Country Magazine's* Stableyard pages. Every issue includes a story about someone's favourite horse or pony. If you have a special equine friend who you would like to tell the magazine about, please email your story (no more than 500 words) and a good quality scan of your photo or a digital photo to the editor: naomi@naomicudmore.co.uk

If you want to write in by post, please send your story and picture to: Cindy Cowling, care of The Editor, *Exmoor The Country Magazine*, Hoar Oak Publishing Ltd, The Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick, Dulverton, Somerset TA22 9QE. Please include a stamped addressed envelope if you would like your story/picture returned.

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Area 12 Report

It has been a busy month for Area 12 competitions. The Taunton Horse Show at Taunton Racecourse on June 12th and 13th included the Area 12 summer dressage and show jumping competitions. We fielded a team of four for the Area 12 senior novice show jumping championship (Lucy Coppin and Woodley, Nicola Moon and Perry, Sarah Thresher and Tiger Lily and Maggie Wilson and Tottie). The first round of jumping was supposed to be at 90cm but some fences were higher, and the second round was bigger still. The team came a very creditable 4th with 28 penalties No one was able to represent the Club in the dressage championships. Sarah and Tiger Lily were also busy in the coloured horse showing classes and notched up a first place and a fifth place. Finally, our recently smartened up set of show jumps were on duty in the unaffiliated show jumping ring ably organised and guarded by a relay of Club volunteers throughout the weekend.

Hot on the heels of this busy weekend came the Area 12 Horse Trials which were held at Bicton Arena just beyond Exeter on June 27th. With all the hot dry weather we have been having the cross country course was very dry and hard, but the Club was well represented in the individual competitions by Lizzie Little and her young stallion Soldier in the Senior Novice class and by Anna Weatherlake and Rupert in the Junior Novice class. Anna came a creditable 6th in her section.

Next year it would be nice to field at least one team in these various summer competitions (and indeed the winter competitions) provided we have enough members who really want to take part and make themselves known to the team organisers. It is not essential to enter teams to qualify for the National championships (which are expensive and far away and for which vaccinations are required) and it is always more fun to take part as a member of a group. If you like to compete keep your ear tuned for updates on training over the winter and the competition dates for next year. Ideally we would have a pool of riders with eligible horses and ponies for each discipline who would like to take part in the area competitions, from which can be selected a team (or teams) and individuals. ***Anne Hand***

Riding Club Endurance Team

As of today Monday 5th July the entries are closed for the qualifier ride in Wiltshire on 18th July, and our entries are in. This is for the RC Endurance Championships Final to be held on 5th September at Southall Racecourse in Derbyshire. Our team all have non typical 'endurance' horses - not a 15hh Arab in sight! The team consists of Carol & Hazel Burge, Carol with her lovely coloured mare, and Hazel with her chestnut TB cross , both 15hh - 15.2hh, new member Julia Holtom also rides on the team with her tough little roan pony, and the final team member is Lucie Allison with her new ID mare all 16.1hh of her. All these horses have proved to be very fit and come in from good length rides on consistent speeds of 10kph with nice low heart beats, which we are hoping will stand us in good stead.

We also have an individual rider - Annabel Gregory on her mare Duska again hardly a typical endurance horse at 16.3hh WBxTB, who she point-to-pointed a few weeks ago, but Duska too is fit enough to have a low heart beat after fairly testing conditions. Unfortunately Julia will not be able to go to the finals, should we qualify, as her pony reacts badly to flu vaccinations, and as it is on a racecourse all teams have to be fully up to date as per Jockey Club rules, so we are planning that Annabel will ride on the team at the final if all goes well and to plan. Watch this space for news or visit http://www.rcteamevent.endurancegb.co.uk/html/class08.html which is the link to the ride on 18th July and it will give the results afterwards!
Anyone interested in getting involved in RC Endurance, please contact Sue Rose on 01643 841411 or e-mail on susan_rose@btconnect.com.

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Exmoor Eventing, East Harwood Farm, Timberscombe

No more than three to a group for fun grid work in 60x20m sand school or full set of BSJA showjumps available on grass with Daisy Trayford. All ages and abilities welcome - £20 per person. Dates confirmed for 28th July, 11th Aug, 18th Aug, 1st September, from 2pm.
For more information telephone - 01643 841828.
See www.exmooreventing.com for details of facility / location etc.

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 last dates of all the qualifying competitions are

Fri 9 Jul	Taunton & District Riding Club unaffiliated dressage	Haydon House Farm, Henlade.
Sun 11 Jul	Quantock Riding Club dressage	Marsh Farm, Cannington, nr Bridgwater, Somerset
Sun 25 Jul	Sid & Otter Valley Riding Club Open Show and Dressage	Blue Hayes, off old A30 behind Exeter Airport
Sun 1 Aug	Exeter and District Riding Club Open Dressage, show jumping and combined training	Green Dale Cross, Oil Mill Lane, Clyst St Mary, Exeter (Nr Westpoint), Devon
Sun 8 Aug	West Somerset Riding Club dressage	Roborough Gate, Brendon Hill, Watchet, Somerset
Sun 22 Aug	Quantock Riding Club dressage	Marsh Farm, Cannington, nr Bridgwater, Somerset

For contact details for schedules please see the riding club's website under 'Dressage'.

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