



Maidstone and District Riding Club -January

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NEWS/RESULTS

MDRC Trophies 2011 presented at the Annual General Meeting

Best team all rounder - Michelle Yeo.

Non-member in recognition to service to the club - David Newman.

Most Improved Jumping Combination - Debra Cotton

Most Improved Dressage Combination - Sarah Leggat

Most helpful non-Committee Member - Marisa Badcock.

Committee Member who has made the most contribution to the Riding Club -Kate Connell

Summer Dressage Championship:

1st - Mel Jones

2nd - Bill Fox

= 3rd - Sarah Leggat, Hilary Moon, Karen Ransley

6th - Kay Lockyer

7th Jane Tyson

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING

Polework/Jumping Rallies with Wendy Neath

Suitable for all levels, nervous/novice upwards. Usual format is 3 or more groups of up to 4 riders 1 hour each. Occasionally smaller/larger groups will have a shorter/longer session, and start/finish times will be adjusted. Sessions are not always held in order of height. The emphasis is on poles, grids and exercises to encourage athleticism and confidence, and both competitors and non competitive riders are welcome

Please note that Saturday sessions will run generally morning to early afternoon due to parking constraints. There may occasionally be early slots for 1 or 2 people sharing with my livery clients.

Dates are Jan 7th am, Jan 21st am, Jan 28th middayFeb 11th.

Tuesday clinics continue to run at 10.30 am- see the website for up to date information.

How to book your place on rallies/clinics.

If you are a first time participant, send a response form and cheque payable to Wendy Neath with the requested information plus an email address. Include any further relevant information such as any time preferences. Once you have attended a rally you can book by email and pay on the day.

For a weekend rally/clinic I will do times on Monday or Tuesday to email out but it would be very helpful if you would book in sooner rather than later.

Payment of £13 to Wendy Neath is now on the day cash preferred but cheque if this is not possible). If you cancel after I have done times then you may be expected to pay if your place is not filled.

I will be adding more rallies - if you are not already receiving email updates (for rallies and quadrille practices) and would like them, please email me to be included.

Please contact Wendy Neath, Street Farm, Burham, Rochester ME1 3RL. Tel. 07802 676896
Email wendy.neath@btinternet.com

Neil Boorman Clinics

The Neil Boorman SJ Clinics are held at Duckhurst Farm, Staplehurst on Friday afternoons/evenings. Sessions at 4.00 pm, 5.30 pm and 7.00 pm. £18.00 per session.

For more information please contact Julie Offen 01233 770330.

There is a Donald Kear Clinic on 21st Jan at Saddlesdane, Badlemere, Faversham. Post code is ME13 ONX. The last clinic was once again really excellent and lots of squeaks and laughter emanated from the fantastic indoor school. The cost will be £20 per person. Contact Kate - kate.longreach@gmail.com for details and booking in.

Want to feel inspired for 2012?

Come and join the Bridget Draper flatwork clinic

Saturday 28th January 2012 at Blue Barn.

£20 per person

Depending on numbers

Bridget has competed at advanced and is a BHSII level instructor.

For more information and to secure a place please contact Lucy Field

on: 07921 600 439 or 01580 291849

Beach Ride 5th November 2011

The weather forecast was not promising for Bonfire Night and I fretted that those who were coming to the beach may not have a pleasant time. Fortunately I need not have worried as it did not rain and wasn't cold. It was murky enough though to enable us to have the beach more or less to ourselves. We had a great turn out, 14 horses and 9 dogs. I had good feedback by members who had not been to the beach before: "Definitely go again and a fab day out" from Lucy French and "Wished I had known how good it was at Camber" from Caryn Barrington.

Some of us enjoyed chips in the café and a spot of ginger wine after the ride!

Jo Cottee

Jo has organised another ride at Camber Sands on Saturday March 31st. Meet 11.00am for 11.30am.

Contact Jo Cottee on 07710 709 851 or jocotte@hotmail.com.

Remember to bring coins for car park ticket machine.

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Hydrotherapy Spa

Natalie Harrison organised a visit to Louise Best's yard at Hollingbourne to have a demonstration of the Hydrotherapy Spa. About a dozen interested members attended and Louise explained how the spa works and Natalie's horse Fern patiently stood in the spa how it works! Fern was staying at the yard for spa treatment following an injury to a tendon below the hock and was making good progress. The water is kept at about 2 degrees and not surprisingly we all declined the offer of standing in it! It was a particularly interesting visit

11th December 2011 Christmas Quadrille

Against all odds we managed to run the quadrille this year - no snow and the organiser just about back on her feet to run it!

We had 6 members riding including one - Marisa - who managed to ride in the first one of the day which I ran for my yard, and then in the second club version on her other horse! It was great to have someone who helped remember the patterns....

Festive dress was worn by all - I must make special mention of Hilary Jewiss in her outfit - which came from Ann Summers!

The weather just about held and great fun was had by all, with the horses all working together well. We then adjourned to the box park where all riders and helpers kindly helped me finish the Winter Pimms and mulled wine. My plan for the afternoon had been to go for my first drive in 8 weeks since my accident - but after the wine I decided to stay at home! Thank you all for turning out and getting Christmas off to a fun start.

Hopefully we will run the Summer evening Quadrille club again, but before then its Valentines day - so do come to the **Valentines Quadrille** on Sunday 12th Feb at 10.30. Contact Wendy to join in.

XC SKILLS CLINIC SAT 18TH FEB 11am at STREET FARM BURHAM ME1 3RL

Primarily for those hoping to ride for club teams this year, but another group may be held for more novice combinations if there is interest. We will work on lines / angles /skinnies in the school [possibly in the field too if ground permits]

Contact Wendy Neath on 07802 676896 or wendy.neath@btinternet.com or Wendy Thomas 0796854783 - £15

Christmas Prix Caprilli

Although this was not an official MDRC event, many members took part and had a great deal of fun, especially those old enough to remember when Prix Caprilli was a Riding Club competition. It was organised by Rhiannon (Roo) King with her aunt, Marion Bush at Stilebridge Barn, with kind permission of Vanessa Swain, in order to raise money for a community support project in Mongolia through the World Challenge project.

The turnout was great despite most of participants knowing very little about Prix Caprilli! The over 50's brigade all remembered!

The overall event raised just under £400, and Roo would like to thank everyone for their support, and is glad everyone had such a good day. The weather managed to hold out, and although it was chilly she'd like to say a big well done to everyone who tinselled up for the day!

Look out for more dates, we'll hopefully be running the next Prix Caprilli Show in March so prepare for some more fancy dress!



Mel Honey and Hess strutting their stuff at Stilebridge!

Note: Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this day and I know there are rumours of an MDRC Prix Caprilli day this year too - watch out for dates!

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DRESSAGE TRAINING WITH MARION BUSH

This ever popular event will be held again on Saturday 17th March at Street Farm. Details will be on the website shortly.

Note from the Editor:

This is my first attempt at the Newsletter and I hope I have included everything people have sent me. If not I apologise and please let me know what is missing so I can ensure it is in next time. If you have taken part in something or organised a visit etc that members just might be interested in, please write a short piece and send it to me for inclusion. I know members like to hear about all sorts of equestrian activity!

Sarah



If you've had enough of Christmas and turkey and you want a chance to catch up with everyone....

Join us for a BEER & CURRY NIGHT

Thursday February 2nd at 7.30 for 8pm

Toastmasters pub, Church St Burham ME 1 3SB

Please let Wendy Neath know if you are coming by Monday 23rd Jan so we can give the pub an idea of numbers

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