



Maidstone & District Riding Club - Newsletter January 2010

M&DRC Website - Hurrah!

It has taken longer than we hoped but it's here at last and hopefully it will prove to be a much easier site to update and use!

Go to www.maidstoneridingclub.co.uk for membership information, results, news and photos, contact details, diary pages and schedules.

Some people deserve a special mention for the work they put into getting the website going - thank you to Carrie Allen, Becky Bosman, Jo Cottee, Jane Scott and Wendy Neath for their various endeavours!

Wendy Neath is currently responsible for updating and adding to the site - please email any items in either pdf or word format (photos should be in jpeg format) to wendy.neath@btinternet.com

NEWS/RESULTS

Winter Beach Ride

On December 12th a record number of Riding Club Members enjoyed a whizz along Camber Sands. We were blessed with good weather and an almost empty car park as we arrived. I was on dog duty due to the lack of a towing vehicle, so Connie's loss was Grace and Nell's gain. I had the best of both worlds because I was kindly lent Millie by Diana for a spin. We finished up in the cafe eating lovely hot chips, quite the best thing after playing on the beach!! One thing I do find about the beach ride is that I don't always get round to see everyone as it is quite difficult to know who belongs to the Riding Club and who doesn't. If I unwittingly did not speak to any of our group then please accept my apology. In future I will bring the MDRC banner so please come and find me.

Don't forget the next Camber Beach Ride on March 7th, meeting 10am for 10.30am. Book in with Jo Cottee on 07710 709851

Jo Cottee

Area 10 Winter Dressage - 16th January 2010, SE England Showground, Ardingly

This competition was cancelled due to huge amounts of snow and, unfortunately, the rescheduled date (Monday 15th February) is not a convenient date for most of the team. Area 10 has offered clubs who are unable to enter a team, due to the postponement, a Prelim Entry credit towards another preliminary entry in 2010. If you are interested in competing in a dressage team at a future event please telephone Karen Newman and she will add you to her list of potential team members. (01622) 859971. As with all Club

team competitions, you do need to actually ring the team organiser because although they are a talented bunch, they are not telepathic and will not be able to guess that you are keen!!

CONTACTS

If you have any queries about bridle paths please contact Anne Rillie (the Club's Bridle Paths Officer) on (01622) 710582.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING

Fun Quiz Night - Saturday 13th February at 7.00pm
Boughton Monchelsea School Hall, Church Hill,
Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone. ME17 4HP

We are pleased to announce this date for our popular Quiz Evening - Prizes for the winning team, and most importantly a bit of fun for all!!!

Fabulous Raffle

Unbelievable Prizes to be won.....and all profits go to support the Club!!

Only £8.00 per person - to include food (it's worth it for the food alone!) BYO drink - whatever gets the brain cells active!

Please reserve your table early, to help us organize numbers for catering etc. Teams (max 8 People)

Call or Text Wendy on 07968 354783 or email wendy.thomas@enterpriseinns.plc.uk to book your table; please leave a message if it is on answerphone (name and contact number).

Pay on the night.

Fun Valentines Quadrille - Sunday 14th February
11am, Street Farm, Burham, Rochester ME1 3RL

If you've never been to one of our fun quadrilles - here's how it works.

We will practice various figures and patterns in groups depending on the numbers involved, and then will put together a short performance. You will be asked to wear a pink top and light coloured breeches, to be smart but not plaited.

You don't need to have a dressage horse but you do need to be able to stay in control, separate from others and move on and slow down in walk and trot. If we have enough with brakes we will do some canter too, possibly in 2's or 4's. It helps if you know right from left.....

Entry fee is £10. Please apply including details of your horse to Wendy Neath, Street Farm, Burham, Rochester ME1 3RL. Tel. 07802 676896 Email wendy.neath@btinternet.com

Responses by 8th February please!



Spring Beach Ride, Camber Sands- 7th March 2010

Let your hair down and join the Club for a gallop along the beach (or a stroll and a paddle if you prefer)!

We will be meeting at Camber Sands at 10.00 for 10.30 start

To book please text or call Jo Cottee
07710 709 851.

Winter Team Cross Country Training - Saturday 20th February and Sunday 21st March

Now that hopefully the snow and ice have left us for another year, we thought it would be a good idea to set up 2 training Clinics with BE approved trainer Lucy Thompson.

So if you fancy getting out for some cross country training (particularly if you are interested in taking part in the Riding Clubs Team Horse Trials this year!), details are as follows:

Saturday 20th February 2010 - at Littleton Manor, Reigate
Total Cost £47.50 (payment by cheque only! - if cash £50.00).

Sunday 21st March 2010 - at Chilham Park
Total Cost £40

We will have groups of 4 - 6 of varying grades, so if you are interested, or would like further details please contact Wendy Thomas (on 07968 354783 or via e-mail wendy.thomas@enterpriseinns.plc.uk) or Jenny Hutchinson (on 07771 630512 or via e-mail jenny.hutchinson@willmottidixon.co.uk)

Look forward to seeing you budding team members there!

Ride A Dressage Test Training Day - Saturday 20th March, Street Farm, Burham, Rochester ME1 3RL

An ideal opportunity to ride a dressage test under competition rules and receive feedback from the judge on areas to improve the test.

A half hour session is allocated and during that time you will be able to ride a dressage test and get judged under British Dressage rules then receive approximately 20 minutes feedback and tuition from the judge on areas that you can improve on, with an opportunity to ride the dressage test again.

The dressage tests will be either:-

BD Introductory B

Preliminary 4 (2002)

Novice 27 (2007)

Elementary 42 (2008)

Entry fees - £16.00 for members and invited guests.

Entries will be strictly limited so please enter early to avoid disappointment. Club members will take priority over invited guests.

Entries close on the 15th March.

Any queries please contact show secretary - Karen Newman on 01622 859971. Schedule/entry form available to download from our website or email meryl.honey@mypostoffice.co.uk or telephone Meryl on 07840 542343 for a copy.

Fun SJ show - Friday 2nd April, Street Farm, Burham Rochester ME1 3RL

Why not start your Easter weekend by joining other members for a very informal show? With the emphasis on fun and show jumping for all abilities, don't miss out on a popular Club event! Schedules available soon - download from our website or email meryl.honey@mypostoffice.co.uk or telephone Meryl on 07840 542343 for a copy.

XC Training with Wendy Neath at Bull Farm, Cranbrook - Thursday 1st April and Saturday 10th April

Spring is just around the corner - we have booked 2 XC practices to get you started or refresh your skills! These will be held ground permitting at Bull Farm Cranbrook with Wendy Neath as follows:

Thursday 1st April 11am
Saturday 10th April 11am

Times may vary if there is more than 1 group

Starter/novice/refresher (may be divided).

Cost to be confirmed £30 to £35

Apply by 10 days before each date to Wendy. SPACES ARE LIMITED

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

TREC Training and Practice PTV (obstacles) and Control of Gaits - Sunday 18th April, Anchor Farm, Rochester Road, Aylesford. ME20 7EA

Come and practice some of the Trec obstacles and the Control of Paces, with guidance from experienced competitors and judges

Suitable for all from complete novices to Level 4 competitors

Small groups, 1 hour sessions

Entry Fee £7.50 for M&DRC members. Schedule available to download from our website or email meryl.honey@mypostoffice.co.uk

or telephone Meryl on 07840 542343 for a copy

Weekend Camp

Are you interested in coming to an Adult training weekend? Arrive Friday night/leave Sunday Lessons in SJ, dressage and XC and LOTS of fun! Contact Kate Connell kate@ibround2it.plus.com



Dressage Championships 2010

The Club holds a series of shows (five this year) at which Club members can gain points. Rosettes are awarded to 6th place in each class in the normal way but, in addition, the best 5 show results for each horse/rider combination will count towards the Championship.

A win earns 30 points, 2nd place 28 points and so on down the results order to 15th place earning 2 points. The points will be displayed at each show and on the website so that competitors can track their position throughout the show series.

For the Championship - a Challenge Trophy and Championship rosettes to 6th place will be presented. (kindly sponsored by Birchalls Riding Shop).

Championship winners will be invited to the presentation at the 2010 AGM.

Birchalls Riding Shop will also award a show rug to the Most Improved Combination over the 2010 series. This award will be judged by panel consisting of Show Organisers, Dressage Judges and Vicki Thew (representative from Birchalls). The winner will be invited to receive this award at the AGM.

First show in the Series - Saturday 20th February, Stilebridge Barn, Staplehurst, TN12 9BB

BD intro B (2009) walk and trot test

Prelim 4 (2002)

Prelim 18 (2002)

Novice 28 (2008)

Novice 36 (2002) or Elementary 44 (2002)

Entry Fee for M&DRC members - £8.00 (£10.00 Non Members)

Second Show in the Series - Saturday 24th April, Street Farm, Burham, Rochester ME1 3RL

BD intro test B (2009)

Prelim 1 (2006)

Prelim 7 (2002)

Novice 28 (2008)

Novice 20 (2007)

Entry Fee for M&DRC members - £6.50 (£8.50 Non Members)

Third Show in the Series - Saturday 22nd May, Street Farm, Burham, Rochester ME1 3RL

BD intro test B (2009)

Prelim 4 (2002)

Prelim 12 (2005)

Novice 27 (2007)

Novice 36 (2002)

Entry Fee for M&DRC members - £6.50 (£8.50 Non Members)

Schedules available to download from our website or email meryl.honey@mypostoffice.co.uk or telephone Meryl on 07840 542343 for a copy

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.

Clinics will be held on:

19th February, 19th March and

16th April 2010.

For more information please contact Julie Offen 01233 770330.

Leanne Wall Clinics

Flatwork clinics are held every other Wednesday (late mornings) at Vane Farm, Smarden TN27 8PN. Contact Julie Offen 01233 770330 for more details or Leanne Wall 07711 287121 to book your place. Each session costs £14 for ½ hour and £21 for ¾ hour (individual lessons) or £14 each for a shared one hour session.

Polework/Jumping Rallies with Wendy Neath at Street Farm, Burham, Rochester ME1 3RL

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

Tuesday rallies are held most weeks at 12 noon. They have become known as 'The over 50's' but are for anyone young at heart who enjoys jumping and has a sense of humour!

Please contact Wendy if you want to know more.

February

Saturday 13th - morning

Saturday 27th - morning

March

Saturday 13th - morning

Saturday 27th - morning

April

Saturday 10th - afternoon

How to book your place on rallies/clinics.

If you are a first time participant, send a response form & 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

Parking at Street Farm is a poo free zone! Please pick up droppings - you can put them on our muck heap.

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Someone to ride with?

I am thinking about taking part in some local sponsored rides this year and would preferably like to join up with someone in a similar position who would like to just quietly hack round. If you would be interested in joining me then please contact Helen on 07752 307960 or email headcornparishclerk@gmail.com.

Also is there anyone in the Weald area that uses the toll rides of Pluckley, Ulcombe, Bedgebury or Hemsted Forest during the week and would like some company?

Many thanks

Helen Anderson
 Parish Clerk
 Tel: 01622 892496
 Mobile: 07752 307960

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Milly

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