



## Maidstone & District Riding Club - Newsletter May 2010

### M&DRC Website

Don't forget to keep checking our website [www.maidstoneridingclub.co.uk](http://www.maidstoneridingclub.co.uk) for all the latest news, results, membership information, photos, contact details, diary pages and schedules.

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](mailto:wendy.neath@btinternet.com)

### NEWS/RESULTS

Fun SJ show - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Street Farm, Burham  
Our Fun SJ show at Street Farm on Easter Sunday was well supported and everyone got to jump plenty of fences. We watched the weather, were creative with the schedule - and stayed dry.  
Results can be found on the Results page of the website.  
Congratulations to those of you who attempted the Joker fence in the Top Score - sooner you than me!

### Curry Night at Toastmasters

10 members & family met in clean clothes and with not a horse in sight at the Toastmasters at Burham for a good chat and excellent curry. We will do another night out soon - if anyone wants to suggest a venue or even better organise it just let us know!

### TREC training at Anchor Farm - 18<sup>th</sup> April

This clinic was well attended by 26 riders. Anne & Andrew Rillie, daughter Caroline Dorey and helper Sarah gave us all the help and advice we needed with various obstacles and the control of paces section. Our special thanks to Andrew who is the backroom boy who maintains and builds the obstacles so well. TREC is a horse sport for any well trained horse and rider - there was every size and shape taking part and enjoying themselves. I took Kinza along - again! He is now a well trained PTV TREC horse - even advanced dressage horses can take part. We are planning to compete for the first time in the pairs at the Court Farm TREC in June with Viv Simmonds and her young Andalusian Alejandro.  
I am the only one of the 4 of us who has any experience, and I can't guarantee any control in open country, so there may be some lost riders wandering around Kent on June 12<sup>th</sup>....

### Festival of the Hunter Area 10 Qualifier - Redlands, Sevenoaks - 17<sup>th</sup> April

Two teams were sent to represent the Club:  
Junior Novice  
Laria Collister  
Jessica Hawkes

Harriet Cannon  
Katherine Stewart

### Senior Novice

Hilary Moon  
Linda Delamere  
Sarah Howe  
Michelle Yeo

An early start for the juniors, Katherine still suffering from tonsillitis, but didn't want to let the team down, a few anxious moments before the class started but the team made good effort for a very testing course. The seniors also made a great effort for a first time try at this event, but now we know what's involved there'll be no stopping us next time! Well done all!

Brenda Hawkes

### St Georges Day Quadrille at Street Farm

Is a quadrille with 5 horses a quadrille?! Whatever you call it it was good fun with some stirring music which had the walkers on our local byway stopping to watch - although the riders didn't notice! Our next date is Midsummers Night - look out for details

### Results from the Second Show in the Dressage Championships - 24th April, Street Farm, Burham, BD intro test B (2009)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hannah Jones	Midge
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Diane Williams	Jaylee
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kate Connell	Rosie
4 <sup>th</sup>	Teresa Snowden	Teddy
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dee Trustman	Blue

### Prelim 1 (2006)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Marisa Badcock	Frisky
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jane Tyson	Patch
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Diane Williams	Jaylee
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Hall	Kalli
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lettie Head	Barney
6 <sup>th</sup>	Louise Burley	Flynn

### Prelim 7 (2002)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kay Lockyer	Mattie
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Caryn Barrington-Vowles	Rivers Town Boy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rebecca Rivett	Tinker
=4 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Underdown	Patch
=4 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Moon	As Time Goes By
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lettie Head	Barney
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Stewart	Connie

### Novice 28 (2008)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sarah Wallace	Medley Michigan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Danielle Hilden	Moselle
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Caryn Barrington-Vowles	Rivers Town Boy
=4 <sup>th</sup>	Hilary Moon	As Time Goes By

=4 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Cottee	Premium Blonde
5 <sup>th</sup>	Diana Ireland Blackburne	Milly
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Stewart	Connie
Novice 20 (2007)		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sarah Wallace	Medley Michigan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Danielle Hilden	Moselle
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Diana Ireland Blackburne	Milly
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hilary Moon	As Time Goes By

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING**

#### Riding Test Clinics

Some members may not have heard of these - some might have been put off by the idea of being judged on their riding. Let's face it - we have all come out of an arena at some point and blamed things on the horse!

But if you think of Riding Tests and the training that goes with it as a way of improving those dressage scores, you might see them in a different light. The new tests for 2010 encourage you to think about and prepare the movements. There are lots of transitions, unlike the older tests that just looked like dressage tests.

Our club has always done quite well at these competitions but there is always room to improve, so we are running training as below. We'd like to encourage you to enter the Riding Test Classes at our Manor Farm Shows in July and September especially if you would like to be in a team for the Area qualifier on July 18<sup>th</sup> at Speedgate. As a guide if you are happy riding Prelim dressage then Novice RT is within your reach, and Adv RT corresponds to Novice / Elem dressage. Clinics will be at Street Farm.

Area 10 are subsidising some of this training for MDRC and other clubs, so you can have 1 session at the special rate of £10. Any further lessons will be £20 for an individual lesson or £15 each for a shared lesson - you can either find your own buddy or I might be able to match you up. I also have copies of the new tests - ask me when you see me or send an s.a.e.

#### Forthcoming clinics

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May afternoon [NB SJ training here am]

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May afternoon/early eve

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June afternoon/early eve

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July afternoon

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July afternoon/early eve

Please contact Wendy Neath (BRC List 2 Riding Test Judge). Tel. 07802 676896 or email

[wendy.neath@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.neath@btinternet.com)

#### Horse Trials Team Qualifier 2010 -Calling all Eventers!

It is that time of year again where we put together the teams for this year's Horse Trials Team Qualifier on 20<sup>th</sup> June - Borde Hill, West Sussex

The classes are:

Novice Height 0.85/0.90m for both SJ and XC (the XC is likely to be the same as the British Eventing BE90 Course)

Intermediate Height 1.00m for both SJ and XC (the XC is likely to be the same as the BE100 Course)

Open Height 1.10m for both SJ and XC (the XC is likely to be the same as the BE Novice Course)

Borde Hill House & Gardens is near Haywards Heath and is a lovely park with good well built XC courses. [www.bordehill.co.uk](http://www.bordehill.co.uk) then go to the "See Our Diary" Link and then, the "Equestrian" section.

If you are entered into the BE event at the end of May - it's fine to do this one as well (we've checked the rules and it's not to have jumped the course etc. in the preceding two weeks).

#### **Please Note!**

**If a team/individual should qualify - the finals are being held at Aston-Le-Walls on the 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> August.**

#### Are you interested?

If you might be interested in being in a team, or just want to find out some more info (or check on the eligibility rules) etc - we are more than happy to discuss.

Please let Wendy/Jenny know as soon as possible, but by 7<sup>th</sup> May at the latest.

Wendy - 07968 354783 or

[wendy.thomas@enterpriseinns.plc.uk](mailto:wendy.thomas@enterpriseinns.plc.uk)

Jenny - 07771 630512 or

[jenny.hutchinson@willmotttdixon.co.uk](mailto:jenny.hutchinson@willmotttdixon.co.uk)

#### Area 10 Style and Show Jumping Qualifiers, Felbridge - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010

There will be a practise session for teams with Neil Boorman mid to end of May. Please contact Marion as soon as possible if you would like to be in a team and represent your Club at this Qualifier.

There are Novice (80 - 85cm), Intermediate (95 - 100cm), Open (110 -115cm) and Style (80 -85cm) classes. The following restrictions apply, horses must not have won more than:-

Novice - £0.00

Intermediate - £175

Open - £600

Style - £175

Marion Bush

Show jumping Team Organiser

07711 351723

#### Kent County Show - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010

M&DRC has won the team Show jumping class for the last two years and intends to enter two teams again this year. The competition is open to all seniors (except grade A and JA ponies). If you would like to be part of a team please let Marion know asap!

Marion Bush

Show jumping Team Organiser

07711 351723

#### Area 10 Dressage Qualifiers, Speedgate Farm - 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Please can you let me know as soon as possible if you would like to represent Maidstone & District Riding Club at this Qualifier?

There will be the following team events:-

Novice team - a team of four members all riding Prelim 12. To be eligible for this team horses must not have any British Dressage points.

Open team - this is 4 members riding one of the following tests:-

Novice 24 - 2010

Novice 28 - 2008

Novice 30 - 2006

Elementary 45 - 2010

Riding Test teams - this is similar to a dressage test but you are judged on your riding and how you prepare your horse for the movements.

The tests for this are:-

BRC Novice Riding Test 11 - 2010

BRC Advanced Riding Test 13 - 2010

There are four members in the team two ride the novice riding test and two ride the advanced riding test. We will be running clinics to help anyone that wants to enter in this section (dates for these 21st May, 15th June and 15th July at Street Farm with Wendy Neath who is now a listed Riding Test Judge). If you need any copies of these tests please let me know.

Finally - medium 61 - 2002 as an individual

All of the tests will be on grass.

At our Dressage show on the 4th July we will have the following tests P12, N24, N28 and we will be running both of the 2 BRC Riding Tests as well. So this will be an ideal opportunity to practise.

If you are interested or would like any further information please either call me on 01622 859971 or email me on [karenan71@hotmail.com](mailto:karenan71@hotmail.com). Thank you.

Karen Newman  
Dressage Teams Organiser

#### Dressage Championships 2010

The Club holds a series of shows (five this year) at which Club members can gain points. Rosettes are awarded to 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 28 points and so on down the results order to 15<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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](mailto:meryl.honey@mypostoffice.co.uk) or telephone Meryl on 07840 542343 for a copy

#### Important Notice!

Street Farm events and rallies

They may be called rallies but no need to rally drive!!

When you arrive at Street Farm PLEASE take great care as you drive in around the corner into the car park. We have now had 2 horse vehicles hit the stable. I am glad to say they were driven by members of another club but my livery client in that stable is getting very jittery!

#### M&DRC Weekend Camp, Coldblow Farm - 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Anyone interested in either watching the clinics or joining us for dinner at the weekend camp 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June please feel free. We would be delighted to see you and it would perhaps be a good way of meeting other club members in a relaxed social atmosphere. Just one request, either contact me Kate Connell by phone 07789013570 or by email [kate@ibround2it.plus.com](mailto:kate@ibround2it.plus.com) to let me know if you wish to stay for the evening meal so that I can cater for you.

#### Course Building Evening with Keith Bristow (BSJA Advanced Course Builder), Cobham Manor - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010, 6-8pm

Tickham Hunt Pony Club has organised a training session for members and invited guests to learn how to build, walk and ride a show jumping course with finesse and success!!

This session is aimed at riders (of any age), aspiring course builders plus anybody who helps out at Pony Club or Riding Club events. If you have ever wondered how the course builder tries to go from 40 starters to 8 in the jump off here is your chance to learn from a master.....

It will be a fun evening where you will actually build a course then watch a 13.2hh, 14.2hh and horse attempt to complete your course!

Cost is only £5 a head or £9 with food.

We anticipate this being a popular evening so please book your place with Alex Taskin by email [passee.partout5@virgin.net](mailto:passee.partout5@virgin.net) or telephone/text 07973 185124.

Midsummer Nights Fun Quadrille from scratch  
Street Farm Burham Monday June 21st 6.30pm

To include mini BBQ if enough interest - spectators welcome too!

Following on from the success of our St Georges Day quadrille we are running another to celebrate the longest day of the year before the nights lengthen!

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 either a red or black MDRC top and light coloured breeches, to be smart but not plaided. 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. Contact details as for jump rallies. Responses by June 11<sup>th</sup> please.

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

Summer Evening Ride for Members - Shorne Woods  
Country Park, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm for 6.30 start

This is a lovely peaceful, traffic free area to ride in, but it is not for those who need to gallop!

The tracks in Shorne Woods are undulating and sometimes narrow, with plenty of other users. We will cross (over A2 and CTRL but don't worry!) on to Jeskyns Farm where there is open grassland and extensive views - but we MUST keep to the marked rides. WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CANTER! - but can have some lovely long trots!

Parking at Shorne Woods will cost £2.50 into the pay and display machine, and we must be out by dusk!

Please contact Anne Rillie if you plan to come:- [arillie@waitrose.com](mailto:arillie@waitrose.com), or 01622 710582

We won't look out for you if we don't know you are coming!

Mobile 07969 079227 ONLY ON THE DAY, if you have a problem

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.

Forthcoming clinics

21st May  
18th June

16th July  
20th August

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.

Forthcoming clinics

Tuesdays at 12 noon. Tues afternoon/eve by arrangement

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May - morning  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May - morning  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June - morning  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July - morning  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July - morning

**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](mailto:wendy.neath@btinternet.com)

**Style Jumping Clinics** will be incorporated in the usual club training at Street Farm. Please let me know when you book in if this is something you might be interested in.

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Tickham PC Fun Show, Street  
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(in the half term)

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more details and a link to the  
schedule please see

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