

Dates for your diary:
TALK & CHAT :ZOOM 9th March 21
ANOTHER QUIZ ! : 6th April 21

Remember :

- Wash your hands
- Stay Alert
- Cover your face, wear a mask
- Keep the 'two metre' at least, social distance
- Protect our NHS
- Save lives

February 2021 Newsletter Wessex Riding Club

Well here goes, but we have a path out of the isolation now which means those plans, cautious and long awaited can become a bit more real.

I wanted to start by saying a huge thank you to Shelley who put together our first Quiz Night, she is back by very popular demand for a second helping which is planned for 6th April 2021 – nearer the time we will circulate details of joining on-line. Maybe we can start to look forward to an actual 'in the flesh' Talk and Chat meeting later in the year – it will be so good to all get together in person again!

17 people took part in our first quiz and a lively affair it was too. The winner was Jennie, the recipient of the WRC voucher for £25.00. Jennie is not currently a member but she has said she wishes to join us as she enjoyed the Quiz night so much! It was a lovely opportunity to chat with others as life has been very lonely and tough for many. As lockdown eases we will start to get back to some form of normal but in the meantime let's enjoy what we can do!

We are launching our first Virtual Dressage competition for March 2021. I have set out what you need to do and how to do it. There will be further information on the web site if you need help and of course you are welcome to give any of us a call or email. This competition is being overseen by Ali and Catherine but all entries need to go to Ali in the first instance and between them they will liaise between you and the judge. The entry form is attached to this

newsletter and must be submitted to Ali our dressage secretary by 25th March 2021 with payment made by Bank Transfer by the same date. The entry fee must be paid in advance. Cost of entry to members is £6.00 and guests will be charged £11.00.

All entrants will get a score sheet and placings will get a rosette. All results (but not scores) will be posted on our web site.

Results will be published 10 days after the closing date and test sheets and rosettes will be sent out by post afterwards.

The tests are as follows;

Intro A (2008)
Prelim 7(2002)
Prelim 18(2002)

You can select any Novice Test or Elementary but this detail must be noted on your entry form.

Tack must be in accordance with BD rules, but boots /bandages can be worn. Competition dress not required but 'Matchy Matchy' is encouraged (see photo over page).

You will need a 20m x 40m arena, either in a menage or on grass. Markers should be placed at each of the letters around the outside. This can be achieved with cones or homemade letter markers but the letters must be clear.

Ali's email address is wrcdressage@gmail.com
Or
faulkner_catherine@hotmail.com for more info

Your video is to be uploaded to the WhatsApp group by 31st March 2021. Upon receipt of your entry form you will be joined to this group.



A few tips to follow on filming the test so our judge has a comparable quality to start with.

- Filming must be done from marker C placed into landscape position.
- Use a little zooming if possible at A end of the school
- Do not zoom too close in, as the judge needs to see your position in the arena.

- Please ask the person filming to keep you in the centre of the screen. You will need a 20mx 40m arena with Markers placed at each of the letters
- Your video must have sound and be unedited, callers are permitted but no training.
- Video must start before you enter the arena and close just after you have halted and saluted then moved off.
- At the start of the video before you enter the arena introduce yourself and your horse. This can be done by the person taking the video and state the test you are taking. Alternatively you can add text to the video as an introduction.
- The better the quality of the film the easier the job is for our judge to view the test and mark.

As we come gently out of lockdown the plans for training will start to fall into place. We are following the government guidelines and those issued by BHS and BRC. For April the aim is at least to run Ride Coach Ride, this enables you to ride the test twice breaking between tests to receive some guidance, advice and tips from one of our lovely judges. Great training with reduced pressure!

In our last newsletter we set out some ideas but we need members to come forward to make their interests known so that we can formulate booking options. Please get in touch with Lorna to make your interests known. Dressage, Pole and Jumping work are on the agenda but there have been suggestions for Cross country arena style training on jumps so if this is of interest to you, please make yourself know to Lorna.

From the guidance released thus far, Step 1 from 29th March allows outdoor and leisure facilities to start to open, with guidance to stay local. There are possible restrictions on warm-up areas. TBC. The Rule of six applies with group riding and hacking of up to six permitted, training lessons restricted to five with one coach.

At this stage there are no spectators permitted.

Step 2 from April 12th at the earliest and at least 5 weeks from Step 1, cautiously starts to allow outdoor hospitality where food and drink can be eaten at an outdoor seated area – that club barbeque maybe a real event after all!

If you refer to the WRC web site you will find the update that was issued on 25th February. Obviously with all of this it's a matter of caution and steady as we go. Everything is subject to change if Covid is not under control.

This training is not just limited to dressage and flat work, we open the doors to poles and jumping and eventually when we are allowed, perhaps cross country! Let's have your goals and ambitions so we can work on making the best of what we have available to us. Lorna will be assisted by Catherine on this project.

Lorna's email is:
Lorna_roger@hotmail.com



We are going to run another Virtual QUIZ NIGHT on 6th April 2021 the details will be available nearer the time but pop the date in your diary.

Details of log in and start times will be circulated shortly before hand but now is the time to brush up on your general knowledge, from the previous quiz it seems competition is fierce!

Again - There is no charge to Enter – but you will need to provide your own drinks and nibbles!

Our first Zoom Talk and Chat takes place on 9th March 2021 with Elaine as our host.

The details are as follows:

Elaine Tyley is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Talk on Equine Healing & Communication

Time: Mar 9, 2021 07:15 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82092444275?pwd=UWE3YUVIRUJEY2NSak9oWE1BcU5uQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 9244 4275

Passcode: 905532

Hi, Zoom invite above, I have put to start at 7.15 for everyone to get settled and talk will start at 7.30 for approximately one hour. Hope this is ok.

Best wishes

Elaine

You can read more about Elaine and her practice by going to her web site www.horsesvoice.co.uk

Elaine is looking forward to it and says she is quite excited about telling us about her methods and her journey to date.

The Pleasure Riding Scheme has started to attract a few more members and now the weather has turned maybe it's time for a few more to join in? With an ease on the restrictions of activities, particularly outside, it's a perfect way to spend some time with your friends and your horses and log up those hours. All the information about the scheme and the trigger points are on the web site.

Caroline can be emailed at the following;
Jigbabe15@gmail.com

I thought this picture of Jola and Lady sums up the scheme really well. All Smiles – even Lady! Together they have achieved 200 hours so well done to both!



Some of us have been busy! See below the updated Pleasure Riding numbers a list of what our members have achieved thus far:

Nancy Buchanan	ED	1,300
Richard James	ARCHIE	1,100
Jo Pay	ROSIE	1,000
Rachael Seager-Smith	SAVANNAH	900
Janice James	FERDI	500
Caroline Carroll	JIGSAW	400
Penni Scott	THUNDER	150
Hazel England	BISCUIT	100

Jola Allaway	LADY	200
Helen Green	NYTON Master Thyme	50
Kate Morton	JDTT	50
Sally Newman	MOLLY MALONE	100
Janet Bower	DR. MONTY	50
Jill Coldwell	DUCHESS	TBA
Sara Morley	ELBERG	new joiner

We have entered a team for the Area 17 Virtual Intermediate Dressage Qualifier. Lorna, Maggie Catherine and I are the 'Wessex Wenches.' Exciting times and I will reveal our progress in the next newsletter - so fingers crossed!

We were given news this weekend of Caroline having taken a tumble from her beloved 'Jig' so all our best wishes go to her for a speedy recovery XX

Hope to see you all soon,

Very best wishes, and be kind to yourselves, stay safe and well.

[Janet and the WRC Committee.](#)