Dates for your diary:
Actual / Virtual Dressage for June closes 21st June & 24th June respectively. Video submission by 30th

Late entry will be charged £5.00. closing dates final 27th June for virtual

Latest close date 25th June for Actual Dressage.

May 2021 Newsletter

Wessex Riding Club

Hi all,

I am very pleased to announce that Sam Painter has been enlisted onto the Committee as a Co-Opted committee member. This means that although she will join us straight away, she will need to be formally elected at the next AGM. In the meantime, we are taking advantage of her energy and she is going to be the Area 17 Rep for WRC which is a fab result for the club as it adds more elbow grease to our group. I would like to personally thank Hazel for holding this role and beautifully enticing someone else to have a go! Hazel is our Treasurer as you know and that in itself is a handful of a job so help was needed and came in the shape of Sam, who will be there to drive us forward.

Spring has finally arrived, but tell that to our brave individuals who faced dreadful April showers (hail and torrential rain) on May 16th at Larkhill. The One Day Event was not only a challenge but a severe test for the waterproof clothes sales industry. Lorna, Sam and Sara braved the storm and the temperature for our first outing and although it might not have turned out as they hoped our congratulations/ commiserations to the work and effort put in to actually getting there. I would also like to mention that there were numerous helpers and volunteers from WRC on site and without you we can't take part in competitions so a huge thank you to one and all.

Dressage Entry for June is as follows, full details are on the web site. Virtual Entries need to be with **Ali** by **24th JUNE 2021** (we do allow late entry, but this closes 27th June) and the video uploaded to WhatsApp must be by 30th JUNE. Entries will close at 7pm that day.

It would be great to see some of you in the flesh as we need to have actual attendance at the Dressage monthly events to make it financially viable to hire RDA for the day. Whilst we are all being cautious I must emphasise that the actual event is very closely monitored to limit numbers and make it as safe as possible not only for competitors but also for the wonderful volunteers, staff and helpers so please consider coming to the event to show your support.

Virtual Costs are as follows;
Members £6.00 per test
Guests £11.00 per test
Actual Event Costs (entries by 21st June, with Late close 25th) Late entries are charged £5.00 to cover additional admin costs
Members £13.00 per entry
Guests £18.00 per entry
Late entry fee £5.00

Rresults will be published 10 days after the closing date and test sheets and rosettes will be sent out by post to Virtual competitors, Actual attendees will receive results and rosettes on the day.

The tests are as follows for June ;

Actual EVENT	**VIRTUAL EVENT**
Intro C	Intro C
Prelim 1	Prelim 7
Prelim 12	Prelim 13
Novice 27	Novice 24
Elementary 50	Elementary 44

Ali can be emailed at WRCDressage@gmail.com

So, what else is on the horizon?

Training day at RDA - Helen and Silver

Our Training days with Sarah Mitchell-Shepherd and Trudi Wade will continue; The event booked for 23rd May was fully subscribed and it caused us to consider that if you didn't make the cut for the actual date then you deserve first refusal for the next so a full list of training and events is attached to this newsletter so that you have time to book and consider other options. The dates for the next sessions are all attached to the list at the end of this newsletter.

I wanted to put in a little word here…. Its all about 'trying' and taking that step to stretch yourself and your horse, out of the comfort zone – not too much! Don't rattle the nerves just sharpen them, that is what I was told!! You don't have to be great to take part, you have to take part and try. The results may surprise you. The joy of actually doing something has been missing in all our lives for such a time, with the lockdown being almost a new way of life, that we are all nervous about that first step. It's ok to be nervous, nerves are good and show you care but it's good to try. The reward of doing 'something' is enormously boosting and the confidence building exercise happens without you feeling that you are out of the zone.

There are proposals to hold a Memorial Day for Pat Burgess who was the life and soul of RDA at Wilton. Covid restrictions permitting, the date is 21st September 2021 but we will keep you posted on the event as it becomes confirmed. If you wish to join in the Celebration please respond to the email address below;

Celebrating the wonderful life of Pat Burgess MBE
August 21st 1930 – November 4th 2020

We are having an informal gathering to celebrate and remember the life of lovely Pat. She has made an impact on so many lives and we welcome this time to reflect and share some stories of the great times and work she has done.

Tuesday 21st September 2021 From 3pm until 7pm
at Wilton Riding for the Disabled
The Pembroke Centre, Home Farm Rd, Wilton
Salisbury SP2 8PJ

Come and join us for afternoon tea. You are very welcome to bring a cake to share. Car parking on site. Let us know if you require disabled parking.
RSVP as soon as possible by email to
Patattherda@gmail.com
so we can get an idea of numbers. Reponses by 1st September 2021 please.

Also on the horizon, following her fabulous Talk and Chat about her Equestrian Performance programme, we have plans to work with Victoria Leabeater and are looking for some guinea pigs to film to put through the process.

If you would be interested in taking part please contact Catherine and if you would be interested in attending the demonstration to follow which will be at RDA please lodge your interest as places may be limited.

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PLEASURE RIDING SCHEME

The PRS is going from strength to strength, Caroline who runs the scheme can be emailed at the following; Jigbabe15@gmail.com

The aim is to record your hours in the saddle, excluding planned lessons and training sessions.
It's about you and your horse and your friends, hacking or schooling independently and learning together.

The table of achievements is as follows as @ 28th May 2021:

Member	Horse	Hours recorded
Nancy	ED	1,300
Richard	ARCHIE	1,200
Jo	ROSIE	1,000
Rachael	SAVY	900
Caroline	JIG	500
Janice	FERDIE	500
Helen	NYTON Master Thyme	150
Penni	THUNDER	150
Jola	LADY	150
Sally	MOLLIE MALONE	100
Janet	DR MONTY	100
Sara	ELBERG	100

And a short list of participants who have yet to lodge their hours, …so get hacking!

I am delighted to confirm that we have again sponsored four RDA ponies for the year. The full details and more pictures will be sent across in June's newsletter when all is in place, but we all agree that this is a valid spend of £100.00 to assist in the great work that the Pembroke Centre at Wilton does, not only for their riders but for their families as well. Our family has extended to Bertie, Spangles, Frankie and Chamois.

Hope to see you all soon,
Very best wishes, and be kind to yourselves, stay safe and well.

Janet and the committee

Our extended family photos of adopted ponies

Frankie – the Diva

Bertie – food comes first! RDA favourite

Chamois – why not have a roll in the mud its great fun!

Spangles – checking out the photographer

Agenda for June

TRAINING

Date	Details	Contact
13/06/2021	Sarah Mitchell Shepherd at RDA : Options for Virtual dressage work, coaching and work on test and filming, or flat / pole work. Places are going fast so contact asap	Catherine

18/07/2021	Julia Cory at Hurdcott Farm, Barford St Martin, Private or shared lesson either flat or jumping available. Costs are as follows; Members £40.00 private 45 mins £25pp for a shared hour Non-members are accepted but there is a small increase in cost to £45.00 private and £30.00 pp for shared	Catherine

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Date	Details	Contact
02/06/2021	Dressage to Music Workshop ONLINE. This is a free training session offered via BRC who have teamed up with Equidance to offer a free dressage to music clinic. You will need to make contact with BRC see email and telephone number and the session is 2nd June 2021 starting at 7pm. You will need your Membership number (on card or contact Janet who can give them to you via email)	02476 840518 **Lydia.joyce@bhs.org.uk**
15/08/2021	AREA 17 Dressage to Music Qualifier Woodington Training Centre, Romsey : Entries must be in by 6th August 2021	Sam / Hazel

CLINICS

Date	Details	Contact
08/06/2021	WORKSHOP: dressage with Sarah Mitchell Shepherd. A demo and view from the Judge along with help and advice to get those marks climbing up the scale. The tickets for this demonstration workshop are limited to 30 and there are a few left but we will try to run another one as this has proved very popular. Price is £12.00 and includes refreshments. There will also be a raffle.	Hazel

AND FINALLY……

In the mix is a potential Day Camp in September 2021 – if you are interested, please let Catherine know asap as numbers will be limited.

WE couldn't run any of these events without our wonderful HELPERS so a huge "Thank you" to Becky & Emma D, Emma P, Catherine & Andrew, Jamie and of course Hazel for facing the awful weather and wet soggy conditions at Larkhill. They were all still smiling at the end!