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Welcome to WRC!

We welcome these new members who have recently joined WRC:

Sara Ashcroft, Jasmine Hugh, Annie, Eleanor and Alice Jenkins,
Nikki MacEwan, Lynn Mead, Jo Phillips and Harriet Tice

We hope you have fun with Winchester Riding Club!

Deborah Smyth, Membership



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NEWS from the COMMITTEE

We are (alphabetically!) **Jenny Cox, Becky Herbert, Fiona Honeyman, Kirstie Rowe, Barbara Scriven, Deborah Smyth and Nikki Steel**. We are really pleased **Anita Francis** has joined the committee and is already at work managing the website. After I leave, she will also take over organising Lizzie Murray dressage training. Committee members' responsibilities and contact details are listed on the magazine's inside front cover and on the website at **Meet the Committee**, so please let us have your ideas and feedback.

Becky is on fire and has organised 2 new things for WRC! You can now enter some events via www.myridinglife.co.uk and there are 2 test riding evenings planned. Read on!



With this magazine is a schedule for **Open Summer Show** at Sparsholt on **Saturday 4 June** organised by Barbara and Becky. They would prefer entries via www.myridinglife.co.uk for this. There are still spaces for our **Open Spring Eventers Challenge** at Sparsholt on **Saturday 7 May**, so get your entries in to me ASAP. The schedule and entry form are on the Diary page of the website.

Our **Members Only Spring Dressage Day** on 9 April went very well and we managed to dodge the April showers. Thank you to Barbara and her team for organising this with her usual friendly efficiency. From your feedback, Becky has organised Test Riding training in May and June – go to page 2.

DEADLINE for the next magazine is **SATURDAY 25 JUNE by 5 pm** and your July /August magazine should be with you and on the website at the beginning of July.

Deborah Smyth, Chairman



COMPETITIONS with WRC March - December 2016

Date	What's On	Organiser
Sat 7 May from 9 am	Open Spring Eventers Challenge at Sparsholt EC <i>8 show jumps + 8 working hunter style obstacles. Classes: 2' – 3'</i>	Deborah / Becky
Sat 4 June from 9 am	Open Summer Show at Sparsholt EC <i>Working Hunters, Showing, Children's Classes, Dressage</i>	Barbara / Becky
Sun 21 Aug	Members Only Show Jumping Day at Sparsholt EC	Kirstie
Sept date TBC	Members Only One Day Event	Becky
Sat 15 Oct	Open Autumn Fun Show at Sparsholt EC	Nikki

Details, schedules and entry forms are at Diary at www.winchesterridingclub.co.uk.

MEMBERS ONLY TRAINING : May - August 2016

Usually Wednesdays , 6 – 8 pm, at Woodhams, £25 pp	4, 18 May; 8, 15, 29 Jun Thur 12 May, 1 June Mon 6 Jun, 13 Jul, 3, 17 Aug	Jumping with Elsbeth Jeffery Flatwork with Nadine Gregory Dressage with Daisy Jackson	Nikki
Mondays , 10 am – 1, at Norton Livery, £20 pp	9 May, 13 June, 11 July	Show jumping w David Thomas	Becky
Fridays , 5 – 8 pm Cholderton EC, £30 pp	20 May and 10 June	Test riding with Beth Bainbridge	Becky
10 am – 1 pm, £25 pp at Woodhams Farm	Tue 17 May, Fri 17 June, Tue 5 July	Dressage with Lizzie Murray	Deborah
Mondays , 10 am – 1, at Norton Livery, £25	23 May, 18 July	Cross country with Sam Albert	Kirstie

Return forms for all our training sessions are at the end of the magazine and on the website.

You Can Now Use My Riding Life for Online Entries!

Winchester Riding Club has now joined with My Riding Life (www.myridinglife.com) to help with entries for some training, shows and members only events. You are still able to send return slips / entry forms by post along with cheques, if you wish to do so.



Initially WRC will be trialling this system and you will be able to use it to enter:

- David Thomas Monday morning show jumping training sessions, organised by Becky
- Sam Albert Monday morning cross country training sessions, organised by Kirstie
- The Open Summer Show on 4 June (schedule enclosed), organised by Barbara and Becky
- Members Only Show Jumping Day on 21 August, organised by Kirstie
- Future Members Only Dressage Days, organised by Barbara

For all other training and competitions, please send your return slips with cheques / online payments to the organisers as usual. **If you'd like to check availability first**, then please contact the individual organisers (details on inside front cover and at Meet the Committee on the website).

My Riding Life is the UK's leading equestrian online entry system used by over 150 equestrian centres, Riding and Pony Clubs and trainers nationwide. It gives riders an online entry and payment facility in conjunction with My Show Secretary and allows you to have instant bookings to confirm your place for training / events plus a conformation email to know they have been received. They provide a one-stop show facility for centres and riders alike, for all disciplines. Members can view their entries at any time of the day or year. Online entries have never been easier as all entry forms are completed for you.

You can register free using this link: www.myridinglife.com/myridinglife/smartlogin.aspx. For further details on the benefits of membership, contact them on 07798 626075 or myentries@myridinglife.com.

Becky Herbert

TEST RIDING at ALTOGETHER EQUESTRIAN, CHOLDERTON, SP4 0DW
FRIDAY 20 MAY, FRIDAY 10 JUNE- 5 – 8 pm – Cost £30 for half an hour
Enter via www.myridinglife.co.uk or use a return slip and cheque.



WRC is very pleased to offer 2 dates of test riding with Beth Bainbridge at Altogether Equestrian Centre in Cholderton, SP4 0DW, on **FRIDAY 20 MAY** and **FRIDAY 10 JUNE, 5 – 8 pm, £30 for half hour**.

You will ride a test of your choice. Beth will mark it. You then have a debrief of 15 - 20 min depending on the chosen test. She will explain how you can improve your ringcraft, riding skills and horse's way of going to gain those extra marks. You ride the test again, Beth marks it again and hopefully your marks will improve. Warm up will be in the outdoor arena and the test riding will be indoors.

Beth is the working rider and yard manager for international Grand Prix rider Anna Ross-Davis at Altogether Equestrian. Having been based at Altogether since September 2011 Beth has now ridden up to Prix St George on home produced horses. She has recently returned from Valencia in Spain where she competed in the Classica classes winning first place on the first day and second on Day 2.

Beth has a wide range of experience of producing lots of different horses from just backed through to the top level of dressage as well as schooling eventers, ex-racehorses and ponies. She enjoys sharing her knowledge and has a very enthusiastic approach to training both horse and rider with excellent communication skills. You will be getting those higher marks in no time at all!!

Becky Herbert

TRAINING with WRC

EVENING TRAINING at WOODHAMS FARM – 6 – 8 pm

Gridwork / show jumping with Elsbeth Jeffery on 4 May (Indoor XC), 18 May, 8, 15, 29 June

If you're in the first group, PLEASE arrive 5 min early to help put out the jumps. If you're in the final group, PLEASE stay at the end to help clear away the jumps. THANK YOU!

Flatwork with Nadine Gregory, 6 – 8 pm on Thur 12 May, Wed 1 June

NEW to WRC - Dressage training for all levels with Daisy Jackson at Woodhams Equestrian

Dressage with Daisy Jackson, 5 – 8 pm, on Mon 6 June, Weds 13 July, 3, 17 Aug

Daisy is guaranteed to give you and your horse a brilliant work out. Maximum 3 riders per group.

Please visit www.djdressage.co.uk and read about this extremely talented young rider 😊

All evening training is in the indoor arena at Woodhams Farm, Kings Worthy. The cost is **£25** pp with a maximum of 4 in a group, 3 for dressage with Daisy Jackson. Please send return slips to me and pay by bank transfer or cheque. If you'd like to check availability first, please contact me at 07858 711573.

Nikki Steel

MONDAY MORNING SHOW JUMPING with DAVID THOMAS at NORTON LIVERY, 10 am – 1 pm

WRC's David Thomas monthly show jumping training at Norton Livery, Norton, near Sutton Scotney, SO21 3NE, is continuing and you can now enter via www.myridinglife.com. The dates are:



Mondays: 9 May, 13 June and 11 July at Norton

Dates booked for the autumn are: **12 September, 10 October, 14 November**

Times: 10 am – 1 pm ~ Groups of 4 people of similar ability ~ Cost **£20** pp.

David teaches all levels from poles to Grand Prix. His encouraging approach to show jumping will benefit all riders, as he builds a lesson round individual jumps through to a complete course. By the end of the lesson you will always feel a sense of achievement and come away with some improvement.

To check availability, please contact me. However places will **only** be reserved once payment has been received and will be on a first come, first served basis, so be quick!!

Becky Herbert

MONDAY MORNING CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING with SAM ALBERT, 10 am – 1 pm

Dates booked with Sam are **Mondays 23 May and 18 July** at Norton Livery and you can enter through www.myridinglife.com, or by sending me a slip and paying by cheque or BACS. To check availability, please contact me.



We use working hunter fences to create cross country style fences in the arena and training sessions are suitable for all levels from 2 ft up. The cost is **£25** per hr in groups of 4 riders of similar.

Sam's calm, encouraging approach is very effective and before you know it, corners, skinnies and angled rails will all be as easy as an upright! Return slips are at the end of the magazine and on the website. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Kirstie Rowe

DRESSAGE INSTRUCTION with LIZZIE MURRAY at WOODHAMS FARM, 10 am – 1 pm

If you ask the humans who come to Lizzie's training sessions, they'll say she's great! If you ask their horses, they may not agree, as they are given a thorough workout and have no option but to improve! Why don't you join us and make up your own mind? Our next dates with her are:

Tuesday 17 May, Friday 17 June and Tuesday 5 July, 10 am – 1 pm,
at **Woodhams Farm**, Springvale Road, Kings Worthy
The cost is **£25** per person with a maximum of 4 in a group.



To join us: complete the return slip at the end of the magazine and send it to me with your cheque (payable to *Winchester Riding Club*). You can check availability with me at wrc.mag@btinternet.com first. I'll email your time to you 2 or 3 days before and times will also be on the website. **Please be flexible** with the time you ask for, as I aim to group riders together according to experience. It's no fun if you're new to dressage to be with someone who finds it very easy and not very constructive for experienced riders to be with riders new to dressage.

PLEASE don't be put off because you feel dressage isn't for you or you're not good enough! Yes, Lizzie is a top competitor and instructs top competition riders, but she is also happy to teach non-competitive riders. She offers practical advice and help to **ALL** riders at **ALL** levels.

Deborah Smyth

Another great lesson with Lizzie today – she is so encouraging. Thanks Deborah for organising.

Delia Brown

FOR ALL TRAINING

- Return slips are at the end of the magazine and at Training on the website.
- For training organised by Becky and Kirstie, you can enter using www.myridinglife.co.uk.
- **BE QUICK!** Places will only be reserved once payment and a return slip have been received and will be on a first come, first served basis.
- Should you need to cancel, unfortunately we can only give a refund if we or you can fill your place OR if you let us have a doctor's or a vet's certificate 7 days before the date.

Congratulations ~ Congratulations ~ Congratulations



Well done to these WRC members who were successful at our **Members Only Dressage Day** on **9 April**.

In the ribbons were Sara Bennett, Jenny Cox, Julie Davis, Amanda Derrick, Gemma Hamilton, Alice Jenkins, Annie Jenkins, Eleanor Jenkins, Vanessa Martin, Tina Olorenshaw, Tamsin Raymond, Katie Robson, Zoe Sherlock, Clare Sutton, Barbara Tollett, Penny Towers, Chris Ward and Sarah Wigmore.

Congratulations to everyone who won a rosette and to all those who competed, but weren't placed. The results of this competition are in this magazine and on the website on the Diary page.

It's always good to hear about members' successes, so if you or someone you know has done well recently, please let me know, so it can feature in the next Magazine.

Editor

COMING UP with WRC

OPEN SPRING EVENTERS CHALLENGE at SPARSHOLT EC on SATURDAY 7 MAY



There are still spaces and I'd hate WRC members to miss out, so send your entries to me ASAP. You can download a schedule from the website's Diary page. If you don't want to compete, please pass your schedule on to someone who does and contact me at wrc.mag@btinternet.com to offer to help on the day.

Deborah Smyth

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Becky Herbert

OPEN SUMMER SHOW at SPARSHOLT EC on SATURDAY 4 JUNE

There's a class for everyone at this WRC show and there's a schedule with this magazine. Entries are preferred via www.myridinglife.co.uk. Or you can send an entry form and cheque to Barbara, but please NO entries using BACS. Class sizes are strictly limited, so there will be NO entries on the day.



Barbara Scriven



MEMBERS ONLY SHOW JUMPING DAY on SUNDAY 21 AUGUST

The format has yet to be decided, but we hope to run it along the lines of our recent Spring Dressage Day. So in the morning there will probably be training and in the afternoon a competition with jump heights of 2 ft, 2 ft 3 in, 2 ft 6 in, 2 ft 9 in and possibly 3 ft. Numbers will be strictly limited, pre entries only. More details in the next magazine!

It's dress down day too! There is no need to plait or wear your best togs. But please ensure that your and your horse's attire is safe and suitable. BSJA rules will apply. More in the next magazine! And you'll be able to enter via www.myridinglife.co.uk.

Kirstie Rowe

OPEN AUTUMN FUN SHOW at SPARSHOLT EC on SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER

Come and have some fun at our Open Autumn Fun Show on Saturday 15 October! There'll be a schedule with the September magazine.

There are classes to suit all . . . in hand and ridden. It's being held in the indoor arena at Sparsholt, so no need to worry if it rains! No entries on the day, so enter early to avoid disappointment. Look forward to seeing you there 😊

Nikki Steel



SCHEDULES and ENTRY FORMS for WRC EVENTS are on the DIARY page of the WEBSITE.

ATTENDANCE AND PERFORMANCE POINTS: 1 November 2015 – 18 April 2016

Your Committee has been busy organising events and from the start of the current year on 1 November 2015 to the David Thomas Show Jumping Clinic on 18 April 2016 there have been 28 events:

6 Clinics with Lizzie Murray	2 Clinics with Sam Albert	1 Christmas meal
6 Clinics with David Thomas	2 Clinics with Nadine Gregory	1 AGM
7 Clinics with Elsbeth Jeffery	2 Talks	1 Members Only Dressage Day

Nikki Steel leads with 20 points, Amanda Derrick has 14 points and Tina Olorenshaw has 13 points.

In addition:

12 points have been gained by	3 members	5 points have been gained by	4 members
9 points have been gained by	3 members	4 points have been gained by	5 members
8 points have been gained by	4 members	3 points have been gained by	7 members
7 points have been gained by	4 members	2 points have been gained by	25 members
6 points have been gained by	4 members	1 point has been gained by	37 members

So a total of 98 members have attended at least one of the many events that have taken place.

There has been just the one opportunity to gain **performance points** – at the Members Only Spring Dressage Day.

Amanda Derrick with Fritham Rufus gained 10 points

Vanessa Martin with Freddie gained	7 points	3 points were gained by	3 members
6 points were gained by	5 members	2 points were gained by	2 members
4 points were gained by	2 members	1 point was gained by	4 members

This means that 18 members gained at least one performance point at the Dressage Day.

Jenny Cox

PAST EVENTS and RESULTS with WRC

MEMBERS ONLY SPRING DRESSAGE DAY – SPARSHOLT - SATURDAY 9 APRIL 16					
CLASS 1: Intro A			CLASS 2: Prelim 4		
1 st	Tina Olorenshaw	Pickwick	1 st	Tamsin Raymond	Leo
2 nd	Annie Jenkins	Dinon Irish Cream	2 nd	Vanessa Martin	Freddie
3 rd	Sarah Wigmore	Emily Jane	3 rd	Alice Jenkins	Dinon Irish Dream
			4 th	Chris Ward	Wisper
			5 th	Gemma Hamilton	Joey
			6 th	Penny Towers	Billy
CLASS 3: Prelim 18			CLASS 4: Novice 24		
1 st	Barbara Tollett	Berry	1 st	Katie Robson	Truffles
2 nd	Amanda Derrick	Fritham Rufus	2 nd	Amanda Derrick	Fritham Rufus
3 rd	Sara Bennett	Merlins Magic	3 rd	Jenny Cox	Biscuit Man
4 th	Eleanor Jenkins	Dinon Irish Cream	4 th	Zoe Sherlock	Aloto
5 th	Vanessa Martin	Freddie	5 th	Sara Bennett	Merlins Magic
6 th	Zoe Sherlock	Aloto	6 th	Clare Sutton	Madam Butterfly
CLASS 5: Elementary 42			Thanks to our Helpers and our Judges		
1 st	Jenny Cox	Biscuit Man	Becky Herbert, Claudia Herbert, Anita Francis, Fiona Honeyman, Kirsty Rowe, Terry Scriven, Nikki Steel, Janet Taplin, Karen Wass, Mary and Mike Weller Judges: Lynn Barley and Nadine Gregory Clinic: Lizzie Murray, Test riding: Nadine Gregory		
2 nd	Julie Davis	Mr Jack			
Barbara Scriven					

MEMBERS ONLY SPRING DRESSAGE DAY at SPARSHOLT EC on 9 APRIL

To some members a day of dressage might be their idea of hell, but to others it could be a day of heaven. To 40 such members it was just that – a day of heaven: Sparsholt all to ourselves and dressage, dressage, dressage!



In the morning members could take part in training, either joining in an hour's flatwork with Lizzie Murray or a half hour test riding session with Nadine Gregory. Both proved equally popular with a waiting list, and being a Saturday, riders who work in the week or have family commitments and are unable to come to the weekday clinics, were able to come along.

In the afternoon we had a competition with levels from Intro to Elementary and this gave a chance for riders to put their newly acquired skills into practice. Some came just for the competition and everyone seemed to enjoy taking part in an environment that was low key, dress down and members only.

This was a first attempt at a full day like this and I did wonder if it would be popular. Well, I needn't have worried, because judging from the positive feedback it certainly was. There have been numerous requests to hold another dressage day and also a day or evening of test riding as this was something a lot of riders had never done before and were extremely enthusiastic about.

It was good to see so many members enjoying themselves and I have to thank the hard working committee, Lizzie Murray, Nadine Gregory and Lyn Barley (judge) for making this event such a success. One to repeat I think. What do members say?

Barbara Scriven

Comments from Facebook . . .

Thank you so much on behalf of Eleanor. She has been converted to dressage I think and had some very positive comments, we both learnt a lot yesterday and would be keen for the rest riding! Big thank you to Barbara for calling for her.

Alison Wakefield



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A test riding clinic is such a great idea. I thought it was so beneficial to give my pony some experience without the pressure of having to dress in competition attire. If you feel relaxed then it helps the horses too. I would definitely like to try and improve after being marked as I knew my mistakes! Thank you, Barbara Scriven, for calling for me! x

Gemma Hamilton

I would love a test riding clinic! Thank you very much to everyone who organised the Dressage Day at Sparsholt for their hard work and for being so encouraging!

Caroline Wright

I only did the Lizzie lesson which was fab as always – thanks for organising.

Delia Brown

Great day, Lucy and Freddie enjoyed themselvestest riding day sounds good.

Carolyn Talbot

An Evening with Sam Albert on 3 March

Thank you to Becky and Nikki for organising the talk tonight with Sam Albert. A lovely evening and great food! Xx

Janet Taplin

Very interesting to hear about Sam's journey and determination to ride at the Beijing and London Olympics. Thank you.

Tina Olorenshaw

What a great way to spend a cold, wet March evening – listening to a talk by Sam Albert! Warm, funny and inspirational, she told us about her journey (her words, not mine!) from a childhood in Jamaica where she retrained problem horses from the age of 11(!) At the age of 14 she made a deal with her father – she would join him in Canada where he was now living and go to school there if she could first come to England, on her own, for several months’ training.



One of her ambitions was to ride the Olympics and after several setbacks and missing out at Sydney and Athens, she rode in Beijing and London as the sole equestrian representative of the Jamaican team. She also rode in the Pan-Am Games. She now runs a yard near Newbury as well as supporting her 2 sons - one is a budding cricketer and the other an eventer.

A big thank you to Becky, Nikki and all the rest of the committee for organizing a really enjoyable evening and an even bigger thank you to Terry for going to get our fish and chip supper. If you ever get the chance to hear Sam speak – go!

Trina Nielsen

WRC Committee Members Tell All!

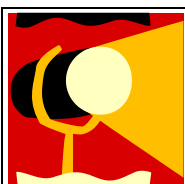
WE PUT THE SPOTLIGHT ON ANITA FRANCIS . . .

1. What was your first pony/horse called and what was it like?
The first pony I had at 12 years old was called Robbie, a 14.2 hh chestnut part bred Arab. He lived in the field next door to us. Robbie was a rebel and often difficult to catch. Very often I would return home disappointed as he had given me the slip for hours on end. I used to hack him for miles and miles, I loved the freedom of it just being him and me.
2. Were you a Pony Clubber? If so, which one and what did you do?
I was never a Pony Clubber, but experienced it vicariously through my daughter and her pony. However I attended adult camp at Three Maids Chasers last year and am nervously looking forward to taking Bubble again in 3 weeks’ time.
3. What has been your best horsey moment?
I am a nervous rider, so my best horsey moments are not momentous wins. I have only competed at the WRC Autumn Show once and came sixth in a ridden show class. At this stage a victory for me is feeling I have done well in my lessons.
4. What was your worst horsey moment?
Worst horsey moments, gosh, there have been plenty. Robbie jumping a 5 bar gate, the girth straps snapped. I fell off and watched him gallop off over the M27 motorway bridge. Or, arriving at our first Pony Club rally, to unload the pony in a field knee deep in grass, he pulled his head forward, the lead rein ran through my hand and he galloped off – not a great first impression of us!
5. Have you got a horse at the moment and what do you do with it?
The horse I have had since last September is Bubble, a 16.1 hh liver chestnut ISH X Warmblood. Bubble was bought for my daughter, but at 15 she decided to give up riding and take up a different social life, so I have taken him on. Thus far I have enjoyed Lizzie Murray dressage clinics and David Thomas show jumping clinics. I love hacking him out and enjoy sponsored rides. We now have a school at our yard which I will be making good use of practising what I have learnt in the clinics.
6. When did you last fall off and how did it happen?
The last time I fell off was out on a hack on my own. Half a mile from home, slowly cantering along, all of sudden Bubble leapt sideways and I was on the floor. I try not to think about falling off and prefer not to talk about it when I am riding. I need to think positively,



as I am very aware the horse I have has much more experience than me and thinks quicker than me. Damage limitation through lots of lessons and clinics is paying off and I am looking forward to entering lots of events with him.

7. Have you ever arrived at an event and forgotten something crucial?
So far I have always managed to be organised for the very occasional event I have been to. For Pony Club, I actually had a laminated sheet with a list of everything we needed on it which I would double check before we set off. Pony? Check!
8. What's the biggest thing you have ever jumped?
The biggest unsuccessful jump was the 5 bar gate on Robbie when I was 12. More recently on Bubble, I successfully managed the much smaller gate at the top of the hill at Dene Farm. My jumping is very hit and miss. If David Thomas is talking me through every stride, I can manage to get round. Left to my own devices it is very up and down!
9. Do you have a lucky mascot or charm or something you always have to do before a competition?
I don't have any lucky mascots. I just try to make sure I am as comfortable as possible. The first time I hunted my socks got all ruffled up and my legs got really sore!
10. What is the best bit of kit you have ever had and could not be without?
My best bit of kit is my full seat "sticky bum" jodhpurs. I have a very nice Ariat pair, but my super sticky ones were from Robinsons, so sticky I could barely get off the leather seat in my car! Sadly, I have worn them out and they don't stock them anywhere anymore. I have even thought of unpicking the seat and sewing it onto a less sticky pair!
11. Where is your favourite venue/centre and why?
I enjoy Sparsholt as a venue, it's easy to get to. I have sussed out where to park without being boxed in and I am familiar with it. Even in summer I take plenty of layers and a warm hat. It is without doubt the coldest place on earth!
12. Who is your hero/heroine rider?
My hero as a child was David Broome, always so calm, unlike me, so excited to be allowed to stay up late and watch Horse of the Year show. Today the young heroine I follow is Emily King, an exciting young hopeful for the future.
13. What horse would you love to own and why?
I love a grey or a coloured so Jane Winson's Murphy or Gemma Hamilton's Humphrey are 2 riding club horses I covet.
14. Why and how did you get involved with the Riding Club Committee?
I was invited to join the committee by Becky Herbert as someone was needed to take over from Deborah Smyth to update the website. Becky was also the person who found me my first horse, William, after a 25 year break from riding. My husband says she has a lot to answer for!
15. What do you like best about Winchester Riding Club?
I love Winchester Riding Club as the training and events are ones I can join in without feeling intimidated and everyone is so encouraging and friendly. I really hope I can be of use to the Club. I don't have masses of equine knowledge, but I do really love seeing people enjoying their horses and ponies and look forward to being a part of that.
16. What is your day job?
I have had various careers, secretarial roles, 12 years as cabin crew, but now my day job is running a children's day nursery and before and after school club.



Anita has joined the committee and is already at work managing the website. After I leave, she will also take over organising Lizzie Murray dressage training days. We are very grateful to her for volunteering to join and look forward to officially voting her on to the committee at the next AGM in November.

Deborah Smyth



So You Want to be a Dressage Diva? DO's and DON'Ts

This is aimed at grass roots entry level, Intro and Prelim participants, or anyone thinking of participating who may not be familiar with the rules and expectations.

DO remember that **ALL** dressage competitions, even unaffiliated Riding Club ones, are run under British Dressage (BD) rules, so try to familiarise yourself with the basic rules about what is and what is not permitted under BD rules. You can visit the BD website or get a rulebook for £5.

STEWARDS

Some competitions are self stewarding, so there is no steward at the warm-up telling you when to go to your test and what you can or cannot wear. **YOU** are responsible for presenting yourself at the correct time and in the correct manner. When there is a steward, make yourself known to them when you enter the warm up so that they know you are there. Then they can warn you when it is near your time to go to your competition arena – **but it is not their responsibility to make sure you get there on time – it is yours. They may also not be able to tell you if you and your horse are correctly attired.**

NUMBERS

If you have a bridle number disc holder and numbers, wear your number on your bridle. This makes it easier for show officials to identify you. If not, there may be numbers to pick up at the Secretary's table. If there are no numbers, you simply tell everyone who you are when you enter the warm-up and competition arenas. **It is a matter of common courtesy to acknowledge the judge and writer when you enter an arena. The arena belongs to the judge while (s)he is officiating - you are entering her/his office!**

BOOTS, MARTINGALES, NECKSTRAPS

In the warm-up you may have **boots/bandages** on your horse's legs, but take them off before you enter the competition arena. They are **NOT** permitted in a test.

Martingales connected to the reins are not permitted at all, even in the warm-up, neither is any form of draw reins or balancing reins.

Neckstraps are allowed on young horses in Intro and Prelim classes, but not Novice or higher level classes.

BRIDLES

Permitted: Black or brown leather snaffle bridles for Intro, Prelim and Novice. The bridle must have a noseband and a browband, (yes, the browband can be bling!), and a single set of reins taken over the horse's head and looped over the top of the horse's neck.

Micklem bridles are permitted. Cavesson, flash, drop nosebands are permitted.

Not Permitted: Western style or Arab showing bridles are not permitted.

BITS

Permitted: Single and double jointed snaffle bits: eggbutt, loose ring, D-ring, hanging cheek (Baucher), Fulmer.

Not Permitted: Pelham bits, Waterford bits, bits with slots or extra rings that fix the reins. Bit guards (the rubber rings between the bit and mouth).

Ellie Dadkhah, BD Judge

What's On Locally in May and June



MAY 2016

- Mon 01 British Showjumping Seniors, Wellington EC, www.britishshowjumping.co.uk
- Tue 03 Unaff Show Jumping (1' 6" - 3' 3"): Park Farm Oakley, from 4 pm, www.parkfarmoakley.co.uk
- Wed 04 **Indoor cross country training with Elsbeth Jeffery at Woodhams Farm, 6 – 8 pm**
- Sat 07 **WRC OPEN SPRING EVENTERS CHALLENGE at Sparsholt, 9 am – 4.30 pm**
BD Affiliated Dressage, Crofton Manor EC, www.britishdressage.co.uk
- Mon 09 **Show jumping training with David Thomas at, Norton Livery, 10 am - 1 pm**
- Wed 11 British Showjumping Seniors, Crofton Manor EC, www.britishshowjumping.co.uk
- Thur 12 **Flatwork training with Nadine Gregory at Woodhams Farm, 6 – 8 pm**
- Sat 14 SCH Unaffiliated Show Jumping: Sparsholt EC, www.sparsholt.ac.uk
- Sun 15 SCH Unaffiliated Dressage: Sparsholt EC, www.sparsholt.ac.uk
- Tue 17 **Dressage instruction with Lizzie Murray at Woodhams Farm, 10 am - 1 pm**
Unaff dressage (P15, N22): Park Farm Oakley, RG23 7EH, fr 5 pm, www.parkfarmoakley.co.uk
- Wed 18 **Show jumping training with Elsbeth Jeffery at Woodhams Farm, 6 – 8 pm**
BD Affiliated Dressage, Crofton Manor EC, www.britishdressage.co.uk
- Fri 20 **Test riding with Beth Bainbridge at Altogether Equestrian, Cholderton, 5 – 8 pm**
- Fri-Sun 20-22 British Showjumping Seniors, Crofton Manor EC, www.britishshowjumping.co.uk
- Fri-Sun 20-22 British Showjumping Pony Premiere Show: Sparsholt EC, www.britishshowjumping.co.uk
- Sat 21 British Showjumping Juniors, Crofton Manor EC, www.britishshowjumping.co.uk
- Mon 23 **Cross country training with Sam Albert at Norton Livery, 10 am - 1 pm**
- Wed 25 BD Affiliated Dressage, Quob Stables EC, www.quobstables.com
- Fri 27 Unaffiliated Evening Dressage, Quob Stables EC, 3 – 8 pm, www.quobstables.com
- Sun 29 British Showjumping Seniors, Wellington EC, www.britishshowjumping.co.uk

JUNE 2016

- Wed 01 **Flatwork training with Nadine Gregory at Woodhams Farm, 6 – 8 pm**
- Fri/Sat 03/04 British Showjumping Seniors, Crofton Manor EC, www.britishshowjumping.co.uk
- Sat 04 **WRC OPEN SUMMER SHOW at Sparsholt EC, 9 am – 4.30 pm**
- Mon 06 **Dressage training with Daisy Jackson at Woodhams Farm, 5 – 8 pm**
- Wed 08 **Gridwork training with Elsbeth Jeffery at Woodhams Farm, 6 – 8 pm**
- Fri 10 **Test riding with Beth Bainbridge at Altogether Equestrian, Cholderton, 5 – 8 pm**
British Showjumping Seniors: Sparsholt EC, www.britishshowjumping.co.uk
BD Affiliated Dressage, Crofton Manor EC, www.britishdressage.co.uk
- Sun 12 BD Affiliated Dressage: Sparsholt EC, www.britishdressage.co.uk
- Mon 13 **Show jumping training with David Thomas at Norton Livery, 10 am - 1 pm**
- Wed 15 **Show jumping training with Elsbeth Jeffery at Woodhams Farm, 6 – 8 pm**
BD Affiliated Dressage, Quob Stables EC, www.quobstables.com
- Fri 17 **Dressage instruction with Lizzie Murray at Woodhams Farm, 10 am - 1 pm**
- Sat 18 SCH Unaffiliated Dressage: Sparsholt EC, www.sparsholt.ac.uk
- Sat/Sun 18/19 British Showjumping Seniors, Crofton Manor EC, www.britishshowjumping.co.uk
- Wed 22 BD Affiliated Dressage, Crofton Manor EC, www.britishdressage.co.uk
- Fri 24 Unaffiliated Evening Dressage, Quob Stables EC, 3 – 8 pm, www.quobstables.com
- Sat 25 **DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT MAGAZINE, before 5 pm please!**
- Sat/Sun 25/26 British Showjumping Seniors, Crofton Manor EC, www.britishshowjumping.co.uk
- Wed 29 **Gridwork training with Elsbeth Jeffery at Woodhams Farm, 6 – 8 pm**



FOR SALE

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For your notice board!

WINCHESTER RIDING CLUB

Dates for your Diary - May to October 2016



TRAINING SESSIONS ARE FOR MEMBERS ONLY!

You can download schedules / details / return slips / from Diary at www.winchesterridingclub.co.uk.

Wed 4 May, 6 – 8 pm	Indoor cross country with Elsbeth Jeffery at Woodhams	Nikki
Sat 7 May, from 9 am	Open Spring Eventers Challenge at Sparsholt EC	Deborah
Mon 9 May, 10 am – 1	Show jumping training w David Thomas at Norton Livery	Becky
Thur 12 May, 6 – 8 pm	Flatwork training with Nadine Gregory at Woodhams Farm	Nikki
Tue 17 May, 10 am - 1	Dressage instruction with Lizzie Murray at Woodhams	Deborah
Wed 18 May, 6 – 8 pm	Show jumping training with Elsbeth Jeffery at Woodhams	Nikki
Fri 20 May, 5 – 8 pm	Test riding with Beth Bainbridge at Cholderton	Becky
Mon 23 May, 10 am - 1	Cross country training with Sam Albert at Norton Livery	Kirstie
Wed 1 June, 6 – 8 pm	Flatwork training with Nadine Gregory at Woodhams Farm	Nikki
Sat 4 June, from 9 am	Open Summer Show at Sparsholt EC	Barbara/Becky
Mon 6 June, 6 – 8 pm	Dressage with Daisy Jackson at Woodhams Farm	Nikki
Wed 8 June, 6 – 8 pm	Gridwork training with Elsbeth Jeffery at Woodhams	Nikki
Fri 10 June, 5 – 8 pm	Test riding with Beth Bainbridge at Cholderton	Becky
Mon 13 Jun, 10 am – 12	Show jumping training w David Thomas at Norton Livery	Becky
Wed 15 June, 6 – 8 pm	Show jumping training with Elsbeth Jeffery at Woodhams	Nikki
Fri 17 June, 10 am - 1	Dressage instruction with Lizzie Murray at Woodhams	Deborah
Wed 29 June, 6 – 8 pm	Gridwork training with Elsbeth Jeffery at Woodhams	Nikki
Tue 5 July, 10 am - 1	Dressage instruction with Lizzie Murray at Woodhams	Deborah
Mon 11 Jul, 10 am – 12	Show jumping training w David Thomas at Norton Livery	Becky
Wed 13 July, 6 – 8 pm	Dressage with Daisy Jackson at Woodhams Farm	Nikki
Mon 18 July, 10 am - 1	Cross country training with Sam Albert at Norton Livery	Kirstie
Wed 3 Aug, 6 – 8 pm	Dressage with Daisy Jackson at Woodhams Farm	Nikki
Wed 17 Aug, 6 – 8 pm	Dressage with Daisy Jackson at Woodhams Farm	Nikki
Sun 21 Aug, from 10 am	Members Only Show Jumping Day at Sparsholt EC	Kirstie
Date in Sept TBC	Members Only One Day Event	Kirstie
Sat 15 Oct, from 9 am	Open Autumn Fun Show	Nikki

RETURN FORMS for MAY and JUNE 2016

Download return slips for May – August from the website at Training.

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU!

- **First of all: CHECK** who is running the training and the payment method they prefer you to use.
- You can use www.myridinglife.co.uk for anything organised by **Becky, Kirstie and Barbara**.
- Start at the end and work up. Forms are in reverse date order, so you use them as you need them.
- **SEPARATE RETURN SLIPS** for **each person** for **each date**.
- **FULLY COMPLETED** return slips with **all phone numbers, etc**, on **each one**.
- **SEPARATE CHEQUES / PAYMENTS** for **each person** for **each date**.
- Let us know how you're paying: a cheque payable to **Winchester Riding Club** OR bank transfer.
- **PLEASE** write your name, event name and date on the back of each cheque, eg, **Dunn/XC/18 July**.

To pay by bank transfer, please use these details:

Bank: Barclays / Sort code: 20-97-01 / Account no: 13312615 / Account name: Winchester Riding Club

AND . . . VERY IMPORTANT SO WE KNOW WHO THE PAYMENT IS FROM AND WHAT IT'S FOR!

Use a reference made up of the event / training date and your surname, eg, 18 July / XC / Bell.

RETURN FORM – GRIDWORK with ELSBETH JEFFERY – WOODHAMS – WED 29 JUNE, 6 – 8 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£25 pp)
Level of experience*: Beginner / Improver / Experienced* Jump height preferred
Emergency contact on the day: Name ①
*Please print your email address clearly! * Please circle or delete as appropriate.*

Please return to Nikki Steel (WRC/SJ), 37 Thirlstane Firs, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 4NX.

RETURN FORM – DRESSAGE with LIZZIE MURRAY – WOODHAMS FARM – FRI 17 JUN, 10 am – 1 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred:* I enclose £..... (£25 pp)
Experience: *Beginner / Improver / I'm riding dressage tests at: Intro / Prelim / Novice / Elem / Medium / Above*
Emergency contact on the day: Name ①
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Please return to Deborah Smyth (WRC/Dr), 10 Mary Lane, North Waltham, Basingstoke, RG25 2BY.

RETURN FORM – SHOW JUMPING with ELSBETH JEFFERY – WOODHAMS – WED 15 JUNE, 6 – 8 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£25 pp)
Level of experience*: Beginner / Improver / Experienced* Jump height preferred
Emergency contact on the day: Name ①
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RETURN FORM - SHOW JUMPING with DAVID THOMAS – NORTON LIVERY - MON 13 JUN, 10 am – 1 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£20 pp)
Level of experience*: Beginner / Novice / Improver / Experienced* Jump height preferred
Emergency contact on the day: Name ①
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Please return to Becky Herbert (WRC), 1 Chestnut Villas, Hunton Down, Winchester, SO21 3PZ.

RETURN FORM – TEST RIDING with BETH BAINBRIDGE – CHOLDERTON EC – FRI 10 JUNE, 5 - 8 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£30 pp)
Dressage test you will be riding
Emergency contact on the day: Name ①
*Please print your email address clearly! * Please circle or delete as appropriate.*

Please return to Becky Herbert (TR), 1 Chestnut Villas, Hunton Down, Winchester, SO21 3PZ.

RETURN FORM – GRIDWORK with ELSBETH JEFFERY – WOODHAMS – WED 8 JUNE, 6 – 8 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£25 pp)
Level of experience*: Beginner / Improver / Experienced* Jump height preferred
Emergency contact on the day: Name ①
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RETURN FORM - DRESSAGE with DAISY JACKSON – WOODHAMS FARM –MON 6 JUNE, 5 – 8 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£25 pp)
Experience*: I'm a Beginner / Improver / Experienced / I'm riding dressage tests at Intro / Prelim / Novice / Above
Emergency contact on the day: Name ①
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RETURN FORM - FLATWORK with NADINE GREGORY – WOODHAMS FARM – WED 1 JUNE, 6 – 8 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£25 pp)
Experience*: I'm a Beginner / Improver / Experienced / I'm riding dressage tests at Intro / Prelim / Novice / Above
Emergency contact on the day: Name ①
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Please return to Nikki Steel (WRC/FW), 37 Thirlstane Firs, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 4NX.

RETURN FORM - CROSS COUNTRY with SAM ALBERT – NORTON LIVERY - MON 23 MAY, 10 am – 1 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£25 pp)
Level of experience*: Beginner / Improver / Experienced* Jump height preferred
Emergency contact on the day: Name ①
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Please return to Kirstie Rowe (WRC/XC), 8 Gratton Close, Sutton Scotney, Winchester, SO21 3LG.

RETURN FORM – TEST RIDING with BETH BAINBRIDGE – CHOLDERTON EC – FRI 20 MAY, 5 - 8 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£30 pp)
Dressage test you will be riding
Emergency contact on the day: Name ①
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Please return to Becky Herbert (TR), 1 Chestnut Villas, Hunton Down, Winchester, SO21 3PZ.

RETURN FORM – SHOW JUMPING with ELSBETH JEFFERY – WOODHAMS – WED 18 MAY, 6 – 8 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£25 pp)
Level of experience*: Beginner / Improver / Experienced* Jump height preferred
Emergency contact on the day: Name ①
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Please return to Nikki Steel (WRC/SJ), 37 Thirlstane Firs, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 4NX.

RETURN FORM – DRESSAGE with LIZZIE MURRAY – WOODHAMS FARM – TUE 17 MAY, 10 am – 1 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred: * I enclose £..... (£25 pp)
Experience: *Beginner / Improver / I'm riding dressage tests at: Intro / Prelim / Novice / Elem / Medium / Above*
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RETURN FORM - FLATWORK with NADINE GREGORY – WOODHAMS FARM – THUR 12 MAY, 6 – 8 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£25 pp)
Experience*: I'm a Beginner / Improver / Experienced / I'm riding dressage tests at Intro / Prelim / Novice / Above
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Please return to Nikki Steel (WRC/FW), 37 Thirlstane Firs, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 4NX.

RETURN FORM - SHOW JUMPING with DAVID THOMAS – NORTON LIVERY - MON 9 MAY, 10 am – 1 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£20 pp)
Level of experience*: Beginner / Novice / Improver / Experienced* Jump height preferred
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RETURN FORM – INDOOR CROSS COUNTRY - ELSBETH JEFFERY – WOODHAMS – WED 4 MAY, 6 – 8 pm

Name Age if under 18
① Mobile email#
Name of horse Time preferred I enclose £..... (£25 pp)
Level of experience*: Beginner / Improver / Experienced* Jump height preferred
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