

# Cotswold Edge Riding Club Newsletter

## Rallies

This year rallies are proving very popular as usual! If you would like to book a place please contact Chris Clark. We are trying to avoid Paypal fees so BACS please if poss?! Here are the confirmed rallies for the next couple of months:

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Intro/mini showjumping by kind permission of Suzanne Duke at Frith Farm, Frith Lane, Wickwar, GL12 8PB. with Rachel Sheldon. Designed for young horses, new combinations, anyone new to jumping or if you just want to give it a go! Rachel is a very understanding instructor and will accommodate everyone in the group.  
10am – poles on the ground to very mini.  
11am - mini +  
12am - mini++  
£18 per person.

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Style and show jumping Area Qualifiers at Leyland Court.

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Flatwork with Andrew Bradley at Kites Nest Farm, Swinhay, Wotton – under-Edge, GL12 7PH.

Andrew (BHSII riding) is a freelance instructor based at Putlow Court near Gloucester. He has been placed at the Dressage National and Winter Championships. And competes Grand Prix.

He has also competed at BE and BS, and is trained by Matt Frost and Hayley Watson-Greaves.

10am – Prelim.

11am – Novice.

£20 per person.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** – SWWRC Championships at Hartpury.

**August 20<sup>th</sup>** - Day Camp at Hollisters. Full

**September 9<sup>th</sup>** – Day Camp at Hollisters.  
All enquiries to Leanne please.



## Hi Members!

Welcome to Summer everyone (mind you raining and cold today but I have been reliably informed we are heading towards a heatwave). The Committee have been really busy keeping you all amused and me busy. Well, I've hardly drawn breath this year from riding club activities and it's been amazing to hear and see our riders great successes and the fun had by so many of you. It's not all about the ribbons it's also seeing how those partnerships between horses and riders grow and little steps grow into great strides forward. We have most weekends full with rallies, area qualifiers, Championships and Camp (which I must admit was a great laugh and feedback was great). Since camp and your many suggestions we have been running mid-week sessions with Sara Beamson, fine tuning techniques and building confidence and these will continue for the foreseeable future. Also feel free to come to us with your ideas so we can investigate. We have also had one off Training sessions on an ad hoc basis when people have suggested new Instructors, please keep these coming and I am currently making a large pot in my pottery classes to draw the names out as we are regularly oversubscribed with these.

We had a very successful Novelty Easter Show Jumping event at Leyland Court and donated £176 towards Wilberry Wonder Pony Cancer Charity and many probably couldn't face another Easter egg that month. Thanks to everyone who made this such a success for the Club.

Over the coming months, I am looking forward to catching up with everyone and am begging you all to block out your diary for Sept 17<sup>th</sup> as we will be running our Annual Hunter Trial at Hollisters and will need every hand on deck to help. If you are away on the day there are other things we can ask you to help with so please do tell any of the committee so we can coordinate.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Club for making it all such a laugh and feel free at anytime to message me/Committee with your suggestions or if you just need an ear. *Caroline x*

*We are very sad to hear of the passing of Tom Searle. He will be greatly missed ☹*

## TEAM MANAGERS REPORT

Crumbs what an amazing start to 2017 = AMAZING = SO PROUD OF YOU ALL– A FEW OF THE MANY MANY HIGHLIGHTS

Record numbers of competitors and record number of ribbons

- Intermediate Dressage at Leyland Court a Group of 13 riders - loads of ribbons (Kay 3<sup>rd</sup>, Shauna 1<sup>st</sup>, Steph 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, Bryony 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Shelby 6<sup>th</sup> Su 7<sup>th</sup>), a Team of Seniors 5<sup>th</sup> (Fran, Su, Steph and Bryony) a Team of Juniors (Maisy, April, India and Amy) and Senior Individual Shauna qualified, the Juniors went to the Champs at Bury Farm and came 3<sup>rd</sup> and India placed 2<sup>nd</sup> individually, April 4<sup>th</sup> and Maisy 9<sup>th</sup> as well.
- Combined Training at Rabson and 8 Junior riders and Georgina Bateman qualified with Teams coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Georgina went to the Champs at Aston le Walls and she came 5<sup>th</sup>. 12 Seniors competed and had a great day out too.
- Dressage and Riding Tests at Rabson Manor - two teams have qualified and are off to Hartbury SWWRC Champs. – Lauren scored an absolutely breathtaking 88.18% 1<sup>st</sup> prize, Louise Jones 80.45% 3<sup>rd</sup> and Amy 6<sup>th</sup> placing 73.64% helping the Riding Test team to come 1<sup>st</sup> overall and qualifying for Champs. Prelim 18 Team overall 4<sup>th</sup> and they are also off to the Champs (Chris, Steph, Amy and Sara) Sara receiving 2 ROR awards on Cutie and 1 ROR with Cody.
- DTM at Burrows April Joynson 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and has qualified for Champs at Bury Farm at the end of Sept.

So my summary is BRING IT ON! CERC ARE THE FORCE!!!!





### Our novelty SJ show at Leyland Court

consisted of a variety of classes designed for all; from the tiny to 90cms+, Chase me Charlie, Barrel jumping, Six bar and also included a Wobbleberry class, where all entries (£176) went to the Willberry charity.

As the day went on the wind grew stronger and we had to abandon the barrel jumping as they were in danger of blowing across the arena! Superb effort from those in the arena parties, who were making sure the jumps remained standing as the wind definitely had other ideas, regardless of the number of sand bags we had deployed.

It was lovely to meet lots of new members who were either competing or came to help. We had lots of lovely comments throughout the day about how well run the competition was and how friendly the club was.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to make the day a success. A special mention to Emily Clarke and Sara Beamson for their course designing and assistance on the day and to everyone who made cakes – gosh there were so many we really were swamped. The lesson for next time; co-ordinate who is bringing cakes so we don't have too many (is there such a thing....?)

### CERC Stonar Residential Camp. April 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>

On 21<sup>st</sup> April an intrepid 15 CERC'ers and a few helpers departed for Stonar on what I hoped (as organiser) would be a fun but educational couple of days. Caroline was immediately voted 'the responsible adult' for the weekend and with Liz, Andy and Sue as our 'people on the ground' I knew it would definitely be fun

For those who've never attended camp, it follows the format of SJ/Dressage and XC coaching. You are free to partake in as much or as little as you like and where there are facilities you can hack if you choose. Due to numbers and abilities the group sizes this time ranged from 2-5 in each group.

Stonar has recently undergone some renovations and feedback from the campers was very positive; Jealousy of their tack room, school surfaces were lovely, stables were ready made up and of a good size, staff were very helpful and friendly and the food was good (always a big must for me)

### Membership

We are full! And we are keeping a wait list...

### CERC Merchandise

Please visit our shop on the website or contact Sue Cursham ([scursham@yahoo.com](mailto:scursham@yahoo.com)) if you would like to order some CERC merchandise. We love to have our members wearing CERC saddlecloths wherever possible. It also helps us to recognise new members if you have CERC on your clothing!



Saddlecloths are £25  
(We also have navy available)



Bodywarmers are £35

Polo shirts, hoodies and coats are also available. Please visit the website.

We can also have the CERC logo put on your own garment/saddlecloth.

[www.cotswoldedgerc.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldedgerc.co.uk)



Emily and Sara were the instructors for the two days and I am very grateful for them coaching across two groups each, both days. They were a big hit with the campers and must have gone home to do their own yards, extremely tired. Thank you both so much.

I know there were a number of members (old and new) who were apprehensive about attending camp although I am reliably informed that these worries quickly melted away once they were all stuffed into the back of Caroline's car with their belongings, transferring them to the residential area! Everyone quickly got acquainted and there was a friendly & supportive feel to the 2 days. I checked in with Caroline on the first evening and was greeted with the news that the drink was flowing (both alcoholic and non alcoholic), the goodie bags had been distributed and from here on in, all I will say is 'what happens at camp, stays at camp'!

If you'd like to come on the next residential camp then I have provisionally booked Stonar from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 but if you can't wait that long then there are a couple of spaces available on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Day camp at Hollisters, just get in touch ☺



### AREA QUALIFIERS 2017

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – One Day Event – West Wilts

July 16<sup>th</sup> – Show Jumping & Style Jumping – Leyland Court

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – Regional Champs – Hartpury

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – Festival of the Horse – Leyland Court

Please contact Caroline if you'd like to compete. Don't forget your flu vac's need to be up to date, hats up to standards and send your passports to Caroline.

Congratulations to Rachael (a former committee member) and Dan Tuck on the safe arrival of Pearl. She's a real cutee!!



### CERC Hunter Trial 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

The date has been booked and I know a lot of you have already put yourselves forward for helping. Thank you! We are now in the process of getting the schedule together and could do with another couple of sponsors if anyone has any ideas? Thank you.