# **COTSWOLD NEWS**



### **OCTOBER 2015**

Well it certainly has been a busy few months in the CERC calendar, I have hardly caught my breath since the Hunter Trial and this is my first weekend off for many months.

The Hunter Trial was an extraordinary success and the feedback has been great, however we could never have done it without your valuable help and I do hope that if we do run this again next year we will see more of you on the day. Honestly it was so much fun and Sarah's cakes were a real treat and those still hungry were able to buy some more on Tracey Blythe's fantastic cake and raffle stall. We'd also like to say a massive thank you to all our sponsors...again without your support we just couldn't put on such an amazing day for everyone.

I've had a lovely time supporting teams and going out to see a few rallies which has been really enjoyable. It is so exciting to see how you have all come along this year with your steeds, and hopefully, I will see even more of you out and about joining in the fun (and of course eating cake) in the coming months.

As we all know there are always ups and downs with owning horses and as a new life comes into the world we occasionally have to say sad farewells to our faithful friends. We welcomed the lovely little skewbald Gamble into the world



for our committee member Rachael and anybody who has seen the pictures of this adorable little chap will love the long ears!

We also welcomed baby Martha a new daughter for Catherine, I'm sure she will keep Catherine busy along with her older brother Jacob.



We also sadly have had to say goodbye to Charlie's wonderful horse Jerry, who I remember so well representing the club

on many occasions and also at the Nationals in Lincoln several times, most recently at the Style Jumping Qualifier. He was always on the move bouncing around and a fab



"give it a go" all rounder...he will be sadly missed.

One of the many things I look forward to is hearing your news and honestly believe we can build on this even further, I would really welcome your feedback, ideas and comments (good or bad) as we strive to be the best and friendliest club around. The committee are all working on a jam packed schedule for future events and if you hear of anything you would like us to consider then please approach any of us on the committee and we will look into it for you.

Keep safe and see you all at the Christmas (can't believe I'm talking about Christmas!) meal if not before.

Caroline Rich (Chairman)

## **AGM 2015**

This years AGM will be held on Friday 20th November at Horton Village Hall, Horton. Please do come along, it's a good opportunity to meet your committee and other members plus it's an ideal time to come and complete the forms and re-join to enable you to be able to take part in the rallies from the start of 2016!



#### **CHRISTMAS MEAL**

Following the success of last year's Christmas meal we shall be returning to The Bell Hotel at Old Sodbury, on Saturday 12th December at 19:30pm. The total cost of the meal will be £24.95 per person, partners, friends and family are all welcome to join us too, it really would be lovely to see as many of you as we can. If you would like to join us a £10 per person deposit is required to secure your place. A cheque (payable to Cotswold Edge Riding Club) or bank transfer would be great (please just contact us for bank details) then just let us know you are coming so we can put your name on the list. (Menu choices will be required by the end of November)

### **CAMP 2016**

The dates for next years camp is 22nd-25th April 2016 so save the date in your diary...full details to follow in the near year.

### **TEAM NEWS**

Next events are:

Senior Novice Winter Dressage

Sunday 8th November at Summerhouse EC (See website for schedule)

Junior Winter Dressage Qualifier

Sunday 29th November at Caron Roberts EC (SN4 7SA)

Winter Junior Novice, Junior & Senior Intermediate Show Jumping

Saturday 30th January 2016 at Summerhouse EC

Winter Senior Novice Show Jumping

Sunday 31st January 2016 at Summerhouse EC

# Eventers Challenge at Mendip Plains — Report from Caroline

Nice and early start for our competitors, Sara was the pathfinder in the 100cm class riding the lovely Cody and when I got to see them at Jump 14 where I was fence judging, they were absolutely flying!! I also got to see Maisy on Lennie, Ciara on Woody, Leanne on Chico and Issy on Tyler who all flew over my fence...always good when fence judging your teams. Ciara and Sara came home with ribbons and a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> placing – a happy outing and all back safe and sound in time for tea!

We have regular competitions coming up and it's great to see new faces coming forward to compete, we never turn anyone away and am always looking out for new combinations. Please throw your hats into the arena and message me or anyone on the Committee and we will be happy to find something you fancy having a go at. It's all about the fun of being part of a team...oh and eating cake afterwards

#### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Well, since our last newsletter our junior teams have been to two National Championships!! They went to Bury Farm in Leighton Buzzard for the Intermediate Winter Dressage Championships, the team came a fabulous 11<sup>th</sup> only narrowly missing out on the rosettes! Well done to Maisy, India, Gemma and Jess...some beautiful tests and lovely twinkly toes!!!

They then went to Lincoln in early September, this was for the Novice Show Jumping, Style Show Jumping and India had also qualified for the Riding Test. What a busy sunny day it was, which was just as well as they needed to thaw themselves out after a freezing night camping!! India was in the ribbons coming 8<sup>th</sup> in the Riding Test and again the team came 11<sup>th</sup> which was a fabulous result considering the amount of entries. Well done to India, Maisy, Ciara and Gemma.

Thanks must go to Caroline who spent the Saturday writing for the Style judges, this not only fulfilled our volunteering role but also got us some handy tips!! We also have to mention the fantastic support crew of parents and Chris who came along loaded with food and drinks. Carol McDonagh was pronounced the winner of the cake baking competition...which was judged with great enthusiasm from all the tasters!!!



# RALLIES / EVENTS / TEAM TRAINING \* Sunday 1st November - Improvers Dressage at Burrows Court 10:30 to 13:30 £15.00 Per Horse \* Sunday 8th November - Senior Novice Winter Dressage At Summerhouse EC \* Saturday 14th November – Jumping at Frith Farm (Frith Lane, Wickwar) with Simon Jobbins 1pm up to 85cm 2pm over 85cm £15.00 Per Horse \* Friday 20th November - AGM at Horton Village Hall \* Sunday 29th November - Junior Winter Dressage Qualifier At Caron Roberts EC (SN4 7SA) \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Saturday 12th December - Christmas Meal at The Bell, Old Sodbury \* Saturday 30th January 2016 - Winter Junior Novice & Senior Intermediate SJ

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Full details, addresses and directions to venues can be found on our Website

Sunday 31st January 2016 - Winter Senior Novice SJ

At Summerhouse EC

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I would like a space Sunday 1st November Improvers Dressage at Billow Farm (10:30—13:30) @ £15.00 per horse
Name:
My contact number is:
I enclose a cheque for :
I would like a space Saturday 14th November Jumping at Frith
Farm
@ £15.00 per horse
1pm up to 85cm 2pm over 85cm
Name:
My contact number is:
I enclose a cheque for :
<b>CERC Merchandise</b> is still available you can order the following:
Polo Shirts Adults £15.00
Polo Shirts Children £12.00
Hooded Sweatshirt Adults £20.00
Hooded Sweatshirt Children £17.00
Baseball Cap £7.50 Padded Body Warmer Adult £35.00
Padded Body Warmer Children £26.00
Regatta Waterproof Jacket Adults £35.00
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Contact Sue with your enquiries on email: scursham@yahoo.com
If you place an order now you can collect it at the AGM!

Rally Booking— If you wish to attend a rally it is recommended that you book early to guarantee a space.

Please complete the form and send it with any cheques to Charlie Blackett.

Please send one cheque per rally and on the back of your cheque please write your name and the rally details. Cheques to be made payable to 'Cotswold Edge Riding Club' Alternatively you can pay directly to our bank, please contact us for full details.

Once payment is received Charlie will contact you via email or text to confirm she has received your form and confirming a space at the event. She will then contact you nearer the time with any further information you may need.

If you book into a rally and at a later date can not attend and you have given us more than two weeks notice your cheque will be destroyed, however if less than two weeks notice is given and we are unable to fill your space your cheque will be cashed.

Please Send cheques and forms to:-Charlie Blackett, 45 Celestine Road, Yate, Bristol. BS37 5ED

#### Please note we would like to ask:

That you have consideration for others when attending rallies, park considerately and do not obstruct gateways or park on grassy areas (unless permission has been granted) Please observe any special instructions at venues.

Please ensure you pick up any droppings from around lorries and parking areas.

If you are attending a rally on your own, please make sure you have an emergency contact number easily visible on yourself or on your vehicle windscreen.