

COTSWOLD NEWS



APRIL 2015

Welcome all new and (not so old) members!

Well what a lovely day it has been so far today – we have lovely sunshine (bit nippy mind) I hear you are starting to ride in the evenings after work as the daylight increases.

I have just received a call from the British Riding Clubs advising one of our Junior Dressage Teams has qualified for the BRC Championships at Bury Farm in May...Wowie! How good is that?! We on the committee would all love to thank those who have recruited new members over the last couple of years to increase our numbers and get us to this place. As I am due to retire from my current employer after 37 years (I know...I know I hardly act my age!) I seem to have found a replacement job sorting out the organising and sending of entries for all our teams...there I was thinking I would have time on my hands!!

The club is really on the up and we are thrilled as a committee to come together every 6 weeks to put plans in place to keep you all amused and we hope to see everyone out and about over the coming months. If there is anybody who may have any ideas for forthcoming events...please do come forward to the committee so we can discuss things further.

One of the best parts of being Chairman of CERC is seeing you all at the rallies and seeing the improvements shown, I have been accompanying my buddy Emily and her youngster Derek and it has been great to see everyone helping each other and supporting.

The rallies have been really well attended and the support crews on the ground have often outnumbered the riders and this makes it great fun to socialise and have a chat. Do join us and see what the rallies get up to if you haven't joined one yet.

Caroline Rich (Chairman)

OPEN SHOW

Don't forget our Open Show Jumping Competition is coming up soon Sunday 17th May 2015 it's at Leyland Court. There will be something for everyone, from 55cm to 90cm...so pop the date in your diary and make sure you come along. There will be plenty of supporters for our competitors and plenty of refreshments for all our willing helpers (please contact Chris Clark if you are able to help).

CAMP 2015

It's never too late to come along and join us for the CERC annual camp at Stockland Lovell Friday 24th to Monday 27th April. Lesson plans and instructors are currently being sorted and booked, so don't delay! Contact Catherine Harvey or Charlie Blackett.

2015 BADMINTON COURSE WALK

The CERC annual course walk will be on Wednesday 6th May at 6.30pm (prompt) as always we will meet at the main score board and take an amble along the whole course, well behaved doggies are very welcome and we will meet up at Caroline's car after for a glass of lemonade (or wine) and some nibbles !! We ask a small donation of £2 per person to go towards the cost of the refreshments.

(if your not sure where the main score board is, please get in touch and we will help and give you directions, or arrange to meet you in the main car park).

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.cotswoldedgerc.co.uk

TEAM NEWS

Winter Intermediate Dressage

At the recent Dressage Area Qualifiers at Leyland Court we were fortunate enough to have loads of willing participants with hardly any nagging from us to participate.

For the junior section we had the Red Team made up of India Duke doing the Elementary test (came 3rd), Jess Aird doing the Novice (came 1st), Maisy Cursham also doing Novice (came 2nd) and Gemma Barber doing the Prelim (came 4th) so as a team this resulted with the us coming 2nd overall!



Since these results the Red Team have been invited to take part in the Championships at Bury Farm as the winning team were unable to get there. The second junior team (Yellow Team) were also fabulous, we had Rosa Morris making her debut appearance, Ciara McDonagh and Holly Blythe, poor Jess Bates unfortunately couldn't make it with Tyler as he was poorly but she came along and supported the teams and everybody

did lovely tests.

For the Senior Teams (White Team) we had Rachel Sheldon, Sophie Shipton, Rachel Tuck and Chris Clark and in our other team (Navy Team) we had Leanne Fitton, Carol McDonagh, Sue Taylor and Issy Gray. All really made the effort and put in hours of practice and after the torrential rain and hail we were all very pleased to get home and dry out.

There was an amazing amount of supporters, photo's taken, food eaten...and wine drank and we all had a lovely day out!

Eventers Challenge at Wickstead

It was a beautiful sunny day where a huge course of jumps faced our competitors.

Chris Clark with Mac and Issy Gray with Boon did a practice round around the 80cm course to get their mojo going and Issy came 3rd. Then it all got very big in the 90cm where we were joined by Gemma Allan with Joey who was jumping beautifully and looking all very stylish...until he spied the coffin, well...almost fell in it! He then thought life was all too scary so Gem feeling rather disappointed had to come and rejoin the supporters (there will be another day Gem and I know the coffin at Hollisters will feature highly in your daily hacks!).

Mac jumped the huge corner which I know had worried Chris, his little legs were tucked up beautifully under him...there was absolutely no way he was touching it! Issy and Boon did another lovely round. After which the Seniors all then started eating and chatting again after going very quiet and looking rather puce beforehand.

The Juniors pair had a bit of a hiccup beforehand where Jess was unable to attend so Gemma Barber got press-ganged into competing by her best buddy Maisy, she was really brave facing her biggest course yet on Mr Toby. Maisy and Lennie had a stunning clear round (the only one in the pairs), Gemma tried her best but Mr Toby decided jumping was not his bag that day and unfortunately did not complete. Huge thanks to her for joining in and having a go...I know Maisy will be getting you out and about again, roll on the Horse Trials!

Unaffiliated Show Jumping at Summerhouse

Lovely day out at Summerhouse with an event that was organised by our jumpers with very little interference from the team manager! Again...such amazing team spirit.

Leanne brought together a team from her yard the "Hicks Common Challengers" made up of Jess, Ciara, Sue Porch and Leanne herself...they all jumped really well and got placed a brilliant 5th! Our own Chris Clark brought together the team "Cotswold Crusaders" made up of Bryony Jones, Maisy Cursham, Gemma Allen and Chris herself they came in a superb 2nd!



As usual a fantastic support crew, photos and lots of cake and wine along with some really super smiling faces I think the most smiley was Ciara on Woody who completed her round with out hiccup with the loudest of roars from a very excitable yard supporting!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

- CERC Summer Tack Sale Saturday 13th June 2015
- at Horton Village Hall



RALLIES / EVENTS / TEAM TRAINING

Friday 3rd April - XC at Rabson Manor (SN4 9QF) with Sara Beamson
1.30pm (1.5 Hour Session) £28.00

Sunday 12th April - Flatwork at Kites Nest Farm (GL12 7PH) with Karen Joynson
2pm & 3pm £15.00

Sunday 17th May – CERC Open Show Jumping Competition
See Website for Schedule

Saturday 23rd May - Flatwork/Fun with Poles at Old Down Farm (BS32 4PG)
with Di Sealey
2pm & 3pm £15.00

Friday 29th May - XC at Hollisters (BS37 6YJ) with Rachel Sheldon
4.30pm & 6pm (1.5 Hour Sessions) £25.00

Sunday 7th June - Flatwork at Billow Farm (GL13 9HF) with Di Sealey
1pm & 2pm £15.00

Sunday 14th June - Jumping on Grass at Ann Marshalls (Tockington)
with Rachel Sheldon
10am - Intro Jumping
11am - Up to 85cm
12 Noon - Over 85cm

Saturday 20th June - Improvers Dressage at Burrows Court (GL11 6AZ)
with Our Judge Emily Clark

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

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

Once 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

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Billow Farm (Times tbc)

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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.**