

MSRC Autumn Newsletter 2022

Dear Member,

What a summer we have had – temperatures which we have never experienced before – and for so long! Bare paddocks, which are only now showing signs of real growth again.

Your Riding Club has been very busy with training clinics over the summer and we have not run any competitions. Membership generally, and not just Mid Somerset - is struggling and we feel that our training clinics are beginning to pick up new members and this is where we should concentrate our focus at the present time.

Current clinics are Flatwork and Pole work with Gill Longhurst at World Horse Welfare, Pole work with Margaret Millward, Flatwork with Amanda Edmonds and Flatwork with Sue Petty – all at WHW. Test riding with Frances Turner at Half Moon Stud. Details of these clinics are provided with this mailing.

Carol's dressage ladies have had a busy time and have produced excellent results, winning the Area 12 summer dressage at Chard and so qualifying for the South Wales and West Riding Club Championships at Hartpury in August. Competition there was of a very high standard and our team of Emma Doyle, Trish Nimmo, Jane Surmon and Anita Wilcox finished just outside the top ten. Jane and Anita did achieve individual placings in their arenas, SWWRC is a lovely Championship and always a fun day – some of our current team will be overqualified for this competition next year and Carol is talent spotting for up and coming combinations – these are Prelim tests that are ridden at these Championships. – so could YOU be up for a team next year?

The next qualifier will be the Novice Winter Dressage on November 20th at KSEC and Carol would love to hear from you if you would like to be on a team. Being the Team Manager is often a difficult and frustrating task and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Carol for all her hard work but do remember that the onus is on you to contact her if you want to be considered.

BRC have put out an announcement about extending the interval between equine influenza vaccinations from 12 to 15 months due to perceived shortage of vaccine. Only one manufacturer is involved in product delay (Boehringer Ingelheim who make Protec) and if you are due a vaccination and are concerned, please talk to your vet. Prequenza and other vaccines are unaffected.

Our annual Charity Quiz Night is on October 12th at Long Sutton Village Hall. It is always a fun night so why don't you get up a team with family and friends, Your ticket includes a sausage and chips supper and your first drink is complimentary too – with one of Margaret's amazing raffles, what more could you want for a fun evening! Teams can be 4 or 5 players and the questions are all general knowledge – equine knowledge is not needed!

There was sad news in August, when we learnt that Julia Down had died after a short illness. Julia had been our treasurer for many years and we send our condolences to Liz and Charlotte.

Another huge loss to the equestrian world has been the death of Her Majesty The Queen. Her love and enjoyment of horses was second to none, with encyclopaedic knowledge of bloodstock lines, To have been riding her Fell pony up to July of this year at 96 was remarkable. She was Patron of the BHS (our umbrella organisation) hence BRC as well, Racing was her real passion and it would be wonderful if one of her youngsters in the wings could win the Derby for her in two years time – one race that had always eluded her.

At the time of writing, we have no date for the AGM – which will also be at Long Sutton Village Hall – but this will take place in January. Subscriptions become due on January 1st.

However, don't wait for the AGM – if there are other things you would like to see your club put on - please do let us know.

Meanwhile - Safe Riding!

Your Committee

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Most clinics can also be booked on EQUO.