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Dear Member,

I hope you and your horses have had a wonderful summer. I have really enjoyed this year going on beautiful scenic rides and making new friends along the way. It's always fun to try new things with your horse. I was surprised how good my mare Fly was on our Le Trec holiday at Dudgeley Farm, near Church Stretton. This is a lovely venue which I hope to return to next year.

I've also been checking out a possible new venue for ESRC Beach Holiday no. 2, in Formby, near Southport, where Red Rum himself was trained. Watch this space. ☺

Camp is already booked for 2018 at Lincomb, over the weekend of 8th – 10th June. Apart from the top class facilities we all know about (arenas, XC course, hacking route, stables, kitchen...etc.) they now have a new surfaced canter track with a mini water splash! (photo below)



It's important to join or renew your membership before camp application in March to be in with a better chance of securing a place. See details on how to renew below.

Programme

Many thanks go to Dawn Moreton, programme editor, for putting your winter programme together and to your fabulous committee for booking our venues and instructors. We do like to continue with our clinics and activities right through December even though the temperature drops!

In addition to our regular programme favourites, Sarah is organising another Christmas drill ride and mounted games day at Hilton Park Arena on December 9th to get us in the festive mood. It's always great fun and usually involves a visit from a white-bearded man in a red coat bearing gifts. ☺

Sam has been busy in the production of a new website for the club accessible from the same address. We hope you find it informative and easy to navigate. Thanks Sam. ☺

'Whilst on the subject of rallies, I have to remind you that if you book into a rally, have to cancel for whatever reason and no substitute can be found, you may still be asked to pay some or the whole of the fee. Rallies are arranged weeks in advance. Instructors and venues keep this time free for our benefit and have to be paid.'

AGM and Awards Evening. Saturday, November 11th at Pattingham Club, Pear Tree House, High St, Pattingham, WV6 7BH.



As we approach the end of the riding club year, we invite you to join us for the AGM and Awards Evening on Saturday, November 11th at Pattingham Club, Pear Tree House, High St, Pattingham, WV6 7BH. Tickets are a 'snip' at £5.00 to include a fabulous feast of food from Carole's buffet table. You will be contacted if you have won any kind of award but everyone is most welcome of course. ☺

This is also our AGM and we encourage you to come along just to be sociable and 'have your say' on club matters.

We have a slight change of format this year. We still have Carole and Mike from the catering van at the shows to prepare a buffet for us but we haven't booked the disco as we thought it might be a good opportunity for members to be able to socialize and chat a little more after the presentations.

Sally Wainwright will be leaving the committee this year. She has been Show Jumping team organiser for the last few years and has often been a big help at our monthly shows. Thanks for all your efforts Sally. ☺

Whilst on the subject of ex-committee members, congratulations go out to Frances Burns, husband Bob and grandad Gerry (our best man-on-the-gate) on the arrival of baby boy Ronnie. Frances brought Ronnie up to the September show to see everyone. He's a real sweetie!

Membership renewals now due!!

Our new membership year starts on Oct 1st 2017 and is still only £22.00 for a riding adult member, £12.00 for non-riding senior and £12.00 for a junior riding member. Go to our website eastshropshireridingclub.org.uk for membership forms and our secretary, Sue Bullock's address to send it to. If we already have your details you need only send a cheque or pay by bank transfer, but let us know you've done it! ☺ It's important to join or renew before camp application in March.

ESRC Summer Shows in Pattingham



All ESRC Shows have gone very well this year with sunshine on most days. Many thanks to Natalie Garbett and family for the use of their lovely field. The weather was not kind to us at the September show which may have deterred a few from coming. All went well though including our Fancy Dress in showing (won by Charli Westwood and Shadow 'Bat Out of Hell!') and the one and only Doggy Dressage. (won by Ruby-Riddler Mastoras and Roxy, photo left)



Photos above - Charli Westwood –‘Bat Out of Hell,’ Ruby Mastorus –‘The Riddler’ and Isla Anderson ‘-Frozen’

Thanks go to Cath Westwood and family who built us another Handy Pony course which was lots of fun. As always our many thanks go to everyone who has helped up at the show ground this year with setting up and on show days and to all our competitors for your support.

Can YOU help?

We still have some clearing away of jumps and equipment to do in the next week or so and we would be grateful of any help if you could spare an hour. Date to be posted on Facebook page shortly.

Competitions and Area 5 news.

*NB .If you are interested in competing for the club in teams or as an individual, all rules, dress codes, heights of fences etc. are now on line at the British Horse Society’ website .You are required to have an up to date vaccination cert. for flu. The rules on this are very strict and if you do not comply with these rules you will not be allowed to compete even if you have travelled to the venue. Please remember, **if you are interested in competing at Area Level** in any of the qualifying rounds please let our chef d’equipes know. You don’t have to wait to be asked and it makes their job easier. Preliminary entries have to be in **THREE WEEKS** before qualifying competitions, so you have to think ahead.*

Show Jumping qualifier, Solihull, July 30th

We sent a team of show jumpers to take part in the 80cm competition up to Solihull Riding Club consisting of Jenny Millman on Joey, Asa Holland on Parker, Sarah Turner on Fin and Lisa Hansford on Jo’s Diamond Lad. (photos in that order below) All riders and horses performed brilliantly with no stops or run-outs, but a few poles fell so sadly there were no qualifications this time. Well done everybody and thank you for representing your club in such great style.



Mike Tallent Photography Sponsored Unaffiliated Team Jumping at Rodbaston is coming up on Sunday 26th November. Let Jenny know if you are interested. It’s always a popular event so get your name down ASAP!

As usual, our heartfelt thanks to everyone who gives up their time to help at all events within riding club. We literally could not do it without you.

Wishing you all happy and safe riding, Bev Higgs