



North Devon Riding Club

August 2009

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Aug 2009 North Devon Riding Club Newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our local events in all weathers.

Whilst we have already been very busy this summer so has the weather. We unfortunately had to post pone our summer show in June due to appalling weather conditions. As this was to be held at Arlington on National Trust land we were unable to proceed with this event as horses as well as lorries and trailers would most definitely churned up this beautiful landscape. None were more disappointed than the committee itself who placed hours of planning and money into this event, and none more than our wonderful cook Carmen who was shell shocked for days. Don't worry we had her back to work for our Dressage show at Arlington on July 5th and the rescheduled Summer Open Show on Sunday 26th July which took place at Blackmoor Gate behind The Station Inn.

The weather at both of these events in true Devon style was wet – very Wet!! The dressage had thunder appear and the summer show had tractors towing people in and out of the field. But it didn't dampen spirits on either occasion.

Training took place at the Calvert Trust for Le Trec, whilst we were scarce on numbers it was quality and not quantity that we had in attendance. Members tried their hand or rather their horses feet at going over our foot bridge, immobility, rein back, opening of gates, control of paces and of course the trailer loading. Other obstacles were thrown into the pot such as pushchairs balls and tarpaulin – all attempted and succeeded not only to walk up to the blue wet and blowing plastic but actually walked across it – some several times.

Remember it's taking part and getting out there with or without your horses that counts. You don't know what you can do until you try and if you fail – try again!!

As an environmentally conscious club we are looking at ways to not only save the club money but also look after the environment. Next year we will be emailing all newsletters to you rather than post these out. Saving paper and postage!! By having members email addresses we would be able to notify you immediately of forthcoming events and in the unfortunate situation of cancellations we could notify you instantly to avoid any unnecessary inconvenience.

If you don't have an email address do contact us to make alternative arrangements.

Please ensure that your email details are entered clearly when you complete your renewal membership forms.

If you return your membership application at the AGM on the 26th October you would also be entered into a free prize draw for free membership for the year.

Wishing you all a wonderful fly free, safe and sizzling Summer.

Happy Hacking!!

Warmest Regards
Amanda-Jayne
NDRC Editor

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NEWS

Wanted- Committee members

Would you like to plan events, and what happens with your club? We need a treasurer and committee members. If you are interested ring a committee member to find out what's involved and come along to our AGM on 26th October 2009 at Bratton Fleming Sports club.

Membership Renewals

Please ensure that all Renewals are completed by the end of October and full email details are input on your renewal forms available on your August NDRC Newsletter.

Can all cup and trophy holders ensure that their cups are returned to a committee member by the end of August cleaned and with your engraved details, so that these can be reissued to members for 2009.

You never know they may be coming back to you.

FUN

Trec Training at Calvert - Sunday 28th June

The idea for this session was to give anyone who is interested in Trec an opportunity to practice the types of obstacles that might be incorporated in a Trec competition.

We hired the Calvert Trust indoor arena for 2 hours and set up 7 different obstacles, trailer load/unload, rein back, bending poles, control of paces, s-bend, immobility and a bridge. The riders went for a short ride and then came back to the arena and basically had a go+. There was plenty of time for everyone to try everything and to take as much time as necessary to complete each obstacle. The most difficult obstacle was the bridge (very kindly and solidly constructed by Alf . AJ's husband). Vicci and Kimo were very laid back and went over straight away so then we used Kimo as a leader and soon had the other horses walking over it as if it was the most boring thing in the world!!!!

It was a fun morning and now Vicci and I are inspired to have a go at a competition in the near future. I will endeavour not to get us lost on the Orienteering part of the competition, Vicci and Kimo should be good at the Control of Paces and Obstacles. (Not sure how Herbie will behave but I don't know until I try!!!!)

There is an event Nr Minehead on Sunday 13th Sept which we are hoping to attend. It is run by the West Somerset Riding Club; if you want more details you can follow the link in the diary dates on the Trec Southwest web site www.trecsouthwest.com.

Bye for now

Sharon

Don't forget to enter our Fun Le Trec Competition this Autumn.

Exmoor Riding holiday

For those of you who have yet to make the decision about your Exmoor riding holiday experience then I am afraid the boat has already set sail, and you will have to wait until next year to join the Happy Hackers on their trails, as all of the places have now been taken. To those of you who have booked a place, enjoy yourselves and have fun.

If you want to join us simply for a ride on one of the three days, then you are more than welcome to. Devon is a wonderful county to explore and what better way to do it then on horse back.

OUT & ABOUT

Take up the Dartmoor Challenge In support of the Dartmoor Hill ponies. Sponsored Ride or Drive.

The Friends of the Dartmoor Hill pony are running the unusual event on 8th and 9th of August 2009 from Corndonford Farm Poundsgate Newton Abbot TQ13 7PP.

Across moors over tors to secret picnic places, with expert local guides leading rides for different abilities.

Those driving ponies and horses follow a route chosen as the favoured route of our local driving enthusiasts. There are limited places on the wagons driven by shire horses for those who neither drive nor ride but wish to be a part of this unique event.

In the evening returning to the farm for a hog roast and a sing song.

For more information please contact Charlotte Faulkner dartmoorhillpony.com or tel 01364631036 or send sae to Corndonford Farm Poundsgate Newton Abbot TQ13 7PP

On-site turn out and camping/local B and B, livery stables available.

2009 Christmas Olympia - 16th – 18th December 2009

Have you ever thought it would be wonderful to visit Olympia stay in a hotel and then wonder around the streets of London with a bit of retail therapy (if shopping in Olympia didn't fill your quota), then we have a Christmas treat in store for you. The committee is off on an equine fix to London and would love for you to join them, give AJ a call if you are interested. Tickets will be booked at the end of Aug to ensure that we have a block booking discount and mini busses and accommodation can be arranged. Join in and have fun, it is guaranteed to get you in the Christmas spirit and get the colour back into your cheeks in those dreary winter days to come.

We estimate tickets to be about £45 for entry to Olympia and £90 for overnight accommodation (a day trip is being discussed) Mini Bus and train travel will obviously be in addition to this.

COMPETITIONS

The results can be seen on our web site at www.northdevonridingclub.co.uk

Don't forget our Dressage competition at Arlington Court on Sunday 20th September

We shall hold our first of this winters Dressage on Sunday 6th December at Higher Mainstone, Ashford - Tests are Walk Trot 1, Prelim 18 and Novice 21

See the pin up page and attached show schedule for further details

LESSONS

This summer we have had to review the level of subsidy we give to lessons. For now we will have to place subsidy on hold, but will review this once again at our September meeting following the Dressage at Arlington Court on 20th September 2009. In order to bring the level of subsidy up again we need you to support our events in order to keep the club funds healthy.

Due to the lack in support of our organised events we are unable to subsidise lessons as much as we do at present. As we have always said you only get out of the club what you put in and until more funds are put into the club via supported events, we can't take monies out to fund other ventures.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused you.

TRAINING

Sacha Pemble will be visiting this Winter with a Talk and a training clinic at North Devon & Calvert Trust. Places will be limited and will be on a first come first served basis. Keep an eye out on our website and newsletter for further details.

Kim Parker will be offering training during the winter months for member £20 per person (2 in a group) on October 18th, November 15th and January 24th 2010. Lessons will be hosted at the Calvert Trust within their indoor arena - so will go ahead what ever the weather. Book early to avoid delay!!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

We have given our panel several questions over the last month from members who would like to know .

Q To Jane Horseman Equine Shiatsu

My horse carries his tail to the right does that mean he has a bad back or is it just habit?

A I would say that it has probably had a fall at some point during his career, possibly damaged his sacroiliac joint. This does not usually affect their way of going, but even if he is not lame it may be worth getting him checked out . if not just for peace of mind before you continue working him.

Q To Vicky at Dengie Equine Nutrition Advice

I feed my 26 year old Thoroughbred who does no work the same as my 12 year old Warmblood in light work is that okay? At present they each have half a scoop of cool mix, half a scoop of sugar beet, a scoop of garlic and a scoop of Hi Fi.

A With regards to the diets of the thoroughbred and warm blood, the amounts of mix you are feeding are not going to be providing them with all the vitamins and minerals that they need. You could make their diet more effective by feeding more Alfa-A Oil and Sugar beet (for their size they could actually have up to 6 scoops Alfa-A Oil and 3 scoops of Sugar beet but to begin with I would suggest increasing it up to 2 scoops Alfa-A Oil and 1 scoop of sugar beet) and feeding a broad spectrum vitamin and mineral supplement such as Dengie Natural Vitality Leisure Vits & Mins to make sure they are getting a balanced diet.

Contact Amanda-Jayne Staddon with your questions by letter or email at Amanda-jayne.brown@virgin.net

Our Experts include Jane Horseman an animal healer and behaviourist, who is qualified and insured in Equine Shiatsu, Jonathan Cranston who is a Veterinary Surgeon at Mullacott Veterinary Hospital, as well as leading Instructors and Nutritionists from Dengie Equine Nutrition.

Please complete the form below and return as soon as possible to Sarah Wilson.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

CONTACT NUMBER:

MEMBERSHIP NO (IF KNOWN)

FEE ENCLOSED £20 RIDING £11 NON RIDING

PLEASE SEND TO:

**Sarah Wilson,
Overstream, West Challacombe Lane, Combe Martin, Devon, EX34 0DR
Email: sarah.theweir@tiscali.co.uk**

NEED TO CONTACT THE COMMITTEE?

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DATE	EVENT	COST	BOOK WITH / ENTRIES TO	CONTACT NUMBER	DEADLINE
Aug					
8 & 9 th	2009 Dartmoor Challenge Sponsored Ride and Drive see further details		Charlotte Faulkner dartmoorhillpony.com or send sae to Corndonford Farm Poundsgate Newton Abbot TQ13 7PP	01364 631036	
Sept					
13 th	Horse Jumble Goodleigh Village Hall Sellers 1pm Buyers 2pm Proceeds to be shared between South West Equine Protection and Goodleigh Village Hall fund	Table £5, Car Boot £10 Admission £1 to include tea and raffle	Mary Tonkins	01271 378910	
20 th	Dressage at Arlington Court schedule attached		Sarah Wilson	01271 882553	
Oct					
18 th	Indoor lessons with Kim Parker	£20 per person (2 in a group)			
23 rd	Exmoor Riding Holiday	Fully Booked	Sharon Ward	01271 883349	
26 th	AGM Bratton Fleming Sports club				
Nov					
10 th	Table Top Equine Sale Bratton Fleming Sports Club		AJ	01271 882722	
15 th	Indoor lessons with Kim Parker	£20 per person (2 in a group)			
Dec					
6 th	NDRC Open Dressage Competition, Higher Mainstone, Ashford Walk Trot 1, Prelim 18, Novice 21	Members £5 Non members £7	Lucy House Call Friday 4 th December 7pm – 8pm for times	01271 850522	27 th November
	Olympia		AJ	01271 882722	
Jan					
24 th	Indoor lessons with Kim Parker	£20 per person (2 in a group)			
NOTES	Helen Sissons Dressage, Any Level welcome 3/4 private lesson at North Devon Equestrian Centre		Sarah Jeffery	01271 850864	

**NORTH DEVON RIDING CLUB
OPEN DRESSAGE COMPETITION**

ON
SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

at
Arlington Court

Class 1 Walk Trot 2 North Devon Riding Club edition

Section 1 Open to riders 10 years & under
Section 2 Open to riders 11 years to 16 years
Section 3 Open to horses not to have won any British Dressage points

Class 2 Prelim 18

Section 1 Open to Riders 16 years & under
Section 2 Open to horses not to have won any British Dressage points

Class 3 Prelim 13

Section 1 Open to Riders 16 years and under
Section 2 Open

Class 4 Novice 32 Open

Class 5 Elementary 44 Open

ENTRY FEES: £5 - N.D.R.C. MEMBERS £7.00 - NON RC MEMBERS

ENTRIES CLOSE 13th September

TIMES AVAILABLE Friday 19th September BETWEEN 7 & 8 pm 01271 882553

ENTRY FORM

CLASS	RIDER	HORSE	FEE

Name
Address
Telephone Number

Please send with correct entry fees to Sarah Wilson, Overstream, West Challacombe Lane, Combe Martin, Devon (Late entries accepted at organisers discretion)

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Ndrc disclaims any responsibility for accidents or loss to any person or animal attending the show, howsoever caused. It shall be a condition of entry that each entrant shall agree to indemnify the ndrc against any legal action arising from any accident and/or occurrence whatsoever. The organisers of the show have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take equal care to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers and all the officials

- 1 THE COMPETITION TO BE RUN UNDER BRC RULES
- 2 HATS TO SPECIFIED STANDARD AND SUITABLE FOOTWEAR TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILST MOUNTED
- 3 DOGS WILL BE KEPT ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES
- 4 PEOPLE PARK THEIR CARS AT THEIR OWN RISK
- 5 THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL