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Hi all, well what about this weather we've had in the last couple of months, really hot. Must admit though the gardens have suffered and the fields have become rock hard. The rain over the last few days has alleviated this some what and the brown patches are starting to recover. Well lets get down to business

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2018/2019

We are heading towards the time when our membership fees will be due and the committee had a long discussion about these. The current fees have been the same for some years although the fees we have to pay to British Riding Clubs have steadily increased. We are also paying for rooms for our monthly meeting which we have not done before. At the moment, out of the £22.50 membership fee £12 goes to British Riding Clubs and no doubt it will go up again. We have therefore agreed that if you renew your membership between October 1st and the Annual General Meeting on 7th November you can still pay £22.50 but if you renew your membership after the Annual General Meeting the new fee of £25.00 will be due. Brand new members will pay the new fee of £25.00 from 1st October.

The committee is sorry to have to make this increase, and we hope you understand and will still remain members because we love having you as members of our club.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

As usual there is NO AUGUST meeting.

WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER at Usk College, 7.30pm Start. An evening talk and demonstration with Russell Guire from Centaur Biomechanics. Russell is a popular speaker across the world specialising in Rider Analysis and Horse Gait Analysis. Russell's research skills and analysis are internationally respected with many publications in the Equine Veterinary Journal and presentations at Equine Conferences.

Much of his research is in Saddle and Bridle Fit and includes analysis of pressure and gait restriction from girths and breastplates. The evening will include a demonstration of how Rider analysis can improve the horses' way of going and an insight into his latest research.

For further information <http://www.centaubiomechanics.co.uk/research/>

Admission is £5 for WVRC members and £10 for non-members to include a hot drink and cake. Tickets are available from Ride and Stride, Chepstow, NP16 6EJ or by contacting Kath Trigg. Kathleentrigg@btinternet.com or text 07974 573533

Centaur Biomechanics - Rider Analysis Clinic

THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER at Usk College. Individual Rider Analysis Sessions of 45 minutes each will run between approximately 9am to 4pm. The cost is £65, to include use of the school and entry to the evening talk on 5th September. The way the rider sits on the horse will have a dramatic effect on its soundness, performance and development. Our rider analysis sessions are designed for riders of all levels to help improve the rider's position and horse's way of going. With the use of high speed video cameras (capturing 20 x faster than the human eye), Visualise training jackets and Quintic software the rider's position and horse's way of going can be constructively analysed. Russell a UKCC Coach, who carries out the analysis, is a keen rider himself and has worked all over the world helping riders improve their position and horse's performance. Russell's passion and easy going character will put you at ease and ensure you get the best possible results out of the session. <http://www.centaubiomechanics.co.uk/rider-analysis/>

For further information or to book a place please contact Kath Trigg. Kathleentrigg@btinternet.com or text 07974 573533

Only two places left. There are two posters at the end of the newsletter if you know of any vets, equine establishments or garden centres where you can put them up we would be grateful.

3rd OCTOBER

We are looking into a fittening talk and will let you have details in a newsflash as we are still discussing this with various people.

7th November

This will be our Annual General Meeting. This will be held at the Beaufort Hotel in Chepstow. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

5th December

We are hoping to arrange our annual Christmas meal and we will be checking menus from various venues. Keep a look out for further details.

MONTHLY MEETING REPORTS

Wednesday 9th May (Reporter: Alison Jones-Griffiths)

On Wednesday 9th May the Wye Valley Riding Club departed from its normal subject matter. Martin Morgan talked to us about his hobby and passion. It was interesting and

informative. He also told us about the process of renewing their 10 year lease which at present was not going well as Natural Resources want to change some of the conditions which could possibly mean that they could not carry on fishing. This would mean the loss of the only lave net fishery in Wales now.

For more information see www.blackrocklavenets.co.uk

Lave net fishing has been practiced for 100's of years and the tradition passed down through generations of men who have their roots in Sudbrook, Portskewett and Caldicot.

The fishermen keep the fishery as traditional as possible making their own nets by hand.

The estuary off Black Rock has the second greatest tidal range in the world and this enables the fishermen to wade into the estuary at low water spring tides. Here they stand up to their waists and try to achieve the impossible, catching a fish by hand with the ebb tide whizzing past threatening to drown them!

Dangers they encounter as well as the tide are holes, gullies and black fog.

The biggest salmon caught was in 1950 and weighed 57lbs!!

While the talk was a fascinating insight into another hobby I don't think I'll be swapping Paddy for a lave net! Our thanks to Martin for his time and enthusiasm.

(Since the meeting they have now agreed a new lease and the season started on time and they have also caught some salmon)

Rural Crime Talk 6th June 2018

(Reporter: Julian Holmes)

The Wye Valley Riding Club were delighted to welcome two representatives from Gwent Police to provide a talk on rural crime; Ruth James was from Horse Watch and Geraint Reynolds was from the Crime Prevention Department.

Ruth and Geraint provided some very straightforward, practical advice and it became clear that, by doing simple things, it is possible to provide effective security for your own property and premises. The suggestions made were things such as using a simple padlock and chain on gates, security lighting (continuous dusk 'til dawn rather than motion sensitive was recommended), stones on drive ways that make a noise, dummy cameras, real cameras, a dog barking; all these sorts of things generally make it difficult possible for an opportunist thief.

Geraint said that the crime prevention department will also come and provide free checks on the security arrangements in place.

If ever an intruder is spotted the best advice is not to confront them as the priority at that stage is personal safety.

The riding club would like to thank Ruth and Geraint for coming along and providing some very pragmatic suggestions on security in rural areas.

July Meeting – Driving Demonstration with Tony Clarke

(Reporter: Peter Buist. Photos by Elaine Buist)

Around twenty members gathered at the home of Tony and Vivien Clarke for a demonstration of carriage driving from Tony ably assisted by Vivien and Sandra Fisher. Tony gave us a few anecdotes from his life and told us about some of the horses and successes that he had enjoyed. He and Vivien's policy had been to buy horses with a good pedigree, but with a poor performance record and turn them into good performers and that had been very successful for them.

Tony demonstrated how he started his driving ponies by first harnessing them to a willow frame on runners that he had made himself. Once they had become used to that and dragging a tyre he could then introduce them to a carriage. Tony then demonstrated how he drove a pair of ponies and a number of our members had the opportunity to try driving themselves and also being "back steppers". The evening concluded with a demonstration of scurry driving around obstacles set up in the arena.

The club are very grateful to Tony and Vivien for hosting this demonstration and welcoming us to their home.



Liz on the Back



Kathy Driving

TRAINING

We have some great training organised for our members.

19 August, jumping at Usk College, trainer to be confirmed. First group at 10am. £20 to WVRC members and £25 to non members. Book with Laura Jones-Griffiths.

7 September, flatwork with Lizzel Winters at Severnvale EC. £22.50 to WVRC members. Book with Lindsey Gaunt

9th September, flatwork indoors at Usk College with Carole Broad. First group at 10am. £20 to WVRC members. £25 to non members. Book with Laura Jones-Griffiths

5 October, flatwork with Lizzel Winters at Severnvale EC. £22.50 to WVRC members. Book with Lindsey Gaunt

Contact Laura Jones-Griffiths on ljonessgriffiths@gmail.com, 07557 646191 or 01633 400072

Contact Lindsey Gaunt on Lindsey.gaunt@googlemail.com or 01291 680065

Results of the Dressage Show 11th July 2018

Results

Class 1

1st Ann Wilson & Cassie

Class 2

1st Ann Wilson & Cassie

2nd Jaci Crocombe & Rocky

3rd June Holmes & Casanova

4th Nia Bailey & Magnificent Masie

5th Julian Holmes & Troy Flashman

Class 3

1st Lucy Morgan & Jasper

2nd Lucy Morgan & Truffle

3rd Lucy Morgan & Vendi

4th Chloe Richards & Good Luck

5th June Holmes & Casanova

6th Nia Bailey & Magnificent Masie

Class 4

1st Chloe Richards & Good Luck

2nd Genevieve Kirk & An Imp Named Boris

3rd Vivien Bastick & Rooney V

Congratulations to all our winners and runners up, and thank you to all competitors for making it a very friendly and enjoyable evening.

Wye Valley Riding Club Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

In the light of Ann's well deserved award reported on in our last newsletter we are going to award an annual riding club volunteer award which will be presented at the end of the year, can't hope to get Martin Clunes to present it but will do our best to find some one. We have lots of shows coming up so if you can spare the time please come and help us.

Show Dates

Wednesday 15th August - Evening Show jumping show at Howick Farm.

Clear Round Jumping will start at 6.00pm and will be approx. 0.60m but we can make them smaller if you want. The cost will be £2.50 on the day.

Class 1 will start at 6.45 pm and will be approx. 0.70m in the first round.

Class 2 height will be max 0.80m in the first round

Class 3 height will be max 0.90m in the first round.

Cost is £5.00 for WVRC members and £7.00 for non members. **Entries will be taken on the day if classes are not full at an extra fee of £2.00. We will be setting up on Tuesday**

14th August from 5.00pm so if there is anyone who could spare some time then it would be great if you could come along to Howick Farm.

The schedule for this show is at the back of the newsletter.

Saturday 22nd September - All Day Show jumping, dressage, combined training at Howick Farm.

The shows will be open to Wye Valley RC members and non-members.

The schedule will be out nearer the time so put the date in you diaries. We will be needing volunteers to help set up and on the day and your help will go towards the Volunteer Award for 2018

Wye Valley Riding Club Jackets

As you all know we have riding club jackets with our logo and name embroidered on them. They are made to order by Eurologo in Bridgend. The orders form should be e.mailed to me at marilyn.kirton1@gmail.com and I will make the order to Eurologo The jackets will cost £36 each including VAT. and will be posted to you individually. I thought I had better explain as I was asked if the riding club received any profit from the sale of the jackets and the answer is no, the price you pay is what is charged by the company.

There is an order form attached to this newsletter giving sizes and colours which are Bottle Green or Burgundy.

Here are photos of the bottle green one



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