

Cotswold Edge Riding Club



Newsletter
October 2017

Happy Autumn everyone, for me a lovely time of year when the trees are changing colour, the mornings are crisp and the hours of daylight are still manageable. So much has happened with CERC since the last Newsletter, we have had Day camps, brilliant rallies and so many Area Qualifiers with Championship representatives. I love to see how horsey partnerships have grown and to hear all about your successes and how you have worked through any hiccups/heartaches along the way. Amongst all the Great News we did have a low point cancelling the Annual Hunter Trail, the ground was unsafe and we will not run if there is any fear of safety issues. We are investigating what we can do next year, we have all missed our annual get together and we will always be subject to our lovely English weather but let's see what we can do to reduce the risk.

We have details in this Newsletter for our AGM and our New Year party dates and venues and are looking forward to meeting up with you all. Our Constitution states the Committee have the chance each year to stand down and then either be re-elected or have a rest from Committee duties. At our last meeting this was discussed and Leanne, Sue G and myself would like to remain (if you will have us) and Sue C, Maisy, Chris and Rachel would like to stand down. This means we have spaces available to join us and we have added a Nomination form to this newsletter. Please chat this through with us and we will advise what life on a Committee entails.

At the AGM we would welcome ideas, venues and any horsey/non horsey stuff you think others would enjoy so please come brimming with suggestions.

Speak soon folks, keep safe and sound and please wear lots of hi-viz.

Caroline



CERC AGM

The AGM will be held on **WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER** at **THE MINERS SOCIAL CLUB, 214** Badminton Road, Coalpit Heath. Bristol. **BS36 2QB** at **7pm**.

Please do attend. The Committee is changing so have your say, and vote for your nomination (form attached).

It could be you!

We also have the annual trophy presentations, including Best Member, Most Improved Junior and Senior and of course the Cake trophy! ***It could be you!***

We are discussing food options with the possibility of an American Supper. Details will follow...

Rallies

As always rallies are proving very popular! If you would like to book a place please contact Chris Clark. To make life easier rallies can now be paid for via PayPal (friends & family please!) but we do prefer BACS payments.

Here are the confirmed rallies for the next couple of months:

15th Oct Improvers Dressage

Sunday 10 AM START

Ride the first test, have a chat with the Judge (Wayne Garrick) on how to gain those extra marks and then after a practice ride the same test.

Burrows Court. GL11 6AZ

28th Oct Gridwork with Rachel Sheldon

Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm

Smiths Farm. Badminton

4th Nov Flatwork with Tom Buckland

Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm

Kites Nest. GL12 7PH

19th Nov Show Jumping with Rachel Sheldon

Sunday 10:00am-12:00pm

Tumpy Green. Bowen Arena

As most of you will have heard by now I am stepping down from the committee and therefore as rally secretary.

I hope that over my two years in the role I have managed to provide a good variety of rallies, instructors and venues. This has certainly been my aim. It's a very challenging position and not always easy to please everyone, but I hope you have all found something that has helped you to progress with your riding and improve your horses. I would like to say a big thank you to all our fabulous instructors who have made my life easier.

I am looking forward to getting back to being a "normal" member of the club again and being able to enjoy what is being planned by my successor - good luck!!

*Thank you all,
Chris.*





Summer day Camps

This year, due to lots of interest we held 2 summer day camps at Hollister's, Chipping Sodbury, in August and then September.

They followed the usual format of SJ/Dressage and XC coaching and we were very pleased to have Emily, Mike and Sara instructing at both camps with Simon Jobbins stepping in to take the extra group in August.

I must thank the instructors for their hard work and Caroline and Chris for being the organisers on the day, keeping things moving and the instructors fed and watered.

Feedback after the events on FB was overwhelming and everyone who took part had a thoroughly great time and despite the reports, the weather was kind to us. And lovely feedback from Caroline at Hollister's, who commented on how clean you'd all left the place, so thanks very much riders – it's the little things like this, that enable CERC to return to the same, great venues, time and time again.

2018 Residential Camp at Stonar

There's been general murmurs of the possibility of another, longer, residential camp next year so here are the details;

I have reserved Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st April (3 days / 2 nights) at Stonar, as this proved a great venue based on this year's feedback. Indicative cost is £265pp, this includes all rider accommodation and food - you need to bring your own bedding and towels, horses' stables and bedding, you need to supply hay and hard feed. In order to secure these dates we need a minimum of 16 riders.

If you are interested please let me – or any of the committee – know you are, along with a non-refundable £10 deposit by the end of November. At this point, we will review interest. If we have enough, a further £50 non-refundable deposit will then be payable in January.



Membership

As you are all probably aware, we have been at our capacity and holding a waiting list for 2018. We currently have more than 20 on the waiting list! If you are hoping to re-join for 2018, you can do so at our AGM in November (cheques won't be banked until end of December). Membership forms will shortly be available on our website. Priority is always given to existing and active members, however members who are behind with their hours are not always guaranteed a place. Hours can roll over for a year but any member who still has not completed those hours from 2016 is at risk! We have to rely on our members help at events we organise and we are still struggling with volunteers (our recent cancelled hunter trials had less than 40 volunteers out of 105 members!) Please do help and support our club. It can be fun too!!



CERC Christmas / New Year Meal

We have booked the Fox and Hounds, Acton Turville, Badminton on FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2018. Cost will be £25 per person for a 3 course meal. Menu and further details to follow. This is always a fun evening!!



BRC Qualifiers 2017

Saturday 21st October.
Combined Training
Hartpury

Sunday 12th November
Novice Winter Dressage
Summerhouse EC

BRC TRAINING

A few members have attended a biting talk by Hilary Vernon of Informed Designs. I'm sure I talk for you all when I say it was very informative and well worth attending. We never stop learning where horses are involved! Perhaps we should book her for a club talk??

Team Managers Report

What an amazing CERC year since our last newsletter – so many highlights and here's just a few ...

FAB day at the Hunter Trials, West Wilts July 2017 - Maisy (100 Ind.) 1st. Shelby (80) 2nd. Junior team - Chloe, Jessica, Georgina and Polly (80) 2nd, Senior team - Chris, Louise, Sara and Faye (80) 4th, Chris 4th, Jess 4th, Sara 6th and Georgina 6th.

**Shelby and Aggie came 2nd at Swalcliffe the BRC Champs on 4th August = BRILLIANT
India and Felix came 8th in the Teams representing Area 9 = fab u lous**

April Joynson and Robin represented CERC at the National Champs at Bury Farm on 29th Sept. for the Dressage to Music and came a super 3rd - hurrah!

On 19th August, SWWRC Champs, we had a bumper amount of contenders and ribbons for the Prelim Dressage, the Riding Test and the Show Jumping.

80 cms Show Jumping - Chris Clark, Georgina Bateman, Sara Beamson and Stephanie Carter.

EVERYBODY RECEIVED RIBBONS

Riding Test

2nd Louise Jones, Rafael

4th Lauren Peeling, Teagle Patrick the Red

Teams

2nd Cotswold Edge

Prelim Dressage

1st Stephanie Carter, Dear Alice

2nd Sara Beamson, Hinton Fairground ROR

8th Chris Clark, Mac

Teams

2nd Cotswold Edge

Show Jumping

Teams

5th Cotswold Edge

5th Sara Beamson, Hinton Fairground

Festival of the Horse – Sara Beamson 3rd, Faye Dawes 5th and Jess Bateman 2nd, Junior Team 2nd

There are more opportunities coming up for coming out for a go and please do not be put off by the thought this maybe competitive!!! Ask the above riders and I'm hoping they will concur ribbons are the bonus and Team Spirit fab.







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29th November. The Miners Social Club. Coalpit Heath



COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE.....

SECONDED BY

The above named are aware of my nomination and would love to help CERC on the Committee for 2018.

Positions we are looking to fill:- Rally Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Junior & Senior Team Managers, Merchandiser, Rosettes & Trophies Organiser, someone who is a bit knowledgeable with computers and can help with the newsletter production etc.

We meet approximately every 6 weeks (usually in a pub). Please send your nomination back to cotswold-edgerc@hotmail.co.uk