

LCRC NEWS

FREE NEWSLETTER FOR LAMBERTS CASTLE RIDING CLUB MEMBERS

Exciting website

FOLLOWING the loss of the previous outsourced web manager, the highly-anticipated new club website is almost ready.

Sally Newcomb has taken on the work and has completely redesigned the entire site, creating a much more modern and easy-to-use platform.

Members will be notified as soon as it goes live.

Read all about it

MEMBERS may have noticed this newsletter has a new look to it this issue.

Now Fiona Benger has taken on the role of chair, the club needed to find someone else to compile the newsletter and Kate Williams, who has re-joined the committee recently accepted the challenge.

Let us know what you think of the redesign.

New pink hat tags

PLEASE ensure your hats are up-to-date with new regulations for 2023.

Pink tags are required for BRC competitions, see www.bhs.org.uk for details.



Club's says farewell to Jane after 16 years

THIS year's annual meeting was tinged with sadness as the club said goodbye to Jane Rogers, as she stood down as chair.

Jane has headed up LCRC for the past 16 years, having been a member long before that. Her speech during the meeting included recollections of many varied events and memories over her time at the helm.

She was thanked by members and presented with a superb drawing — chosen for its resemblance to her horse, Oscar.

The club welcomes stalwart member Fiona Benger as the

new chair, who says: "I have been on the LCRC committee for about 25 years, with Yvonne Over as chair, then Rowena Fowler, and Jane for the last 16 years — who is going to be a very hard act to follow, with her years of experience and expertise!

"I am very lucky to have such a super committee to work with, between them they have a wealth of talents in many areas!

"I will endeavour to do my best, as we have a club to be proud of, the envy of many other clubs with our successful teams, rides, training and talks and demos."

Busy start to 2023 with bracing beach ride and evening talk with Polly

IT has been a busy start to the new year for LCRC with plenty more to come.

Six members braved the cold weather and were rewarded with a fabulous ride on the beach at Exmouth in January under clear blue skies and bright sunshine — with the more courageous horses enjoying a splash in the waves.

The ride was rounded off with delicious sausage rolls supplied by The Vending Shed.

And Margaret Peet was the bravest of all as, finding herself without a ride, went for a dip on her own!

On Thursday, February 9th, members and friends were treated to an evening with Polly Walker (nee Gundry) and a delicious supper at The Ridgeway, Smallridge.

Polly is a local racehorse trainer based in Ottery St Mary and was also the leading lady point-to-point jockey for many years before she started training with her husband, Ed Walker.

Polly talked about training Santini for the Grand National, where he came third, and about her experiences breaking in and training horses for their other careers.



Warm welcome to our new members

OVER the past year, LCRC has grown in membership with a number of new riders joining the club.

A couple of new faces who have embraced getting involved on teams and attending a variety of events are Rachel Collins and Jenny Tully.

Rachel has ridden for the club at some recent Area 12 dressage competitions and has also joined the committee.

Jenny moved to area at the end of last year and immediately volunteered to steward when LCRC hosted the Area 12 dressage at Kings Sedgemoor Equestrian Centre. She has joined various clinics, came along to the annual meeting and is riding for the dressage team.

The club also extends a friendly welcome to Phillipa Bates, Vivien Miles, Kim Clark, Lorna Collins, Laura Trott, Emma Herrod and two junior members – Maisy Trott and Lucy Voysey.

Club awards and trophies 2022

- Horses Head, The Lady Blue Memorial for the most successful senior member at a championships awarded to Sophie Johnson, RC Horse Trials 90cm Championships.
- Grassroots Horseshoe awarded to Kate Williams, who also won her class at the Area 12 Novice Winter Dressage.
- Alton Cup (Cutty Sark) awarded to the highest placed junior at area or championship level, to Phoebe Eames, who won the Area 12 70cm SJ at KSEC.

- The Nipper Perpetual Cup awarded to the most versatile club horse, to Horace, owned by Fran Summers.
- The Nutwood Trophy awarded to the most improved club member and horse throughout the year, to Margaret Peet and Colin.
- Firefly shield, usually the dressage accumulator, to Rachel Collins, who had taken part in many dressage teams as a new member.
- Firefly Challenge Cup for the most successful member at 80/90 level, to Kate Jupp and Spirit, who came 4th at

- HT Champs at 90cm and 7th at Area 12 HT at 80cm.
- LCRC Challenge Shield for 'The Most Senior Moment' to Fiona Bengier for missing out a jump at the 2022 BRC Championships.
- Mick Challenge Cup (Polo Cup), in the past awarded to the highest placed senior show jumping, to Fiona Bengier, who had represented the club in most teams in 2022.
- The Anne Butcher Inca Perpetual Rose Bowl for the most helpful volunteer, to Jane Rogers for all her many years of help and service.

DIARY DATES...

Thursday, February 23rd

Show jumping practice with Melissa Northwood at Chard Equestrian.

An opportunity to practice in a big arena with a full course of show jumps. Please state what height you wish to jump so that we can group riders as closely as possible. Small groups (max 4). Start at 11am. £25.00 per horse. Please book in with Wendy Kiy (wendykiy@gmail.com)

Tuesday, February 28th

Pole work training with Melissa Northwood at The Linhay, Dulcis Farm, Kilmington.

Melissa is very creative and comes up with some really useful exercises to practice. Please state what level you are working at so we can pair you appropriately (prelim/novice etc). £20 per horse in small groups 2/3. Please book in with Wendy Kiy (wendykiy@gmail.com)

Monday, March 6th

Flat work Training with Caroline Evans at The Linhay, Dulcis Farm, Kilmington. £30 individual (45mins) £20 each for 2 sharing (1 hour). Please book in with Wendy Kiy (wendykiy@gmail.com)

Friday, March 10th

SJ Training with Jane Rogers at Swallowfields, Wyke, Axminster, EX13 8TN. Jane is happy to cater for all levels and do individual or group sessions. £30/hr ind or £17.50/hr shared (cash on day). Please book in with Jane [07773 298430](tel:07773298430).

Monday, March 20th, 10.30 am

Langdon Hill club ride. Fran will lead this ride at a moderate pace from Langdon Hill National Trust car park, across the bridleways from Seatown to Eype returning in a circular route. Ride will be at a moderate pace with some opportunities to canter in open spaces. £5 payment by BACS or correct cash on the day. Names to Fran by Thursday, March 16th (fran.summers60@gmail.com)

Tuesday, March 21st

Show jumping practice with Melissa Northwood at Chard Equestrian. An opportunity to practice in a big arena with a full course of show jumps. Please state what height you wish to jump so that we can group riders as closely as possible. Small groups (max 4). Start at 11am. £25.00 per horse. Please book in with Wendy Kiy (wendykiy@gmail.com)

Wednesday, March 22nd, 7pm for 7.30pm

Club talk with Jane Holderness-Roddam at The Grazing Cow, Offwell, Honiton, EX14 9RR.

Many horse lovers know Jane Holderness-Roddam's name but don't quite realise what an amazing CV she has! The first ever British female eventer to compete at an Olympics, her team winning gold at the 1978 Mexico City Games. She is also a two-time winner of Badminton and winner of Burghley.

Jane was known as 'the galloping nurse', having a career in nursing and has also served as lady-in-waiting to Princess Anne for more than 30 years. Jane's many equestrian roles include Chairmanship of British Eventing and RDA, running her own West Kingston Stud and FEI judging, to name but a few. We are delighted that she has found the time to come and chat with us and share some of her many experiences with us, so we do hope you will be able to come along and join us. Please book in with Jan Osborne by Friday, March 17th (royandjanoz@gmail.com). Menu and cost TBC.

DIARY DATES continued...

Monday, March 27th

Show jumping training with Jane Rogers at Swallowfields, Wyke, Axminster EX13 8TN. Jane is happy to cater for all levels and do individual or group sessions. £30/hr ind or £17.50/hr shared (cash on day). Please book in with Jane [07773 298430](tel:07773298430)

Thursday, April 27th, 10.30 am

Quantocks club ride. Foxy Bean Café-Adcombe, Over Stowey-Quantocks. Heather Morris will lead a ride, supported by committee members over the beautiful Quantock Hills. Ride will be at a moderate pace with some opportunities to canter in open spaces. Members must be confident to canter in open spaces. Refreshments will be available at the Foxy Bean Café. £5 for ride. Refreshments extra. Names to Fran by Friday, April 14th (fran.summers60@gmail.com)

Wednesday, May 24th, 10.30am

Swallowfields/Trinity Hill club ride. Club ride from Swallowfields across Trinity Hill and bridleways of Uplyme. This ride will be at a slower pace and ideal for first timers. £5 charge. Names to Fran by Monday, May 22nd (fran.summers60@gmail.com)

Tuesday, June 20th, 10.30am

Longlands Farm club ride. Southover, Frampton, Dorset DT2 9NQ. By kind permission of Liz Elliott. Enjoy the old turf bridleways of Dorset, nearly all off road, at a moderate to fast pace with opportunity to canter in open fields. Liz has kindly offered parking and to lead us on this ride. £5 payment by BACS or correct cash on the day. Names to Fran by Friday, June 16th (fran.summers60@gmail.com)

Wednesday, July 19th, 4.30pm, to ride by 5pm

Beckford Bridge club supper ride. Led by Fiona Bengier, this ride will be at a slow to moderate pace and ideal for first timers, to include a supper stop at The Tuckers Arms, Dalwood. £15 each (TBC) to include supper. Names to Fran by Friday, July 14th (fran.summers60@gmail.com)

Wednesday, August 16th, 10.30am

Bonhayes Farm club ride. Whitchurch Canonorum DT6 6RF. This ride will take us through the stunning Marshwood Vale, which has plenty of opportunities to canter in open spaces. Sophie Johnson will organise the ride route, supported by committee members. Parking by kind permission of Sophie. £5 payment by BACS or correct cash on the day. Names to Fran by Friday, August 11th (fran.summers60@gmail.com)

Dates are subject to change at the discretion of the club.