

LCRC NEWS

FREE NEWSLETTER FOR LAMBERT'S CASTLE RIDING CLUB MEMBERS

Easy funds for club

BRITISH Riding Clubs has recently partnered with the online fundraising platform easyfundraising and LCRC has been registered.

The scheme offers clubs a free, easy and stable way to help raise funds, plus easyfundraising will donate an extra 20p to The British Horse Society for every £1 raised. It is very simple for members to help – sign up super quickly online and then LCRC will receive a percentage of what you spend for free. It's as easy as that, so give it a go. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lamberts-castle-riding-club-ltd today.

Jump at the chance?

THE club is in need of help with organising some training as it is no longer viable for Rachel Collins to manage it across all disciplines.

We are looking for someone who can organise a few jump-based sessions through the year. We have lots of trainers, so no need to seek out new ones (although different options are welcome). This could be a job share option and you wouldn't need to be part of the committee. Please contact Rachel on 07889 435130 or hello@rachelcollinsphotography.co.uk if you would like to chat through how it works.



Image: Courtesy of RDA

RDA awards Greta for going 'over and above'

ON August 28th, during Chard and District Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA)'s 40th anniversary celebration, Helen Vegas-Lozano, RDA UK Chair of Trustees, proudly presented a first-ever award to a Lambert's Castle Riding Club member.

As part of the RDA's 55th anniversary celebrations, it introduced a limited-edition Over and Above award which was proudly received by Greta Duff, an outstanding volunteer who has been a key figure in the group's success for over 35 years.

This special recognition honours volunteers who have exceeded expectations to make a positive impact on individuals, their group, or the wider RDA community.

Whether through innovative thinking, offering invaluable support during challenging times, or going the extra mile, these volunteers embody RDA's core values of selflessness,

dedication, and unwavering commitment to our mission.

Greta's involvement with Chard and District RDA began 40 years ago, when she initially loaned ponies to the group.

Since 1989, Greta has been a dedicated volunteer, contributing in numerous capacities – from organising Thursday night volunteer sessions to serving as a committee member and currently as a director.

Her contributions to the group are immeasurable; she has been the heartbeat of the group, serving as rides organiser, while also playing a key role in fundraising, sourcing riders and volunteers, and organising thank-you events.

Greta's commitment and dedication to the group over the past four decades perfectly exemplify the spirit of the 55th anniversary Over and Above award, making her a well-deserved recipient of this recognition.

It's all in a name



CLUB member Sarah Thorne gave a signed photograph of Oli Townend, left, to Dr Emma Guinness.

As is BE rules, anyone who falls from a horse needs to be cleared by an event doctor before they can ride another horse that day.

Oli fell from one of his horses at Bicton Arena earlier this summer and he duly presented himself to Dr Guinness who was on duty that day.

Her first question was "What is your name please?"

The writing on the photograph says: "Dr Emma, this is me!"

Series of winter talks kicks off with Carole King – behind the XC scenes

NOVEMBER will see the first in the club's series of winter talks with a great starter for the season.

'Behind the scenes cross country control and commentating' with speaker Carole King will be held for members on Thursday, November 21st at the Ridgeway, Smallridge, Axminster, 7pm for 7.30pm.

Carole has been a cross country controller for around 16 years and has led and been part of control teams at every level from grassroots through to Badminton, Blenheim and Chatsworth.

She regularly trains and mentors new cross country controllers, and has also controlled at pony, junior and

young rider European competitions, including at Millstreet in Ireland.

Carole is also a level 3 show jump judge, which is the highest national level, and is currently level 1 on the international pathway. She has judged at many county shows, with her highlight being judging the Hickstead Derby.

In her 'spare time', Carole has also recently qualified as a level 1 FEI eventing steward.

The cost for the talk, including a two-course supper, will be £25 per person.

Names and menu choices to Fran Summers by November 10th please via email at fran.summers60@gmail.com.

Arena support call

AS part of the club's ongoing focus to provide competitive training for our members we are looking at ways to support this.

The biggest cost is arena hire at some of the bigger venues. Whilst LCRC will continue to use those bigger venues for group lessons where arena space is paramount, members can help to significantly reduce the costs charged for flatwork-based training by allowing access to personal arenas, maybe once or twice a year.

They don't have to be huge arenas but consideration must be made to access and parking for up to 3-4 trailers/lorries at a time as members come and go. If anyone would be willing to help the club in this way please get in touch with a committee member.

Club memberships

THE renewal time of year is around the corner and all LCRC members will be reminded that their annual membership is running out at intervals - 30 days, seven days and three days - prior to it lapsing with a link to renew.

Those who have chosen to auto-renewal will get a reminder seven days prior that their membership will be renewing automatically unless they wish to cancel it.

There will be a membership price increase from £30 to £35 for 2025 as British Riding Clubs has increased the amount it takes from each membership - from £24 to £25 per head starting in 2025.



Images: Rachel Collins Photography

DIARY DATES

Monday, November 18th, 10.30am**Monkton Club ride alt Higher Pound /Charmouth Forest TBC**

Monkton Barton Farm EX14 9QW. By kind permission of the Osborne family, club member Jan Osborne will lead a ride around the quiet lanes and bridleways of the Monkton and Cotleigh area. Ride will be at a slow to moderate pace.

Alternative if needed due to ground conditions – Judith Legg will lead a ride around Charmouth Forest area. £5 payment by Bacs or correct cash on the day. Names to Fran Summers by Thursday, November 14th (fran.summers60@gmail.com).

Thursday, November 21st**Polework with Melissa Northwood**

Held at Chard Equestrian, this clinic is open to LCRC members and Area 12 members. Group – 60mins £25 LCRC (see website for Area 12). Please book directly with Rachel Collins (hello@rachelcollinsphotography.co.uk).

Friday, November 22nd**Flatwork with Isobel Goodwin**

Held at Chard Equestrian, this clinic is open to LCRC members and Area 12 members. Individual 30mins £30 / paired hour £27.50 LCRC (see website for Area 12). Please book directly with Rachel Collins (hello@rachelcollinsphotography.co.uk).

Friday, December 27th, 10.30am**Christmas ride**

We will be holding our festive December ride on Friday, December 27th at 10.30am. Starting from Seadown Caravan Park, Bridge Road, Charmouth DT6 6QS, by kind permission of the Osborne family. We will ride up to Stonebarrow across the bridleways and open fields towards Golden Cap and Langdon Woods, returning in a circular route. Ride will be at a moderate pace with chances to canter in open spaces. On a clear day, the views of Lyme Bay and to Portland and Torquay are amazing. No charge, just bring festive food to share. Names to Fran Summers by Monday, December 23rd (fran.summers60@gmail.com).

January 2025 – date TBC – 10.30am**Beach ride**

Exmouth – parking at Maer Road car park EX8 2DA. Fran Summers will lead this ride at low tide on Exmouth beach around to Sandy Bay. This will be at a medium pace and will allow members to canter or gallop (as they prefer) on the sands. Members must be confident to ride in control at a fast pace in an open space, and be mindful of other beach users. It is recommended members have attended at least two club rides previously.

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

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