

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. Please visit the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lamberts-castle-riding-club-ltd today.

The handiest book

DON'T forget, the BRC Handbook can be found online at bhs.org.uk/british-riding-clubs/brc-handbook.

It's always useful to check out any rules - new or old.

This year, a rider may compete for different riding clubs in different disciplines within the same season - although you have to be a member of each club.

The disciplines are show jumping, dressage, arena eventing, horse trials, combined training, and combined challenge.



Image: Kate Williams

Another fantastic year celebrated together

AFTER postponement of the AGM from the previous week due to snow, the LCRC annual meeting finally got underway on January 15th.

Under the fabulous hospitality of Kevin Baulch and his team at The Ridgeway, Smallridge, members tucked into a delicious two-course meal with a great chance to catch up with friends.

Chair Fiona Benger gave a great speech, reminding the club of some impressive results in competition throughout the year as well as thanking those who have helped and supported along the way including her "hardworking committee, who are a fantastic team".

She added: "They have run the club with very little help from me as I have had rather a lot on my plate this year and not been able to do very much, for this I have

been most grateful.

Especially to Sarah [Wharton] and Fran [Summers], who both go above and beyond. Sarah is a brilliant secretary and keeps us all informed of what is happening and Fran our great treasurer who does the thankless job of keeping the books balanced."

Fiona thanked Fran, Jan Osborne and Judith Legg for arranging the rides; and Rachel Collins for organising the very popular training sessions, adding that the club is still looking for a training helper to assist with the jump training.

Fiona recalled some of the club teams had a successful year, including the Area 12 intermediate dressage in March at KSEC where Sarah Wharton won the elementary on Jack; the combined training team competition at Chard where



Image: Jan Osborne

Laura Trott, Charlotte Chadwick and Emily Roser represented club at 80cm, as a non-qualifying team and came 5th; and in April, the Area 12 Combined Challenge at the new venue Mendip Plains – the 100cm qualifying team won, with all members getting placed individually – Fiona Bengier 2nd, Sophie Bengier 3rd, Kate Jupp 4th and Alex Jupp 6th. The team qualified for Aston le Walls in October where Kate finished 6th at the finals.

She also mentioned the Area 12 summer dressage at Chard with the senior riding test team winning, all team members were placed individually in their arenas with Sarah Wharton 1st, Fran Summers 3rd, Charlotte Chadwick 2nd, Lydia Steele 1st.

The senior prelim team also won – Kate Williams 2nd, Fran Summers 4th, Lydia Steele 1st. Lydia Steele also won novice 24 as an individual.

Fiona also recalled the Area 12 show jumping at KSEC with the 90cm team 1st - Fiona Bengier 2nd, Charlotte Chadwick 6th, Tony Collins 7th; and the style team 1st – Sarah Wharton 1st, Rachel Collins 2nd, both in 75cm and Fiona Bengier on Eric 2nd in 85cm. The other style team came 2nd – Christine Hill, Fran Summers and Fiona Bengier; and the 80cm team 4th - Christine Hill, Fiona Bengier, Fran Summers, Rachel Collins.

August saw the Hartpury Riding Club Regional Championships – 17th August – six club members

went: Charlotte Chadwick, Lydia Steele, Anna Burleigh, Fran Summers, Christine Hill and Fiona Bengier.

Fiona thanked all those who helped run our November Area 12 winter novice dressage at KSEC.

She said: “The dressage is our biggest fundraiser, which helps to subsidise the club’s running costs, training and championship teams.

“We are running the novice winter dressage again this year, therefore, please put November 2nd in your diaries and keep it free, as always, our club helpers will be well fed and watered.

“As a club we continue to keep up our high standards and good reputation for which we are known, which is thanks to all our supportive members.”

Fran Summers gave the treasurer’s report and the current committee members all agreed to participate in another year in office.

Awards were then presented to a variety of members (and horses) for different reasons – see list of award winners, right – and Jan Osborne gave Fiona, Fran and secretary Sarah Wharton a bouquet of flowers each to thank them for their tireless work throughout the year.

All members are welcome and encouraged to join the LCRC annual meeting. It is held in January each year where members can get together, catch up with friends and meet new people and enjoy a delicious meal together.

LCRC award winners 2024

Lady Blue memorial Horse’s

Head: Most successful senior at a championship: Kate Jupp at Aston le walls

Grassroots Horseshoe: Sarah Wharton on Ajax

The Nipper Perpetual cup:

Most versatile RC horse: Helen Turner and Alfie

The Nutwood trophy: Most improved RC horse: Tony Collins and Mr P

Firefly shield: Lydia Steele at the Area 12 dressage winning her 3 classes

LCRC Challenge shield:

Blooper of the year: Emma Guinness

Mick Challenge cup:

awarded to the highest placed senior at Area 12 SJ: Fiona Bengier on Eric

Firefly Challenge cup: for the most successful member at 80/90 level: Christine Hill

The Anne Butcher Inca

Perpetual Rose Bowl:

awarded to the club member who has been the most helpful volunteer and supporter of the club – Greta Duff, not only for all her LCRC help but for her RDA support



SOME of our fabulous award winners and their wonderful horses.

DIARY DATES

Monday 27th January

Beach ride

Exmouth, 10.30am. 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, and take the horses for a paddle in the sea. Members must be confident to ride in control at a fast pace in an open space, and be mindful and respectful of other beach users and dogs. It is recommended members have attended at least two club rides previously. £ 5 payment via Bacs or correct cash on the day. Names to Fran by 23rd January – fran.summers60@gmail.com

Thursday 30th January

Cavaletti with Melissa Northwood (Chard Equestrian)

Members and open to Area 12 members. Group 60mins, £25 LCRC (see web for Area 12). Please book directly with Rachel Collins – hello@rachelcollinsphotography.co.uk.

Thursday 20th February

Flatwork with Tyler Bradshaw (Chard Equestrian)

Members and open to Area 12 members. Individual 30mins £30 / Individual 45mins £40 (see web for Area 12). Please book directly with Rachel Collins – hello@rachelcollinsphotography.co.uk

Monday 24th February

Langdon Hill ride

10.30am, Fran will lead this ride 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 via bacs or correct cash on the day. Names to Fran by 20th February – fran.summers60@gmail.com

Friday 7th March

Flatwork with Isobel Goodwin (Chard Equestrian) FULL

Members and open to Area 12 members. Individual 30mins £30 / Individual 45mins £40 (see web for Area 12). Please book directly with Rachel Collins – hello@rachelcollinsphotography.co.uk

Thursday 20th March

Cavaletti with Melissa Northwood (Chard Equestrian)

Members and open to Area 12 members. Group 60mins £25 LCRC (see web for Area 12). Please book directly with Rachel Collins – hello@rachelcollinsphotography.co.uk

Tuesday 15th April

Jump Training with Gemma Hallett (Chard Equestrian)

Members only. Group 60mins £32.50 LCRC. 80/90 group and 1m+ group. Please book directly with Rachel Collins – hello@rachelcollinsphotography.co.uk

Tuesday 18th March

Ride from Great Coombe Farm

Fishpond, Bridport, DT6 6NR – 10.30am by kind permission of Judith Legg, who will lead this ride for us around the tracks near Lamberts Castle, so the ride will be at a slow to moderate pace. £5 payment via BACS or correct cash on the day. Names to Fran by 13th March – fran.summers60@gmail.com

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

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