



# Newsletter

## May 2011

### Welcome to Hadlow Riding Club's May Newsletter

Hello, and firstly a big warm welcome to our newest members. We hope everyone had a lovely break over the Easter and Royal Wedding Bank Holidays and enjoyed the gorgeous weather that we had.

#### Events coming soon

Date	Event	Contact
7 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	Cross Country Clinic	Linda Hughes
15 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	Dressage Show	Helen Westhead
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2011	Show Jumping Clinic	Linda Hughes
29 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	Dressage Clinic	Hannah Jones
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Show Jumping Clinic	Linda Hughes
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Dressage Show	Helen Westhead
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	TREC Clinic	Hannah Jones
19 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Show Jumping Show	Kathy Spence
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Cross Country Clinic	Linda Hughes

#### Dressage Clinic

We have arranged a dressage clinic for members only. To be held on Sunday 29th May between 3-5pm at Eddy Kingsford Liveries, Norton Green Farm, Stockbury, Sittingbourne, Kent. ME9 7RN. Yvonne Hursley has kindly agreed to run a dressage clinic where you are able to iron out your dressage worries. Yvonne's training sessions have proved to be very popular, informative and friendly with other clubs. This clinic is designed to be very flexible so whether you require only half an hour one on one training, a full hour or share your hour with a friend, Yvonne can accommodate all your needs. Cost is indicated below. Please contact Hannah Jones ([hannah@hadlowridingclub.co.uk](mailto:hannah@hadlowridingclub.co.uk)) if you would like to book a space.

1 hour one on one training = £20 per hour for Yvonne and £5 per horse school hire.

30 minutes one on one training = £10 per hour for Yvonne and £5 per horse school hire.

45 minutes one on one training = £15 per hour for Yvonne and £5 per horse school hire.

1 hour shared (2 horses) training = £10 per hour for Yvonne and £5 per horse school hire each.

### **XC Clinic**

The XC clinic on 7<sup>th</sup> May is nearly full, so please contact Linda ASAP if you were planning to come but have not yet sent your entries.

The Show Jumping clinic on 21st May still has space left. Entries need to be received by 7<sup>th</sup> May to ensure we have enough interest to run the clinic.

### **TREC Clinic**

Have you ever wanted to have a go at TREC? We have been very lucky to secure training from the Level 3 Individual TREC Champion of Great Britain 2010, Clare Reynolds on **Sunday 12th June**. Clare has been involved in TREC for many years and with a lovely course set out at her home, she has kindly invited Hadlow members to come along and have a go. The training will be in no more than groups of 4 horses for 1 hour and 30 minutes. During this time you will practise and learn the requirements for the Control of Paces and the PTV (obstacles) elements for TREC. The main obstacles that you will be covering are:- low branches, bending poles, bridge crossings, "S" bend, rein back, may pole and canter corridors. Cost for this training will be £20 per horse which also includes a brochure from the BHS providing an overview of TREC.

**Event to be held at:-** Glebe Court, Marley Road, Harrietsham, Kent, ME17 1BS.

**NOTE:** Please note that parking is restricted. Trailers will be parked in the field and lorries on Clare's drive. Please advise Hannah of your mode of transport when entering into this clinic so we can ensure there is enough space for everyone.

### **Our First Dressage Show**

We had an amazing day for our first dressage show, the sun was shining down on us and the classes were all well attended. I would like to say well done to all members who took part. It was lovely to meet some new members who have joined this year. We look forward to seeing you all at future events. Well done to those listed below who have qualified for our Championship Show on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Class 1	Walk & Trot Intro A	Lynn Rixson, Ruth Coulson and Ele Wheal
Class 2	Prelim 1	M. Sault and Caroline Brown
Class 3	Prelim 4	Lorraine Frankham and Karen Roberts
Class 4	Novice 20	Hannah Jones and Claire Murphy
Class 5	Novice 24	Lucy Taylor and R. Marks-Hubbard



**Lynn Rixson**



**Karen Griffiths**



**Hannah Jones**

The next dressage show is **15th May** (entries close the Tuesday prior to the show). Schedule can be found on our website.

### **Show Jumping Show**

We are hoping our jumping show this year will prove very popular and great fun. We have put some of the traditional classes in for example Pairs, Topscore, Take Your Own Line and Barrel Jumping (Polyjump Block). We are also running normal height classes & clear round of course. There will be a points championship for the rider – horse/pony combination who get the most points from a maximum of 5 classes during the day (4 from the main ring plus the barrel jumping). The show is sponsored by Equiping ([www.equinedesigns.co.uk](http://www.equinedesigns.co.uk)).

### **XC clinic – feedback and photos**

We have had a staggering amount of lovely feedback regarding our XC clinic we ran on 9<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to give feedback. We value all feedback whether it's good or bad, it's what ensures we are offering a good service to all our members.

"I had a brilliant time at the clinic. I really enjoyed it - I know my horse did too! - as did the people who I attended with. We thought Bonfleur was an excellent venue and accessibility with trailers wasn't quite as tight as we thought it might be - I personally find

the travelling and parking with a trailer issue the most stressful part of getting out and about! We all benefited greatly from Vanessa's patient and helpful guidance and confidence building and I am already looking forward to 7 May (must get my entry in.....)! I am a new member of the Club and trying to get over my cowardice and get back into jumping with a younger horse so I will take all the opportunities I can get to try and do so! No complaints at all. Thanks for all your hard work organising such events. "

"It was a great day on Saturday thanks. Bonfleur was a good venue - nice and flat to start XC - and quite local for a lot of people. I'd definitely go to another clinic there."

"OMG!!! Loved it! I was so pleased with Vanessa's confidence inspiring approach. She allowed me to build my confidence slowly but also pushed me out of my comfort zone... the perfect combination! I liked Bonfleur - a good mix of size and shape jumps with reasonable ground. I would definitely go again. I thought it was friendly, informative and very non cliky (I'm used to Sevenoaks!!!!) I loved Vanessa's attitude too! Obviously the weather helped but it's the first time I've ever actually wanted to do more!!! Fantastic!!"

"I would like to thank you all at Hadlow Riding Club for organising the cross country clinic yesterday. This is only the second outing for us this year to an organised event and I would like to say what a great club you are. A real friendly, fun club, which is what it's all about isn't it?"

"Bonfleur was perfect, definitely a place to use again. Vanessa couldn't have been better, she got the balance just right, I arrived feeling very unconfident, after not having jumped for a year and a half, and left full of confidence."



**Helen Westhead**



**Katie Sellick**



**Emily Strange**



**Gill Miller**

### **Summer Camp is back!**

We are very pleased that we are running another Summer Camp this year. It will be run along similar lines to before with 4 hours of tuition over the first two days with fun events in the evenings. It is 3 full days of horsey heaven plus two half days on arrival/departure days to allow you plenty of time to enjoy all the facilities or ride over the beautiful South Downs.

We have two great instructors booked – Amelia Wilbourn and Suzanne Marshall who will ensure you enjoy your stay whilst having excellent instruction.

A full information sheet and booking form on the camp can be found on our website.

***Hannah***

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