



MSRC Autumn Newsletter 2014

Dear Member,

Well this is amazing - the second Autumn newsletter in a row when we can start with what a wonderful summer we have had!!! There has been plenty of good hay and haylage made this year so the winter feed bills should be no more expensive than the year before, but let us hope that we don't see the awful flooding problems of last year.

*2014 has been a fairly quiet year for our teams at National Championships but our Senior Open dressage team were 8th at Lincoln, with the best individual performance coming from Nikki Forbes in 4th place in her arena, the team were 10th in the Riding Test with Lola Ham securing a well deserved 2nd in her arena. Congratulations to everyone who represented us at Area or Championships in 2014. Our Team Managers work so hard to get teams together and once again we would stress that the onus is on YOU to contact the relevant Team Manager and tell them that you would like to be considered for a team. If you put yourself forward for a qualifying team, please be aware of when and where the Championship is due to take place and if your team qualify you will be expected to go to the Championship. Our Team Managers are: **Alys Matravers - dressage - 07525 717 925, Mandie Bown - horse trials and combined training etc on 07968 146 209 and Sara Bartlett - show jumping on 07967 208 778. They would love to hear from you!!!!** The first qualifier will take place at Pontispool on October 26th for the Winter Dressage in which 2 members ride a Prelim test and two ride a Novice test. The final for this competition is at Hartpury in the Spring. All tests at the qualifier and championship are on a surface.*

The Summer programme of events and training went well and although entries are frustratingly slow to come in - the Pic n Mix looked dire up to a week before the competition - but then by the time the day of competition arrived, entries were quite respectable. It is so stressful for the organisers though especially when we are hiring venues often at vast expense. So please try and enter early!!! We thank our Summer trainers - Amanda Edmonds, Gill Longhurst, Gaye Farquharson and Ed Hobbs. The training has been very enjoyable and informative and several new combinations have benefited from these sessions.

So to the Winter Programme -on the competition front we have dressage and jumping at King's Sedgemoor and dressage at Kingfisher. We have training at Kingfisher with Nikki Stephens taking the popular Monday night sessions again, three clinics with Gaye Farquharson and day clinics with Sue Petty, Steve Hague and Jane Holderness - Roddam. We need helpers for competitions and training days and will be very glad to hear from you if you can spare a couple of hours on any of the dates. Please contact the organiser of the event or training - they will be delighted to hear from you!

The membership fee has been held at the 2013/14 level and membership is due for renewal on November 1st. We hope to see you at the AGM on November 6th at Long Sutton Village Hall - free supper - presentation of annual awards and for entertainment we have asked various previous members of the Riding Club to come and talk about where their lives with horses have now taken them. Star turn will be Caroline Keevil, who is now a successful trainer. World Horse Welfare will be there with Christmas Cards etc - so please do make use of this opportunity to buy cards and gifts from them. Do come along and tell us the things YOU would like to see the club

putting on in future. The Supper Evening with Mark Todd is almost upon us - this sold out so quickly we hope you were not disappointed - but the applications came in thick and fast and Margaret was inundated with post within days of the announcement of the date and venue.

*We hope to see you out and about at our events this winter and Safe Riding!
If you are not riding - **please** offer to help at one of the events or training sessions.*

FROM MARGARET

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After standing down as your Chairman at the end of last year our club is running seamlessly on thanks to the ever efficient working committee, while a new Chair appointment is made.

I would like to say an enormous 'Thank You ' to so many of you who very generously contributed to my gift; to say that I was overwhelmed is an understatement as so many of you were so kind. And my ornamental corgi stands on my shelf, close by, as a lovely reminder of my Chairmanship of Mid Somerset.

I am continuing as an 'Indian' instead of the 'Chief' for as long as I am wanted so will still be seeing you all as often as you come to our Club events. Thank you for your support, in every way over the years,

Very Sincerely,

Margaret

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