

🌿 MSRC Autumn Newsletter 2017 🌿

Dear Member,

It is the end of another summer season and the nights are really drawing in now - and worst of all the dark mornings are with us.

We have run quite a full programme of events during the summer and some have been more successful than others. The Annual Show suffered from the loss of the Badminton Dressage qualifiers, which always boosted the entries. We do hope another sponsor will be found as that was always a great day out to send teams to ride in the RC sections in the Park.

Regarding our teams for BRC qualifiers - our long suffering team managers work so hard and although the dressage has really seen a huge revival this year we are very short of anyone wanting to leave the ground and our Show Jumping and Horse Trials participation has been minimal.

*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: **Carol Plested - Dressage on 07973 360 968,***

***Sara Bartlett - Show Jumping on 07967 208 778, and Martin Boreham - Horse Trials on 07813132 949. THEY WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!!** A Riding Test Team qualified for the South West and Wales regional championships at Hartpury in August and finished just outside the team placings with Jaki Dyer earning an individual 5th. It was a lovely day, well organised and blessed with nice weather and some of us that went to support had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The first qualifier of the winter series took place at King's Sedgemoor on October 8th, for the Winter Dressage in which 2 members ride a Prelim test and two ride a Novice test. The final for this competition is next Spring. Thanks to all the Club members who came and helped that day - it is a complicated competition with seniors and juniors, qualifiers and non qualifiers, teams and individuals involved and Andrea Jones and her scoring team faced a Herculean task of crunching all the numbers. It would appear that Jaki Dyer has qualified as an individual for the National Final at Arena UK in April. Congratulations!*

*So to the Winter competitions - we have dressage and jumping at King's Sedgemoor and dressage at Kingfisher. We desperately need helpers for both competition 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 Alex Green re the dressage days as she has kindly offered once again to sort all the entries and we are now running the EQUO events management system for those who prefer to enter this way - so the day organisers are only that - entries and times taken care of - you run the actual competition day only! At KSEC we are offering long arena tests in addition to the usual 20 x 40 tests. The training days, we hope, will offer something for everyone and every ability.*

*The membership fee has been held for another year at the 2016/17 level and membership is due for renewal on November 1st. **Please renew promptly!** Please remember to advise Julia of any change in your details such as address - email or phone number - mobile or land line. Please make your personal data legible as we have found problems with some of our membership lists.*

We hope to see you at the AGM on November 27th at Long Sutton Village Hall - free supper - presentation of annual awards and for entertainment we have our very own local event rider, Alex Bragg talking about his life on the eventing circuit which should be very interesting. World Horse Welfare Christmas Cards will be on sale - so please make use of this opportunity to buy cards to support them. From our Quiz Night in March we were able to purchase more poles for WHW and make a donation of £250 to the Injured Jockeys Fund. A group went to the yard of trainer Dominic Ffrench-Davis and also had a tour of the Jockey Club's pristine Lambourn gallops and presented the cheque that day.

*Do come along to the AGM and tell us the things **YOU** would like to see the club putting on in future. The Supper Evening with Emile Faurie - is almost upon us - if you haven't yet booked - contact Margaret NOW! Tickets are going fast! We look forward to hearing his account of the recent European Championships in Gothenburg. The evening will support his Foundation to bring access to horses to the under privileged.*

We have training opportunities for everyone this winter - clinics with our usual instructors - Amanda Edmonds, Ed Hobbs, Gill Longhurst and Sue Petty. We will have our annual visit from Jane Holderness-Roddam in January and have another test riding day with List 2 BD judge Lynne Baldwin in February. We have had two of these already and they are very popular and well worth attending.

We hope to see you out and about at our events this winter

*If you are **not** riding - **please** offer to help at one of the events or training sessions - just a couple of hours would spread the load on the regulars!!!.*

Safe Riding!

Main Club contacts: Margaret Peverley (01935 473 188), Marian Draper (07885 301 898), Julia Down (01373 461 807), Alex Green (01460 281 032).

Team managers contact details are given in the newsletter above.

IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW HAS HAD PROBLEMS RECEIVING OUR PROGRAMMES - PLEASE CONTACT JULIA DIRECTLY TO ENSURE THAT THE DETAILS HELD ARE CORRECT.