



Spring Newsletter



April 2019

Hello Spring.....

Well we are now into the Spring season and the past couple of weeks have given us some beautiful weather, the sun has had his hat on and the temperatures are rising, albeit slowly! I am sure all your horses and ponies have had their first 'naked' days in the field and are loving it, rolling around getting very dirty and leaving their silhouette of hair on the ground while they run off kicking up their heels. Meanwhile, you watch from the gateway praying, and probably screaming, for them not to roll.....too late! You are now not looking forward to the mammoth task of brushing when you retrieve your mud monster from the field later on ☺ That said, I think we are all looking forward to the warmer weather.

Another good thing to come of the drier forecast is the opening of XC facilities. Many centres are now opening their courses for hire and Hunter Trials will soon commence for many, if they haven't started already. With this in mind, the Committee are looking for venues to hold some XC clinics, so do look out for these in the near future. Lots of clinics are now up on the Events section of the Facebook page. Some have had very good entries already so don't miss out. A list of rallies and clinics can be found further down this Newsletter.

The Club website is still under construction but should be ready very soon. This will be a great addition to the Club, as from here you will be able to view rallies and clinics and enter online. This will be of particular use to those of you that don't use Facebook.

If you have any information, stories or photos from any of the Clubs clinics or shows, or anything else you wish to share on the Newsletter please contact me on the following email - chanceequine@yahoo.com

Charlotte x



Committee Information....

As some of you will know we had our annual AGM meeting at The Speech House on 25th February 2019. For those that did not come, I would like to make you aware of some changes to the Committee and their contact information. The Clubs plans for the coming year can be found later on in the Newsletter.

The new committee for 2019 is as follows....

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Charmaine Woodington and Ellie Hodgkinson have both made the decision to stand down due to work commitments. However, Charmaine will still help at events when possible, she has already sorted the club sponsorships for 2019, so we just need to sort the show sponsors.

Charlotte Brain is a new committee member, she has taken on the role of Vice Chairman and Minutes Secretary and will liaise with Kirsty Holder. She will also be covering the Clubs Social Media, Website and Newsletter. If you have anything you would like to share, photos and stories, adverts etc, then get in touch with Charlotte on the email above.



Whats On.....

6 th April 2019 1pm	Polework or Groundwork Clinic	Weston-under-Penyard	£25 Members £30 Non Members
14 th April From 9am	Dressage & SJ Show	The Speech House	
18 th April 10am – 5:30pm	Poles Clinic	Hulks Livery Yard	£15 Members £20 Non Members
5 th May From 9am	SJ Show & Summer League Dressage	The Speech House	
17 th May Sellers 6:15pm Buyers 7pm	Table Top Tack Sale	Westbury-on-Severn	Tables £8 Buyers £1 entry
18 th May 11am – 2pm	Showing Clinic	Hulks Livery Yard	£22 Members £26 Non Members
23 rd June From 10:30am 45min lessons	Dressage to Music Clinic	Hulks Livery Yard	£35 Members £40 Non Members

Please note that FULL payment will be required at the time of booking for all clinics and rallies from April 2019. Without full payment your space will not be secured. Please understand that we have instructors to pay, whether you turn up or not. Only in the event of a wait list, where your space can be filled, will a refund be given. If you have an exceptional circumstance where you cannot attend an event that you have booked and paid for, please contact Kirsty Holder.

All clinics, rallies and shows are now being advertised on the Riding Diary and Hereford Equestrian, as well as the Club facebook page and website.



Plans for the coming year

The club is now introducing some Tiny Tots events to try and encourage the younger generation to come along. We are also considering running some evening Dressage & Clear Round Show Jumping throughout the Summer months.

We will be asking club members for their ideas on different things to run this season, things that maybe of interest to others that have not been done before. Ideas are always welcome, so please do get in touch.

Membership

Not renewed your Membership yet? Membership for the Club is still open. Take advantage of discounted rates for all Show entries, Rallies and Clinics.

Membership forms are available by email or post. Contact Kay or Kirsty Holder.

In the near future you will be able to join the Club or Renew your Membership online from the Clubs website.

NEW 2019 Show Information

We have a new caterer for our shows this year, CLIFF BOWLS & ROLLS.

Competitors please note, there will be an added payment of £1.50 per rider for Show entries this year. This is to cover payment for all First Aiders and is in-keeping with all equestrian shows across the board. This fee is per rider entry, not per class entry.

The Show Jumps at our main show venue, The Speech House, have now been upgraded with new 'keyhole tracks', these are the new cup fixings for Show Jumps and are up to date with Health and Safety Regulations.



Helpers.....

The Club is organising upcoming Shows for you, but we need your help to make them happen. Each Show takes a long time to organise, setting up the day before and running it on the day. If you can spare a few hours to help setup, or even a few hours on the day this will be of tremendous help to us all and ensure easy running of the Show.

Each person that helps will receive a voucher for one free class entry for another show.

We like to be well prepared so that everything runs smoothly on the day and everyone enjoys themselves, we cannot do this without you. Let us all pull together and not leave it to the few that offer every time.

Thank you

The Committee would like to wish you all the very best for the 2019 season and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

