

Cotswold Edge Riding Club Christmas edition

December 2015

Dear Members

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas 🎵🎵#🎵🎵

May I welcome all members new and existing to CERC we are hoping to give you all a varied itinerary throughout 2016 and when you have an idea on something new please do tell us so we can organise if viable.

The CERC Christmas Party was a great success and my head was banging the following day so always a great sign. We held our EGM before getting stuck into our lovely meal and we are pleased to announce we will be changing the age of membership to 11 years old,. A vote was taken and the majority agreed. I would add though that a few reservations were made and the Committee will review regularly. A couple of reasons for this decision were put to the Committee as a couple of Mums would like their daughters to be involved in RC activities and as Mums will be attending venues it may increase participation of fixtures and in turn reduce costs. Another reason is rather a lot of juniors are moving to seniors and we want to keep the successful Junior teams going. We believe members will not notice any difference as we will not be promoting this change but we want to have the option of all our future stars competing and joining in with us. The happy equilibrium of the club is paramount and rest assured we do welcome your comments and suggestions so please do message any of us with your thoughts.

The new Committee are all revved up and full of great ideas for 2016 and we all hope we will be seeing you all out and about and joining in the fun and games and the cake!

We wouldn't usually have a Newsletter so soon after the last but we did think an interim version was needed so those not on Facebook don't miss out on anything coming up.

So lets cut the chat from me and give you a sneaky preview

Caroline
Chairman

PS - Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year you all

Rallies – Chris Clark

January 16th

Show Jumping at Frith Farm, Wickwar, with Rachel Sheldon.

10am up to 80cm – spaces available

11am 80cm + - no spaces available

February 6th

Flatwork at Kites Nest Farm near Wotton under Edge, with Amanda Heimens.

No spaces available.

If you are interested please e mail/PM Chris and she will see what she can do to accommodate by asking for an extra hour – can't make any promises though.

February 14th

Improvers Dressage at Burrows Court Farm

Ride a test, get some feedback from the judge and then ride the test again and be sure to improve your marks!! Rosettes are up for grabs! This is a relaxed and informal event, an ideal opportunity to improve your test riding without the nerves of a real live competition.

As soon as rallies are organised they are getting filled as they are really popular so keep your eyes and ears open – Chris will always do her utmost to give lots of opportunities to all. Your cheque/bank transfer secures your place and if the worse happens and you can't make it , we will try our darndest to fill with those on the waiting list so you don't lose out so win win all. However, if we can't fill we will have to cash your cheques to make the rally viable for all.

Saturday March 12th

Grid work at Smiths Farm, Badminton, with Simon Jobbins.

10am – smaller group- approx.. up to 80cm

11am - larger group - approx.. 80cm and over.

Simon is happy to accommodate whoever is in the rally and will adjust fence heights to suit everyone so don't be put off with the above indications of heights.

£18 per person.

March dates, times and venue to be confirmed.

Pole work and mini jumping with Rachel Sheldon.

This rally will be designed to encourage novice horse and rider combinations, those who are new to jumping or have young horses. Rachel is a great jump instructor and is always happy to help!

£15 per person

FULL DETAILS of all the rallies are on the website as and when we book them up.

Day Camp – Leanne Fitton

After asking members what they would like to do around camp in 2016 the consensus was day camps after the success of Charlie's organising at Hollisters. Hollisters can be

tricky to hire in the spring due to our changeable British weather. Leanne has done some investigating and here we are

We have two 1 day camps scheduled for April 23rd & 24th at Rabson Manor. The days will consist of 1 hour dressage, SJ and XC sessions in groups of similar abilities. Rabson is a BHS approved centre that has a 60x40 rubber topped outdoor arena with a set of jump 4 joy SJ's and a XC course of approx 80 jumps, ranging from 2ft to BE100. Once we have idea of numbers attending, we can organise instructors and if people want to mix and match that is fine and we can price accordingly. . If the weather's good we can have a picnic in the car park for lunch – a byo American style picnic with cake of course!

Caroline says : As Team Manager, I am really keen for as many as possible to attend this camp and have a play and meet other members in a relaxed atmosphere and perhaps consider joining in team activities. Rabson is fab and I have spent many hours fence judging so know the facilities are GR8!!!

Team Events – Sue Cursham and Chris Clark

Area 9 qualifiers

Saturday – 30th Jan 2016 – Winter Junior Novice, Junior Intermediate Show jumping
Summerhouse EC Senior – Intermediate Showjumping

Sunday 31st Jan 2016 - Winter Senior Novice Showjumping
Summerhouse EC

[Schedule](#)
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Sunday 28th Feb 2016 - Winter Senior Intermediate Dressage. Junior Medium only
Leyland Court

[Schedule](#)

17th April 2016.
Combined Training at
Rabson Manor.
Schedule not released yet

4th June 2016.
Dressage to Music at
Burrows Court.
Schedule not released yet.

Socials – Sue Giddings

www.airhoppark.com

The worlds biggest trampoline park based just behind Asda at Cribbs Causeway. The chance for Cerc members and friends to bounce for fun whilst practicing their air shapes and landing techniques!!!. Please book directly online using the website address above for. 8.1.16 Bristol 7pm £11.00 per person message Sue G or anyone on the Committee to let us know you are coming. Possibly followed by food afterwards if Caroline has any say on the matter.

DATES FOR THE DIARIES

Hunter Trial at Hollisters 25th September, please get your names on the list to help we can't pull this off without you. Thanks

Membership reminder – Please get your membership forms through to Sue Cursham - Parks Farm, Bristol Road, Cambridge, Gloucester. GL2 7AR (scursham@yahoo.com) so that you are on the BRC database and able to reap the benefits of being a member of an Affiliated Riding Club and also eligible to compete for your club. You cannot attend rallies in 2016 unless you are a member!

[http://www.cotswoldedgerc.co.uk/CERC Membership form 2016.docx](http://www.cotswoldedgerc.co.uk/CERC%20Membership%20form%202016.docx)

*We Wish you a Merry
Christmas and a really
safe/Prosperous New Year*

