



Gipping Riding Society *October 2015 Newsletter*



Sadly the nights are drawing in and we've just held our last riding competition for the year but what a fabulous season of events it has been. All that's left in the GRS diary this year is the AGM! We hope you've been able to join us at some of our events this year and are looking forward to the next!

Fun Show, Crows Hall 13.09.2015

Due to circumstances out of our control our usual Annual Show plans were turned upside down and inside out. Thinking fast and on our feet we managed to sort a new schedule and find a new venue to run a scaled down show. Huge thanks to Ms Caroline Spurrier who saved the day by allowing us to use Crows Hall as our new venue. The venue worked perfectly and it was a real pleasure to use the beautiful grounds at Crows Hall. We had the use of fenced rings for the show classes and then the show jumping took place on the surfaced arena providing perfect footing, even when the weather turned wet in the afternoon. It was fantastic to see so many turn up and have a really enjoyable day. We had so many competitors that we had to go into an overflow lorry park! We were very lucky to have sun in the morning which sadly turned to rain in the afternoon but it didn't seem to put anyone off, with many people staying the entire day. We have received some lovely feedback regarding the show which really does make it all worthwhile. The show had a wonderful atmosphere where everyone was encouraged and I don't think any competitor went away empty handed. More thanks goes to those who gave up their time to help set up, take down and help in the various roles on the day. We were very lucky to have lovely judges who certainly had their work cut out for them with so many entries in some classes, thank you to them for giving up their time. Thanks also to our photographer on the day who very kindly stepped in at the last minute. I know there was a slight delay in the photo's becoming available but I think it was certainly worth the wait! All in all the show was a resounding success and as so many people have asked we will indeed run it again next year!



Dressage, Crows Hall 11.10.2015

Yet again we found ourselves at the beautiful Crows Hall for our dressage competition. We were blessed with a perfect sunny day with wonderful shiny horses and ponies as well as some sparkly 'bling' making the trip out! We were very pleased to see so many members taking part and going away with some excellent results. Our judge Malcolm Brown did a wonderful job judging all of the tests along with Alison who did a grand job being writer for the day. Tea and cake was plentiful and again some lovely feedback received. Thank you to all our stewards and those doing the scoring. Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing day out – leaving behind the usual 'stressage' feeling!



Quiz Night 14.10.2015

We were a few teams down this year at the quiz but that certainly didn't alter the competitive mood that evening! Adam played quizmaster this year and did a good job in keeping the peace. Lynne and Bex who sorted the questions had a good variety and with a couple of hard questions checked in kept everyone on their toes. It turned into a very close game with just 1 point between 1st, 2nd and 3rd. 'The Pushovers' or 'Smart Arses' as they boldly changed their name to midway managed to secure the win. There were a vast amount of goodies to be had as well as some lovely gifts in the raffle. Thank you to those who brought along a raffle prize and to Tack & Turnout for donating some lovely prizes. A good fun evening had by all.





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AGM, Thursday 19th November 2015, 7.30pm

Annual General Meeting 2015.

We are holding our AGM on Thursday 19th November at Mendlesham Community Centre. The meeting starts at 7.30 but if you wish to pay subscriptions please arrive early. The agenda will include the election of committee members. The current committee who will be standing for re-election are:

Anne Gayfer (Chair), Gillian Orves (Secretary), Adam Joslin (Treasurer), Lynne Baines (Vice Chair), Lynne Jardine (Membership), Cathy Woollard, Rebecca Cross and Rachel Greer.

Alison Nicholson is seeking election as a new member of the committee. Maureen Moore is standing down and we thank her for her hard work over the time she has been on the committee.

If you too would be interested in joining the committee please contact Anne on 01728 861 424 or email ajgayfer@gmail.com

Formal proceedings should finish at approximately 8pm and will be followed by a finger buffet and time for a chat and catch up. There will then be a talk by Bridget Colston who will be talking about her work with Monty Roberts and his tours in England.

Club Clothing

We will be ordering a selection of GRS branded clothing to sell at the AGM. If anyone would like to order specific items please contact Lynne Jardine lynne@lynnejardine.co.uk Please see below for options and prices, all items can be personalized with your name etc for an additional cost.

Polo Shirt – Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL **£10.00**, Child Sizes: Age 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/11, 12/13, 14/15 **£7.00**

Sweat Shirts – Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL **£15.00**, Child Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL **£12.00**

Hoodies – Adult Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL **£20.00**, Child Sizes: Age 3/4, 5/6, 7/8 or 9/10 **£17.00**

Additional £5.00 added for name of horse/rider on back of garment.

Subscriptions

Yes it's almost that time again to sort the annual membership subscriptions! Unfortunately there will be a slight increase on prices this year. This is to cover an increase in charges that we pay to the BRC per member. We are however still one of the cheapest riding clubs to join in the area and we like to feel that all our members get their monies worth! Please see below for new prices:

Adult Riding: **£20.00** Junior Riding: **£14.00** Non-Rider: **£12.00** Family: **£40.00**

Dates BRC Area 14 Competitions 2016

9-10.01.2016 – Novice & Intermediate Winter Dressage, Broads Equestrian Centre

14.02.2016 – Intermediate & Novice Show Jumping, Tophorn Equestrian Centre

TBC April – Festivals of the Horse Challenge

24.04.2015 – FOTH Combined Training, Thorne Court

15.05.2015 – Dressage & Riding Test, Dressage to Music, Stratford Hills

26.06.2015 – Horse Trails, Poplar Park

TBC July – Show & Style Jumping, Geldeston Hall.

If any members would like to be part of a team or compete as an individual at these events please register your interest with Lynne Baines traininggrs@gmail.com You will then be contacted when the schedules are out with more details.

We welcome anyone onto our teams so don't be shy it's a fabulous experience and good fun with lots of support.

Competition Time

Thanks to those who entered the caption. The winning caption chosen was “All those in favour of some Champers mid ride, please raise your hands” prize is now on it's way to Beverly...



This time around I'm looking for members to send in their favorite photo from a GRS event. I'm after a photo that sums up the club and what we're all about. There will of course be a prize for the winning photo. Please send your entries to rebecca.cross@kocurek.co.uk Entries will close on 01.01.2016 so get looking!

Evening Training

Please keep your eyes open for emails regarding training dates for November. It's great that these are well supported by our members. Dates are also posted on our website.

Next evening training is with Bex Cross on Tuesday 20th October at Tophorn, flat work & poles.

Next junior/novice training is Sunday 8th November at Otley College.



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Moving With the Times...

Hopefully by the time this reaches everyone you will have received an email regarding the use of Web Collect. As a club we like to listen to our member's requests and one of late is the option to pay for training via bank transfer. In today's age this is an option which does indeed make life easier; no hassle with sending cheques and for the club less faff on a session trying to round up monies. Web Collect is set up so all your information is already there and using the clubs page you can select and pay for training sessions (and all going to plan subscriptions!) Web Collect then generates a unique reference for you to use when completing your payment online via your own bank. With this code we then know who has paid and then we update the details so you can see that all is confirmed. As this is a completely new to us we're still getting to grips with it but having trialed this for the next junior training session it looks like it does work! If you haven't received the initial email or need some help please contact Lynne who will answer any questions lynne@lynnejardine.co.uk We would be grateful for everyone's patience whilst we perfect it though. Also if anyone has any comments about it please let us know your thoughts!

Anything to add?

If you've any comments, suggestions or ideas for the newsletter please email Bex – Rebecca.cross@kocurek.co.uk Also if you've any pictures of you and your horse at our events please send them in so they can be included! Don't forget if you're interested in joining the committee then please get in touch – we're an extremely friendly bunch and some of us make exceptionally good cake which is always available at meetings!

And Finally...

Gipping Riding Society would like to wish all its members a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

