



# Chobham and District Riding Club

December 2020

*Our December newsletter includes: The latest lockdown regulations, Online Quiz, membership renewal and training activities.*

## John Foss

It is with great sadness that we tell CDRC members that John Foss died at the end of November.

It was nearly 35 years ago, in 1986, that John's wife, Ann, was asked to set up a riding club at Langshot. John had his horse, Highlight, on livery there and it was an obvious base for a club. It started as Langshot Riding Club, but very quickly transformed into Chobham and District and affiliated with the British Riding Clubs movement. It was impossible for John to escape involvement and he became both the Chairman and Treasurer. Between them, they were the driving force in getting the club up and running.

Both John and Ann stayed as core members of the committee right through to 2002, when they decided it was time to step back and let new faces take the club onwards. Those of us involved in the Committee during their tenure will have fond memories of meetings at their bungalow. Ann providing the refreshments, always with chocolate biscuits, and John presiding over a sometimes excitable bunch of equestrian ladies.

When John tapped the arm of his chair with his pipe we knew that maybe our enthusiasm had slightly run away with us.

However, stepping back from the CDRC committee by no means meant that John and Ann stepped away from either our club or the riding clubs movement. They remained actively interested in all that CDRC was doing and looked forward to receiving the newsletters to keep up with all that was going on. It was a pleasure to welcome them to our dressage at Merrist Wood in 2019.

John was also the Treasurer for Area 11 for many years and, with Ann, ran the London and South East Dressage to Music Championship at Sands farm from the early 90s up to 2013.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go to Ann, John's wife of more than 50 years.

## National lockdown

From 2 December, BRC activities can resume across all Tiers. (Surrey is Tier 2)

Being in Tier 2 mean a Maximum of six people from any number of households can be at a training venue.

It should be noted that your individual Tier is taken from your home address, not where your horse is kept. If you live in a Tier 1 or Tier 3 area please consult the regulations about travelling into other Tiers.

We continue to minimise unnecessary contact and provide sanitizing gel at venues.

If you feel unwell or are asked to self-isolate from the Government track and trace, please ensure you do not attend any event



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please make sure you book into these clinics through the Riding Club email. Payment will also need to be made once booking is confirmed to reserve you space as they are limited.

### **Saturday 05 December**

Polework clinic with Jade Hyatt (£15 each) at Ringlestone Farm- group lesson

### **Saturday 12 December**

Dressage clinic with Suzanne Holt (£25 for a private 45 minute lesson / pairs lessons available)

### **Sunday 13 December**

Dressage clinic with Malcolm Hunt (£25 for a private 45 minute lesson / pairs lessons available)

### **Saturday 19 December**

Arena Eventing clinic with Jade Hyatt (£15 each) at Ringlestone Farm – group lesson

### **Sunday 20 December**

Working Hunter instructional with Amie FitzSimmons  
Complete a working hunter course and learn about showing techniques  
£20 for a shared 60 minute instructional



## QUIZ – MONDAY 14 DECEMBER

With the recent lockdown and continued restrictions unfortunately, we are still unable to meet up in person to run and non-riding activities.

However, we would like to invite everyone to an online only event.

On Monday 14 December, 19:45 for a prompt 20:00 start, we will be holding an online quiz. The quiz will be general knowledge and trivia and not horse related so members of your family can also join in with you.

The quiz will be run over zoom using Kahoot. To join in with the quiz, please email us so we can add you to the zoom distribution group. (consumption of food and beverage is permitted throughout the Quiz)

Many thanks to our quiz master Claire for organizing this event.

## RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of year again, renewal subs are due once again for 2021. As discussed at the AGM held earlier in the year, British Riding clubs have increased the membership fees and as a result we have had to increase our fees to £24 for the year, which is equivalent to £2 a month. Membership entitles you to enter any CDRC organised event at reduced prices, including our shows. You will also be insured at any BRC run event, including training and receive a quarterly instalment of news, information and articles exclusively for BRC members.

If you do not re-join by 31 January, you will need to pay the additional £10 administration fee on top of the annual payment as per our constitution.

To re-join, if your details haven't changed, simply pay the membership fee of £24 into the club account and email us to confirm. If your details have changed please complete the attached form.

**Chobham and District Riding Club**

**Sort code: 40-47-08**

**Account Number: 22516586**

**HSBC**

Please try to reference as 'membership'.



### **Dates for your diary for 2021**

Sunday 18 April – Indoor dressage at Merrist Wood

Sunday 05 September – Indoor dressage at Merrist Wood

### **Christmas Gifts**

If you are short of Christmas ideas we have vouchers to be used against instructionals. Just email us for more details

### **Goddards Equine Hydrotherapy.**

The Equine Water Treadmill has recently moved to Clasford Farm Stables just 5 minutes away from Merrist Wood, so convenient for many CDRC members. Located on a quiet livery yard, the treadmill has level access, making it easy for horses to walk in and out. Customers will also receive complimentary use of the solarium post session if required. With winter weather on the way, this is an ideal way of supplementing your horse's exercise programme.

As an introductory offer, Rob is offering CDRC members a 10% discount on all sessions booked and paid for by the end of December. That includes multi session block bookings with future sessions taking place in 2021.

Prices are -

Introductory session - normal price £25, CDRC offer £22.50

Single session - normal £40, CDRC £36

Block of 6 sessions - normal £210, CDRC £189

Block of 10 sessions - normal £325, CDRC £292.50

To book, contact Rob on 07543 220400 quoting your CDRC membership number. If you can't find that, you can give your postcode. A member of the CDRC Committee is a livery at Clasford and will verify the discount eligibility.

### **CDRC Committee**

Chair – Sara Green

Secretary – Amelia James

Treasurer – Nick Valvona

Membership – Claire Valvona

Teams & Training – Liz Hillier-Sinclair

Area Liaison – Caroline Shrub

Website & Communications - Paul Broadest-Dixon

Committee Member - Malcolm Hunt

Sarah Leno is the Club Safeguarding Officer.

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