

BISHOPS RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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The winter league has now finished and we look forwards to the summer program of competitions starting with the horse trials on June 28th at Northallerton Equestrian Centre, I know it is further to travel but it was felt that as they have a good variety of fences it was a good idea to go there, and it is very easy to get to. Area 2 are holding a cross country schooling day at Hedley West on May 9th if you are interested have a look on the area 2 website for details of how to book. On the subject of horse trials, if you are intending to compete at Northallerton you will need to splash out and buy yourself a club Rugby shirt these can be obtained from Lynne for £25 you will also need a medical armband.

Could members that have used club saddle cloths over the winter please have a look to see if they have handed them back as we are missing a couple.

The area held a top score competition which was a qualifier for the royal Windsor horse show and the novice section was won by our own Shelley Routledge on her horse Chucky Egg, this was a great class to win and we all wish Shelley luck at Windsor. In the intermediate class Daniel Malkin was 3rd and Anita Leadbetter 6th, this new event seemed to go down well with everyone taking part enjoying it. We did not field a team in the riding test as most people were doing other things that day, it was our clubs turn to help on the day and as usual did a sterling job so a big thank you to all who helped with that.

We have had interest shown in getting the rural riders team up and running again, we already have six members interested in forming a team but if any one else would like to have a go please contact Lynne, it is six horses doing a semi tricky dressage test at the same team, you get marked for keeping close together and accuracy of the movements, it is good fun to do but it does give you brain ache sometimes!!!

On May 27th Patti Atkinson has kindly offered to do a driving demo with "Victor", her lovely warm blood horse, Patti is going into her first season driving him as a single she has always had a pair, she will show us what is involved from the dressage through the hazards and then onto the cones, it is hard to imagine the skill and obedience needed to do this sport so come along to be enlightened. It will be held at Patti's yard, Austin House, Langley Park. If you need directions please ask Lynne or Margaret, we will make a cover charge of £3 to buy a thank you gift.

The jumping rallies are moving to Anita's at Witton Park for the summer the groups are going to be of no more than 4 at a cost of £12, we will move back indoors for the winter.

We will also have flat work lessons with Linda at Bluebell stables in Hunwick these will be semi private lessons and last 1 hour cost £22.50 the first is April 25th then May 23rd, some members were wanting more intense instruction which is hard to do in a group of 6

There will be a cross country rally at Ivesley Equestrian centre on Wednesday 6th May starting at 6.30 cost is £20 per person, another is planned for Wednesday 20th May venue to be confirmed.

The Claire Dryden clinics will carry on over the summer as they have been well attended, booking forms enclosed.