



Malvern Hills Riding Club Newsletter

Member Spotlight: Katharine Diggins & William

Seeing as this is our first newsletter of the New Year, we thought it appropriate to introduce a brand new member to the club, Katharine Diggins, and her horse William.

Katharine, who is originally from Buckinghamshire, was bought 15.1hh TBX William when she was just 12 years old for her and her dad to share. William had been a bit neglected, and was more than a handful for a young teenager!

When she moved to Malvern 5 years ago, William came too! The pair have competed in XC, SJ, dressage, showing and lots of sponsored rides.

At 28 years old, William is still showing the youngsters how it's done, winning the Veteran class at Gadbury last year, and a win at Pauntley cross country. Katharine readily admits William can be a bit of a grumpy old

man, and doesn't have much tolerance for his young field companions' juvenile antics! However he is still full of character and knows every trick in the book!

Katharine and William are looking forward to joining in with the club's activities, and we wish them lots of luck.



News continued

Good luck: to our teams competing at the Area 18 Show Jumping at Hartpury on 15 February – let's get the season off to a great start!

Social events: We'd really like to get some social events up and running for the club this year. Let us know what you'd like to do – contact Andrea Terry on 07855 352037 or email bayleaffe@hotmail.co.uk

Don't Forget

If we don't have your email address, send it to louisecalverley@hotmail.com and we can add it to our database to make sure we can get information out to you as quickly as possible! If you have anything you'd like included in the next newsletter please email Louise on the same email address.

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Chairman: Lin Harber

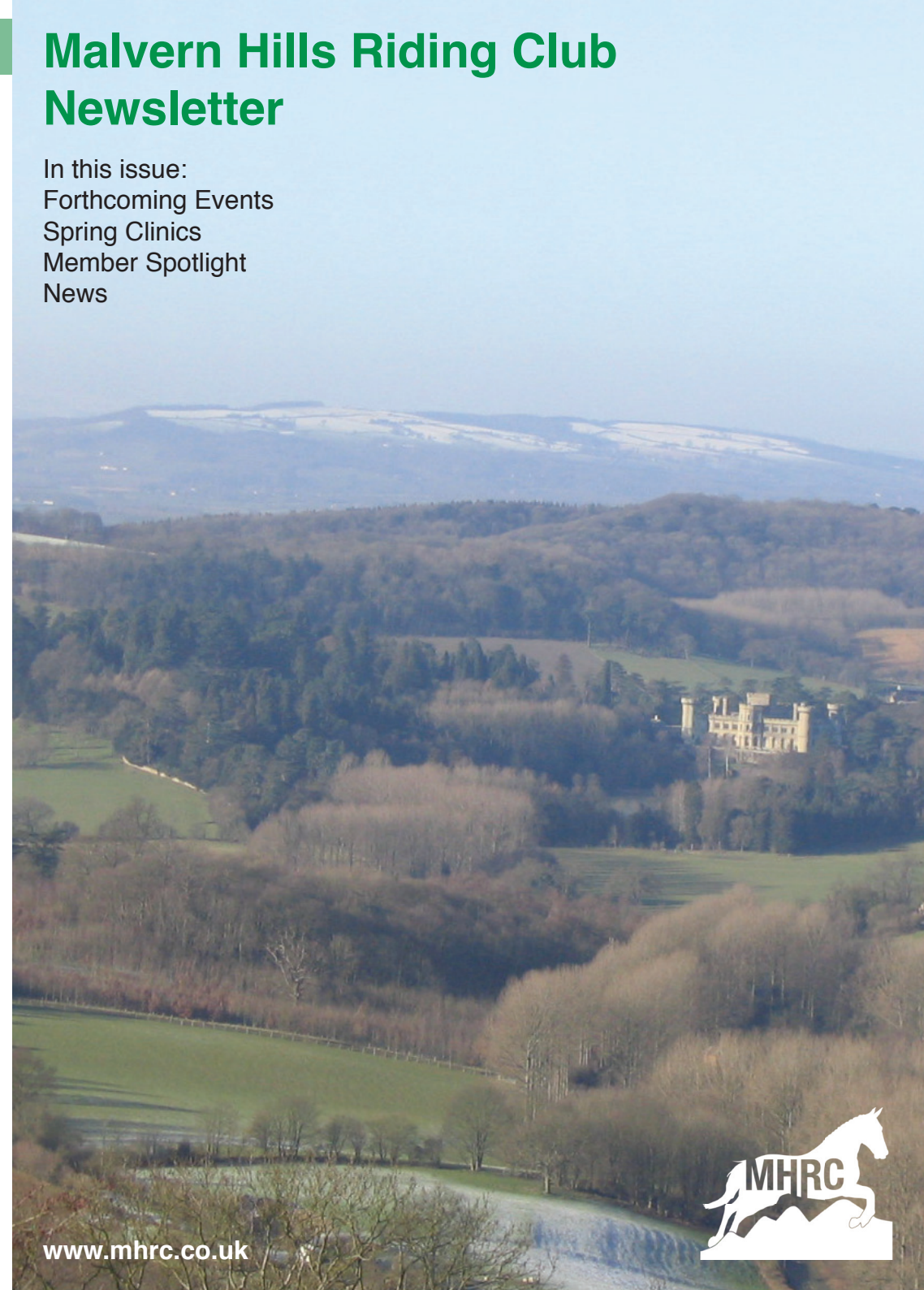
Secretary: Clare Chapman

Membership: Iris Ellis

Team Co-ordinators: Cindie Bunce, Eve Powell

Committee Members: Louise Calverley, Andrea Terry, Tricia Nassau-Williams, Janet Schooling

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Intro

2009 is well underway, and so are all our plans for the season! In this first newsletter of the year you'll find all the Area competition dates for the year, so if you are planning on riding for the club, make a note of them!

We'd also like to welcome our new members to the club Clare Caudle, Katharine Diggins, Christine, Camilla and Nicola Esling, Tracey Jenkins and Jess Rees.

As always we welcome any comments and suggestions you have for the club – just let us know!



Area Competition Dates

Competition	Date	Venue
Indoor SJ Senior & Junior	15th February 2009	Hartpury (Host Club – Frampton Family)
Winter Dressage – Seniors	22nd February 2009	Hartpury (Host Club – Cheltenham)
Hunter Trials 2009	25th April 2009	Crown Farm, Ascot under Wychwood, near Cirencester (Area Liason)
Junior Outdoor SJ - Novice, Open, Style Junior Dressage & Riding Test	17th May 2009	Cleeve Prior (Host Club - Crophorne)
Senior Outdoor SJ - Novice, Intermediate, Open, Equitation	24th May 2009	Blackmore Pk Rd, next to 3 Counties Showground, Malvern (Host Club – Malvern Hills)
Horse Trials	14th June 2009	Snowhill Road, Broadway (Host Club Evenlode)
Dressage Open & Medium & Rural Riders	9th July 2009	Leyland Court Riding School, Trench Lane, Northwoods, Winterbourne, Bristol, BS36 1RY (Host Club – Kings Leaze)
Dressage – Novice, Riding Test & Pairs (Senior)	28th June 2009	Manor Farm, Longney, Glos (Host Club – Cotswold Edge)
Dressage to Music Seniors & Juniors	4th July 2009	Cheltenham Racecourse RDA Centre (Host Club – Leadon Vale)

Mercian Show Jumping

This is being held at Bromyard on 7 March, contact Eve if you would like to compete for the club.

If you are interesting in riding for the club in any Mercian or Area events, please contact Cindie Bunce, cindiebunce@sky.com 07810 178520 or Eve Powell 07793 822294.

Plus don't forget our Annual Summer Show, being held on Monday 25 May at Blackmore Park Road, next to 3 Counties showground, courtesy of Mrs H Moss. Schedules will be available in February.

Spring Clinics

Gymnastic Jumping Clinics with Victoria Gregg: these have proved very popular with the February sessions already full. However we can arrange another set of lessons for March at Sandbourne if more people would like to do them – contact Lin Harber for details on 01684 592795 or email lyn@lynharber.wanadoo.co.uk

Each one hour session is £16, with a choice of 7-8pm up to 2'6, or 8-9pm 2'6 – 2'9.

Gymnastic jumping exercises are a series of ground poles and jumps with no more than two strides between them. The exercises are designed to:

- Strengthen your position and increase rider confidence
- Improve your balance, timing and feel to work perfectly in sync with your horse.
- Help develop your horses' straightness, rhythm and impulsion.
- Teach your horse balance, technique and develop his bascule. But most of all teach him to think for himself and increase his confidence!!

Cross Country Clinics with Jane Davis: being held in an outdoor arena at Hollins Court Farm, Brand Green, Redmarley, GL19 3JD. Three sessions (14, 21, 28 March) working on XC techniques culminating with an optional XC schooling session at Pauntley XC on 4 April (weather permitting). Choice of two groups, either maximum of 2'6 or 2'6 plus. Cost per session £14 for MHRC members, £16 for non members. Payment required in advance please. Contact Lin Harber for details on 01684 592795 or email lyn@lynharber.wanadoo.co.uk

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Membership renewal: If you haven't already, please make sure you renew your subscriptions for this year – you won't be eligible to compete in Area competitions unless you have been a club member for more than 28 days before the competition date.

Vaccination certificates: To compete for the club, we MUST have an up to date copy of your horses' vaccination certificate. If you are interested in doing any Area Competitions throughout the year send a complete copy of your vaccination cert (proof of owner, markings and every vaccination your horse has had) to Cindie Bunce cindiebunce@sky.com

This year the area has started up a database

for every horse in every riding club in Area 18, so Cindie will send them on to the database to be registered, and then just need to let Cindie have a copy after every booster so that the database can be updated.

Nicola Jones: has just secured a sponsorship deal from Blue Chip! Congratulations to Nicola and we wish her good luck for the season!

Help: We ALWAYS need your help with running the many clinics and events we hold throughout the year. If you can give some time either to help setting up the day before events or on the day, or a couple of hours in the evening at our clinics, please contact any of the committee members – we can't do it without your help!