

New Website

Hopefully you have all seen the new Club website by now – www.mhrc.co.uk It is a great improvement, and although some of it is still work in progress (like the Gallery and Blog) we are working hard to keep it up to date and adding all the news to it. Please check it regularly as it's the quickest (and easiest!) way for us to tell all our members about new events, results, competition times etc.

Forthcoming Events

Visit the Event Calendar tab on the website for a list of everything that is coming up over the next few months – there are too many to list here! As well as the different Mercian and Area events, there is also our very own Summer Show on 31 May, and 2 Phase Event on 19 September – see the website for schedules.

Member Spotlight: Sandy Schott & Gavotte

We've been lucky to have lots of new members join the Club this year, one of which is Sandy. Sandy has two horses, Nonyana, a 14.2hh grey Arab and Gavotte a 15.2hh Anglo Arab. Sandy says of her horses:

"Nonyana is my old mare who I love to bits but who has a couple of limiting health problems that came to light when training hard for Endurance. I am hoping to put her in foal this year and then alas, she is heading towards a premature retirement. She just needs quiet riding every few days, but quiet rides are not really her style!

As a result of Nonyana's health problems, I started looking for a new which took me ages but I finally settled on Gavotte. She is from Biddesden Stud, (home of Tamarillo, a very successful event horse), but much younger than I had planned for so I sent her to Wayne McEwan's for breaking in and starting. They both worked really hard and made huge progress - Gavotte is strong willed, bold but nery too. She had been handled very little before arriving at our yard, so everything was new to her but she is a clever horse who catches on to things quickly. I suspect that she will be too young/ green to attend many



Riding Club activities for a while, but I look forward to any support from the Club and I'd love someone with a sensible 'nanny' horse to join us on hacks on Castlemorton Common – please get in touch if you do!"

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.

Newsletter March 2010

Malvern Hills Riding Club

Chairman: Lin Harber

Secretary: Clare Chapman

Membership: Iris Ellis

Team Co-ordinators: Cindie Bunce, Eve Powell

Committee Members: Louise Calverley, Janet Schooling, Rita Woolley, Julie Reynolds

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Mercian and Area Team Competition Roundup

Croome Hunt Pony Club Christmas Showjumping, 28 December 2009.

Though Christmas seems ages ago now, we sent a team consisting of Sue Partridge and Rosie, Di Symonds and Doris and Plum Gregg and Glenmore Ed to Hartpury to compete in the 2'6 class. The team jumped their hearts out and finished a creditable 5th against some very keen competition. Plum came 2nd individually in the class on Glenmore Ed who was kindly loaned for this event by new Club member Helen Payne. This was Sue's first event for the club - well done Sue who beamed all day! Di riding Doris almost missed the last jump in the timed section, but turned a very tight corner and cleared the last jump to post a good



time. Well done Malvern Ladies - a team to look out for!

Novice Area Showjumping Report, Hartpury 1 Feb 2010

Well we started off the New Year with a bang! Starting with the Juniors, Emma and Claire Mealing and new member Katie Nash, even starting as a team of 3 they were fantastic with very few faults. Katie even got her first clear round (Mum Trish in the background crying with joy). The team came 5th and Emma came 5th individually, fantastic result!

Then onto the Seniors where there was a nerves competition – Cindie Bunce taking her youngster to an indoor 'party' for the first time, or Julie Reynolds who was just hoping to actually stay on and get round. But the prize went to Di Simmonds who had forgotten her jacket and bridle! (Thanks to Cindie's sisters' jacket hanging in the lorry and Lisa Drinkwater for having a spare bridle, phew!)



The Malvern Madhatters team consisted of Di Simmonds and Doris, Tina Price and Chinnor Fantasy, Julie Reynolds and Kesford Springbok and Cindie Bunce and Dreambreaker.

The Malvern Mayhem team was made up of Tina Price and Bobo, Lisa Drinkwater and Pip, Camilla Esling and Jake and Steph Woolley and King's Cruise.

All the horses were a bit fresh with Camilla's horse having a whale of a time and Lisa's horse having to be left till the last minute to be warmed up. All of them jumped brilliantly with the Malvern Madhatters coming 6th as a team out of 24 teams and Tina Price coming 4th individually out of nearly 100 competitors.

Area Dressage Report, Hartpury, 27 March 2010

Back to Hartpury again just a few weeks later and a noisy Malvern supporter's crowd cheered on two teams. Team 1 consisted of Louise Calverley and Alloon Ice, Tina Price

and Chinnor Fantasy, Steph Woolley and Mossden Infanta and Lisa Drinkwater and Pip. Team 2 were Cindie Bunce and Dreambreaker, Andrea Terry and Escleyside Gwyllam, Camilla Esling and Jake and Steph Woolley and King's Cruise.

Everybody was well turned out despite having to wear nasty light coloured gloves! In each team two members had to ride test HI2 and the other two members a Novice test. All the horses did well, the youngsters were very spooky in the big arena but the older ones showed them how to do it with Louise and Alloon Ice coming 7th and Tina and Chinnor Fantasy coming 10th in their sections. After the final scores were out the Team 1 came 7th out of 35 teams so well done everyone.

Clinics

We've got two sets of clinics planned over the next few weeks to help everyone kick start their season:

Flatwork Clinics

Dates: Tuesday 30 March, Tuesday 6 April & Tuesday 13 April 2010.

Venue: Eldersfield Indoor School by kind permission of Kate Carter.

Sessions: 7.00pm & 8.00pm maximum of four people per clinic.

Instructor: Stephanie Woolley

Costs: £16.00 per session for Club Members £18.00 per session for Non Club Members.

The sessions will include working on your desired Dressage test with a dressage test on the 13th April by an independent judge.



Cross Country Clinics

Dates: Saturday 10, 17 and 24 April 2010.

Venue: Hollins Court Farm outdoor school (next door to Pauntley Cross Country Course) by kind permission of Pauline Martin. Postcode GL19 3JD.

Sessions: 10.00am & 11.00am maximum of four people per clinic.

Instructor: Victoria Gregg (known as Plum).

Costs: £16.00 per session for Club Members: £18.00 per session for Non Club Members

The sessions will include corners, skinny jump etc and if possible there will be an option to hire Pauntley Cross Country Course on a separate date (for which there will be an additional charge) for further tuition with Plum.

How to Book

For both sets of clinics a block booking is advisable to ensure continuity of instruction. Payment and bookings to be made in advance. Cheques payable to MHRC and posted to Lin Harber at The Garden House, Ham Court, Queenhill, Upton upon Severn Worcs WR8 0QZ confirming your choice of clinics as soon as possible. For any queries please call Lin on 01684 592795 or email lyn@lynharber.wanadoo.co.uk