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Welcome to this August's edition of the Club's newsletter

July's been a busy month, what with Show Jumping at Kent County, Felbridge and Hickstead, Dressage at Speedgate for our members competing on teams, and our own Eventer's Challenge. Many thanks to Jean Bywater, our team manager and Jane Fane and her EC team respectively for arranging these. The committee also meet in July and set out our fixtures for the next year, with new people taking on events, so we wish

them luck and hope that you will give them the support needed to make a great event. Details can be found in this newsletter. We also have Junior Fun Day coming up in August, but other than that a fairly quiet month but lots happening in September and October, when hopefully the ground will be a little more forgiving.

If you would like to submit adverts, articles or your news with what you have been up to with your horse both at club events or other, please send them via email to

enquiries@wdhc.org.uk

Or if you really can't send them electronically, then please give me a ring to discuss getting them to me.

Happy riding!

Mary
01322 383572

DO YOU TRANSPORT YOUR HORSE OR PONY OR THINKING ABOUT IT?

Then remember that you must carry your horse passport with you. If your vehicle breaks down and you need to call a rescue/recovery service and if you do not have your passport with you then the rescue service professional organisation will not be able to transport your horse for you if your vehicle cannot be fixed.

Also remember that when transporting your horse or pony, standard breakdown recovery will not cover you and that you need to ensure that you have special cover such as that offered by the Organisation of Horsebox and Trailer Owners (which offers reduced rate for AA members), also the RAC offers an additional recovery service, or insurance companies such as the NFU offer cover when the vehicle is insured through them.

FIXTURES FOR THE NEXT YEAR

25th August 2010	Junior Fun Gymkhana Day - Warren Barn Farm
19th September 2010	Mock Hunt Clinic - Warren Barn Farm
26th September 2010	Beginners Mock Hunt - Warren Barn Farm
3rd October 2010	Hunter Trials - Warren Barn Farm
10th October 2010	WDHC Teams - FOTH Qualifier XC at Lodge Farm
31st October 2010	Halloween Show Jumping - Warren Barn Farm
28th November 2010	Mock Hunt - Kennel Farm
12th December 2010	Christmas Show Jumping - Warren Barn Farm
26th December 2010	Boxing Day Mock Hunt - Bull Common
23rd January 2011	Mock Hunt Clinic - Warren Barn Farm
30th January 2011	Beginners Mock Hunt - Warren Barn Farm
20th or 27th February 2011	Mock Hunt - Church Farm
13th March 2011	Mock Hunt Clinic - Warren Barn Farm
19th March 2011	Farmers Dinner Dance - Selsdon Park Hotel
27th March 2011	Beginners Mock Hunt - Warren Barn Farm
3rd April 2011	WDHC Teams – Show Jumping Friendly at Eaglesfield
10th April 2011	Hunter Trials - Warren Barn Farm
17th April 2011	Easter Show Jumping - Warren Barn Farm
2nd May 2011	Charity Pleasure Ride - Warren Barn Farm
15th May 2011	Eventer's Challenge - Warren Barn Farm
5th June 2011	Annual Show - Warren Barn Farm
10th July 2011	Eventer's Challenge - Warren Barn Farm
14th August 2011	Dressage - Warren Barn Farm

JUNIOR FUN DAY

25 AUGUST 2010

Starting @ 10.00 am (Please ensure correct riding wear i.e. riding boots, and riding hats).

Introductions/tack check/general info.

A quick chat to see what both you and ponies' abilities are and interests and riders split into 4 groups.

Having been split into 4 groups with the first 2 groups doing lessons on groundwork & then SJ/gridwork.

Then swapping with the previous 2 groups to go on a hack round Warren Barn Farm and play in the water.

At lunch time there will be a demonstration by Harrods coachman who will tell you about the horses, harness and the work done by the horses.

In the afternoon tack up back on board ready for afternoon events!

Fun & Games have a go at Le Trec and gymkhana games in afternoon!

4.30, Awards and a gift bag to all attendees of day for a BIG WELL DONE FOR YOU & PONY!

For information and to book
Ring Micky on 01883 650178

PLEASE NOTE: Due to popular demand we have extended the number of spaces for the Junior Fun Day on 25th August. THIS IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!
places going very fast money up front to ensure place **£15**
to payable to WDHC c/o Woldingham Saddlers!

HUNTER TRAILS - Sunday 3rd October

VOLUNTEERS AND HELPERS NEEDED!

If you are free on Sunday 3rd October and not planning on taking part in any of the classes would you please consider Jump Judging for the day?

Lunch & refreshments are provided and a bottle of bubble or Vouchers will be awarded as a 'Thank You'

If you are free to help please contact Shelley on 07816 790 628
Schedule now available for download from our website.

Roger Brown Clinics

I hope to arrange some more XC clinics with Roger Brown at Lodge Farm, Matfield on the 18th Sept.

Usual format, groups of 4, lesson cost £15 pp for an hour and a half, plus venue hire of £20 per rider.

If interested, please ring me ASAP on 01322 383572, receipt of a cheque secures place.

I am also looking into other clinics with Roger, Flat, SJ and XC at various venues, please contact me if you might be interested.

Mary

Lingfield Vets Invites WDHC to come along to their Open Evening on the 25th from 4-8pm

They will be having saddle fitting, dentist, scope, exercise ecg etc lots of demos plus bbq and general tour and chance to meet up!

MOCK HUNT CLINIC 19th September 2010

WDHC are holding clinics throughout the autumn and winter this year and 2011, to enable you to get to know what Mock hunts are all about.

Whether you have been on our mock hunts previously and felt a bit lost about what was/is expected – from dress code to manners on the day – or you have never been before, and would appreciate a stepping stone in a controlled environment, this clinic will help answer all your questions.

On the day there will be three clinics starting at 10.30am 12noon and 1.30pm. Each clinic will have a maximum of 6 to 8 riders and will be lead by one of our Masters and accompanied by an assistant acting as a hound for the clinic. Each clinic will be approximately 1 ½ hours, covering a defined line around Warren Barn Farm.

Initially your Master and assistant will be discussing and running through with your group the various facets of hunting, including dress code. You will then set off at a slow pace with various stops throughout to discuss each issue that you will come across i.e., staying behind Master and what to do if you can't, jumping obstacles (all jumps are optional), understanding the hunt terminology etc.

Any and all questions will be answered by your Master on the day; don't be shy that's what they're there for!

Dress code for the clinic is casual for both horse and rider – please ensure you turn out in all relevant safety wear (hat, vest, boots, back protector etc) as you would for any jumping class or xc event. Please note that any jumping is optional.

This is a unique opportunity to learn about hunting and should not be missed. The clinic will stand you in good stead for the up and coming beginners mock hunts in September January and March and the other four we have during the season

We look forward to seeing you at the clinic and advise that you book early as there are only a limited number of spaces.

ENTRY: £5 FOR WDHC MEMBERS, £15 FOR NON-MEMBERS.

For further information and bookings please call **Bob Kirk** on **01883 652028** or **07970 948941**

Warlingham & District Horse Club

Entry Form - Mock Hunt Clinic Date.....

Class Rider Horse Fee

10.30am

12.00am

1.30pm

WDHC Membership Number:

Total:

I/We agree to abide by the rules & regulations set out in the Schedule.

Signed: _____

Name:

Address:

Tel. No

Please send Payments to:-

WDHC

2 Halliloo Cottages Halliloo valley Road Woldingham Surrey CR3 7HA

Article submitted by Chris Zahner

Save us from Welsh ponies!

Some time ago I volunteered to help out at the yard where the horse I shared is kept on Friday mornings, bringing in the horses first thing, changing their rugs and giving them their breakfast. All went well on my first morning, at least to begin with...

Three of the four horses to be brought in were waiting near the gate and as soon as I came round the corner they ambled over, making my life very easy indeed. So far so good I thought. No sign of a certain Welsh pony though, so I figured he was in the back field or hiding behind the field shelter. Back came I with headcollar in hand, whistling away and a spring in my step as it was a nice sunny morning.

Said Welsh pony not hiding behind the field shelter. Okay, off to the back field then. Pony nowhere to be seen. I switch on my phone at this point, thinking I might need it, but still I'm sure I can find a grey pony who should be visible from far away on such a summery morning. I do a whole circuit of the field before I realise I can't see said grey pony.

PANIC!! At which point do you call the owner and say, "erm, your pony has done a vanishing act"? I have my phone in my hand, ready to make the dreaded call, when I notice a big gap in the bushes at the side of the field. Over I trundle, not really expecting to find a pony in such a dense spot. To my surprise, out pops this grey head and said Welsh pony takes one look at me, one look at the empty field behind me, and at this point he realises he has been left behind by his new pals.

So what does the pony do next? Come over to me to say "I need a friend"? Amble over to the gate thinking of his stomach? NO!! The little blighter darts off to the other side of the field (by this point I've laid a dozen curses on the heads of all Welsh ponies) and proceeds to wind up the horses on the other side of the fence. Then, wheeeeeeeeeeeeee, up and down the fence line they go, putting in a buck or two for good measure, just to show that silly person with the headcollar "who da man". Just when I'm thinking that one grey pony is not going to get breakfast today and can jolly well stay out all day, said grey pony just calmly stops, walks over to me with an angelic expression and says to me "okay, that's that, I'm ready for breakfast now". I think, great, pony is going to behave, and with a reassuring pat I put on his headcollar and start the long walk back to the first field.

Should have been the end of the story...

The pony's newfound friends on the other side of the fence decide that the now placid grey pony (can it still be called grey when covered in thick mud?) is out of line with their way of thinking here. So they take another charge down the fence line. The Welsh pony in question, bless him, was being so good, ignoring the obvious tactics of his friends and resisting the urge to turn to the dark side. But then along comes a dog walker, at least a good 50 feet away over on the footpath that runs alongside the field.

And wow, aren't they scary?? So what's a grey pony to do? He forgets breakfast and dances around. I'm still smiling, not particularly bothered by this, and I nod good morning to the dog walker. Dog barks hello to Welsh pony. Welsh pony whinnies back (no, really!), other horses chorus along. The little Welsh thing (minding my language) spins round and decides that it's not breakfast time yet, playtime isn't over. Dragging

me across the field, I can just see the lady dog walker looking rather concerned. I manage to stop the misbehaving Welsh critter about a third of the way across the field, at which point he does decide to come quietly and we trundle back to the stables and a by now very tired pony's waiting breakfast. Guess what, he's ravenous!

Then he nicks my hat off the top of my head!

And my day has only just begun...

I was laughing all the way to work.

Chris Zahner

Please put this poster up in your yard and get your fellow yard members to come and enjoy these events with you. *Thank You*



WDHC Upcoming Events

19th August - Clear Round Show Jumping evening @ Warren Barn

25th August - Junior Fun Day @ Warren Barn

19th September - Mock Hunt Clinic @ Warren Barn

**26th September - Beginners Mock Hunt @ Warren Barn 10.30 am
for 11.00 am**

**3rd October - Hunter Trials @ Warren Barn – also Riding Club teams
of 3**

**TBC - Mid Surrey Farmers Drag @ Church Farm, Woldingham in
October**

**31st October - First of Winter Series Show Jumping Show @ Warren
Barn**

**28th November - Mock Hunt @ Kennel Farm, Chelsham 10.30 am
for 11.00 am**

**12th December - Second of Winter Series Show Jumping Show @
Warren Barn**

**26th December - Boxing Day Hunt @ The Bull Inn P/H, Chelsham
10.30 am for 11.00 am**

If you require further information see website for details

**For all our other events and schedules see www.wdhc.org.uk, or
for any queries regarding any events contact event organiser or
email us at enquiries@wdhc.org.uk for details.**