

SID AND OTTER VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018

The Committee would like to wish all our members a very Happy New Year! We have lots of things planned for the coming year and we hope to see you at these events!

AGM

The AGM was held on Friday 24th November 2017 at Ottery St Mary Cricket Club and we had a great turnout. Annual trophies were awarded as follows:-

- Best Junior – India Johns
- Senior Team Horse of the Year – U C Cavaloon – George Bolt
- Junior Team Horse of the Year – Zephir owned by Paula Stone and ridden by India Johns
- Riding Club Horse of the Year – Harley – Mercedes Pemberton-Finch
- Most helpful non committee member – The Wilmington Family
- Best Senior XC round at a Championship – Nicky Bywood and Tiger Lilli
- Junior XC Performance of the year – Poppy Burner
- Senior SJ Performance of the year – Sarah Cort
- Senior Winter Dressage Champion – George Bolt – U C Cavaloon
- Senior Winter Dressage Reserve Champion – Lisa Southwell – Typhoos Turn
- Junior Winter Dressage Champion – Poppy Burner - Friday
- Junior Winter Dressage Reserve Champion – Scarlet Johns – Felinmoor Buddy
- Tom Smith Memorial Trophy for the best performance by a Senior – Julie Wright
- Special achievement award senior – Sarah Hitchings
- Special achievement award junior – Anna Stilwell
- Overall Points Champion ROR – Il Mariano – Joanna Lee

NEW YEAR MEAL

Don't forget our New Year meal is being held on Friday 19th January 2018 at the Thirsty Farmer, Whimple, at 7.30pm for 8pm. Friends and family are more than welcome and a menu was attached to the last newsletter and can also be found on the Thirsty Farmer website. Please note the price includes coffees but not mince pies. Please return your preferred choices and payment to Cheryl Beer, The Granary, Higher Cobden Farm, Whimple, Nr Exeter, Devon EX5 2PZ ASAP! Cheques should be made payable to SOVRC. This is an ideal opportunity to meet other club members without horses in tow and have a bit of festive New Year fun! We hope you can join us!

We will also be holding a charity raffle and would be grateful for any prizes that anyone would like to donate.

WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES

Looking forward to 2018, the Winter Dressage series will be taking place at Bicton College and a schedule is attached. Entries can be done via Equo Events – www.equoevents.co.uk. There is a fantastic trophy for both the Senior and Junior horse and rider combination who gain the most points over the three dates, which are as follows:-

- **21st January 2018**
- **18th February 2018**
- **25th March 2018**

TRAINING

Forthcoming training sessions are as follows. You can book these online via Equo Events – www.equoevents.co.uk. Please make sure you book in good time as places fill up quickly. The 2018 training dates are being heavily subsidised by the club. Dates are as follows:-

- **Sunday 7th January 2018** – Flatwork training with Ben Van Sommeren at Bicton College (indoor arena). Flatwork in pairs. Cost will be £25 per rider/horse.
- **Sunday 4th February 2018** – Flatwork training with Ben Van Sommeren at Bicton College (indoor arena). Flatwork in pairs. Cost will be £25 per rider/horse.
- **Monday 19th February 2018** – XC training with Ben Van Sommeren at Pontispool. Groups from 10am – 1pm based on heights of 80/90, 90/100 and 100. Cost will be £30 per rider/horse.
- **Sunday 4th March 2018** – Flatwork training with Ellen Berchner-Nolan at Bicton College (indoor arena). Flatwork in pairs. Cost will be £25 per rider/horse.

TEAMS

Intermediate Winter Dressage Qualifier – 13th January 2018 at Kings Sedgemoor EC

Winter Novice and Intermediate Showjumping Qualifier – ***Date Change*** 10th February 2018 at Kings Sedgemoor EC

FOTH Eventers Challenge – 25th February 2018 at Pontispool

FOTH Combined Training Qualifier – 11th March 2018 at Pontispool

If you are interested in being on a team please contact the relevant team co-ordinators - Jo Lee (Seniors) on email: joannalee83@hotmail.com or 07967 789661 or Holly Mingo (Juniors) by email on mandh_mingo@talktalk.net as soon as possible to register your interest.

Please state whether you are able to ride at the relevant championship should your team qualify. We are able to enter non qualifying teams as well so please let your team co-ordinator know.

RIDING CLUB QUADRILLE TEAM

Congratulations to our Riding Club Quadrille Team of Lisa Southwell (Typhoos Golden Turn), Cheryl Beer (A Dazzling Turn), Cameron Beer (Fontys Fool) and Mercedes Pemberton-Finch (Hippity Hoy) who competed at the Equine Fair at Westpoint and won!!! A lot of hard work and effort went in to the costumes, floor plan and hours of practice, which all paid off. A big thanks also goes to Carolyn Hepworth for making all the amazing costumes! We look forward to them representing the club at the quadrille qualifier!

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE!

Subs are now due! We are now accepting membership via Equo Events so please go onto www.equoevents.co.uk to renew your membership as soon as possible. Subs have been kept the same for 2018 and for those who have joined recently these will be carried forward.

LIST OF SOVRC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2018

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SOVRC DIARY DATES 2018
(Provisional and subject to change)

- 7th January 2018** – Flatwork training session with Ben Van Sommeren at Bicton College
- 13th January 2018** – Area 12 Intermediate Dressage Qualifier at Kings Sedgemoor EC
- 19th January 2018** – New Year Meal at the Thirsty Farmer, Whimple.
- 21st January 2018** – Winter Dressage Series at Bicton College
- 4th February 2018** – Flatwork training session with Ben Van Sommeren at Bicton College
- 10th February 2018** – Novice and Intermediate Showjumping Qualifier at Kings Sedgemoor EC
- 18th February 2018** – Winter Dressage Series at Bicton College
- 19th February 2018** – XC training with Ben Van Sommeren at Pontispool
- 25th February 2018** – FOTH Eventers Challenge Qualifier at Pontispool
- 4th March 2018** – Flatwork training session with Ellen Berchner-Nolan at Bicton College
- 11th March 2018** – Area 12 Combined Training Qualifier at Pontispool
- 25th March 2018** – Winter Dressage series at Bicton College
- 14th & 15th April 2018** – Novice Winter Championships, Arena UK
- 27th & 29th April 2018** – Intermediate Winter Championships at Bury Farm
- 20th May 2018** – SOVRC One Day Event, Bicton Arena
- 19th & 20th May 2018 (TBC)** – Festival of the Horse Championships at Aston-Le-Walls
- May 2018 (TBC)** – Area 12 Dressage to Music Qualifier at Kingston Maurward College
- 10th June 2018** – Area 12 Horse Trial Qualifier, Bicton Arena
- 8th July 2018** - Area 12 Summer Showjumping and Style Qualifier at Kings Sedgemoor EC
- 11th/12th – 15th July 2018** – SOVRC Camp at Pontispool
- 21st July 2018** – Area 12 Summer Dressage and Riding Test Qualifier at Aldon, Yeovil
- 3rd - 5th August 2018** – Horse Trials Championships at Swalcliffe Park
- 1st & 2nd September 2018** – National Championships at Lincoln Showground
- 26th – 28th September 2018** – Dressage to Music Championships at Bury Farm
- 25th November 2018** – SOVRC Arena Eventing at Bicton Arena
- TBC** – Quadrille Selection Trial