

SID & OTTER VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017

AGM – FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2017

This is advance notice that the AGM will be held at Ottery St Mary Cricket Club on Friday 24th November 2017 at 7.30pm. We will also be presenting the annual trophies and there will be a small buffet. The agenda is attached.

An auction of promises will be held at the AGM and a list of promises is attached! Worth coming to the AGM for!!! This is in aid of our Quadrille team to help with costumes, music etc as costs all add up.

Current members can pre book camp 2018 and pay their deposits (refundable up to January 2018) on the night. You are not able to pre book if you cannot come to the AGM, you will need to wait for forms to come out in January. The date for camp is the 11th/12th – 15th July 2018.

Please let Karen Oakley know if you will be attending on 01404 841686 or email karen.saltbox@gmail.com so we have an idea of numbers for catering and so we can ensure that the prize winners will be there without telling them! We look forward to seeing you there!

WINE, CHEESE AND QUADRILLE EVENING – WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2017

A reminder that Cheryl Beer, Cameron Beer, Mercedes Pemberton Finch and Lisa Southwell are representing the Riding Club performing the Quadrille at the Equine Fair at Westpoint on Saturday 2nd December 2017!

They will be holding a wine, cheese and quadrille evening on **Wednesday 29 November 2017** at Bicton College. They need as many people as possible to make this evening as similar to the Equine Fair as possible so please come along and bring your friends and family!

Please email Lisa Southwell on lisasouthwellx@hotmail.com if you would like to come along so they have an idea of numbers.

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 26th November 2017** – Showjumping training with Ben Van Sommeren at Bicton College (indoor arena). Groups of 3 or 4 and cost will be £25 per rider/horse.
- **Sunday 10th December 2017** – Flatwork or Showjumping training with Ben Van Sommeren at Bicton College (indoor arena). Flatwork in pairs and Showjumping in groups of 3/4. Cost will be £30 for flatwork and £25 for Showjumping per rider/horse.
- **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.
- **Sunday 4th March 2018** – Flatwork training with Ben Van Sommeren at Bicton College (indoor arena). Flatwork in pairs. Cost will be £25 per rider/horse.

NEW YEAR MEAL 2018!

The New Year meal is being held on Friday 19th January 2018 at the Thirsty Farmer, Whimble, at 7.30pm for 8pm. Friends and family are more than welcome and a menu is enclosed. 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, Whimble, Nr Exeter, Devon EX5 2PZ by no later than 5th January 2018. 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 at the meal 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**

ARENA EVENTING 2018

Just to let you know in advance that we will be running an Arena Eventing competition on the 25th November 2018 at Bicton Arena, so make a note in your diaries and watch this space!

TEAMS

Winter Novice Dressage Qualifier

This was held on the 8th October 2017 at Kings Sedgemoor EC and we had one non qualifying Senior team consisting of Cheryl Beer (A Dazzling Turn), Cameron Beer (Fontys Fool), Mercedes Pemberton-Finch (Hippity Hoy) and Heidi Rose (Pixie Dust). They had some really good performances and the team finished in 2nd overall. Individually Cameron won his arena, Cheryl was 4th and Mercedes was 5th and Heidi was just outside the placings.

2018 Qualifier Dates

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

Winter Novice and Intermediate Showjumping Qualifier – 24th 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.

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.