



MEON RIDING CLUB

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Welcome to the New Year!

Every year we resolve to have our programme ready for publication in January, but it hasn't happened yet, and this year is no exception. Putting the programme together is like doing a jigsaw which gets bigger every year as more activities become available to Riding Club members. Vital pieces are missing at the moment and until they turn up we can build up some bits of the picture, but can't bring them all together. Sorry if you too are relying on them to plan your own activities, but we will add further information to the Club website as soon as it becomes available. The dates we have for the Spring are:-

29-30 January - Winter Dressage Qualifier and Round 2 RWHS Riding Test Qualifier

Please note the venue for this has been changed to Castle Farm Equestrian Over Wallop SO20 8HY. As this venue has only one competition arena it has had to be spread over two days, but we do not know which class will be on which day! We have entered two teams in the Dressage Qualifier, and Aimee Barnard will represent us in the Riding Test. Good luck to them all.

5 March- Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier and RWHS Topscore Rounds 1 & 2 Qualifiers.

Your schedule for this is enclosed/on the Area 17 website. We have only enough volunteers to enter one team at the moment, which is a pity when its on our home ground. Its not too late to come forward, so if you are jumping confidently at 2'6" - 2'9", please contact Penny Briggs : tel: 01730 892297; email: woolmerlodge@yahoo.co.uk

Individual entries are required for the Round 1 Topscore Qualifier, which will **not** be over a topscore course, but will be a one round timed competition over a straightforward show jumping course. The first five competitors in each section will qualify, which will probably mean everyone, barring eliminations, will go forward to Round 2, which will be over a topscore course. Meon R.C members need not pay an entry fee for Round 2, as this will be covered

by the Club. We need about half-a-dozen volunteers to cover stewarding duties for the first three hours of the morning. If you can help please contact the Secretary. Tel: 01730 264178; email: whealers.farm@btinternet.com

12 March - Pre-Season Supper

We are planning to hold this at The King's Restaurant, Botley. Details, menu and booking form at www.meonrc.org/SocialEvents.html

2/3 April - Novice Indoor Show Jumping and Winter Dressage Championships, Hartpury College 11-15 May -RWHS Championships, Windsor

Mon.16-18 May - Non-residential Clinic Lower Peake

Details of this are on the Club website at www.meonrc.org/CampsClinics.html. This is always a popular activity, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

20-22 May - Cadre Noir, Earls Court

The Cadre Noir is the French National Riding School. It is paying its first ever visit to England in May, and we would like to organise a trip for Riding Club members and friends. If you would be interested in joining us please contact the Secretary, as above, giving any preference for dates. Sorry no information available on likely price at the moment, but we would aim to go for moderately priced seats, and a reliable coach company though not necessarily the cheapest - we still remember our interesting evening out to see the Spanish Riding School at Wembley! Feedback needed quickly please so we can make the bookings.

30 May - Dressage to Music Qualifier, Sparsholt Provisional - no details yet available.

Spring Training Sessions

Details of training sessions were sent out before Christmas, and are on Club website. Places are available at most sessions - please contact the organiser if you would like one.