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Newsletter September 2010

Welcome

A big hello to all our members. Well it looks like the summer sunshine has left us and the autumn rains have arrived. Not much has happened this month (again) in terms of Area 5 competitions. There is team show jumping taking place at the end of October. Let Wendy know if you're interested. The club presentation evening will also be taking place in October. We are going to try and organise some lessons too, so keep checking the website for details.

Upcoming Area 5 Events

The following riding club events are taking place over the next couple of months. All those who are interested in taking part please contact Wendy Skrypczuk (07530 651744 or email: wendy@ettingtonkinetonrc.co.uk)

Please can you let Wendy know ASAP if you want to compete in any of the qualifiers as entries have to be in 3 weeks prior to the competition.

Date	Event	Type	Venue
Monday 18 th Oct	Club's Annual Award Evening and AGM	C	Blackwell Village Hall
Sunday 31 st Oct	Indoor Nov & Inter S/Jumping Sen & Jun	P	Morton Morrell (Stoneleigh RC)

Awards Presentation Evening & AGM

This is the clubs annual awards evening which will take place on Monday 18th October at Blackwell Village hall, near Newbold on Stour Warwickshire. A map on how to get there can be found on the club's website. The night will include the awarding of prizes for the club's accumulator for Horse and Rider of the year and medals to every member who represented the club at an Area 5 event. Also, the club's AGM will be taking place. The AGM is a chance for all members to find out how the club and its members performed throughout the year. Light refreshments will be available at the end of the evening. So come along to what will be a really fun night. Start time 7-7:30pm

Blenheim Eventer Challenge

The event not to be missed I remember one of the team saying just before we set off to Blenheim. The team members were, Katie Skrypczuk, Wendy Skrypczuk, Hannah Bell and Mike Turner. We all arrived in the morning full of hope about the day ahead. Then we saw the course. It was huge, and I'm not exaggerating!!!! After the course walk I think the new plan was to leave the horses on the lorry and hit the trade stands instead. Still, Hannah managed to give an inspired team talk and although a bit apprehensive we were prepared to give it a go. Hannah went first. Sadly, she and George didn't get very far and were eliminated. Wendy and Ping went next. Wendy gave Ping her usual confident ride and finished with just two down. Next went Katie who gave Rizz the ride of the day. It was inspired!!!! I don't think Rizz has ever jumped so high?? The smile on Katie's face when she finished never went until she went home!!! Finally Mike and Tipp had a go. Sadly they too were eliminated. Although the team didn't place everyone really enjoyed the day. I can't wait to have another bash next year. Maybe by then Katie will have stopped smiling????

Dressage to Music

The club managed to put forward a couple of members for this qualifier. They were Stephanie Mitchell riding Lady Phoenix and Daphne Willis who rode Fudge. Both performed exceptional tests. Stephanie and Phoenix rode their test to the hits of Glenn Miller and Daphne and Fudge rode to a Jungle Book montage. The competition was very competitive as you would expect at an event like this, but both riders and ponies held their own against the others and weren't disgraced in the final result. Daphne and Fudge finished 4th in their section and Steph and Phoenix finished just outside the rosettes in theirs. Well done to you both.

Hartpury College Eventer Challenge

As Blenheim was so much fun we decided to have another crack at it!!!! This time we tried with two teams. The 1st team was Wendy & Katie Skrypczuk, Tracey Harvey, and Mike Turner. Sadly a couple of riders dropped out of the other, so that just left Hannah Drury and Mike Turner, who rode his other horse. The course was very twisty and unbelievably long and there weren't many clear rounds. In fact, there were very few to finish the course! Only 3 teams managed to score, our team being one of them. Ride of the day (again) went to Katie and Rizz who managed to jump clear. Not bad considering she managed to ride half the course without reins. The team finished 3rd and Katie was 4th overall. Well done Hannah for completing the course too!!! It was a great effort by all who took part. Well done everyone.

Team Show Jumping

This event is happening at Moreton Morrell College on the **31st October**. Teams of four and individuals are all eligible to take part in this event. All those interested in taking part or want more details about the event please contact Wendy Skrypczuk 07530 651744 or email: wendy@ettingtonkinetonrc.co.uk.

Birthday Wishes!!!!

Happy birthday to Ray Cubberly and Tony South who celebrate a birthday this month

September Show Sunday 5th September

The weather on the day did not start off as we hoped, but thankfully got better as the day went on. The show proved to be very popular and although not as popular as our June show we still received plenty of entries and most of the classes were well supported. The show jumping classes had a lot of entries and the pony section was very competitive. Well done to Amy Newcombe for winning the KIPPLE CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Dressage numbers were down, but what we lacked in quantity we made up in quality. A great effort by all who took part. The gymkhana had the usual wild bunch of kids taking part. All in all it was a very good day. Photos of the day should be on the website within the next week.

Finally, a big thanks goes out to all those who either; set up the show, helped on the day or packed everything away. Without their help the show couldn't have taken place!!!!

And Finally...

An elderly, white-haired man walked into a jewellery store one Friday evening with a beautiful young blonde at his side. He told the jeweller he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweller looked through his stock and brought out a £5,000 ring. The old man said,

"No, I'd like to see something more special." At that statement, the jeweller went to his special stock and brought another ring over.

"Here's a stunning ring at only £40,000" he said. The young lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement. The old man seeing this said,

"We'll take it." The jeweller asked how payment would be made and the old man stated, by cheque. I know you need to make sure my cheque clears so I'll write it now, and you can call the bank on Monday morning to verify the funds and I'll pick the ring up on Monday afternoon," he said.

On Monday morning, the jeweller 'phoned the old man and said

"Sir, there's no money in that account."

"I know," said the old man, "but let me tell you about my weekend!"

Cheers Everyone

Mike