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## NEWSLETTER



*New Year, New Committee..... welcome to Yvonne Jones & Diana Meadowcroft who are joining the committee for 2016 and a big thank you Bernadette Evans, Yoland Johnson and Louise Way who are stepping down*

### Area 5 Qualifier Dates

*6th Feb Junior Novice Dressage*

*7th Feb Senior Novice Dressage*

*20th Feb Junior Novice Show Jumping*

*& Junior Intermediate Show Jumping*

*21st Feb Senior Novice Show Jumping*

*& Senior Intermediate Show Jumping*

*5th Mar Junior Intermediate Dressage*

*12th Mar Senior Intermediate Dressage*

*17th April Festival of the Horse Combined Training*

*24th April Festival of the Horse Challenge*

*19th June Horse Trials*

*2nd July Junior Dressage & RT*

*3rd July Senior Dressage & RT*

*23rd July Junior Show & Style Jumping*

*24th July Senior Show & Style Jumping*

*14th August Dressage to Music*

Please contact Felicity if you would like to enter any of the competitions

### How to Keep Up To Date

*Keep up to date with all ORC goings on.....*

- 1. Renew Your Membership, forms to be completed & returned to Felicity*
- 2. Make sure your email address is clear, if you're not receiving emails let us know*
- 3. Check out the website:*

[www.oxfordridingclub.co.uk](http://www.oxfordridingclub.co.uk)

- 4. Follow us on Facebook:*

[www.facebook.com/oxfordridingclub](http://www.facebook.com/oxfordridingclub)

### Save the Date

*Oxford Riding Club*

*New Year Social*

*Saturday 23rd January 2016*

*hosted by Jane Collier*



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### AGM ROUND UP

Thank you to everyone who came to the ORC AGM held at Ludwell Farm on 1st December kindly hosted by Sally Browne. A lovely evening was had by all with a very informative talk on Horse First Aid from Sally of Hook Norton Vets followed by a fantastic supper and a chance to catch up with each other.

As our email prior to the meeting had said the committee wanted to discuss the decision to scale back on competitions run by the club i.e the spring show and hunter trials and to concentrate on more training and social events. It was expressed by a number of members that it would be a shame not to run the hunter trials which is enjoyed by so many and June Collier and Pauline Parker stepped forward offering to set up a sub-committee to run the Hunter Trials. Obviously it takes more than two people to organise an event of this scale, therefore we are looking for volunteers to assist them, anyone who would like to do so please contact either myself or June directly.

Organising teams for Area Qualifiers has become increasingly difficult over the last few years and as such the committee has decided that we will be less proactive in organising teams. We will of course make sure everyone is kept up to date with when they take place but the onus will be on members to let us know if they would like to arrange a team or represent the club as individuals. If anyone would like to take on the mantle of team captain for either the dressage or jumping teams the position is up for grabs.

Our regular clinics with Matt Jenkins and Simon Nichols will continue to run as usual. We are continually grateful to Tamsin Mill and Pauline Parker for giving up their time to organise and run the clinics. It was raised that some members find the timing of clinics difficult to attend, if you can let me know days and times that best suit you we can look to arrange some weekend/evening clinics to suit.

Our fun rides are always a good chance to enjoy the countryside and each other company although the weather was not always kind to us this year. We plan to run our snowdrop, bluebell and summer ride as usual but are open to suggestions for any new routes or volunteers to lead the rides.

The financial report provided by Hilary and presented by Nicki in her absence reported a healthy bank balance which as a club we would like to use to help subsidise activities for our members, so we are looking for ideas from members about anything they would like us to arrange. Attached a short questionnaire we would love for all members to fill in and return to us so that as a committee we better understanding of what our members want.

*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year with plenty of time for riding*



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## ORC Members Questionnaire

Please let us know which of the following you would be interested in taking part in:

1. Area Qualifiers
  - a) Dressage Y/N
  - b) Show Jumping Y/N
  - c) Festival Of The Horse Challenge Y/N
  - d) Festival Of The Horse Combined Training Y/N
  - e) Dressage to Music Y/N
  - f) Quadriles Y/N
  - g) Blenheim Hunter Challenge Y/N
  - h) Horse Trials Y/N
2. Clinics
  - a) Dressage Y/N
  - b) Show Jumping Y/N
  - c) Cross Country Y/N
  - d) Dressage Test Clinics Y/N
3. Fun Rides Y/N
4. What times best suits you?
  - Weekdays Y/N
  - Weekends Y/N
  - Mornings Y/N
  - Afternoons Y/N
  - Evenings Y/N
5. Riding Holidays Y/N
6. Talks/Demonstrations Y/N
7. Non Riding Social Events (i.e annual dinner)
  - Attending Y/N
  - Organising Y/N
8. Sub Committee for Hunter Trials Y/N
9. Helping at Dressage Show Y/N

Name: .....

Email: .....

Telephone: .....