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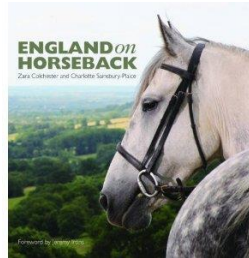
Louise Way



March 2013



Snow, flooding and concerns over the equine herpes virus caused havoc this winter but at last we're out again and starting to enjoy drier conditions and outdoor competitions. A handful of riders and a pony and carriage braved the rain on Christmas Eve and enjoyed the warmth of the newly refurbished Killingworth Castle. This year our Snowdrop Ride was a success with 17 riders turning out and the next one will be around Ditchley Park on 11th May 2013.



The riding club has bought the book, "England on Horseback" for members to borrow. It's beautifully presented with good photographs and gives details of rides for 2-4 days in different parts of the country. If people are keen we could try to organise a trip away in the summer. Do get in touch with Anna if you'd like to borrow the book (djmr@doctors.org.uk).

The annual dinner in February at the Crown Inn at Church Enstone was a great success with over 35 members and guests. We had a lively evening with excellent food and it was good to see so many people there enjoying themselves.

Here is a reminder of the dates for ORC activities this year

- **7th April 2013** – Junior & Senior Festival Challenge (Eventer Challenge) Qualifier, Milton Keynes. Contact Anna: djmr@doctors.org.uk
- **14th April 2013** – Junior & Senior Festival Combined Training Qualifier. Contact Anna: djmr@doctors.org.uk
- **21st April 2013** – ORC Dressage & Show Jumping Competition, Little Tew, Nr Chipping Norton. [Schedule](#). Contact Anna: djmr@doctors.org.uk
- **4th/5th/6th May 2013** – Buckingham Riding Club Camp at Milton Keynes Eventing Centre [Booking form](#)
- **11th May 2013** – Bluebell Ride. Contact Bernadette: bernadette100@aol.com
- **6th June 2013** – Great Tew Ride, 5:30pm, meeting on the gated road at Nether Worton. Contact Beverley: beverley.hart@hotmail.co.uk
- **15th June 2013** – Junior & Senior Horse Trials Qualifier, Solihull. Contact Anna: djmr@doctors.org.uk

- **7th July 2013** – Junior & Senior Dressage Qualifier and Riding Test, Princethorpe College, Rugby. Contact Anna: djmr@doctors.org.uk
- **July 2013** – Summer Dressage Show, Worton. Details tbc.
- **21st July 2013** – Junior & Senior Show and Style Jumping Qualifier, Solihull. Contact Anna: djmr@doctors.org.uk
- **26th August 2013** – Summer Ridgeway Ride. Contact June: junecollier@btinternet.com
- **1st September 2013** – Junior & Senior Dressage to Music, Moreton Morrell. Contact Anna: djmr@doctors.org.uk
- **12th September 2013** – Riding Club Eventer Challenge, Blenheim Horse Trials. Contact June: junecollier@btinternet.com
- **September 2013** – Autumn Ride, Kirtlington Park. Details tbc. Contact Anna: djmr@doctors.org.uk
- **27th October 2013** – ORC Hunter Trials, Swalcliffe. Contact Anna: djmr@doctors.org.uk
- **November 2013** – ORC AGM details to be confirmed.

Lessons



Mary Webb is a competent rider and trainer who competes at Medium Level dressage. Louise is arranging flatwork lessons with her at Village Farm, Bletchington (on a surface) and details will be sent out by email but if you would like to know more please get in touch (louise-king@tiscali.co.uk).

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Simon Nicholson

International Show Jumper based near Shipston-on-Stratford



Show jumping lessons continue with Simon Nicholson at Lower Farm, Duns Tew. He is a very popular and experienced instructor who has been involved with ORC for a number of years and has helped a great many of us improve. Pauline sends out details regularly but if you would like to know more please get in touch with her (pauline@springfarm.me.uk).

Our spring show is coming up on 21st April 2013 and will be near Little Tew again by kind permission of Mandy Wilson. There will be dressage and show jumping and a schedule is attached. We would greatly appreciate more helpers please.

The winter novice show jumping qualifier took place in February at Solihull and Louise King rode a super round in the Top Score competition finishing 3rd in a large class. She qualifies for the championships which will be held at the Royal Windsor Horse Show in May 2013. Good luck Louise, have a great day!