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NEWSLETTER

New Year Social Saturday 23rd June 2016

Kindly hosted by Jane Collier at Whitehill Close, Whitehill, Tackley, OX5 3AB

7.30pm for 8pm Dinner RSVP to felicitywilsonsmith@yahoo.co.uk

Area 5 Qualifiers

Prelim Entries for the Junior (6th Feb) and Senior (7th Feb) Novice Dressage and the Junior (20th Feb) and Senior (21st Feb) Novice Show Jumping Qualifiers need to be in ASAP. If you are interested in competing in any of these please contact:

Juniors - Beryl Stringer

beryl@the-stringers.co.uk

Seniors - Felicity Wilson

felicitywilsonsmith@yahoo.co.uk

2016 Social Rides

14th Feb - Snowdrop Ride 10.30am from Titenford Bridge contact June Collier
junecollier@btinternet.com

7th May - Bluebell Ride 10.30am from Hill Barn Farm Nr Charlbury contact Bernadette Evans
bernadette100@aol.com

4th Sept - Late Summer Ride 3pm from Ledwell contact Katy Parsons
ktwill9@hotmail.com

You must be a member of ORC to take part in the Social Rides

New for Spring 2016

Throughout May & June we are planning a series of Dressage Test Clinics to take place fortnightly with a progressive choice of tests which will culminate in our Summer Dressage Show on 10th July 2016 This will be a chance to ride tests in show conditions with personal feedback and advice from the judge before re riding the test

More details to follow shortly



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Annual ORC Dinner

Our Annual ORC Dinner will take place at The Mason Arms Nr Swerford on Thursday 3rd March

All ORC Members plus Ones welcome

Please RSVP to Felicity - felicitywilsonsmith@yahoo.co.uk with menu choices by 23rd February

Starters

Homemade Leek & Potato Soup served with Crusty Bread

Black Pudding, Smoked Bacon & Apple Stack with Balsamic Glaze

Crispy Brie Parcels with Red Onion & Cranberry Chutney

Ham Hock Terrine with Spicy Tomato Chutney

Main Courses

Roast Topside of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding

Smoked Haddock Fillet with Bubble & Squeak, Spring Greens & Watercress Sauce

Chicken Fillet with Sun-Dried Tomato and Mozzarella on a Five Bean Provencal Ragout

Roasted Butternut Squash, Halloumi and Red Pepper Parcel with Mushroom Sauce

All mains come with selection of seasonal vegetables & potatoes

Desserts

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard

Eton Mess

Vanilla Pannacotta with Shortbread Biscuit & Mixed Berries

Raspberry & White Chocolate Cheesecake

2 courses £17.50pp

3 courses £20.50pp



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Also new for 2016 our newsletters will include a "getting to know your fellow members" section, first in this series is Pauline Parker, a long standing member of ORC and organiser of our weekly clinics with Matt & Simon.....

Brief History: I live at Beaconsfield Farm, Great Tew where I have 4 horses including 2 youngsters. We also have 4 livery horses. I'm married to Mark who is a farmer and we have twin boys who are 14 years old.

Most memorable horse – it has to be Shannon – my first horse, a lovely ID x TB who taught me everything! Shannon and Kevin (who was owned and ridden by my dearest friend Marie) used to do everything together from hunting, team chasing, pairs dressage (and we even made it to the riding club nationals!!), show jumping and a spot of low level eventing. She was loaned to Alice and Anna Reynolds who competed her and looked after her beautifully and she lived with my friend Sophie in her retirement to the grand old age of 27.

I also have to mention Delius who is my first proper dressage horse – found for me by Dedi Leech as a foal in Germany from the Klatte Stud and came to me when he was 10 months old. He's 7 now and did his first medium test last year.

Current ambitions: Carry on having lessons from Dan Greenwood and hopefully competing Delius. I've just qualified as a British Dressage judge so I'm really looking forward to doing more of that. I'd also like to go to Aachen one day to watch the top class dressage and show jumping.



What you look for in a horse: Athleticism - oh and they also have to be dark bay geldings!

Favourite venue: Allens Hill – Delius and I were eliminated for jumping over the boards twice there when he was 4 years old but they were very understanding!

What is a typical day for you: Give breakfast and hay to the horses at 7am (before giving breakfast to my twin boys much to their annoyance), school run, muck out, ride, poo pick the fields and then do my book-keeping work in the afternoons. My boys are very sporty so I go to watch all their rugby, cricket and hockey matches too. On Friday nights we go to The White Horse in Duns Tew – a lovely pub!

Funniest horse moment: Walking the course at Upton House Horse Trials years ago and telling Marie the cross country was really easy, then I had a stop at fence 3, nearly fell off at fence 4 and was eliminated at fence 6!

If you would like you, your horse or someone you know to be featured in our Newsletter please contact Felicity or Nicki