

OWSTON RIDING CLUB

Newsletter Spring 2011

Hello All,

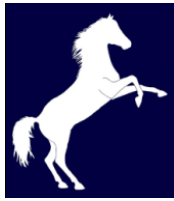
Rain has forced me to sit and write as I cannot stand to be outside any longer. I'm sure it is fair to say I fit into the bracket of fair weather rider, well that and the convenient indoor school! Plus have been on day one of my HGV theory and am brain fuddled!

Anyhow... I would like to welcome all new members who have already joined this year and hope that we will get to know you and your horses over the course of it at training, shows and teams etc. Please don't be afraid to chat with any of us on the committee if you want to know about anything further or join in with teams etc, well that's if I have not badgered you about it before you get a chance. Also welcome to another year all those that have already joined from last year, many thanks and here's looking forward to another good year.

Kicking off 2011 we have already sent members to the indoor showjumping Qualifiers at Solihull on the 13th Feb. Once again we did Owston Riding Club proud. Having never been to this qualifier before I think it was an eye opener that we will definitely be more prepared for next year. The competition consisted of individual indoor qualifiers and top score Royal Windsor Qualifiers. In the top score you have 90 seconds to jump any of 12 jumps with different values, basically you pick your own course and the highest score wins! We already had a new member, Charlotte Elliot-Grooby who unfortunately had to withdraw the night before but we are all hoping she will be able to come to other team events. Kicking off the early start we had was Jasmine Smith-Bull riding Mexicano in the top score, putting in a brilliant performance to finish 2nd in her first round, and 6th in the 2nd round. Next Emma Prusek put in a very good performance on Dixie King having a clear round in her first round and an unlucky four faults in the 2nd. Elizabeth Horne took her horse French Diplomat and for her first proper show put in a brilliant performance and hope will come to more events.



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Next Stephanie Warren riding Colonel 31 had a positive ride for her first big show and again we hope will now continue to join us. I was on last and after my horse QT had turned his nose up to the rain outside then went inside and we had a well welcomed clear round, in our jump off we went a little quick and came out with 8 faults, may have been placed around 12th by the rough estimations of those of us left however we did not stay to find out as after 13hrs in the rain we were ready to go home!! A success for all, well done.

Just received entries today for Festival of the Horse challenge which is a short course of showjumps into a short course of cross country which is on the 10th of April. I did this last year and it was very good fun. I have to enter everybody 21 days prior so if your horse is vaccinated and you are interested please let me know.

Handy pony is coming up soon and is a real good chance for everybody to take part be it Shetland or Shire, again please spread the word and lets get everybody involved. It's a good show for a giggle or too as well!!!

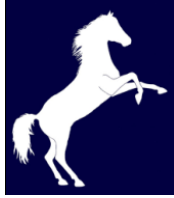
As a club our starting main aim was to provide a fun safe and learning/show atmosphere for complete beginners up to seasoned competitors. From feedback I am pleased we have achieved this already in our first year and can build on this for another and hopefully many more to come. So please keep spreading the word about your club and let our member list grow. Many thanks to all that have volunteered at shows, without all this hard work no shows would be possible so if you can help please do. It is very much appreciated, apparently it is not appropriate to rugby tackle you all to the ground and kiss you, so when I do thank you , please remember it is very heartfelt!!!

Good luck for 2011.

Jaime - Secretary/Team Manager.



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Dressage Results 18th Dec 2010

Class One- walk and trot

- 1st Christine O'Donovan- Blue Boy
- 2nd Jessica Duxbury- True Blue
- 3rd Ann Bond- Princess
- 4th Ben Harriman- Merlin
- 5th Bee Allcock- McArthur
- 6th Michael Philips- Danny

Class Two- Walk, Trot and Canter

- 1st Christine O'Donovan- Dixie King
- 2nd Steve Smith- Daredevil Dandare
- 3rd Elizabeth Horne- French Diplomat
- 4th Zoe Cormick- Blue
- 5th Anna Hodkinson- Jazzman
- 6th Laura Smith- Lobo

Class 3- Best Youngster

- 1st Barbara Randall- What the Dickens
- 2nd Pip Coombe- Standing Strong
- 3rd Jaime Randall- Shangri La

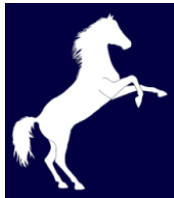
Class 4- Best Turned Out

- 1st Jessica Turrill- CrackerJack
- 2nd Jessica Duxbury- Blue
- 3rd Martha- Blaze = Darcy- Lobo

Class 5- Best Veteran

- 1st Gemma Gadsby- Seamus = Anna Hodkinson- Dixie King





Class 6- Dressage to Music

1st Stephanie Warren- Colonel 31

2nd Steve Smith- Danny

3rd Laura Smith- Lobo

4th Jessica Turrill- Owstons Oreo and Milk

5th Pip Coombe- Standing Strong

6th Jaime Randall- Quick to Move

Well done to all who took part it was a fun day placed or not. The dressage to music again was brilliant to watch!! Also well done to all that received prizes for best fancy dress in each class.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March 27th Sunday : Handy Pony competition to be held at Owston Lodge Equestrian Centre.

April 24th Sunday: Clear Round Show Jumping to be held at Owston Lodge Equestrian Centre.

May 22nd Sunday: Dressage Competition to be held at Owston Lodge Equestrian Centre.

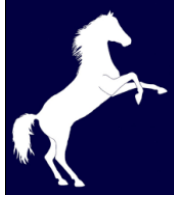
Competition Rules:

Hats to be worn at all times PAS 015 or BS EN 1384 Judges decision is final To be run under BD rules Dogs to be kept on leads Owston Riding Club have taken reasonable precautions to ensure health and safety of everyone present. For such measures to be effective, everyone must take reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring, and must obey the instructions of the organiser, officials and stewards at all times: Neither Owston RC, committee, Owston Lodge Equestrian Centre, nor anyone acting on their behalf, accept any responsibility for any loss, damage or injury, howsoever caused. Correct show dress and footwear must be worn Please take your rubbish home with you and please do not muck out your horse boxes/trailers at the equestrian centre.

For further details contact the Owston Riding Club Secretary, Jaime on 07532 000183



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OWSTON RIDING CLUB TEAM GEAR

Available to order are Owston Riding Club hoodies and polo shirts - great for Club nights or when representing the club.

Hoodies are £20 each and are available in the following sizes:

Small (size 8-10), Medium (size 10-12), Large (size 14-16)

Polo Shirts are £17 each and are available in the following sizes:

X-Small, Small, Medium, Large, X-Large (mens sizing so quite generous)

For more information or to order, please contact Paula or Jaime.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Members of Owston Riding Club can join the riding club page on Facebook. Keep up to date with the latest events and post photos of previous ones.

VOLUNTEERS

We ask all members to volunteer at one RC event per year - please email correspondence@owstonridingclub.co.uk if you can spare a couple of hours to help at the next event.

MEET THE COMMITTEE -

For any club queries or concerns:

Chairman & Bookings - Paula Norton

Secretary & Team Manager - Jaime Randall

Training - Lauren Shannon

Membership - Gemma Gadsby

Treasurer - Melissa Seear

Welfare - Barbara Randall

Owston Representative - Steph Warren

Correspondence - Michelle Colclough

If you would like to include anything in the newsletter, please contact correspondence@owstonridingclub.co.uk



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