

Hi everyone, this is just to catch you all up with whats been going on, what is coming up and other varies notes.

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped with our events this year, especially those people who have come back time after time, in order for everyone to have a good time. We always need helpers so if you have not helped this year maybe you could put your name down as a helper next year.

MEMBERSHIP - Due to the credit crunch we are again not raising the membership fee, we will keep it the same as the last 3 years. 5years and under £10.00 6-12yrs £15,00 13 – 18years £20.00 18+ £25.00, membership is now due and goes through until Oct 31st 2010, familys 2 or more get a 10% discount when joining together. All cheques to be made payable to Hykeham Riding Club and send to Lynne Mellers, 14, Millers Dale, North Hykeham, Lincoln. LN6 8LH. Memberships is now due.

AREA DATES for next year are as follows;

Festival of the Hunter is 7th March, 2010, to be run again at Epworth Equestrian Centre. This is again a 2 phase event, show jumping then straight onto XC course. Team and individual sections.

Dressage and Riding Test Summer competition on 13th June,2010 and will be held at Sheepgate EC Boston, Lincs. this is both a team and individual event. Tests. Senior. Novice team everyone to do P12, Open team N24,N28 N34 and Elm 45 Riding Test for seniors RT11 & 13. Juniors Team 2 will do Prelim 12 2 to do N24, RT 11 or 12

Horse Trials on 20th June, 2010 to be held at Eland EC cost will be approximately £70.00 per person. Eland EC is on the A50 towards Burton on Trent?? Test. Senior Novice HN1 -Int. HI2 - Open H12. Juniors Novice HN1 - Int H12

Outdoor show jumping and style jumping 11th July, 2010 at White House Farm, Eagle Moor. Team and individuals allowed, Novice, Int and Open for Seniors no int for Juniors. Stlye jumping for both seniors and juniors.

For any of the above events your horse/pony has to be fully vaccinated, if un-sure about this ring Lynne for explanation. If you have and BSJA winnings or BD or BE points please advise Lynne as there is some events/classes that you will not be able to enter. Please let me know what you want to do during January please, also don't forget you have to be a member as well before the end of January, 2010 to qualify.

On the 22nd November, 2009 we had the **area indoor show jumping qualifier** , everyone who took part rode well and looked the part, so well done to everyone. Ryan Mellers, Ryan Page, Alex Christopher and Emily Bolton came 4th, Chloe Locke, Rosie and Megan Campbell and Charlotte Robinson came 3rd, in the senior section Kate Christopher, Aileen Sarahan and Mel Bailey came 7th. Good day was had by all.

On the 19th December, we had a fund raising day, **Bag Packing at Asda Super store**, North Hykeham, we managed to raise £186.33 with 10 people, just think how much we could have made with 20!!!!!!!!!!!! – I will be booking the 18th December, 2010 to try and raise more funds. Please put in your diary.

Dates for 2010.

31st January, 2010 – Pleasure Ride from Carholme Road Grandstand to North and South Carlton via Burton. 10.30 start, £5.00 per person, hot soup and rolls included after you have finished the ride. Book in with Lynne,

28th Feb, 2010 – Pleasure Ride from Skellingthorpe Community Centre to Harby. 10.30 start £5.00 per person, includes hot soup and roll after the ride.

20th March – Quiz night – South Hykeham Village hall – Tickets £2.00 per person

21st March, 2010 – Beach Ride, Seal Sanctuary, Mablethorpe – 10.30 approx meet in the car park.

11th April, 2010 – Hunter Trial at Danethorpe, also will include dressage day and clear round all day. STC

23rd April, 2010 – Equestrian Fashion Show, held in North Kesteven School Hall. 7pm start.

9th May, 2010 - Hunter Trial at Eagle Moor.

18th May, 2010 – Evening Dressage at Laughterton

6th June, 2010 – Open Show at Danethorpe

8th June, 2010 – Evening Dressage at Laughterton

17th August, 2010 – Evening Dressage at Laughterton

29th August, 2010 – Open Show at Danethorpe

14th Sept, 2010 – Evening Dressage at Laughterton

26th Sept, 2010 – ODE at Danethorpe

23rd Oct 2010 – Ladies Night – Hykeham Social Club – over 14' years

7th November, 2010 – Hunter Trial at Danethorpe

20th November 2010 – Quiz night, South Hykeham Village Hall - £2.00 per person

5th December, 2010 – Christmas Show at Riseholme.

It's been a long time coming but at last we have organised some new HRC clothing which will be showcased at Presentation Evening, 13th Feb at the Memorial Hall, North Hykeham 7pm till 11pm tickets available now £5.00 Adults, children £3.00 10years and under, please book in advance.

Please send in any photos you may have of riders enjoying our shows, or of your own achievements, so we can keep the web site interesting.

Last but by no means least, some very sad news, one of our previous members died on the 16th December, very unexpectedly, Alison Harrison who was only 43 years old, she was a member of Hykeham for a long time, doing all Area qualifiers and events through out the years. Alison hasn't been a member for the last few years, after starting a hairdressing business which took up so much of her time, that she eventually sold her horse to concentrate on her business. Our condolences' go to her daughter Sammi, Son Anthony and Alison's mum , Dad and Brother Martin.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2010.

Lynne, Lesley and all committee members.