

UPPER DONSIDE RIDING CLUB



Newsletter November 2009

The AGM held at Norvite on Thursday 29th October was a well attended and positive meeting. Thanks to all who attended and welcome to the new members who joined on the night. Following this meeting various points came up for discussion as follows:-

It was agreed by all present that from now on, UDRC policy will be, that if a member books a space for an event, payment must be one week in advance. If a member books and does not pay in the required time, the place will be deemed vacant and offered out to other members. If a member is unable to attend and has paid they can find another member to take their place, but monies already paid will not be refunded. This policy applies to events where spaces are limited, not, for example, open demonstrations, social events etc.

Several members requested fleeces so, if you would like a UDRC fleece (navy with gold lettering) please let Fiona know by 13th November when she will be placing the next order. Fitted ladies style £20 or £22.50 for the more roomy unisex style. If you require the ladies fitted variety it would be advisable to order a size larger than usual as they are rather 'snug'. We are investigating the possibility of polo shirts as requested.

Members also showed interest in going to see Geoff Billington and Ollie Townend at Gleneagles for their 'Champions Tour' on Tuesday 24th November. This has now been organised.

There are two updates for the Constitution as requested by the BRCS namely, club members must now be 18 years of age and over (first paragraph under Membership) and details of hat standards (Administration paragraph 8). The Constitution is available on the website.

As always copies of the complete AGM minutes will, as always, be available just prior to next year's AGM.

Reminders for upcoming events are -

No Hoof, No Horse Dinner & Talk with Matthew Jackson on Tuesday 10th November. Places for this talk are now full, but Joanne is taking a waiting list in case of cancellation. Due to the popularity of this talk, we plan to organise another date and members on the waiting list will be given first refusal.

Tuesday 17th November Minority Breeds Showcase @ Oyne

Saturday 28th November Connie Weller Saddle Fitting Demo & Workshop

Tuesday 1st December Norvite Social Evening & Christmas Shopping at Norvite, Blackbog

Saturday 9th January 'Christmas Party' @ Hunters Moon.

Bookings payable in advance by 4th January.

There is availability for the Flatwork with Pam Millar at Ladyluck Equestrian between 5.30 - 7pm on Thursdays up until Christmas.

Please note that if you wish to book a place or require information about an event, please ensure to contact and pay the person who is the 'Contact' for that particular event.

If leaving a message to be called back please, where possible, leave a landline contact number as it can get very expensive returning calls to mobiles!

The Club have taken out a Riding Club Membership with the Moray Equestrian Access Group. We will put up a link from the UDRC website, but in the meantime information can be obtained from www.meag.org.uk. This will give members access to various mapped routes and organised rides.

Membership is now due and a renewal application is attached for members who have not yet rejoined.

On a last note we thank Sarah Brands for her time on the Committee and welcome Joanne Lees as her replacement. A big thank you too, to Denise Darwin for her hard work in setting up the new website and as Press Officer.

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