



Naphill Riding Club January Newsletter



January 2012

Dear members

Welcome to our January Newsletter, I trust you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I would like welcome all our new members who have recently joined us and also welcome all those who have renewed for an exciting year ahead.

Over the past year, we have managed to hold over 80 events for our members, which include 44+ training sessions , 7 trail rides, and 21+ other events which include new things such as Quadrille, le trek, western riding and bar b q ride and riding holidays. Not to forget our Open show and 2 riding club camps.

Our teams have done extremely well, taking part in 12 team events and qualifying for at least 3 championships sending 7 people to represent our club in various disciplines

This year our committee have already planned an abundance of training and shows, trails and camps in our fixtures with even more coming soon, we are planning trips to Windsor Barracks, holding a spring showing show and many other events.

We have launched our new website, which all seems to be going well which I update weekly and sometimes daily with events which are up and coming and news. In December alone we have had over 272 people visit our site, with the average time spent on site 4.09 minutes, 1,672 Page views and 56.99% % New Visits.

For those members who have not renewed yet, there is always time but remember that you will now be required to pay a joining fee. I hope that you do take the time to renew and join in in all the fun and training that we have to offer in the coming months.

I would personally like to thank all those members who have renewed for supporting our club and to our committee who work hard to make things possible and welcome all our new members into our fold.

Wishing you all successful riding and partnership with all your horses in the following year ahead

Kind Regards

Martin – Club Chairman
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John Gregory

Members will be saddened to learn that John passed away on 10th December 2011, after a short illness. He was known to many of us a saddler, was a club member, and attended to help at many events. We send our deepest sympathy to Jan and hold her in our thoughts.

President's corner

Our first event of 2012 the tinsel ride, dawned bright and clear. 22 riders, some in fancy dress enjoyed the chance to ride over the grass tracks on Kensham Farm.

Leading the same number of adults, children and dogs on a walk along footpaths I felt a bit like the Pied Piper.

On return we were all treated to mulled punch and an assortment of refreshments provided by Jenny Bowie. It was agreed by everyone that this was an enjoyable and successful start to the year.

The committee are working hard to provide members with a varied programme. Training sessions aimed at all members are continuing and the Team Trainers are keen that as many members as possible put themselves forward to represent the club in team competitions.

With this in mind we will be represented at two area competitions next month, Team Winter show jumping at BCA on 12th February and Area 6 Winter dressage qualifier at Snowball Farm on 25th February.

Team members always welcome support and it helps to have a friendly face to have a chat to during the inevitable wait between classes. Do come along and offer your support if you can. More information will be found on the clubs website.

Lots of things are in the pipeline planned for the Spring and Summer and if you have anything in particular that you would like the Club to consider running, do contact either Martin or one of the committee members who could then put your idea forward for discussion at a committee meeting.

Good luck for the summer season, I hope that your horses stay sound and that you are able to enjoy some of the events you will find in our future programme

Pat Fowler – Club President



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Welcome to our New members

We would like to welcome our new members into the club and look forward to meeting you all at future events:

Melanie Brown
Jennifer Blockley
Haley Coe
Tracey Crook
Bridget Dack
Sharon Davies
Kate Fleming
Heidi Franklin
Judy Hanson

Jax Jones
Danielle Miles
Emma Newman
Elizabeth Scott
Simone Valentine
Sam Wallace
Sarah McCairns
Sarah Davison

Membership Update

Val Firth has taken over as Membership Secretary from Lyn Shew. At present we have 122 members. If you have recently joined us a 'Welcome Pack' is included with this newsletter.

To become a member of the club; it costs £19.50 for riding members and £11.50 for non-riding members plus a £5.00 joining fee.

A donation of 50p per member is made to the BOB Air Ambulance. So the more members we have the more we can support this very worthwhile cause which relies on donations only.

Membership cards, sponsored by NAF, will now be posted to you direct from the Riding Clubs office. Jackets, sweatshirts and polo shirts in Naphill Riding Club colours and with the club's logo on can be purchased at reasonable prices through Kelly Smith at Dobbins Clobber.

Tel: (01494) 484 106

E-mail: info@dobbinsclobber.co.uk

Spring Showing Show Sunday 25th March 2012 - Venue TBC

Get ready for the coming showing season at our Spring Showing Show. This now resurrected, after a few years break. The Ludlow Goblets are there to be won.

This is a fun event and will give you a chance to pick up some showing tips in a relaxed and friendly way. Sommerhalder points will be awarded. Keep an eye on the website for the schedule. Venue yet to be confirmed.

Contact: Val Firth 01844 346735



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Naphill Riding Club Teams

The club enters teams for both Area 6 and London & South East regional competition qualifiers throughout the year. These give members an opportunity to compete together and aim to qualify for championships.

Dressage teams are run from prelim - medium, music, team tests, pairs and riders tests. Show jumping and horse trials teams run from 2'6" upwards.

We also enter a team for the Liaison Trophy which is a low level team competition unique to Area 6 with dressage, show jumping, cross country, & roads and tracks phases on offer. This is an ideal opportunity to try competing on teams if you have not done so before.

Helpers on foot are needed for all team competitions and doing this is a great way of finding out what's involved and what disciplines/levels you might like to participate in

There really is something for everyone and wherever possible we will include everyone who wants to get involved in a team. BUT we need to know who you are and what you're interested in doing.

Please remember, if you are a member of another club and have ridden for their team within the current team year you will not be able to ride for Naphill until the start of the new team year.

If you're not sure which team would be right for you and your horse please get in touch and have a chat with us, or even better, come to one of our many clinics we have to offer this year.

Teams are a great way of meeting other people in the riding club and making competing a social event with the support of your fellow team members and others from the club.

If you have any queries, or wish to be considered for teams or would just like to come along and support our club or help at any of our team events throughout the year; please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

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Alison Stenning 07831 453166 ali.ste@tinyonline.co.uk





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Naphill Riding Club Moreton Morrell Camp 2012

This year, the dates for Moreton Morrell Camp 2012 are 6th July to 10th July. This will be our sixteenth visit to Warwickshire College at Moreton Morrell.

Facilities are available for both camping, in tents, trailers or lorries or in hostel rooms with en-suite showers. We reserve a hostel room for campers so there is a shower available. There are common rooms in the hostel, where we can keep our cakes coffee, wine etc. and meet up. Stables are "American barn" type, and large enough for the biggest horses.

Facilities include 3 arenas: the Ashford Indoor 60 metres by 25 with viewing gallery, mirrors and sound system, The Wolves arena, originally outdoor, but now with a roof, approx. 70 x 25 metres, and finally the huge outdoor arena, 50 x 100 metres. All have excellent surfaces and show-jumps are available in all arenas. Tack is kept in a lockable container close by the stables.

We do not yet have the costs, but as a guide, last year it was £291 for camping and £388 for those in hostel. Costs include: stabling, bedding hay/haylage, all use of facilities, instruction. The only extras are hard feed for horses and all human food.

Instruction: We allocate 4 hours per day (Sat 7th-Tues.10th) for riding, Groups are not normally more than 6 riders, and may split into smaller groups for shorter sessions, depending on what members choose. Nothing is compulsory!! You don't have to jump or go X-country if you don't want to!! Camp is not really about hacking and the riding in the area is not that good, or safe, but riders can go for a gentle stroll around part of the grounds should they need to. There is no turnout for horses, but they can be grazed in hand, although after a busy day they seem happiest in their stables with plenty of hay!

Human food: we take breakfast and lunch in the refectory and evening meals are booked in local pubs, which we have used for some years. We make sure that they have a good range on their menus and a wide price range.

Our instructors will be Liz Fellows, BHSI and Clarissa Dawson BHSI who are well known to us. Should we have extra people this year we will approach other instructors, with similar qualifications and experience to join us, but the limit for numbers is 18, or three rides.

If anyone would like to come, but can only come for 2 days, we can usually accommodate them either within the other rides, or by running a separate ride for the 2 days, perhaps over the weekend. For further information,

Please Contact: Jackie Edwards 01494 488356 jackiemedwards@talk21.com





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Tinsel Ride on 2nd January 2012

It was fantastic to see so many members attend the Tinsel Ride on 2nd January. 22 horses and riders took part and about the same number of people came either to walk their dogs or just to have a chat with friends. I think this is the most people I have ever known attend the Tinsel Ride and I've been in the Riding Club a long time!! It was also nice to see so many new members taking part – Danielle Miles, Heidi Franklin, Simone Valentine and Bridget Dack, welcome to the club.

Kensham is a wonderful venue for this event with it's off road riding, not to mention the lovely long canter back up the hill. I will be aiming to arrange another pleasure ride from Kensham in the near future so keep an eye on the fixtures list.

Martin very kindly took lots of photos at the event and will be posting them on the website shortly for you all to see. As you will see from the photos, some people went to a lot of trouble to dress themselves, their horses and dogs in festive attire, and rosettes were awarded as follows:-

- 1st Tina Sexton and Jane Clarke
- 3rd Danielle Miles
- 4th Carol Hogan
- 5th Pat Morris

Thanks go to the Edgerleys for allowing us to ride around Kensham, Jenny Bowie for organising the refreshments, Pat Fowler for organising the routes/maps and leading the dog walk, Jax Jones for welcoming everyone and collecting the money and Martin for the photography.

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that after costs are taken out we will be sending a cheque for £135 to the Air Ambulance.

Kathy Bristow





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NRC Christmas Dinner 2011- The peacock , Henton

The NRC dinner was held on 3 December at The Peacock, Henton. Martin the owner made us all very welcome. Thirty six members and friends attended.

Our guest speaker was Patrick Print FBHS OBE a former chairman of the BHS. He gave an interesting and amusing talk on the three most influential women in his career in the equine world.

It was a very jolly evening although some members were most put out that they did not get water pistols in their crackers! One former chairman was having a great evening squirting everyone with her water pistol!

Thanks to everyone for supporting this event - the committee would welcome suggestions for next year's event.

Val Firth



Naphill Riding Club OPEN SHOW 2012

Our ever popular Open Show is on a Saturday this year with Show jumping, Showing and Dressage classes to include Chiltern & Thames Rider qualifying classes.

If any of our members wish to sponsor a class you can choose which class you would like to sponsor , be it Jumping , showing or Mountain & Morland for £20,

Also we are looking for helpers for setting up the show on the Friday and also helping on the show day and clearing the showground after the show, if you would like to help and can offer support please contact the show Secretary; Merryn Polly or Mary Hilder (contact details can be found on the website or on the attached committee list)

Naphill Riding Club Open Show 2012 Saturday 16th June 2012

By kind permission of Sir Edward Dashwood
West Wycombe Estate
West Wycombe Park
Buckinghamshire, HP14 3AJ



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Training Update January 2012

Well we are now into the New Year with two team events fast looming, and Liaison not that far away. It would be really helpful if members could please get in touch with me if they require training date updates, or would like to request something new.

Our website should keep you in touch with what is going on; but occasionally venues and instructors do have changes of plan and I am afraid sometimes it is just not possible to have the new event on the website in time.

XC TRAINING FOR 2012

We are now looking to book dates, venues and instructors for these sessions, but it would be really helpful if you could please contact me and let me know what you would be interested in doing, where you want to do it, and what level you are riding at. We can book sessions to cater for the complete beginner or young horse's right up to the most advanced of you out there, but as you can appreciate it is almost impossible to book without any knowledge of your requirements. Please do contact me for any further information.

TEAM TRAINING

If you have entered to compete in the SJ or Dressage in February and feel like you need some training please do contact me, we have been running a fair few jumping sessions, and are planning to hold a dressage test run through. Please do contact me if you are interested in order that we can arrange this. Please do note though, that our team events are **friendly**, you join the team to have **fun**, there is no pressure put on anyone at all...usually it involves some good cake too....

Tina Sexton 07817 593022 (evenings) or email tinaseyton@btinternet.com



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Meet Our Instructors

Although we try to use a varied group of instructors during the year, Some newer members may not know of our regular instructors; Liz Fellows, Susie Pilbeam and Annette Christey so a few notes about each of them may be useful.

Liz Fellows

Liz is a BHSI who has taught at Warwickshire College for the last seventeen years, but has now “retired” from the College. She competes in dressage with Masquerade (known as Bob) who is competing at PSG. They have competed at regional level and at last September’s national championships were fourth in the Pet Plan PSG. Liz and Masquerade won the medium freestyle to music in the winter championships in 2007. Liz has been teaching club members for the last thirteen years. In the past she has been involved with the eventing and showing worlds.

Susie Pilbeam

Susie is a BHSI. A very well-known and respected instructor with wide experience in competition at all levels. She has also been in the SORC quadrille which has reached the finals at Olympia on several occasions. Susie has taught the Club for a good many years and has judged for us several times.

Annette Christey (Nettie)

Annette is an experienced instructor, teaching all levels, children and adults and has experienced teaching abroad and has competed BD, BE, BS, BSPS including HOYS. Happy teaching all levels from nervous beginner to advanced Flatwork, jumping, cross country, stable management, Nettie is a fully registered BHS I instructor. She is happy to teach all levels from nervous beginner to advanced. Annette has many years of experience teaching clients on all types of horses, from hairy ponies to ex-racehorses. She has taught at various pony clubs and riding clubs as well as teaching the rider who just enjoys their horse. Her speciality lies in building confidence in nervous riders; she is also successful at gaining the trust of young and sensitive horses

About Our events

In the event of bad weather please contact the organiser before setting out
Further details of any Naphill Riding Club events may be on our website: www.naphillridingclub.co.uk
Unless otherwise stated, events are for Members only

Where Booking slips are enclosed for events, please return with correct fee (cheques made payable to Naphill Riding Club) by the closing date. If you wish to confirm that you have a place please telephone the organiser

If any of our members wish to have any ideas of any events they would like to see in our fixtures or that they would like to run and offer our members, please speak to one of the committee. Full names of all our committee members can be found on our website: <http://www.naphillridingclub.co.uk>



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Member Discounts

2011 BRC Membership Discounts at time of going to press are:

- £5 off Freezemarking services at Farmkey. Tel: 0870 870 7107 or visit www.farmkey.co.uk
- 30% discount when you join the BHS. Tel: 08701 201900 or join online: www.bhs.org.uk (Offer applies only to BRC members who are joining the BHS for the first time)
- To obtain discount on all full price items in the BHS bookshop apply for your BHS Loyalty Card by sending an SAE to British Horse Society, Bookshop, Abbey Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2XZ. Offer excludes dressage tests, Christmas cards and sale items. Discount at BHS TREC competitions, and eligibility to enter BHS TREC Championships and SEIB BHS TREC League.
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- 5% off all orders from Jump4Joy (excludes jump cups, discount not available in conjunction with any other offer i.e. free delivery) Tel: 01386 7933339 www.jump4joy.co.uk
- 10% off Signam Products. Tel: 01926 417300 or visit www.sportsmark.co.uk
- 2.5% off any arena surface from McArdle Equestrian (excludes construction or gallop surfaces). Tel: 01844 353202 www.mcardleeequestriansurfaces.com
- 10% discount on all wall, stable and trailer rubber matting. Tel: 01536 513456 www.equimat.co.uk
- 10% off pasture management products from Agresource. Free advice on weed eradication in your pasture. Tel: 01926 633099 or email enquiries@agresource.co.uk
- 5% off any purchase Kate Negus Saddlery. Tel: 0845 4308456 or visit www.katenegus.com
- 5% discount at Rugwash. Introductory offer - 10% off all embroidery on horse, dog and rider clothing. Tel: 01926 651286 or 07801 150571
- 10% discount on Fine Fettle products. View range of products at www.vineherbal.co.uk

FinallyThank you all for supporting our Club and for those who help to make things possible throughout the year. We could not manage the vast range of things that we offer our members without the great support from our strong and committed Committee and all our members, helpers and volunteer's

Wishing you all the best for the coming year and hoping we can continue for many years to come

Regards

Martin Liggins – Club Chairman