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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you.

Just a short note to tell you the date of the AGM which is to be held at Marsham Farm, Fairlight on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Please RSVP to Alison Jones as this helps enormously with the catering. A lovely meal and some entertainment will be provided.

Please note there are vacancies to be filled on the committee so give this some thought and put yourself forward if you'd like to join.

From the EGM that we held a short while ago a few changes have been agreed by those who attended. The full minutes are available on request, but basically we have agreed a number of points.

1 Subscriptions will have to be increased to cover the running costs of the club. A full subscription will be £35 and a non-riding membership will be £20.

2 Those interested in being part of a team will need to be proactive in the organisation required.

3 The club is going to be run on a 'ticking over' basis, until hopefully the economy situation resolves itself, which will mean no fundraising events will be organised by the committee. We will however help anybody who wants to organise something.

4 Points will be allocated to members who compete anywhere and are placed- tell us and we will put the points you gain toward the club trophies. Cards are available at the AGM or on request for you to track this.

Look forward to seeing you at the AGM, when of course we'll be happy to clarify any of the above.

## FUTURE EVENTS

Di Blackman has arranged for Lena Pearson Wood to do individual sessions with the balance ball at £15 per person for 20 minutes each on Wednesday 22 February probably afternoon/evening to allow those who work to come too. About two weeks later, she will then do individual sessions on horses for half an hour for £15. Please contact Di if you would like to do it.

## Training

### Lena Pearson- Wood Body Balance System

Ridden clinics can be arranged or you can have one to one sessions with Lena. Contact Alison Jones. Cost £15 per rider for pairs of riders and £20 for 1-1.

### Dressage/Flatwork

Joarc Geelen is available for lessons one to one or shared by a maximum of two, run at Rocklands Place, Boreham Lane, Wartling near Herstmonceux. Great arena surface and training mirrors which help your position and let you see your horse's way of going. Good parking. Call Jo direct on 01323 502682.

### Show jumping

With Maria Green. Regular dates are arranged and are well attended. Absolutely any level catered for even if you don't want to leave the ground! Session can take place on weekdays and at weekends for those who are working. Contact Alison Jones on 01424 814679.

## Other Things On

### Rides out

Contact Alison Jones if you want to ride out on hacks - small groups or indeed finding someone to help with a young or 'difficult' hack - have a chat and we'll see what we can do for you. We've all been there!!

### Inspirational Riding Solutions

2 day workshops to banish fears or loss of confidence. " A blend of NLP and therapy this workshop is designed to help you deal with psychological blocks that create fear and stop you achieving your riding goals". for more info call 01795 590 243 or email [info@inspirational-life-solutions.com](mailto:info@inspirational-life-solutions.com). or view website [www.InspirationalRidingSolutions.com](http://www.InspirationalRidingSolutions.com)

### Dressage Competition Workshops

British Dressage organizes these workshops aimed at Riding Club/Pony Club members to give them an insight into what BD has to offer. The day is run by two BD trainers from the Trainers Database and comprises a training session mounted, a practical session on turnout and presentation followed by riding a test which is judged by a BD Listed judge. you get a de brief of the test which is really helpful and then there is a presentation of rosettes. There is plenty of opportunity to ask questions to de-mystify dressage! Cost is £45 for the day.

### Australian Horsemanship <http://australianhorsetraining.co.uk/>

Lots of interesting stuff going on there. Really practical help well presented. Go along to one of the coffee mornings - you'll be surprised!

We'll continue to email on to you interesting things that come our way and let you know of any activities or training sessions we are doing so you can join in if you'd like to do so.