



AREA 18 LIASION GROUP NEWSLETTER: WINTER 2018



*** AGM REPORT ***

The Area 18 AGM was held at the March Hare, Broughton Hackett, on 23rd November. Everyone enjoyed an amazing carvery, with a huge choice of meats, vegs and side dishes to pick from, and some truly scrummy deserts.



Caitlin Fowlie

Noel reviewed the year, congratulating the members, clubs and teams that had done so well at the various Championships over the year. The 2018 committee was then voted in, with Noel, Alison and Caroline remaining in their roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Alice Collins-Young will become the new Area Rep for 2018. The official stewards for the area remain as Noel, Alison, Alice, Stuart and Ian.

Trophies were presented to the individual



Holly Osbourne

winners at the 2017 Horse Trials qualifier.

These were:

- Junior 80 = Caitlin Fowlie & Who's Wimax (West Oxon RC)
- Senior 80 = Georgie Toole & Kissemmie Midnight Magic (Bromyard RC)
- Junior 90 = Holly Osbourne & Zhamira (Evenlode RC)
- Senior 90 = Victoria Gregg & Rock Supreme (Malvern RC)
- Junior 100 = Katherine Bertram & Avonbrook Silver Augury (Bromsgrove RC)
- Senior 100 = Fe Moore & PSF Underdun (Evenlode RC)
- Open 100+ = Bizzy Loffet & Starflower (Evenlode RC)

It was also discussed whether more awards should be presented in the other disciplines or whether league tables will be introduced for 2018. Watch this space for more info!

The cunning quiz, set by Caroline, was won by the Cheltenham team.



Bizzy Loffet

*** QUALIFIERS ***

Future Qualifiers

The next qualifier is the **Intermediate Winter Dressage** on 4th March 2018 at Summerhouse, Glos. Prelim entries close **11th February 2018**.

Then it's the **Novice and Intermediate Winter Show Jumping** qualifier on 10th March



The winning Quizzers!

at Lincomb Equestrian Centre, Worcs. The Prelim entries close **18th February 2018**.

The following Winter qualifiers are yet to be confirmed:

- Combined Training
- Eventer Challenge (80 to 100cm)

The **Horse Trials** qualifier will be held on **7th May 2018** at Swalcliffe Equestrian, Banbury.

The **Dressage to Music** qualifier scheduled for the 22nd April, has been postponed. Details tbc.

*** BRC RULES ***

BRC have introduced new rules governing riding hats and body protectors. Your club area rep will have received the full rulings, and there is a copy on the Area 18 website, but please note the following:

- Body protectors **MUST** display a BETA Level 3 (Purple Label), displaying a 2009 label or later.
- All riding hats must have the new **AQUA** hat tag. This is a new tag that is unified across British Eventing, the Pony Club and BRC, so one tag will cover all three governing bodies.

Please make sure your equipment is up to standard to avoid disappointment on competition day.



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★★ VACCINATION ★★ ★★★ RULES ★★★

Time to refresh yourself with these key points:

- Your horse must have an up-to-date vaccination record to compete at Area qualifiers and championships.
- An annual booster must not be given within the 7 days prior to competition.
- You **MUST** present your horse's passport at **EVERY** qualifier you compete in.
- To help speed up this process, the official steward will place a sticker on the passport to confirm it has already been checked fully.
- **NB.** There is no longer a requirement to upload vaccination details onto a central website.

★★★ CLUB NEWS ★★★

Caroline Bates has become the new Chair of **Malvern Hills Riding Club**, with **Lin Harber** now Honorary President. They also welcome new committee member, **Sarah Bowness**, who will be helping organise training sessions.

Congratulations to **West Oxon RC** who raised over £200 in 2017 for the Wilberry Wonder Pony fund, through the hard work of **Dawn Howard**. Events included a tombo-la and a day of competition on Hobby Horses!

Worcester RC are now opening their training sessions to non-members. They include Flatwork clinics with Nicky Southall at Chad-desley Corbett, Jumping clinics with Bryony Wilson at Pershore and Cross-Country training with William Blance at Lincomb Equestrian. Upcoming dates are:

- Showjumping, January 28th (limited spaces) £14/£16 member / non-member
- Flatwork, February 10th (limited spaces) and March 18th £15/£17.50 member/ non member
- Cross Country, March 24th £19/£30 members/non members. This is on grass for the first time in 2018!

Contact chris.m.rose@hotmail.co.uk for more info.

Shropshire South welcomes new committee member **Fern Taylor-Wrighton**, who is now in charge of their website and social media updates

West Oxon has almost a completely new committee! They welcome **Jane Izod**, **Jenna Copley**, **Caroline Lee** and **Caroline Bown**. They have an exciting year planned, including some 'skills-at-arms' training, with tent-pegging and sword play high on the list of fun things to try.

★★ CLUB EVENTS ★★ ★★ FEB to APR ★★

Shropshire South are organising open dressage competitions at Kyre Equestrian. The next dates are **4th** and **25th Feb** and **8th April**.

West Oxon also have an open Dressage competition on **3rd March** at Lower Had-don.

★★ AREA MEETING ★★

The next meeting of the Area 18 Liaison committee is on **7th March**. If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please speak to your club Area rep who can raise it on the evening in your behalf.

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Baby Alfie

Congratulations to Lou Burns, Area Manager for **Shropshire South** who gave birth to Alfie on New Year's Day.