

# HYDE PARK RIDING CLUB

## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010

November always seems to come too quickly – the days are drawing in already, winter is approaching, and the shops are full of Christmas things! It is worth remembering that the autumn is a great time of year to ride out in the Park, the trees look so pretty, and we can canter up the Mile whatever the weather.

One incentive to get you out in the cold – we have very smart blue Regatta jackets on sale. Warm and waterproof, with 'Ross Nye Stables' printed on the back, we think that they are good value at £50 for a winter riding coat.

Ask Alexa or Kirsty if you would like to try one on.

Please remember to send in your annual subscription of £25. This covers all printing and posting costs, as well as going towards the expenses of our external activities. Block bookings of ten lessons/rides are available at the discounted price of £450 to members ONLY.

We had a good time riding in Windsor Great Park in October. The horses were well-schooled and very willing, and it was a wonderful experience to canter across those grassy spaces! We will definitely organise another trip in the spring, please tell Helen if you are interested in joining us.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our team of Jessie, Alison and Helen, who took part in the Lucy Oldfield Competition at Trent Park last month. Jessie was the winner out of 16 riders from 6 different Clubs! A great achievement, well done. Also, Dawn was placed 6th in the Chiltern and Thames Rider Open Novice Championship, on her own horse Mr. Big – unfortunately Gulliver, being on holiday at the time, was unavailable for the final!

There are still a few tickets available for Olympia on Thursday 16th December. There is a substantial group discount, and it's a fantastic fun evening, so speak to Janet if you are keen to go along.

Two definite trips for next year – the Police stables in Hyde Park, and the King's Troop at St John's Wood. Talk to Lisa to put your name down.

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**SOCIAL EVENING** at Helen's house on Monday November 22nd.  
Our speaker Sophia MacMillan will tell us about her experiences as a vet, working in Africa and closer to home. Please bring a bottle, food provided.

**HPRC CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Sunday December 12th at the Victoria.  
Make sure you put this date in your diary, come and have a drink with all your horsey friends – and make some new ones!

**FANCY DRESS PAIRS** on Sunday December 19th at 1 pm.  
Well, it wouldn't be Christmas without some dressing up! Find a partner, work out your costume, and delight all onlookers with your riding skills.

**BOXING DAY RIDE** on December 26th.  
Meet at the stables at 10.30 for a few sips of wine, before saddling up and heading off to Buckingham Palace! The ride lasts for two hours, the stories for a good deal longer. . .

**POST-CHRISTMAS EXERCISE** on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th  
Come for the whole day, for a lesson in the arena, a lecture, lunch, and then a hack in the afternoon. Tell Janet if there are any subjects you would like to learn about, and come and improve all your horse knowledge.

**JANUARY JOLLY** on Monday January 10th at 6.30 pm.  
We will meet at the Cleveland after work, and the evening will progress from there - some horse-related fun, and then pizza! A good way to cheer up after the festive time is finished.

**RIDING CLUB QUIZ** on Wednesday 26th January at the Victoria.  
This is a hugely competitive evening, with enormous pressure on the boys' team to do well and for the girls to show off. It's really fun, and you will be surprised at how much you know – approach the Committee members to be selected for a top team!

We try to keep the riding prices down. Please help by coming regularly, and giving us 48 hours' notice for cancellations so we can fill the space. Cancellations without notice will have to be charged.