

# WORCESTER & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB



# News

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## TRAINING DAY IN HONOUR OF OUR JAN

As you all know by now, Jan Gilbert, our longest standing member and committee member, who looked after the Mercian teams for so many years plus a lot more besides, passed away on Boxing Day.

Not surprisingly her funeral service in Wales was packed to the rafters and Worcester & District Riding Club was honoured in being asked to speak, because the club was such a huge part of Jan's life for decades.

The poignant and very moving service was a true celebration of a life lived to the full, and we now intend to honour Jan's memory by providing the training day she so wanted for our members, free, so her work can continue.

The club also made a donation on your behalf to the hospice which looked after Jan and her family for the last week of her life.

A real measure of Jan's fighting spirit was that she was still sending text messages on Christmas morning!

The training day, on March 20th, will be at Gracelands and places must be booked. See overleaf for details.



• Jan as we will remember her - being awarded the Freedom of Spirit Trophy in 2009 for the second consecutive year by our president, Trish Williams. Jan won it in perpetuity in 2010

## PLEASE NOTE

If you have not renewed your annual membership since October this will be your last newsletter and you WILL NOT be eligible to attend the free training day unless you renew by the end of February. Membership forms are available by e-mail from Alison or Karen

\* NEW WEBSITE OPERATIONAL SOON \*

## January dates (so far) 2011

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- FEb 6 – MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE, HADLEY – 12 noon
  - February 12 – Area Winter Dressage – Hartpury College
  - February 19 – Windsor Topscore R2 – Summerhouse
  - MARCH 3 (eve) – HORSATAACK FOR NIBBLES AND DISCOUNTS!
  - March 05 – Windsor Riding Test R2 - RDA Cheltenham
  - MARCH 12 – MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE, HADLEY – 12 noon
  - March 20 - JAN GILBERT TRAINING DAY, GRACELANDS
  - March 26 – Area Eventer Challenge, Crown Farm, Ascott under Wychwood
  - April 2&3 - Area Winter SJ & Dressage Champs, Hartpury
  - APRIL 10 - MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE, HADLEY – 12 noon
  - April 17 - Mercian Hunter Trials, Bromsgrove
  - May 02 - Mercian Show & Style Jumping, Cleeve Prior
  - MAY 4 – MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE, HADLEY, 6PM
  - May 24 – MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE, MOAT FARM 6pm
  - May 29 - Area Show & Style Jumping, Malvern
  - May 30 - Mercian Showing, Malvern
  - June 4&5 - FOH Championships, Aston-Le-Walls
  - June 5 – Mercian D2M, Kings Equestrian (Bromyard)
  - June 18 - Area Dressage to Music, Home Farm, Cheltenham
  - JUNE 20 – 22(tbc) CLEAR ROUND SJ & XC, LINCOMB
  - June 25 – Area ODE – Swalcliffe
  - June 26 – Mercian CT, Allens Hill
  - June 28 – MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE, MOAT FARM 6pm
  - July 03 - Area Novice Dressage & RT, Manor Farm
  - July 17 - Mercian Dressage, Gumburn Farm, Worcester
  - July 24 - Area Open Dressage, Crown Farm
  - July 26 – MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE, MOAT FARM 6pm
  - August 4-7 - Horse Trials Championships, Aston-Le-Walls
  - AUGUST 7 – WDRC OPEN SHOW, PARK HALL FARM
  - August 21 - Mercian ODE, Hilltop (W&DRC)
  - August 30 – MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE, MOAT FARM 6pm
  - Sep 10 – Blenheim RC team eventer challenge
  - September 11 - Mercian two-phase, Button Oak
  - September 17 - National Championships, Lincoln
  - October 8&9 - Dressage to Music Championships, Aintree (provisional)
  - October TBC - Mercian Quiz (Bromyard RC)
  - November TBC - W&DRC Awards Evening and AGM

# TRAINING DAY DETAILS

THE training day in memory of Jan Gilbert will be at Gracelands Equestrian Centre on Sunday March 20 and will be FREE for current riding club members (2011) and spectators. Everybody will be entitled to one group ridden session and one group theory session and we will endeavour to provide your first choice, depending on numbers. Ridden groups will be organised according to your horse's stage of training.

## The options for the ridden sessions include:

- Grid work - heights varied dependent on group ability.
- Flat work – a chance to improve your horse's way of going.
- Dressage test riding – this will include group instruction focusing on a particular dressage test. Each rider will then have the opportunity to ride the test in front of a dressage judge, following which you will receive your sheet, verbal feedback and the opportunity to re-ride the test.

## The options for the theory sessions include:

- Natural horsemanship.
  - Tack & turnout for all disciplines.
  - Veterinary advice on injuries and ailments.
- There will also be various demonstrations throughout the day.

This event is open to ALL 2011 Worcester Riding Club members, whatever level you ride at and your horse's ability. Spectators also welcome – no horse necessary!

To book your place please return the form, with a £10 cheque payable to Worcester & District Riding Club, to secure your place. This cheque will be destroyed, unless you fail to attend the FREE training, preventing somebody else from having that training space.

Completed forms should be returned to: Miss Leanne Bennett (WDRC Training officer)

117 Monarch Drive, Henwick Park, Worcester, WR2 6EU With £10.00 cheque, BY March 5, 2011.

*Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.*

Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone number:.....e-mail.....

Please select from all four groups in order of preference with 1 being first choice and the letter indicating the level you wish to train at:

**Grid work:** a) 2'0" b) 2' - 2'9" c) 2'9" - 3'3" d) 3'3" upwards

Preference 1\* 2\* 3\* (circle one) Level a\* b\* c\* d\* (circle one)

**Flat work:** a) Walk & trot b) Canter c) Lateral work

Preference 1\* 2\* 3\* (circle one) Level a\* b\* c\* (circle one)

**Dressage test riding:** a) Walk & trot b) Prelim c) Novice d) Elementary

Preference 1\* 2\* 3\* (circle one) Level a\* b\* c\* (circle one)

### Theory session options:

Natural Horsemanship: Preference 1\* 2\* 3\* (circle one)

Tack & turnout: Preference 1\* 2\* 3\* (circle one)

Veterinary advice: Preference 1\* 2\* 3\* (circle one)

## MERCIAN TEAMS

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