



Western Equestrian Society Area 3

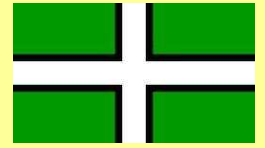
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WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN WES in DEVON NEWSLETTER

I hope you all have had a good summer, whatever you have been up to with your horses. I would like to thank everyone who has supported our WES in Devon events this year and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the coming months. We are very excited about the **WES Weekend Clinic** next summer so make sure you read the details in **Next Events**. Information on the newly launched and very popular **Western Rider Development Programme** is in **Other News**.



REPORTS

Friday 29 th July	WES Approved Trail Clinic with Judith Hubbard	Rowden Farm Stables
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We will definitely run this event again next summer as it was very successful to practice the trail obstacles before everyone rode the pattern. Well done to everyone and here are the results - 1st Vicky Tweedle and Max, 2nd Emily Turmaine and Lulu, 3rd Penny Hill and Bertie, 4th Kate Eldridge and Honey, 5th Fran King and Henson, 6th Anne Webster and Jem, 7th Lisa Knights and Kiwi, 8th Sarah O'Connor and Megan.

Sunday 21 st August	WES Practise Show	Rowden Farm Stables
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This was a really good day where riders had the chance to work their horses in the morning, practising the patterns and letting the horses settle in. Everyone then performed well in the show classes during the afternoon. The Hi-point award went to Roger Harris and Reserve to Kate Eldridge. We are also grateful to Maria Owens, the Western Saddler, who managed to pack an unbelievable number of saddles, pads, cinches, headstalls etc into the back of her car! I know several riders took up the opportunity to get advice on saddle fit and Maria worked late into the evening making sure that she saw as many horses as possible. The good news is that Maria has agreed to visit again next year.

Showmanship (10 shown) - 1st Lydia Wesley, 2nd Andrea Ware, 3rd Di Wilson, 4th Nicky Howard, 5th Penny Hill, 6th Emily Turmaine, 7th Vicky Tweedle, 8th Alison Allen, =9th Anne Webster and Sarah O'Connor.

Walk/Jog Trail (11 Shown) - 1st Roger Harris, 2nd Emily Turmaine, 3rd Lydia Wesley, 4th Kate Eldridge, 5th Penny Hill, 6th Andrea Ware, 7th Vicky Tweedle, 8th Anne Webster, 9th Di Wilson, =10th Nicky Howard and Sarah O'Connor.

Novice Rider Trail (6 Shown) - 1st Roger Harris, 2nd Kate Eldridge, 3rd Emily Turmaine, 4th Penny Hill, =5th Lydia Wesley and Vicky Tweedle.

Walk/Jog Pleasure (7 Shown) - 1st Kate Eldridge, 2nd Roger Harris, 3rd Nicky Howard, 4th Lydia Wesley, 5th Vicky Tweedle, 6th Penny Hill, 7th Emily Turmaine.

Preliminary Pleasure (6 Shown) - 1st Kate Eldridge, 2nd Vicky Tweedle, 3rd Roger Harris, 4th Nicky Howard, 5th Lydia Wesley, 6th Emily Turmaine.

NEXT EVENTS

Friday 18 th Nov 5.30pm - 7.30pm	WES Approved Indoor Evening Clinic with Judith Hubbard	The Grange Equestrian Centre, Okehampton	£20 (£25 non members)
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I have booked three evenings over the winter for clinics at the Grange Equestrian Centre. Unfortunately, due to show jumping and dressage shows I was unable to book the arena on a weekend but hope that you will be able to come on the Friday evenings that were available. We will be able to take advantage of the large 60m x 25m indoor arena, masses of parking and spectator seating. I will also try to arrange a kettle and tea/coffee makings



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to keep everyone warm! For those of you who have registered on the Western Rider Development Programme there will be a chance to receive help with your training if you would like. There will be a maximum of 6 horses and places are on a first come, first served basis, so it is advisable to book your space asap. Cost is £20 for WES members, £25 for non members, spectators £2. Please book by **11th November, at the very latest**, by sending a cheque made payable to Judy Jones, Shallowford, Northlew, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 3ND.

Saturday 10 th Dec 7pm	Devon AGM and Social Evening	Near Holsworthy	Free
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Jeanette Jones has very kindly invited us to an evening at her home. This is a great chance to meet up with friends and have a chat about the schedule for next year. It will be an informal meeting, with tea and coffee provided - please bring a plate of snacks with you to share. Everyone is welcome, members and non members from any county. The Area 3 AGM will be held in January so this also gives you the opportunity to put forward any ideas for that meeting. Please contact Judith for directions and to give us an idea of numbers.

January/February 2012 TBC	Afternoon at Tober Appaloosas, Bodmin Moor.	Free
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There will be an afternoon get-together by kind invitation of Di Wilson of Tober Appaloosas at Bolventor on Bodmin Moor. The date will be confirmed nearer the time, so look out for details in the next newsletter.

Friday 3 rd Feb 2012 5.30pm - 7.30pm	WES Approved Indoor Evening Clinic	The Grange Equestrian Centre, Okehampton	£20 (£25 non members)
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This is the second winter evening clinic at the Grange. Details are the same as the November clinic with the closing date for booking **27th January 2012**.

Friday 23 rd March 5.30pm - 7.30pm	WES Approved Indoor Evening Clinic	The Grange Equestrian Centre, Okehampton	£20 (£25 non members)
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This is the third winter evening clinic at the Grange. Details are the same as the November clinic with the closing date for booking **16th March 2012**.

Friday 29 th June - Sunday 1 st July 2012	WES 3 day clinic/camp at The Grange Equestrian Centre, Okehampton, Devon	£110 members £145 non members
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Put these dates in your diary now! There is an amazing weekend planned which will start on Friday evening and end Sunday afternoon. Included in the price is all instruction (Judith Hubbard, Lisa John and Sophie Cotton), stabling, bedding, haylage (if required) and all your own meals. Full details will be in the next newsletter (February 2012) together with information about how to obtain a booking form. Deposits of £50 payable to the Western Equestrian Society will be required to secure your place. We anticipate a lot of interest in this event and places will be booked up fast. **We recommend that you phone or email asap to put your name down and provisionally reserve your place. Priority will be given to WES members as this weekend clinic is being under-written from the Western Equestrian Society's Central Funds.** For those registered on the Western Rider Development Programme you will also have the opportunity to receive face to face training and to take your assessments over the weekend. Non-riding participants are also welcome and will be able to take part in many of the activities. The weekend will be a unique mix of ridden instruction, dismounted workshops and educational events as well as the chance to socialise with friends old and new. Judy Jones will make a welcome return to cook her famous pancakes!!!! Don't miss out!

OTHER NEWS

Western Rider Development Programme - The programme was officially launched on 1st October and already is proving to be very popular. Several Devon members enrolled immediately on the scheme, along with members from around the country (and even abroad!) and are working towards their first assessments. The website www.westerntrainingonline.co.uk is accessible to everyone and gives help on training your horse whilst those registered in the programme receive further access to video clips, email advice, Facebook discussion groups and of course, personal feedback on their assessments with results published in WES News. Check out the website



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for more details on registering. If you don't have internet access (or even a computer) but would like an opportunity to take part then please **telephone for a chat** on how we might be able to help.

WES National Show - Area 3, and Devon in particular, was well represented at this year's National show. Once again this year the standard was high with some large classes and congratulations go to Jayne Lerwill, Roger Harris, Andrea Ware and Judith Hubbard who all came home with rosettes. Results - **Jayne with Jacs Gone in a Flash**, 8th Open Showmanship and 6th Championship Showmanship. **Roger with Taggs Flagg** 4th Novice Horse Pleasure. **Andrea with Toby**, 5th Novice Rider Trail and 9th Novice Rider Western Riding. **Judith with Forest Jac** 6th Open Showmanship, 7th Open Pleasure, 2nd Open Horsemanship, 3rd Open Trail, 2nd Novice Horse Trail, 7th Novice Horse Pleasure, 2nd Novice Horse Versatility.

AQHA Breed Show - Once again Devon WES members were out, this time at the Breed show at Sovereign Quarter Horses, Cambridgeshire. Jayne and Jac had a very successful show placing Reserve in the AQHA Maturity Pleasure and winning the Showmanship. Judith and Woody were placed in WES trail and AQHA trail and pleasure. Full results can be found on www.aqha.uk.com.

Western Dressage - You may have seen, heard or read about western dressage lately. This is a dressage test ridden in western tack which takes into consideration a western horse's paces and way of going. The Grange Equestrian Centre, near Okehampton has agreed that competitors may enter western dressage classes at their unaffiliated Thursday shows which run fortnightly. Go to the website www.thegrangeequestrian.com for dates and entry forms. The classes will run as a 'Pick your own Test' class, so if you are interested in entering please email jhubbard66@gmail.com and I will advise you of which tests are being used. There are walk/jog as well as walk/jog/lope tests. Details of all the western dressage tests and rules can be found at the website www.westerndressage.org.uk

News From Cornwall - Cornwall WES held a fun western clinic on Sunday 9th October at Degibna near Helston. We were lucky to have a fine day and we had a healthy turnout of riders and spectators. Thank you to Bob Cox for the loan of his lovely mare, Star to help out a couple of horseless riders!

The day commenced with an impressive natural horsemanship demo from 14 year old Zian McKay using Floyd and Jigsaw. Zian demonstrated methods to get a horse wanting and willing to go forward rather than having to be driven. He also showed Jigsaw that a plastic bag on the end of a carrot stick was nothing to be afraid of!

The ridden sessions taught by Sophie Cotton went well and riders were shown how to start teaching horses to move their shoulders and hips culminating in a few successful rollbacks at the end of the session!

The day finished with a great lasso lesson from Carrie Jacobsen, a Canadian who now lives near Falmouth. Carrie spent most of her youth chasing her younger brother with a lasso and was kind enough to give us all a few tips on successful lassoing! We did start with more stationary objects though!

We hope to arrange another Cornwall clinic before Christmas, do contact Sophie on 07917 398830 for details. We are also always looking for suitable venues so please let us know if you would like to arrange a clinic at your venue or if you have a suitable facility we could use.

News From Somerset - Saturday 7th April 2012 - Sunday 8th April Weekend western camp organised by Lisa John of Logical Horsemanship at Curland Equestrian Centre, Nr Taunton. Further details will be provided in the next newsletter or contact Lisa on 07977 070084 for more details.

FOR SALE - Tober Appaloosas has for sale two handsome loudly marked colts with stallion potential. Both by international champion reiner Joe Glow. **Tober Chief Joe Glow** is out of Tibertich Zanzibar (own daughter of the illustrious Bar d'Or). **Tober Big Sky** is out of Tibertich Rosie (own daughter of Amazing Masterclass by Amazing Blue). Contact Di Wilson on 01566 86412 for more details.



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USEFUL INFORMATION

Directions to The Grange Equestrian Centre

From the east or north... from the M5 Junction 31 follow signs onto the A30 West, clearly signed to Okehampton/Bodmin. Continue along the dual carriageway to the exit sign-posted Okehampton (B3260), then exit the A30. At the end of the slip-road (with the BP garage on your left), turn right and drive down the hill into Okehampton. In the middle of the town you will come to traffic lights opposite the White Hart pub (on the far left). Go straight on at these lights and after one mile, at the top of the hill, turn right (sign-posted Northlew). Continue along this road for half a mile and take the right turn sign-posted Northlew. Continue on this road for 0.3 miles, then go straight on at the Hilltown Cross crossroads. The Grange EC is 1.5 miles further along this road, on the left.

From the west or south... exit the A30 at Sourton Cross (A386 sign-posted Tavistock/Bideford) following signs to Bideford. Go past the Shell filling station and the Little Chef restaurant on your left, and follow the road for 2.1 miles until you come to a mini-roundabout (Fowley Cross). Turn right, following signs to Bideford. After 0.4 miles turn left at the mini-roundabout (sign-posted to Northlew). After a further 0.2 miles take the second left, sign-posted to Northlew. The Grange EC is 1.5 miles along this road, on the left.

From Tavistock... continue North to the A30 main junction at Sourton Cross. Go past the Shell filling station and the Little Chef restaurant on your left, and follow the road for 2.1 miles until you come to a mini-roundabout (Fowley Cross). Turn right, following signs to Bideford. After 0.4 miles turn left at the mini-roundabout (sign-posted to Northlew). After a further 0.2 miles take the second left, sign-posted to Northlew. The Grange EC is 1.5 miles along this road, on the left.



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Judith Hubbard

If you haven't already done it, why not check out the
WES in Devon website for further reports and photos

www.wes-devon.com

and, for help with your western schooling

www.westerntrainingonline.co.uk

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