



POLE MOOR RIDING CLUB
BRC Affiliated, no 338, Area 3
February 2018 NEWSLETTER

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**2017/18 Winter Show Jumping Points League Presentation, Rose and Crown, Cop Hill,
Slaithwaite, 7pm.**

We are pleased to confirm this year's presentation will take place on Tuesday 6th March at 7pm prior to the AGM meeting at The Rose & Crown, Cop Hill, Slaithwaite.

Lots of prizes up for grabs:

- ✓ Overall Champion (for the person with the most amount of points)
- ✓ Reserve Champion for the person with the second most amount of points)
- ✓ Placings up to 6th for the top 6 in the overall points league
- ✓ 30cm class Champion
- ✓ 30cm class Reserve Champion
- ✓ 45cm class Champion
- ✓ 45cm class Reserve Champion
- ✓ 60cm class Champion
- ✓ 60cm class Reserve Champion
- ✓ 70cm class Champion
- ✓ 70cm class Reserve Champion
- ✓ 80cm class Champion
- ✓ 80cm class Reserve Champion
- ✓ 90cm class Champion
- ✓ 90cm class Reserve Champion

We will also be presenting the following special awards:

- ✓ Most Determined Combination
- ✓ Perfect Partners
- ✓ Most Improved Combination
- ✓ Most Honest Horse/Pony
- ✓ Judge's Favourite Combination

Why not stay for the AGM starting straight after the presentations and see what we have planned for the rest of 2018. We will be providing a hot supper free of charge. Please see the separate Facebook

event post for details. For catering purposes it would be helpful if you could let us know if you are attending the AGM and if you require a vegetarian or vegan option.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/136677810343759/>

Pole Moor Riding Club AGM, March 6th, Rose and Crown, Cop Hill, 8pm.

This is another important date in the club's year as it's your chance to elect next year's committee and have a say over the direction of the club. PMRC would like to make a few changes to how we organise meetings and what events we are planning to hold in the coming year and welcome your input. We are looking to elect some new committee members so if you would like to share your skills with a friendly bunch of horse mad folk do get involved. Ring and chat to any of our committee members for details. We welcome your involvement.

It will be followed by a social evening with a chance to get to know other members better. There will be a hot supper provided free of charge courtesy of the club. Vegetarians and vegans will be catered for. Simply check out the Facebook event and check in if you are attending and would like food. The evening is open to anyone so if you know someone who'd like to find out more about the club tell them to come along. Juniors are also welcome as are their parents. (Only members will be allowed to vote, however).

We look forward to seeing you there.

Natural Horsemanship Demonstration, Woodnook, March 17th, 12:30-4pm

A natural horsemanship demo, given by Bev Walton.

Topics covered will include:

- * Loading
- * Mounting
- * Spooking

There will also be a Q & A session if time allows.

Bev has a wealth of experience in natural horsemanship and is trained in horse behaviour, using various methods to suit each individual horse.

Please see her Facebook page

(https://www.facebook.com/pg/responsiveequine/about/?ref=page_internal) for more details.

Refreshments will be available on the day. There will also be a raffle.

Places are limited so early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

£20 PMRC members

£25 Non members

To book your place please contact Diane on 07703 048593. Payment will be required at the time of booking to secure your place. Payment can be made by bank transfer to the club account...

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Saturday 24th March – Festival of the Horse and combined training @ Bold Heath Equestrian Centre.

Team to consist of 4 riders - 2 members from each team will compete in the Novice section and 2 will compete in the Intermediate Section. Or you can compete as an individual in any section.

Novice:

Dressage - BRC HT 90

SJ - 75cm

Intermediate:

Dressage - BRC HT 100

SJ - 85cm

Challenge

7-10 show jumps immediately followed by 15-28 XC fences. Teams of 4 riders or compete individually.

Fence heights =

80CM

90CM
1M

Entries close Wednesday 28th February (including payment).
Please note that to be able to send riders we need 3 volunteers to steward for the Challenge and 1 volunteer to steward for the Combined Training. If you would like to volunteer please do not hesitate to contact us

Eastergate at Easter, Social Ride, March 31st, Slaithwaite, 11am.

Meet 11am at the small Car Park near Pack Horse Bridge over canal, Slaithwaite

Ride through the woods to Marsden via West Slawit, then along Waters Road to the beautiful Pack Horse Bridge at Eastergate where we'll stop for a picnic (not included so please bring your own). From there we'll follow Pack Horse Tracks above Marsden, and then back towards Sparth Res and up a further Pack Horse Track (a bit of a theme here!) to Slawit Hall and up to Greystones Farm.

We will give our special tartan ride rosettes to participants for their contribution to keeping bridleways open and the miles will go towards your total to help you achieve a special rosette at next year's AGM.

Ride fee – Members £5, Non-members £6

** Due to the length of the ride this is not suitable for riders on a lead rein. All riders must be competent and juniors accompanied by a responsible adult. Hi viz must be worn.

People are welcome to join us on foot at Eastergate at approximately 12.45pm.

A group will be setting off from Greystones Farm in the morning at 10am if anyone wants to ride down to Slawit with them. Let Pat know if you want to join up en route.

Send us a message if you would like further details. It would also be helpful if you could let Pat or the Facebook event know if you are coming, so we can look out for you.

As always check Facebook for any last minute changes.



Mental Monsters Confidence Clinic, 27th and 28th April, Rose and Crown, Cop Hill and Greystones Farm.

Sian Phipps will be delivering an hour and a half talk / workshop on mental monsters. Things that hold us back when out riding and how to overcome your fears no matter how big or small.

The agenda and prices for the weekend are as follows...

Friday 27th April...

7.00pm - Arrival

7.30pm - Talk / Workshop on overcoming your Mental Monsters £10 per person (no tickets on the door)

9.00pm onwards - Sian is available for 1-2-1 confidence coaching (please book in advance as places are limited) £10 per person for approx 30 minutes

Saturday 28th April...

9.00am - 5.00pm - Sian is available for private or group lessons with you and your horse to work through any issues you are experiencing.

OPTION ONE -

30 minute private goal setting and confidence coaching and 45 minute private lesson £25

OPTION TWO -

30 minute group goal setting and confidence coaching and 45 minute group lesson £20 each

OPTION THREE -

45 minute private ridden lesson £20

OPTION FOUR -

45 minute group ridden lesson £15 each

Spaces on all of the above MUST be booked in advance. There will be NO entries on the night to the talk / workshop. All lessons on Saturday must also be booked in advance and will fill up quickly, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Past Events.

Visit to Dial Wood Carriage Driving for the Disabled, January 28th, 3pm-4pm.

This was a lovely visit. Members had the opportunity to meet Audrey who works tirelessly to provide a carriage driving experience for people in the community with all sorts of disabilities. We watched one young lady having a lesson in the manege and were impressed with the skill shown, the kindness and consideration for the horse and the amazing surface on the arena.

Audrey and her team of volunteers were very pleased to receive the rugs, numnahs, tack and all the items donated by you lovely people. Running the yard entirely on a charity income is very expensive and Audrey appreciated our bit of help.

Audrey has a few 2018 calendars still for sale, with pictures of her beautiful horses on them. These can be bought from our monthly meetings; there's still a lot of 2018 left!

We would like to organise an event with Audrey to celebrate 20 years of the carriage driving centre and to raise funds to keep them going for another 20 years! We are planning a ride around the bridle paths local to the centre in Wakefield and welcome all riders and particularly anyone who would like to get involved or help with the preparations. Contact Rachel or Kim if you are free to support us.

Not the Boxing Day Ride, December 30th, Slaithwaite , 11am. Resheduled for Febuay 11th, 11am.

Technically we didn't cancel. Two brave (crazy) members tacked up and braved the weather to attend. To be fair the weather forecast was for squally snow showers but in between the whiteouts and blizzards it was a beautiful day. Unfortunately the blizzards became a little too frequent and common sense had to come in to play.....so we took the horses home and went to the pub. We sat in front of an open fire, drank wine and contemplated a sunny, hot summer. It was a great day.

Winter Show Jumping Points Shows, Woodnook Arena. 18th February 9am.

Well, the last of our winter show jumping events has been and gone and it was a massive success. Well attended and thank you for supporting the club and braving the cold. What a great day it was! Thanks to Helen, Kirsty and the organisers and helpers; we simply could not hold events without all your help. Thank you to Kerry and Richard and the team from AP Vintage Trailers for catering for us; I shall miss your coffee!! And thanks to Andy Kershaw photography for snapping the action shots. Please see his Facebook page to buy photos. The dates are booked for winter points 2018-2019 so watch this space and keep practising; we will see you after the summer.

Feb 25th, Team Show Jumping at Osbaldeston Equestrian Centre, Blackburn.

Well done to our riders Hannah Pedley, Nikki Jayne and Lucy Thompson who all rode really well, we just missed out of the placings but did ourselves proud considering there were 12 teams there competing. Biggest thank you also goes to our 3 helpers who kindly volunteered their time to pole pick and be arena gate duty Rachel Fielder, Kim Oliver and Michael Newton - we couldn't do it without you and appreciate that you all stayed late too!

Northern Dressage Group Training Camp, 5th and 6th May 2018 at Somerford Park, Cheshire

Dressage, test riding, pole work, jumping, confident riding and cross country – plus much more

Your choice of booking options / levels:

- 4 lessons - £230
- 3 lessons - £215
- 2 lessons - £200

Don't miss the best weekend ever – an exciting horse camp with learning and laughter!

Open to members of Affiliated British Riding Clubs in area 3 (seniors only)

- Fri and Sat night's stabling, two bales shavings
 - Haylage included
 - Choice of lessons at your level
 - Unlimited use of the Farm Ride
 - Refreshments and some meals
 - Fun and games quiz night with prizes
 - £50 deposit to secure your place
 - Easy payment plans available – spread the cost
- Limited places – Details/Booking form contact Dianne
Wood on 07872164734 or email dippydi3@sky.com

BRC Shows and Competitions - Provisional dates for 2018

Dressage to Music - TBC

Saturday 16th June – Dressage and Riding Test @ Bold Heath EC

(details to follow)

Sunday 8th July – Horse trials @ Somerford Park

(details to follow)

Saturday 14th July – Show Jumping and Style Jumping @ Bold Heath EC

(details to follow)

Saturday 3rd November – Winter Dressage @ Bold Heath EC

(details to follow)

Venues

We're always on the lookout for new venues – particularly as the ground seems to have been getting wetter and wetter over the last year or two. If you can offer a field or arena for an event please get in touch.

We always appreciate offers to help organise events so if you've an idea for a club event you'd like to get involved in organising, please come along to a club meeting and discuss it or speak to a Committee Member. This may be a social ride, competition, training or social event.

Pole Moor's New Website

We have just launched our new website with pictures and reports of recent events and full details of upcoming events. If you have any pictures/videos you would be happy for us to publish on the website please send them over to us.

We are now on the lookout for people to write blogs or reports for us. This is open to everyone of all ages whether you attended our event as a competitor, spectator or helper, however if you are under 18 we would need a parent or guardian's permission to publish. For further details please contact Kim. There's also a fun page on there so if you have 5 minutes you need to fill, why not bob along and have a go at one of our games? The link to the website is www.polemoorriddingclub.com.

Facebook

As always keep checking the club page for updates on events and new information. We also post photos from our events.

Instagram! #polemoorrc, check us out add your photos of your time at our events and anything horsey you want to share..

Bridleways

Sal and Diane, our Bridleways Officers are busy researching local rights of way and keeping an eye on local access issues. They are also linking in with Kirklees Bridleways Group and developments from the BHS.

If you'd like to join **Kirklees Bridleways Group** and get updates on their activities and discounts on bridleways rides see their website.

West Pennines Bridleways Association meets regularly and organises events at Friezeland in Greenfield just over the hill in Saddleworth. They do much to keep bridleways open and can advise on some excellent rides which you can box to in half an hour from Slawit including the Pennine Bridleway. If you'd like to know more/ get involved speak to Rachel or ring Mrs Jean Tennant on 0161 665 3536.

Social Rides

Don't forget if you join in our social rides you will be awarded one of our beautiful tartan rosettes which come in 2 sizes depending on the length of the ride (the smaller for up to 5 or 6 miles). Not only this but your miles for the year will be added up with a chance of winning an extra special rosette for clocking up over 50 miles of club social rides. As we've been thwarted by bad weather over the last year we will add the miles earned over the past year to this year's total.

As at all our events (apart from the bigger shows) we will be looking at turnout to allocate points towards our Annual Turnout Trophy. We're not looking for show standard but turnout appropriate to activity and as always high vis eis sssential for social rides.

If you would like to lead a ride around one of your favourite riding routes suggest a date to Rachel, Diane, Karen or Pat (having checked our events list first). Or maybe you've got a few hours to spare and fancy riding out with a bit of company. If you contact us we may be able to design a ride convenient to you. We'll just need a few days' notice to advertise it on Facebook in case anyone wants to join us. This could be mid- week.

Plans for 2018!

We have been very busy planning our events for 2018. So far we have:

- Points Show Jumping,
- Natural Horsemanship Demo,
- Confidence clinic,
- 3 day Event,
- Superhorse Competition,
- Annual Show,

Horse In-hand Agility,
Holiday to Field Farm,
Picnic Rides,
Rider Analysis Clinic - with Equifit Physiotherapy.
Western Riding Evening,
Christmas Extravaganza.

Of course none of these events can go ahead without input and support from our club members. Do join us at our monthly meetings and really get involved. We can plan our events around your interests and we are very happy to hear your ideas.

Next monthly meeting is our Annual General Meeting of 2018, it's on Tuesday 6th March, 8.00pm, Rose & Crown, Cop Hill, Slaithwaite

ALL WELCOME