



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

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

Join us on Sunday for a visit to Dial Wood Carriage Driving for the Disabled. Come and see the horses and find out what the hard working volunteers do to support those equine enthusiasts in our community who don't ride. We have been collecting all sorts of helpful stuff to donate to their charity, such as tack, rugs, brushes. If you have anything in good condition, that you no longer use please contact a committee member and we will take them to Dial Wood. Every little helps.

We will be arranging car shares so if you would like to come along please get in touch. We will finalise details with everyone confirmed as joining us on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

A bit about Dial Wood is below but for more information please visit their Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/pg/Dial-Wood-Carriage-Driving-for-the-Disabled-220760924631056/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Dial-Wood-Carriage-Driving-for-the-Disabled-220760924631056/about/?ref=page_internal)) or website (<http://www.dialwood.btck.co.uk/>). "Dial Wood is run entirely by volunteers. Every helper who comes to us is a volunteer and commits to a few hours each week. All volunteers receive regular training in health and safety, stable management and preparing ponies for carriage driving. In return, volunteers receive RDA certificates and hours can be earned towards Duke of Edinburgh and Volunteering Awards. If you can spare a few hours a week please give us a call, and arrange to come along to one of our sessions. All our volunteers have recently undertaken first aid training successfully."

**Not the Boxing Day Ride, December 30<sup>th</sup>, Slaithwaite, 11am. Resheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am.**

Due to another bout of bad weather (and who'd have thought it!!) We postponed our ride until February 11<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a Christmassy ride. Trim your horse with tinsel and meet us at the car park by the little bridge in Slaithwaite at 11am for an equine jaunt. We will be taking in some bracing air and visiting the local hostelrys. You'll need money for the pub! Ride will take around 3 hours. There's room for boxes in the local village. Don't forget your hi viz and the ride will cost £5 for members and £6 for non-members. Please register an interest on our Facebook page or contact me (Rachel) if you want to come; we'll wait for 15 minutes for stragglers but will head out after that. If you'd like to meet us on route, that'd be great. The ride will go from Slaithwaite, up Varley road and through the bridle

paths to Potato Lane, round the Cop, and past Blackmoorfoot Reservoir before heading back to Slaithwaite. Horse holders and walkers would be most welcome too.

**Winter Show Jumping Points League, February 18th, 9am, Woodnook.**

Our final points show jumping event for this winter's points league. Join us and collect points or compete against yourself to improve your skills. Everyone is most welcome and we look forward to seeing you at Woodnook. Our friends from AP Vintage Trailers will be meeting our catering needs with hot food, drinks and the most fabulous cakes! It's your last chance to have a go in a friendly supportive environment. If you would like more details or want to offer your help please contact Helen Johnson or see the Facebook page.

**Pole Moor Riding Club AGM, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 & have a say over the direction of the club. 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.

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 page ([https://www.facebook.com/pg/responsiveequine/about/?ref=page\\_internal](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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**Easter Ride, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 11am, Salamander Carpark, Slaithwaite.**

We are having an Easter ride to Eastergate Bridge. Bring your own picnic and ride through the beautiful Rotcher woods and on to Eastergate Bridge, where we'll sit in idyllic scenery munching our butties with our equine friends around us. A stress-free afternoon - hopefully in the sunshine. £5 for members and £6 for non-members. Hi viz must be worn. This ride is suitable for lead reins. Contact Rachel for further details or check out our Facebook page.

**Mental Monsters Confidence Clinic, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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 & 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. Register via our Facebook page.

### **Past Events.**

#### **Annual Dinner And Presentation Evening, Broad Oak Bowling Club, Linthwaite, 16th December, 7:30pm.**

Once again Pole Moor partied hard and had a fabulous friendly gin infused evening. Thank you to our resident DJ Rob for his excellent hosting and music. Awards were presented and shoes/ outfits admired! My goodness we're a fine looking bunch underneath the mud! Photos (evidence) are on the Facebook page!

- Most Committed Member was Jayne Crosland. Presented for her continued support of our numerous events both on the ground and behind the scenes.
- Most Improved Rider. Olivia Walker, presented for her amazing improvements with her horses and competing this year.
- Best Turned Out. Fliss Houston, always caught dressed appropriately for the events she attends and looking very smart too.
- Summer SJ & Equitation Points Show Winners. The pre-novice SJ winner was our very own Helen Johnson riding Humphrey. Keeping it in the family, Kirsty Johnson took the Novice jumping title on Sootie. The Intermediate jumping winner was Hannah Pedley riding Pegasus and Laura Thompson scooped the trophy for the Open jumping riding Oscar. Novice Equitation went to Helen Johnson riding Sootie and the Open equitation was won by Jenny Wood riding Rosie.

Thank you to Kim for organising this splendid do and for sorting out the beautiful hot buffet. It was immense and can't wait for next year's one!

#### **Winter Show Jumping Points Shows, Woodnook Arena. 14<sup>th</sup> January 9am.**

The third and penultimate of our winter show jumping points events went extremely well. The weather was very kind to us with blue skies and only slightly sub-zero temperatures. The classes were busy enough for a healthy competition feel but friendly enough for our novice riders and horses to not feel overwhelmed. Results are on our Facebook page. Next one is on February 18<sup>th</sup>, same venue and we hope to see you there! Come along and watch if you're not riding, helpers are always welcome and are well cared for by our fantastic friends, Kerry and Richard from AP Vintage Trailers, who fulfil our need for bacon butties and hot drinks!

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

PLACES ALMOST FULL !!

Dressage, test riding, pole work, jumping, confident

Riding & 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 nights stabling, two bales shavings
- Haylage included
- Choice of lessons at your level
- Unlimited use of the Farm Ride
- Refreshments and some meals
- Fun & 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](mailto:dippydi3@sky.com)

## **Shows and Competitions - Dates for 2018**

### **Feb 18th, Winter Show jumping points shows. Woodnook**

### **Feb 25th - British Riding Club Qualifier - Team Show Jumping at Osbaldeston Equestrian Centre, Blackburn**

Teams consist of 4 riders - each rider to jump 2 rounds. Heights to increase by 5cm in second round.

Seniors and Juniors compete separately.

Entries need to be with Hannah (including payment) by the 31st January. Places will be on a first come first serve basis and you need to be a member of the club to enter (membership forms can be e-mailed upon request or downloaded via the website).

Heights of fences are:

- Novice - 80/85cm
- Intermediate - 90/95cm
- Open - 1mtr/105cm
- Open - 1.10/1.15

All classes for teams and individuals are qualifiers for the Winter Novice Championships except those competing in the Novice 80cm as an individual (teams at this height still qualify).

Entry fees:

Team = £19.75 per person

Individual = £12.50 (at 80/85cm) or £22 (at 90cm or above)

We have to provide three helpers in order for our teams to be accepted by the organiser so anyone interested in doing this please let Hannah know with the time you are available for. Lift shares can be arranged and all help will be greatly appreciated.

It's a great opportunity to learn what is involved and meet like-minded competitors for anyone wanting to be part of teams and/or represent the club in the future. It also means that you can represent the club from the ground and be a part of our (hopefully) winning team!

**Saturday 24th March – British Riding Club Qualifier - Festival of the Horse & combined training @ Bold Heath EC**  
(details to follow)

**BRC Dressage to Music - TBC**

**Saturday 16th June – British Riding Club Qualifier - Dressage & Riding Test @ Bold Heath EC**  
(details to follow)

**Sunday 8th July – British Riding Club Qualifier - Horse trials @ Somerford Park**  
(details to follow)

**Saturday 14th July – British Riding Club Qualifier - Show Jumping & Style Jumping @ Bold Heath EC**  
(details to follow)

**Saturday 3rd November – British Riding Club Qualifier - 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.

### **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 essential 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 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 8.00pm, Rose & Crown, Cop Hill, Slaithwaite**

ALL WELCOME