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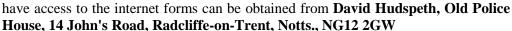


#### WES TRAIL AWARD SCHEME

The Society's Trail Riding Award Scheme is open only to members of the Society

The Scheme is very simple - any WES member who hacks out for pleasure (training and schooling do NOT count) in a western saddle can record their hours and qualify for an award. The horse does not have to belong to the rider, but must be ridden in a western saddle.

- The scheme is subject to a once only payment of £40.
- Participants can download a log sheet from the WES web site (www.wes-uk.com) on which to record their hours spent hacking. If you do not



- Subject to ratification\* the following awards will be made:
  - **75 hours:** Commemorative certificate.
  - **150 hours:** Commemorative certificate.
  - **250 hours:** A certificate plus an inscribed silver belt buckle\* supplied by Montana Silversmiths, subsidised by £50.00 from WES funds, the price to be confirmed at the time of purchase.
  - 500 hours: Certificate plus option to purchase trail award merchandise embroidered with the Trail Award Logo obtainable from WES Merchandising.
  - **1,000 hours:** Option to purchase a Trail Award Jacket, embroidered with the Trail Award Logo, obtainable from WES Merchandising, together with 1 year's free membership of the Society.

\* To qualify for the silver belt buckle and other benefits claimants must have maintained continuous membership of the society since joining the scheme. In the event of membership lapsing for any period the claimant's participation in the Trail Riding Scheme will be deemed void. Rider records must be submitted to the Society on an annual basis when requested. Clothing supplied will vary depending upon the fashion as the time of request.

For details of the WES Trail Awards Scheme, please contact David Hudspeth, Old Police House, 14 John's Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts., NG122GW

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(Prob. = Newly approved judges who are required to stand alongside existing judges for at least one show before accepting a judges appointment).

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# WES Judges Committee

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Mick Carder (chair),

Bob Mayhew,

David Lloyd,

Scherie Dermody



#### From the Editor

Welcome to the first electronic issue of the WES News

I make no apology for re-using the picture Roger used on the final printed issue of the WES News. This is because the cowboy in the picture is not riding away from the reader but towards the reader, so it seemed appropriate that he should be riding toward us for the first of the electronic issues (Hands up anyone who noticed this)

So why the electronic version? The answer is simple, cost. The cost of the printed version was almost the same as the society's income, so was simply not sustainable, and the decision was made to stop publication of the printed version.

However, at the AGM, as those of you who attended will know there was some discussion over the benefit to the members of maintaining WES News, if it could be done in a financially sustainable way.

Before I retired I was a consulting safety engineer and all my reports were presented to clients electronically, thus I had the facilities to prepare a document in Word and then convert it to an intelligent PDF, prior to sending it out either as a PDF attached to an email, or in the event of a large report via an FTP site.

When I suggested that consideration be given to using email and sending out WES News as a PDF attached to an email I found I had been "volunteered" to take over the editorship

My first job was to develop a mailing list of members who wanted to receive the electronic copy. Now in the "old" days I could have simply gone to the area reps and asked them for a list of members in their area and their email addresses. Not these days though. The new GDPR regulations mean that you have to opt in.

I hope that you enjoy reading this issue, and that you can get out and support all the various shows and clinics that are being organised around the country. If you cannot compete at an event, why not volunteer to help, most events need helpers too.

Finally then, don't forget to provide feedback on this issue, and to send in reports, articles, photos, etc. of what you are doing so they can appear in the next issue. The deadline for this is 31st August

### **Chairman's Comments**

Congratulations and Thank You to Chris Thompson for putting together this newsletter.

Council decided to cease production of WES News primarily on cost and the lack of engagement. Hopefully the new format will generate a lot more support.

The Society is struggling at the moment – more events are being cancelled and membership is falling again. There's lots being organised, but no one is supporting. What's the problem – well we don't know but we keep getting reports that people are not aware of what is going on despite emailing, posting and Facebooking information it appears that people don't register what's happening they say they don't know.

It's a problem that is difficult to find a solution for but we need to try.

Remember WES is a Members organisation please support you Area Rep and the activities in your area.



# WES Northern 2 Day Performance Show 7th & 8th July 2018

Introduction by the Judge, Susanne Zahner Dear participants and competitors



My name is Susanne Virginia Zahner and I am a horse show judge for the last 15 years.

I am very happy to be invited to judge a WES Horse Show for the first time.

This is where everything starts, to show a horse at the regional or national associations.

What I am looking for:

- 1. I would like to see that you have fun with your horse
- 2. Winning a class is great, but it does not mean everything
- 3. Be fair to your horse under consideration of bilateral level of education / training
- 4. Be in time and be prepared for every single class I will be
- 5. Showing a correct pattern and correct gaits mean more to the judge than speed or slowness
- 6. don't hesitate to ask questions through the ring steward before the class, if you have a doubt on the pattern
- 7. don't stress yourself to much trying to be perfect
- 8. you are showing to a Judge but it is just me, just another passionate horse lover

You have to pray for miracles, but for changes you have to work. - Thomas von Aquin
Susanne V. Zahner
AQHA/APHA/NSBA/NRHA/FEI Judge

Georgina O'Connor the WES Lancashire County Rep. writes:

We look forward to meeting Susanne at the forthcoming Northern Performance Show on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of July at Myerscough College, St Michael's Rd, Bilsborrow, Lancs. PR3 0RY.

(https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/commercial-services-equine-events/equestrian-centre/)

Suzanne is flying to us from Germany to be with us for the weekend, doing a little sightseeing in North Wales and Chester before making her way to Bodiam to judge the International Show.

I asked Susanne to write a few words for us to ease and dilute any fears or uncertainty about showing either for the first time, as a novice or under a well-respected European judge. As, you can tell from her own words, at the beginning of this article, there is nothing to fear, as she says she is just another passionate horse lover and I can assure you personally that Susanne is very down to earth, very approachable and in the words of a Northerner "knows her stuff" She is fair and really enjoys her position as a judge.

On top of having this esteemed judge we have the best equine facility in the North at our disposal.

The facility has;

- Indoor International Arena (80m x 30m), with a cracking surface. It's light and bright too. Heated spectator gallery for 400.
- Attached is the smaller indoor (65m x 20m) used as the weekend warmup. Seating for 100
- The stabling are large barn covered stables with sliding doors, with most having rubber matting.
- A huge carpark, with many hook up points
- A lovely restaurant, overlooking the international arena.
- Campus B&B accommodation



We have lots of fun, which is paramount. You will find the most down to earth people competing and running the show. You will learn a lot and make new friends too. Not just with WES members but the ApHC UK (Appaloosa Club) who will be showing alongside us throughout

Saturday. Of course, you have the chance to



compete with them also, as they are having a handful of all breed unaffiliated western classes.

Even more fun out of the arena is to be had on the Saturday evening. We have our infamous buffet and party.... Just to let off a bit of steam of course, after a day of show ring concentration!!

Trade stands to spend your money on your lovely horses – after all, what else do we spend it on?

We also raise funds towards the cost of the show with the astounding help of wonderful businesses and supporters.

- Hapton Animal Feeds,
- Aspen Valley Kennels & Cattery,
- Staroak Designs Ltd,
- The Round Pen Company,
- Staroak Stud Horsemanship & Western Training,
- Simply Western Rider Instruction,
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- Bill O'Connor,
- Emma Chapman (Lonie) Training,
- Ike Designs,
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- Michael Langford Training,
- A&B Caravans Ltd,
- The Animal Therapy Hub Ltd,
- Stephen Nightingale D.W.C.F,
- Anglo Bee Properties Ltd.
- Key MT Solutions

Their support is immensely important, and we are all so grateful for their support in this the 15<sup>th</sup> year of our much-loved show and venue.



On behalf of area 5 and our hard-working show team we hope to see many of you there for what will be a fantastic weekend of excellent showing, horsemanship, laughter and the sun <u>WILL</u> shine too.

# Schedule, entry form and patterns can be obtained from

https://www.facebook.com/groups/40478385994/files/,

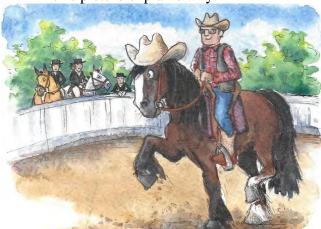
Or Send a request to Georgina at activepeopleandpets@gmail.com

# **Cowboy Dressage**

Chris Thompson writes:

My Stallion, Brego, has been trained in dressage, as well as Western, and I have been asked why I don't enter and ride him in dressage competitions.

I Think this picture explains why.



Picture courtesy of Verity Thompson see <a href="http://www.sketchy.org.uk/">http://www.sketchy.org.uk/</a> for more of her work

# **The Spanish Mustang**

Probably the best horse in the world (That you have never heard of) By Chris Thompson

Lets get something clear from the start. The Spanish Mustang is not a Mustang, nor does it not come from Spain. So what is it?



There are basically three main types of "Mustang", the Ford Mustang, the BLM Mustang and the Spanish Mustang

This picture shows the difference between a Ford and a Spanish Mustang



Although I think they are fairly easy to tell apart, I was told the Breed standard assessors (the guys in the white hats) did have a bit of a problem with this!! In case you are wondering I am in the brown hat, third from the right.

But what about the difference between a BLM Mustang and a Spanish Mustang?

The BLM Mustang is what most people think of as a "Mustang" The spirit of freedom, the wild horse of the American West, etc. They are feral horses of mixed, including Spanish blood, and good horses they are too, but they are not Spanish Mustangs.

To find out what a Spanish Mustang is, we need to consider the history of the horse

As most people know, the modern horse evolved in North America, crossed the land bridge into Asia and then became extinct in America until it was reintroduced by the Spanish Conquistadores.

At that time the Spanish horse was considered to be the finest in the world, and as part of the colonisation of the New World the King decreed that the finest breeding stock of cattle, sheep, horses, etc be send to the New World. Only the strongest animals survived the voyage from the Old to the New World..

The Apache raided the missions and estancias in what is now Mexico and the South West USA for the valuable well-trained Spanish horses, which they either used or traded, thus spreading the

Spanish horses throughout the Midwest of what is now the USA, and giving rise to the great horse culture of the plains Indians. Such was the success of these horses that by 1750 they had reached all the way into what is now Canada.

Inevitably some of these horses escaped and the toughest survived to form feral herds of Spanish horses, either on the Great Plains or in valleys in the Rocky Mountains. These horses had to be tough to survive winter temperatures below -40C and summer temperatures above +40C.

The Indians mounted on their Spanish horses ran rings around the cavalry mounts. The cavalry's response was simple, if you cannot beat them join them, and they also started to capture and use the wild horses.

Towards the end to the 19th Century and in the early 20th Century it was decided to clear the feral horses from the plains both to finally subdue the Indians by removing their means of transport, and to remove competition for grazing for the rancher's cattle.

This programme was so successful that in the early part of the 20th Century the Spanish descended horses were on the verge of extinction; their salvation can be attributed primarily to Robert E. Brislawn.

Born in 1890, he made his own way at an early age, working on ranches, mining and freighting. During his years in the West, his horses of choice were Spanish descended horses, which he christened "Spanish Mustangs". The name is derived from their Spanish descent and the Spanish word mesteño, meaning "stray livestock animal".

Whilst the great majority of today's Spanish Mustangs are in the USA and Canada, there are now registered Spanish Mustangs in the UK, France, Germany, Switzerland, Portugal, Denmark, Eire and Australia. A small herd has recently been imported to Spain, so the wheel has turned full circle

There are now over 4000 current registrations, with a total population of probably 3000 globally.



This then is the true Spanish Mustang, a direct descendant of those horses that were brought to the New World by the Spaniards; an extremely hardy and sturdy horse, exhibiting the aptitude to perform in almost any equine field and to perform well. The staying power, intelligence and endurance of these descendants of the original Spanish horses has become legendary.

The Spanish Mustang is also incidentally one of the foundation breeds of the Quarter Horse.

#### **Breed Characteristics**

The Spanish Mustang is a medium sized horse ranging from 13.2 to 15 hands with an average size of approximately 14.2 hands with proportional weight. They are smooth muscled with short backs, rounded rumps and low set tails.

They are NOT push-button horses and will not abide abuse, however they bond well with their owners and once bonded, become very attached to their person. They also have a good work ethic.

They are highly intelligent and an innate sense of self-preservation, this means that they are not prone to put themselves into any situation which they perceive be destructive or dangerous.

They can carry a full grown 95 kg (15 stone) adult plus a 13 kg (2 stone) western saddle without difficulty.

#### **Brego**

I am lucky that I own one of these rare and wonderful horses. He is a stallion called Brego.

He competed in affiliated Showjumping and amassed winnings of nearly £100 over two years.



He then changed career and started to compete in BE affiliated one day events at both the 90 and 100 cms level. Whilst he never won, he never failed to complete a course, usually with a double clear in the show jumping and cross-country phases.



He has now retired from active competition following a ligament injury and settling in to a new career as a riding and stud horse.

He is ridden in both English and Western tack, and can make the transition between the two riding styles without difficulty.





He is an active stallion and has several pure bred and part bred foals on the ground and is also a grandfather.

His work ethic is so good that the other day I had to ride past a mare in season (she was actually spraying), only a day after he had been covering another mare. He barely twitched an ear.

If you would like your mare to have a foal with Spanish Mustang blood, then contact me at <a href="mailto:cpa.thompson@btconnect.com">cpa.thompson@btconnect.com</a>. I am also the European information coordinator for the Spanish Mustang Registry.

www.spanishmustang.org

# **Hannah and Connor**

This lovely story came from – Area 4 Representative Angie Taylor

Hannah's beloved pony Dina died earlier this year and she was bereft.

After much searching a fell pony called "Connor" was found.

Connor was from the Yorkshire area and as we were attending Richmond Show we asked them to deliver him there.

It was all very hush hush and Hannah didn't have a clue.

Connor was hidden behind the wagon until Hannah's mum, Karen, got him rigged out in all his western finery.

This photo shows Hannah sitting on Connor for the very first time. Her face tells it all!!



Area 5 organizers then allowed Hannah to ride around the arena and she was presented with a special rosette by the judge John Dodds.

It was also Hannah's birthday, so it was a very special day for her indeed.

# **Western Dressage**

By Wendy Scott Area 10 Joint Rep and County Rep for Warwickshire, West Midlands & Oxfordshire

As part of the Solihull Riding Club 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show some Western Dressage classes were included in the schedule which allowed Western gear in all the "English" classes as well, but unfortunately entries were not as high as hoped owing to a clash of show dates over May bank holiday as well as people being away (not to mention horses pulling 'sickies'), although those who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves and put in good performances.

One or two of the spectators were quite interested in having a go and we hope they will do so, as according to the United States Equestrian Federation to which the Western Dressage Association of America is affiliated, Western Dressage is the fastest growing discipline in the States and one day we might be able to say the same, so if anyone who is still interested has not yet replied to our OPT-IN email please remember to do so or email us at an address below in order to keep you informed.

On a personal note I recently competed at the Saddlebred Show at Moreton Morrell. Western tack and attire is acceptable at this and Foreign Breeds shows. It was great that two other Western riders came, Abbey from Area 10 with her Fjord 'Pumba' who did really well, and an Area 6 member competing at her first ridden show – not the best one to choose as it is quite daunting having other (less disciplined) horses thundering past you at a rate of knots but she and her horse coped brilliantly with ribbons to prove it.

I was delighted when the judge in one class complimented me on Rio's performance saying



"she was a joy to watch, her transitions were seamless, blink and you missed them" as he handed me my winning rosette and sash. Obviously Western Dressage schooling does pay off in other disciplines, as our Chairman had previously discovered when he was complimented by a judge on his reining circles after he had been practicing Western Dressage!

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Area 10 Joint Rep and County Rep for Warwickshire, West Midlands & Oxfordshire

# Bishop Burton and Moreton Morrell Clinics

By Val Burdge (Taken from the Area 5 Newsletter)

Once again I indulged myself with attending both the Bishop Burton and Morton Morrell clinics. A few comments on both.

It is hard to believe Bishop Burton Clinic is over for another year. I so look forward to what is for me, the first outing of the season and once again it did not disappoint. The facilities at Bishop Burton College are so lovely especially since the top school was resurfaced and painted and number 2 school is so huge...perfect for practicing lead changes and those things that require a vast amount of space.

So nice to catch up with old friends and meet new people who seemed, without exception to have a great time and I am sure we all came home with lots to practice, I certainly did. My daughter Jessica was once again able to take Indi to the clinic after an absence of 2 years. He was a super star. One of the many advantages of western riding is that our horses can continue well into their old age. Indi is 21 this year and has never been better.

Our instructors, Michael Langford and Scherie Dermody, worked so very hard over the 3 days, never once showing any sign of running out of energy....how do they do it??? I watched several lessons, when I was not actually riding. I find that

I learn as much from watching others as I do from riding myself.

Truth be known, the weather could have been kinder!! We did have a lot of rain, but it had absolutely no adverse affect on our enjoyment, as all the riding was inside, of course. Those of us who chose to walk to the Altisidora (the local pub), did get a little damp, but c'est la vie.

I am sure we would all, without exception, like to thank everyone who gave their time and effort to arrange everything, especially Margaret Kemp. Thanks also to Gerry and Harry Scargill, Jane Walmsley and all those cleaver "bakey" people who made delicious nibbles for us all to share. Can't wait for next year.

Just 5 days later Golli and I were off to Morton Morrell. Especially exciting for me to have the same trainer for another 3 day session, which was enormously beneficial. An added bonus was the shear luxury of have just 2 riders on each ride!!! Gosh that was great and despite the long hours of teaching, neither Michael or Scherie showed any sign of tiring!!

I find Morton Morrell is not quite as intimate as Bishop, but always enjoyable never the less. Again one gains great insight from watching others ride, or at least I do. There were lots of people I had not met before and several old friends, we all had a wonderful time. This time the weather was kind and we had sunshine most of the weekend. I can't wait for next year.

Thanks again to those who organised the clinic, especially David and Jo Brindley who were very sadly unable to attend.....you were sorely missed, but I am sure you will be back next year. Thank you also to Linda, our Gofer and Steff, our council member, who was thrown in at the deep end to keep us all in check.

Wishing all of my fellow WES members a fabulous 2018 show season. These 2 clinics are certainly a tremendous start.



# Bishop Burton 3 day clinic March 2018

By Janet Amir

I m still buzzing from my first experience at Bishop Burton. What a fabulous venue (despite going back a few years and experiencing student accomodation!)

Great stabling with helpful staff, fantastic arena's, parking, delicious home made cake and a decent pub within walking distance. What more does one need?

But without a doubt my trainer, Micheal Langford made the three days. I feel my horse and I have advanced at least six months in this short time. Micheal tailors the exercises to suit not only groups but individuals and having consecutive sessions gives him a chance to really focus on you and your horse. I have taken so much away with me which I am now working on and the difference with my young horse is unbelievable.

It was also an ideal opportunity to try new equipment, for me it was advancing to a curb bit. I would not have done this without Micheal's advice and the help of others on the clinic. Thanks to Nickey Smith, Adam Yates and Emma Lonie for the loan of bits and headstalls.

Lesley from Hooves was present on day one of the clinic and assisted me with saddle templates and re assured me that the saddle I had was suitable. Thanks for her time and expert advice.

I met some lovely people on the clinic, like minded and great fun and I can't wait to meet them all again at forthcoming events. I strongly recommend this clinic to all, I ll certainly be back for the next one.

# **Bishop Burton**

By Fran Maxwell

The Bishop Burton clinic in March was the first time I had been. It's a busy few days and I learnt so much in a short space of time and met some fantastic people.

The group I was in was with Gail, Janet and Di with Michael Langford. All our horses are different and I don't have as much experience in western riding, but that did not matter in the group. There was plenty of one to one tuition and then lots of time to go through what you have been set to do and try and perfect it!.

Our first session was a good grounding for Michael getting to know our skills and then for him to coach us on getting the best from our horses. Each session afterwards built on what we had learnt and each session had a recap at the end.

It was really good to watch the other groups and skills of the riders and horses and chat to the others. On the last afternoon the group I was in changed due to some needing to leave early for a long drive home, and I was in a group with Val, Adam and Margaret.

The clinic was a great experience from start to finish and so well organised.

#### Dear Reader:

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to this issue of WES News, either with reports, articles or proof reading. Without you there would not have been a magazine.

I hope to get the next issue of WES News out in September, but to have an interesting magazine I will need reports of your Shows, Clinics, Training Days, Pub Rides, Area reports, etc. together with any photos that you have. If you can get them to me by the end of August, it would be great.

You can even send letters to the editor!!

I am looking forward to receiving your contributions. Please send them to <a href="mailto:cpa.thompson@btconnect.com">cpa.thompson@btconnect.com</a>



# **Area Round-up**

#### Area 1

Grampian and Highlands

Area 1 Grampian Region is a small but active membership in the North East of Scotland.

After a long cold winter we began our spring training with Bob Mayhew clinics in March and April. We are very lucky that although now "semi-retired" we have regular monthly clinics with Bob from March through to September.

On May 12<sup>th</sup> we hosted an area 1 Training show to allow us to run through patterns in a show scenario and gain feedback from a judge. We had some lovely rosettes supplied by a very supportive WES area 1 member Kathy Briggs. The day was a great success and I think everyone benefited from the feedback and practice as we look towards our next Bob clinic early June, then the Scottish Caledonian show Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at SNEC Broxburn, which many of our area members are travelling to compete at.

One final thought is to wish Iain Loder, AQHA youth team member the best of luck in Texas. Everyone in Area 1 is hugely proud of how far you have come and we have all enjoyed watching you progress over the last few years. Good luck and keep us updated Sandra!

Victoria Maclachan - Area 1 rep

#### Area 2

Gwynedd, Clwyd, Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire

An excellent Michael Langford Clinic in May with good weather and lots of useful tips.



This was followed by our Spring Show in early June which was held at the lovely facilities of Trevor Hall near Llangollen by kind permission of Louise Parker. Good entries and some patient Judging by our Judge David Hudspeth made for an excellent day.



Our thanks to Michelle Surgy Price for organising, Lesley Surgy Price for a superb job of Stewarding and keeping it all together, our Ring Steward Fiona Weatherston and Show Secretary Sandra Plumb. Finally not forgetting some lovely prizes donated by Penny Connah from Staroak designs.

Our next event will be our Michael Langford Clinic at the end of July. Details are on both our website and Facebook pages.

#### Area 3

Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire

#### Area 4

Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham. Northumberland, Tyne & Wear

#### Area 5

Lancashire, Merseyside, Yorkshire, Greater Manchester

On 22 April we had our show meeting to discuss schedules and hi-points. It was a very useful and constructive meeting despite very poor attendance – just the usual stalwarts we couldn't manage without. By the time you receive this newsletter the show at Richmond will have been and gone so you will know the results of the schedule discussion for that. Uptake of the walk/jog and in hand classes will have a large bearing on the schedule for the September show.

We also discussed hi-points and have attempted to make the end of year overall hi-points achievable for all categories of rider. We looked at various options and settled on points starting at 3 for 1st place, 2 for 2nd place, 1 for



3rd place regardless of how many are in the class. This will apply only to the 3 shows run by Area 5 and will have no effect on the WES UK points. If this does not work out fairer then we will look again for 2019.

#### Area 6

Avon, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Dyfed, Glamorgan, Gloucestershire, Gwent, Herefordshire, Pembrokeshire, Powys, Worcestershire

So far this year we have managed to run 2 clinics (1 with Bruce Lawrence at Valley View Ranch and 1 with Scherie Dermody near Redmarley, Gloucestershire (our thanks go to Gill Parker for allowing us to use her arena free of charge – including free refreshments). Sadly, the unpredictable weather at the start of the year caused the cancellation of three scheduled clinics.

By the time you receive this e-magazine our summer camp at Bruce and Tina Lawrence's Valley View Ranch facility will have finished. Fifteen members supported us on this venture. Our thanks to Bruce and Tina for all their hard work and catering.

Events still scheduled are:

#### **August 4-5:**

2-day Performance Show at Valley View Ranch, Ullingswick, Herefordshire, HR1 3JQ, a super facility with two arenas – one for reining



and the other enormous arena for all other classes.



Catering will be available over the two days, provided by Tina and her helpers. Stabling at £60 each for the weekend (Friday morning 'till Monday morning), can be booked directly with Valley View Ranch and paid for in advance – 07791 323192, email: <a href="mailto:bclsph123@icloud.com">bclsph123@icloud.com</a> All stables are rubber matted, with one bale of shavings provided. Additional shavings can be purchased if require

39 classes (walk/jog, Youth, Novice Rider, Novice Horse, Amateur, Open and Little Britches. Prize money for all Open Classes (subject to conditions). Judge: Mr. Michael Carder from Cambridgeshire.

Schedule and entry form can be obtained from Roger on <a href="wester-a6@gmail.com">wesarea6@gmail.com</a>

Bruce Lawrence will also be running a preshow clinic on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please this book directly with Bruce bclsph123@icloud.com

Clinics at Cardiff: October 6 - November 3 - September 1

The ever popular Scherie Dermody will the clinician at Alps Court, Alps Quarry Road, Wenvoe, Cardiff, CF5 6AA.

#### FEES:

Members, £50; non-members £60.

To reserve places and obtain an application form contact Roger on <a href="wester-addition-wes

More clinics are in the process of being arranged at Alps Court, Cardiff with Scherie and 3 self-help clinics are being arranged at Tewkesbury Riding Centre.

At the end of the year I will be standing down as Area 6 representative and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported me and our events over the past two and a half years.

Roger



#### Area 7

Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire.

Area 7 had a very well supported and successful clinic on the 15th April. David Deptford was the clinician, we had three groups of 3. It was held at Sarah Hood's yard in Medbourne near Uppingham.

We also had our Practice show at Sarah Hoods yard on the 13th May. only 7 people attended, but they were all beginners and learnt a lot.



Unfortunately, the summer show at Markfield on the 10<sup>th</sup> June had to be cancelled due to lack of entries, but the Oakridge summer sizzler is adding WES Classes to their schedule.

Area 7 has an Adventure Trail clinic at CHAPS Collingham on the 29th July.

#### Area 8

Berkshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Surrey, Sussex

#### Area 9

Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk

#### Area 10

Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire., Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands

WES Area 10 members braved the cold March weather to take part in our Mad March Pub Ride on Sunday, March 31st.

Hosted by kind permission of David and Sarah Deptford and joined by Liv Lochhead, the group debated the tempting alternative offered by Sarah and David of a ranch 'play around' in the school as the changeable forecast was flitting between heavy rain and clouds.

Ever adventurous, the hardy Area 10 members voted to ride to the pub (the call of food and a beer too much a temptation). David and Sarah lead the route through the fens passing under fallen trees, alongside vast arable fields and in the shadow of the turbines to the village of Friday Bridge and the Chequers Inn.

The very friendly landlords welcomed everyone and set up the food in the garden where everyone enjoyed the refreshments washed down with a nice cold beer.



The first group arrives at The Chequers Inn avoiding the rain

A couple of extra WES members, without their horses, joined the group for a sociable chat and a sandwich before the group remounted and headed back to Horse Creek Farm.

Being sure to clean up after the horses and riders, we have been invited back so I'm sure another pub ride will be on the cards in the future.

We are now looking forward to our clinic and barbecue with Scherie Durmody later this month, our always popular annual Area 10 camp (back in the forest for 2018) is fully booked for July with a waiting list and then we head back to Horse Creek Farm for another ride out with the Deptfords on July 22nd. This time it is a barbeque ride and hopefully the sun will shine on us!

Jane & Sarah Cameron



#### Area 11

Borders, Central, Fife, Lothian, Tayside

#### Area 12

Dumfries & Galloway, Strathclyde

#### Area 13

#### Dorset and Hampshire

Well it hasn't been the best of springs, most people I talked to haven't managed to do much due to the abysmal weather we have had for longer than I can remember – I know its messed my ridding plans up over the last few months. Thankfully things are now improving, the ground is dry up and we can all get going again – no doubt we will all be complaining its too hot and dry soon!!

Area 13 has been running one clinic a month this year since March, with Bob Mayhew. I have tried very hard to keep the costs as low as possible and due to numbers being very low this year, I have changed the normal format and put everyone in together and run a 3-hour morning session. Those that have attended have thoroughly enjoyed it, the longer one session has allowed for group and individual work, riders are able to ride for the whole 3 hours or stop when they feel they have had enough. So far, all riders have made the most of the 3 hours available.

Some photos from the Bob Mayhew Clinic are shown below













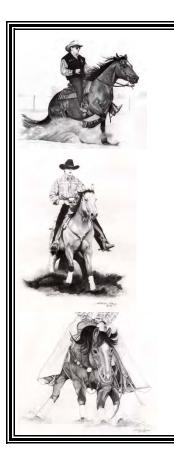
Area 13 also ran a show/Judging seminar earlier in the spring, 11 members attended and became more confident with their knowledge of what the judge is looking for and how the various classes run – hopefully they will put this all into practise at the Area 13 show in July! As this was only a one-day seminar, Reining, Ranch Horse and trail where covered, if there is enough interest I could investigate putting on a second seminar to cover the remaining disciplines? I'd like to thank Bob Mayhew and Mick Carder for running this seminar and imparting their wealth of knowledge.

As well as our monthly clinics with Bob Mayhew which will continue through to December, I have also organised a two-day clinic (June31st/July1st) with Scherie Dermody, which Jackie Palmer has kindly agreed to host, there is great hacking straight from the front gate – a great way to cool down after each session – let me know if you are interested in a place.

At the end of July (28th July) Area 13 is holding a summer Show at Parley Equestrian Centre, Bournemouth (opposite Bournemouth Airport) Bruce Lawrence has kindly agreed to judge and run a one day clinic on the Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> July) Again book your places for the clinic if you are interested in attending (unfortunately no stabling available on site) We are running walk/jog classes, novice rider and Open classes at the show, so hopefully catering for all levels. Please come and support, a lot of work and effort goes on behind the scenes to put on these shows and it's a great opportunity to show case western riding - it would be great to see new competitors, as well as seasoned and Open riders – come and try a different class from what you usually do?



# **Show Notifications**



# AREA 13 SUMMER SHOW Saturday 28th July 2018

JUDGE: Bruce Lawrence

At

Parley Equestrian Centre, Parley Court Farm, Parley Green Lane, Hurn, Christchurch Dorset. BH23 6BB

(WES Classes & Walk Trot Classes)

Further details: <u>Area13 Facebook page</u>

or contact Anne Batley DIRECTLY a.batley@ntlworld.com

Full details of all Area 13 events for 2018 can be found from the above sources.

# AREA 6 2-DAY WESTERN PERFORMANCE SHOW (39 classes)

Saturday, August 4th & Sunday August 5th

at Valley View Ranch, Ullingswick, Herefordshire, HR1 3JQ

Judge: Michael Carder from Cambridgeshire.

For more information and schedule contact Roger email: wesarea6@gmail.com



#### **WES National Show**





# Dates for your diary 2018/19

#### 2018

#### July

## Saturday 30th June/Sunday 1st July 2018

WES Area 13 Summer Two Day Clinic with Scherie Dermody at Vantage Point, Uddens Drive, Clayford, Wimborne, Dorset. BH21 7BQ

Contact: Anne Batley
a.batley@ntlworld.com

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July

WESbArea 1 Two Day Bob Mayhew Clinic Contact; Victoria Maclachlan

Contact; Victoria Maclachlar victoriaw84@hotmail.co.uk
Tel 07734822210

#### Sunday 1st July

WESArea 5 Members Day at Deanery Farm, Melbourne, York YO42 4QE Contact Margaret Kemp mekemp.wes@gmail.com 07703 222594

#### 7th & 8th July 2018

WES Area 5 Lancashire 2 Day Performance Show at Myerscough College, St Michael's Rd, Bilsborrow, Lancs. PR3 0RY. Judge, Susanne Zahner.

Schedule, entry form and patterns can be obtained from:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/404783859 94/files/,

Or Send a request to Georgina at activepeopleandpets@gmail.com

#### Saturday 21st July 2018

WES Area 13 Bob Mayhew Clinic at: Manor Equestrian Centre, Old Salisbury Road, Ower, Romsey, Hampshire. SO51 6AN

Contact; Anne Batley a.batley@ntl.com Tel. 07752425060

#### Saturday 21st July 2018

WES Area 5 Michael Langford Clinic Contact; Georgina O'Connor activepeopleandpets@gmail.com
Tel. 07787135053

#### 28th July 2018

WES Area 2 Michael Langford Clinic at Top Farm, Pentre Fron Road, Coedpoeth, Wrexham LL11 3BU Contact David.Brindley@cipfa.org

#### Saturday 28th July 2018

WES Area 13 Summer Show at Parley Equestrian Centre, Parley Court Farm, Parley Green Lane, Hurn, Christchurch Dorset. BH23 6BB Judge, Bruce Lawrence Contact Anne Batley a.batley@ntlworld.com

#### Sunday 29th July 2018

WES Area 13 Bruce Lawrence Clinic at Parley Equestrian Centre, Parley Court Farm, Parley Green Lane, Hurn, Christchurch Dorset. BH23 6BB Contact Anne Batley a.batley@ntlworld.com

WES Area 7 David Hudspeth Clinic Contact; Vicky Easton vicky.wes7@gmail.com Tel. 01778 590000

#### August

#### 4th -5th August 2018

WES Area 6 2-day show at at Valley View Ranch, Ullingswick, Herefordshire, HR1 3JQ

Contact Roger: wesarea6@gmail.com

#### 4th -5th August 2018

WES Area 1 Two Day Bob Mayhew Clinic Contact; Victoria Maclachlan victoriaw84@hotmail.co.uk Tel 07734822210

#### 9th - 12th August 2018

WES Area 8 Summer Camp Contact; Alison Bull ali2western@yahoo.co.uk Tel. 07727084375

#### Saturday 18th August 2018

WES Area 13 Bob Mayhew Clinic at:
Manor Equestrian Centre, Old Salisbury
Road, Ower, Romsey, Hants. SO51 6AN
Contact; Anne Batley
a.batley@ntlworld.com



Tel. 07752425060

#### 18th - 19th August 2018

WES Area 1 Dagmar Zenker Clinic Contact; Alastair Hart <a href="mailto:arh@alastairhart.co.uk">arh@alastairhart.co.uk</a> Tel. 01224 310600

#### 24th - 25th August

WES National Show, Moreton Morrell College, Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire CV35 9BP

#### September

#### Saturday 1st September 2018

WES Area 6 Cardiff Clinic with Scherie Dermody at Alps Court, Alps Quarry Road, Wenvoe, Cardiff, CF5 6AA Contact Roger: wesarea6@gmail.com

#### 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

WES Area 2 Michael Langford Clinic at Top Farm, Pentre Fron Road, Coedpoeth, Wrexham LL11 3BU Contact david.brindley@cipfa.org

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

WES Area 5 Northern Performance Show Contact; Gerri Scargill scargill@scargill.karoo.co.uk Tel. 07974 962877

#### Saturday 29th September 2018

WES Area 13 Bob Mayhew Clinic at:
Manor Equestrian Centre, Old Salisbury
Road, Ower, Romsey, Hants.. SO51 6AN
Contact; Anne Batley
a.batley@ntlworld.com
Tel. 07752425060

#### October

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018

WES Area 6 Cardiff Clinic with Scherie Dermody at Alps Court, Alps Quarry Road, Wenvoe, Cardiff, CF5 6AA Contact Roger, wesarea6@gmail.com

#### 6th – 7<sup>th</sup> October

WES Area 1 Two Day Bob Mayhew Clinic Contact; Victoria Maclachlan victoriaw84@hotmail.co.uk Tel 07734822210

#### **Sunday 14th October**

WES Area 2 Show at Trevor Hall Farm, Trevor Hall Road, Llangollen, Denbighshire, LL20 7UP Contact david.brindley@cipfa.org

#### Saturday 20 October 2018

WES Area 13 Bob Mayhew Clinic at Manor Equestrian Centre, Old Salisbury Road, Ower, Romsey, Hampshire. SO51 6AN

Contact: Anne Batley at a.batley@ntlworld.com

#### November

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Cardiff Clinic with Scherie Dermody Alps Court, Alps Quarry Road, Wenvoe, Cardiff, CF5 6AA Contact Roger, wesarea6@gmail.com

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018

WES Area 13 Bob Mayhew Clinic at Manor Equestrian Centre, Old Salisbury Road, Ower, Romsey, Hampshire. SO51 6AN

Contact: Anne Batley at a.batley@ntlworld.com

#### **December**

#### Saturday 8th December 2018

WES Area 13 Bob Mayhew Clinic at Manor Equestrian Centre, Old Salisbury Road, Ower, Romsey, Hampshire. SO51 6AN

Contact: Anne Batley at a.batley@ntlworld.com

#### 2019

26th - 28th April 2019

WES 3 day Clinic at Moreton Morrell Contact <a href="mailto:david.brindley@cipfa.org">david.brindley@cipfa.org</a>
For further details