

GHOULING AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB



NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME



Welcome to the *Halloween* issue of the Ghouling and District Riding Club Newsletter.

Firstly, a couple of apologies: Sorry that this is the first Newsletter since July; no excuses - I've been busy, but so is everyone. Also, it's come to my notice that lots of people

don't have access to the interwebthingy* and therefore rely on the Newsletter to keep up-to-date with what's happening with the club.

Now and in the future, this does mean that a lot of the information and Reports contained herein will be 'old hat' to you if you regularly visit the website, but we would like everyone to be kept informed and no-one left in the spooky dark!

If you have been on the website lately you would've noticed that we have a new "Webmaster" - Robert Emrys-Jones. The revamped Website not only looks great, but is very speedily and regularly updated. Plus, if you let Robert have your email address he'll send you a quick email when the website is updated witch means you'll never miss anything!

*Computers and the Internet - Don't worry, they'll never catch on.

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- *Who we are and what we do; Join now to receive discounts now!*
- *Winter Dressage Series*
- *Recent Events - Eventers' Challenge Report*
- *Dates for your Diary*
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THE THIRD WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES

Sunday 19th October was the first one and although the weather was kind to us, we had no outdoor school lighting and the classes were running late. Your intrepid Newsletter Editor wore a "head-torch" which provided enough illumination to have a good warm-up, but some of the other horses didn't embrace this new fangled headgear and probably didn't relish the idea of sharing the school with a rider that was a cross between Arthur Scargill and Captain Caveman! However, a head-torch is a handy piece of kit which many vets use as it frees up your hands and I would recommend getting one for the winter. They sell them in places like Argos and Halfords, but better ones from hiking retailers are available too.

Our judge for the Dressage on the 19th was Michael Johnson who formerly trained in Denmark for 6 years. He specialises in bringing on youngsters as well as offering training for all. He's based at Dial Post (a turning off the A24) and enjoys the use of a lovely 20x60 all-weather arena with a 'bouncy' rubber surface which horses definitely go better on. If you would like to have a lesson with Michael, please contact Janet Shears (07988 502833). You may like to visit his website: mjdressage.co.uk.

The next Dressage event is on Sunday 9th November; and hopefully the outside lighting will be functioning. There will be 3 Classes: Walk & Trot test, Prelims 14 & 18. Entry is £11 per Class.
GDRC members receive a £2 discount for each Entry.

When you complete your entry form, please do request Times that would suit you; for example if you're doing Classes 2 and 3 you may request a late time for Class 2 and an early time for Class 3. Or, if you're hacking over to Ferring, it would be prudent to ask for an early time before it gets too dark. Janet will do her best to accommodate you, but do bear in mind that several other people may also have the same request.

Dressage Times will now be available on the Thursday night before the Tests on the GDRC Website, and also available by phoning Janet between 7.30 and 9.30 pm on the relevant Thursday.

