



KILMACOLM AND KILALLAN RIDING CLUB

December 2010

**‘Heap on more wood! – the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We’ll keep our Christmas merry still.’** **Sir Walter Scott**

Hello everyone!

There is no doubt this weather has put a swift halt to all the winter plans. I do hope it has not caused too many problems, other than trips to the feed merchant for low energy grub!

In our house the Christmas cards have never been written so early!

Thanks to all who attended the AGM in October. We had some useful discussion and I am delighted the committee have agreed to continue for another year. Laura Swinnerton was presented with the points Trophy and the Dressage Cup, and Audrey McLean won the Cross Country Trophy. At the end of October we held our Open Dressage competition at Ingliston...many thanks to Hilary Baxter and Niki Underhill for their hard work organising it all, and to all the helpers. Best Member rosettes were won by Hilary Baxter, Katie and Mary Pearson, Jill Stewart, Morag Sutherland, Emma Stewart, and Susan Malyon .

We had another successful Celidh at the Houston Bowling Club, on the 6th November. The atmosphere was terrific, so thanks to all who contributed to a fun evening.

The Area 1 Winter Dressage Qualifier was held at Sandyflats. We sent three teams, who returned with an amazing amount of rosettes! Our teams were 3rd, 4th and 7th.

Thanks to Rhona Campbell, Elizabeth Smith, Linda Porter, Susan Malyon, Hilary Baxter, Esther Knox , Emma Gilchrist, Sheila Gillespie, Julie White, Mary Pearson, Evie Cumming, and Fiona Hunter who represented the club.

Unfortunately the members dressage scheduled for the 28th November had to be cancelled because of the weather.

Our winter rally programme has ground to a halt and it is doubtful if we will be able to do much before Christmas. Never mind, the horses will be well rested and we will need to work off all the mince pies by the time we get going again!

We have David Gatherer, Aileen Craig, Linda Penman all eager to nip our problems in the bud. Please pay particular attention to the rally venues as we will be using Ingliston for many. We are

most grateful to Andrew and Fiona Malcolm for the use of their indoor school. As you will all be aware the V.A.T. rate increases in January. This has led to an increase in the Ingliston prices. On Sunday 13th February we are running Open Dressage and Jumping (Combined Training) at Ingliston. This competition will be run indoors, using the same successful format from the September one. Wendy MacDougall will take the entries for this one. As always we will need helpers! Please phone Jennifer on 01505 690563 if you have some time to spare.

We will also need helpers on the 5th March for our Open Dressage at Ingliston. On this occasion please phone Hilary Baxter on 01505 336411 to volunteer. Niki Underhill will be taking the entries and doing the times.

One of our judges would like to remind all dressage competitors that hair nets must be worn if your hair protrudes from your hat, and that gloves should be light in colour and must be worn. At the beginning of April Area 1 are running a team dressage and show jumping (different teams for both) competitions. This will be held at the Stewarton Livery Yard, Stewarton, Ayrshire. This will be the start of a league competition which will incorporate the Area Qualifiers, culminating in a final in September. As 'Points Mean Prizes' , we hope to send lots of teams! There will be four sections , starting with Nursery Novice. Please phone Catherine Moody on 01505 325757 to join in this fun day out.

We will be returning to Houston as soon as the ground allows. It is hoped we have as much fun as we did this year! Our One Day Event will take place on the 26th June...so keep your diaries free!

We have a number of new members..welcome! If anyone is unsure how to book for rallies, or would like more information, please call Jennifer on 01505 690563.

Our web site: www.kilmacolmridingclub.org.uk has a message section for changes, schedules etc. The new programme for January, February , March and April is enclosed. If you have not renewed your subscription, now is the time!

Enclosed are some flyers....Quarriers Garden Centre are selling gorgeous Christmas Trees. They kindly planted out the jumps at Houston in May.

Scotia Town and Country Animal Feeds donated a great deal of timber for the jumps at Houston. They stock all the horse, dog, cat, rabbit, guinea pig (etc!) feeds, and a range of outdoor clothing and pet supplies.

A member, Susan Mason has started a rug wash business in Howood, much closer for us all.

Ann Kennedy (01505 87 3756) has a great selection of rugs and coolers for sale, all washed and in good order.

Entertainment!

Lanark and Renfrewshire Hunt are holding another 'Dinner, Dancing and Entertainment' evening at The River Inn on the 28th January. Tickets are available from Sheila Gillespie on 01505 872318.

The Lanark and Renfrew Pony Club are holding a Celidh in Johnstone Town Hall on 26th February. Sue Melady ..07977907072..has tickets.

I hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Jennifer

