

CHESNEY STABLES NEWSLETTER

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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2010

Spring is finally on its way! After weeks of snow, rain and freezing conditions the nights are getting lighter, the days warmer and the grass is starting to grow. We would like to thank everyone for braving the awful weather conditions over the winter and keeping on with those lessons and all with smiles on your faces. WELL DONE! We now have Easter to look forward too and within this seasons Newsletter you'll find lots of wonderful upcoming activities for the whole family...ENJOY!!



WHATS NEW

Its all very exciting down at the stables, the refurbishment is underway and I'm sure many of you have noticed the developments taking place...its hard not to. Well the electrics are nearly finished, that means we have lighting folks, plenty of it with new lights and posh switches everywhere (hands up who couldn't find the switch in the loo because it had been moved?).

A new toilet – hoorah and we were ready for that too! The toilet is now clean and has a nice air freshener in there.

Drainage – There has been lots of tunnels dug all over the place for the drainage systems to be laid, hopefully this will mean less puddles.

A new Car Park - very important and the one that will affect you all the most. The car park is having drainage put in and then concreted with a walkway and new entrance as we speak.

The new Reception – has had the electrics fitted and plumbing done, office area sectioned off, and is currently be painted and should be open for business soon. The new reception has a toilet, kitchen area with hot water, waiting area/meeting room, office and will include facilities such as a tea and coffee making facilities, pigeon holes, education posters, books, and most importantly...HEATING!

The new Stable Block – The architect is currently going through the necessary procedures for the new stable block and required facilities, this is very exciting and we cant wait for all the horses and ponies at Chesney to have lovely new big bedrooms.

The Chesney Stables website is currently under construction and can be found at www.chesneystables.co.uk like everything being undertaken this is a professional development and often you may see a gentleman (hes called Alan if you want to say hello) with a very professional and expensive looking camera wandering around taking photos of the yard, horses, lessons etc. We would like to reassure you that due to legal reasons no photographs of people can be used without their consent therefore we may ask your permission to use photos of you on the website and sign a model release form for this purpose.



Just as a reminder, the weekly group lesson timetable is as follows:

MONDAY: 10 – 12 RDA (except holidays) 5-6 child group, 6-7 child group (fully booked)

THURSDAY: 4.30-5.30 Child Group (1 space available), 5.30-6.30 Child Group (2 spaces available), 6.30-7.30 Adult Group (3 spaces available)

SATURDAY 10-3 Equiclub

SUNDAY: 10-12 Mini Equiclub ages 5+

*Private and Semi Private Lessons bookable as normal at times to suit throughout the week, please let us know at time of booking if you would like a flat lesson or jumping lesson.

We would like to remind all clients, parents and guardians that whilst we love people to have their favourite horses and ponies and are more than happy to allocate these horses to you, we have faced some issues with peoples confidence and ability regarding riders having ridden the same horse/pony continuously. Our Instructors carefully allocate horses depending on ability and availability so that you develop and learn accordingly. It is important that our riders understand this but we are still happy to take requests.

Thankyou



DRESSAGE DAY Sunday, 28th March (fingers crossed)

On Sunday 21st February, we invited you to participate in our Dressage Day, a light hearted, friendly and informal competition designed to introduce you to the more fun aspects of owning a horse, Unfortunately due to snow, then rain, we decided to postpone until more seasonable weather. The Dressage day will now be held on **Sunday, 28th March** at 1pm prompt, This day is specifically for Chesney customers only and will be split into Seniors, Juniors, and Lead reins, with 2 tests, Introductory (walk and trot only) and Preliminary (in which there will be some canter).

Non- Livery Clients will be allocated a horse/pony which best suits their ability and there will be no changing of allocated horses as they will designated to cater for their daily work loads.

Riders will be able to warm up with an instructors assistance for approx 10-15 minutes before riding their test in front of a judge

Turn out should be smart, Rosettes for all.

EASTER HALF TERM SCHEDULE 27th March-11th April 2010

SATURDAY 27 MARCH	Equiclub
SUNDAY 28 MARCH	Dressage Day, 1pm start
MONDAY 29 MARCH	Holiday Equiclub*
TUESDAY 30 MARCH	Holiday Equiclub*
WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH	Holiday Equiclub*
THURSDAY 1 APRIL	Holiday Equiclub*
SATURDAY 3 APRIL	Equiclub
SUNDAY 4 APRIL	Easter Funday*
MONDAY 5 APRIL	Easter Monday Family Treasure Hunt
TUESDAY 6 APRIL	Holiday Equiclub*
WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL	Holiday Equiclub*
THURSDAY 8 APRIL	Holiday Equiclub*
SATURDAY 10 APRIL	Equiclub
SUNDAY 11 APRIL	Advanced Equiclub*

- *prebookable deposit required
- Easter Monday Family Treasure Hunt requires entries in advance, see booking form attached

Holiday Equiclubbers block booking for the full holiday period will benefit from a 15% discount.

EQUICLUB

It is a requirement that Equiclub must be pre -booked to allow us to accommodate our horses work loads for the day. We do have a maximum number allowed for Equiclub and any person not booked in may be turned away. May we remind all parents and guardians that Equiclub has had a price increase as of the 1st February, Equiclub is now £25 for the day.

With this the Equiclubbers receive a 1 hour group lesson (normal rate £15), tuition in stable management, practical horse care and a lunch break to include a quiz, games or other pony themed activities.

All regular attending Equiclubbers will now receive their own folder with their achievements booklet. This booklet sets levels of small tests starting from the most basic for very beginners' right up to advanced level. Each week the Equiclubbers will work towards their folders which will be kept updated with the staff.

Equiclub folders will be reviewed on a regular basis with a certificate presentation day

MINI-EQUICLUB

Back due to popular demand is the Mini-Equiclub. This is a specially formulated Equiclub for the younger riders, those a little shy and also those who maybe aren't quite ready for coming for a full day to the big Equiclub.

Mini-Equiclub will run Sundays 10 – 12 and numbers permitting again at 1-3., ages need to be 5 years + . Just like big Equiclub, the minis will have a group lesson, lessons in safety and being around ponies, stable management as well as other pony themed activities.

The minimum number for us to run is 2 and the maximum is 4 as there will be a senior member of staff present with the group at all times.

£20 per person pre booking is required.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Holiday Equiclub, Monday - Thursday

For our regular Saturday Equiclubbers, the Holiday Club will run throughout the fortnight, 10am-3pm Mondays –Thursdays ***There will be no Holiday Equiclub on the Bank Holiday Monday due to the Family Treasure Hunt**

£25 per day, book for full 2 weeks holiday period receive 15% discount. £10 prebookable deposit per day.

Easter Fun day, Easter Sunday, 4th April 2010

1-3pm The Easter Fun day is for all ages and abilities and will include Easter and egg related games both on horseback and foot. An Easter egg hunt and an Easter Bonnet parade will be the main attractions of the afternoon. Make sure you have your bonnets made decorated and on display in the Nag Inn at 1pm ready for judging! Prize giving will be at the end of the afternoon.

£17.50 (£12.50 horse owners) £10 prebookable deposit required

Family Treasure Hunt. Bank Holiday Easter Monday, 5th April 2010

Commencing at 1pm prompt your teams will wind and twist through the local villages using your knowledge and sense of direction to unlock the clues and find the answers hidden within the local area. Each team will be given their treasure map and clues sheet before departure and the first correct entries received back will win the Easter Goodies. Entries £10 per car. See booking form for entries

Advanced Equiclub, Sunday 11th April 2010: 10 am -3pm

Especially designed for those who have been with us that little bit longer, those with their own horse or on loan. The day will consist of a dressage/flat lesson, jump lesson, advanced stable management, E.g. equine first aid, yard duties, and equine theory related games. Riders wishing to book for Advanced Equiclub should be competent at jumping a full course of jumps and riding in all paces without stirrups. £25 (£15 horse owners), £10 prebookable deposit required.

Happy Easter

Love from the Team at Chesney

**CHESNEY STABLES EASTER MONDAY FAMILY TREASURE
HUNT**

Bank Holiday Monday, 5TH APRIL, 2010
COMMENCES 1pm PROMPT

**TREASURE HUNT BOOKING FORM
EASTER MONDAY 5TH APRIL 2010**

Team Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Treasure maps to be collected on the day before setting off.

Entries £10 per car.

Prizes on the day

Cheques made payable to: S. Oakley, Chesney Stables, Wansford Road Driffield YO25
5NW – **CLOSING DATE** Saturday 3rd April 2010.

EASTER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES BOOKING FORM

Monday, 29th March- Sunday 11th April, 2010

PARTICIPANTS

NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____

DATE	ACTIVITY	DEPOSIT	X
Monday 29/3/2010	Holiday Equiclub	£10	
Tuesday 30/3/2010	Holiday Equiclub	£10	
Wednesday 31/3/2010	Holiday Equiclub	£10	
Thursday 1/4/2010	Holiday Equiclub	£10	
Sunday 4/4/2010	Easter Sunday Fun day	£10	
Tuesday 6/4/2010	Holiday Equiclub	£10	
Wednesday 7/4/2010	Holiday Equiclub	£10	
Thursday 8/4/2010	Holiday Equiclub	£10	
Sunday 11/4/2010	Advanced Equiclub	£10	

TOTAL £

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Bookings required by no later than 2 days prior to activity.