

Hall Place Newsletter January 2011

Happy New Year from Hall Place!

New Horses!

We welcome lots of new horses to Hall Place, here is a little information on them:

Rudolph- Rudolph is a 16hh Chestnut gelding, before coming to us he has competed with success in affiliated dressage to medium level, affiliated show jumping and British Eventing. In all he is a great all round schoolmaster. He will be available for intermediate and advanced riders.

Bramble-Bramble has come to Hall Place from sunny Cornwall where she was ridden by children and adults. She did lots of Pony Club and riding Club activities and is quickly becoming a very popular pony here. She is a dark bay mare and is about 13hh. She will be used on all levels of lessons.

Joey-Joey is a dark bay gelding, he is about 13.2hh and is a quiet kind ride. He has competed in show jumping and done lots of pony club but is now enjoying a quieter life here where he will be used for tiny tots, woodland rides and green lessons.

Tinsel- Tinsel is another dark bay pony, he is about 12hh and has come to us having previously been a driving pony. He is a Hackney pony so has very high knee action. He loves jumping and has done pony club activities. He will be used on weeny tots, tiny tots, green and yellow lessons.

Soda- Soda is a 13hh roan gelding, he is a very smart pony and has done lots of jumping and pony club activities. He will be used in all levels of lessons.

Sparkle- Sparkle is a 13hh grey mare, she too has done lots of pony club activities and loves to jump. She can be a little lazy but is suitable for all riders.

Frosty- Frosty is a 12.2hh grey gelding, he has competed in dressage, show jumping and cross country. He is a super pony that everyone can enjoy riding.

If anyone would like any more information on the rest of the horses at Hall Place then please feel free to ask Hailey, you will be surprised and what level many of the horses and ponies have competed at with great success, we are very lucky to have horses of that standard (Blue, Arty, Wilbur, Rudolph etc.)



Exam Success and lots of training!

Congratulations to Beth Wilson and Laura Ashworth who have both passed their BHS Stage 1 and are now working towards BHS Stage 2, BHS PTT and the NVQ Level 2 in riding and horse care. Clare Chance and Sandy Weston have both completed their NVQ level 3. Suzi Stark is training towards and taking her BHS Stage 3 and BHS PTT in the early part of 2011 and is also training towards her NVQ Level 3.

The following staff are training towards and will be taking the following exams in 2011:

Hailey Weston- BHSI (equitation and coaching certificate)

Gillian Elliot- BHS Stable manager

Wiola Grabowska- BHS Stage 4

Clare Chance- BHS Stage 4 and BHS Intermediate Teaching

Leigh Miller- BHS Intermediate Teaching

At Hall Place we have a high pass rate of all BHS exams and we are happy to train clients to achieve these exams. If 2011 is the year for you to train for exams then please enquire in the office. We train for all BHS exams, ABRS exams, NVQ, Riding and Road Safety and Pony Club.

Hall Place has just obtained the 'Where to Train' certificate for BHS exams to Stage 4 which we passed with flying colours.

For higher level training(Stage 4 and above) Patrick Print FBHS is available for specialized training sessions.

Price increases:

Please be aware that due to the increasing costs of hay, bedding etc. we have increased the costs of lessons and birthday parties, this is from 1/1/1011. The cost of keeping horses keep increasing on a regular basis. To give you an idea of costs of keeping a horse here is an example of costs (and we have to times this by 30 plus horses!!)

- Shoes- a set of shoes costs £65, horses have to have their shoes replaced every 6 weeks, they are not a one off payment!
- Hay- 1 bale of hay lasts a horse about 3 days and costs £5.50 per bale
- Feed- 1 sack of feed lasts a horse about 1 week and costs £10 per sack
- Bedding- 1 bale of shavings costs £8,50 and lasts a horse about 1 week
- Other costs are vets bills, dentists, insurance, tack replacement etc.

Loaning a Hall Place horse or pony-

At Hall Place we offer our horses and ponies for loan to suitable riders. The cost of this is £50 per week for a grass kept horse/pony and £75 per week for a stabled kept. This scheme allows you to experience owning a horse or pony without the outlay of buying the horse or the commitment, ideal way of trying before you buy! The scheme is only open to regular Hall Place clients and in certain circumstances we may have to say no if we feel you need more riding/handling experience.

There is now a loaning information pack that can be obtained from the office and will be part of the package of each loan.

Please note, part of the loan scheme is caring for the horse/pony and not just the riding element.

Pony club- The Pony Club has seen new members for last season and we have spaces for more! The Pony Club here at Hall Place is aimed at children from age 4 upwards that do not have their own ponies. We hold mounted and non mounted rallies throughout the year and have a session on a Sunday morning at 9am where the children work towards their badges. Please enquire in the office for more details.



Vouchers- We have a special offer on vouchers in January, all vouchers bought now will be at 2010 prices. You also get 1 lesson free when you buy 10 lessons. So grab yourself a bargain!

Dates for your diary- we are holding a walk and trot dressage on Monday 21st of Feb, this is an ideal starting point for those wishing to have a go at competing. Riding school horses are available for clients to hire to take part in this. The dressage is suitable for children who ride on a yellow level lesson and above and adults of AI1 standard and above.

Fixtures for the year can be found in the office- make 2011 your year to compete!



New for 2011!

New Rider Open Morning- planned for the spring. This morning is designed for new riders, potential new riders and those coming back after a long break. The morning will be from 10am-1pm. During the morning you will receive a tour of the yard, meet the staff, meet the horses, give information on what we offer at Hall Place, receive information packs, watch a lecture/demo on school horses both on the flat and jumping and have a taster ride yourself!

Everyone is welcome- children and adults will have a separate morning.

Dates TBC Price£20 per person including light refreshments.

Regular Rider Open Morning/Afternoon/Evening- Again, planned for the spring. This is chance for our regular riders to get an idea of how Hall Place operates. The session will include a 'behind the scenes' tour of the yard, a background into the individual horses, a chance to meet the staff, learn about the day to day care of the horses, watch a lecture/demo on the riding school horses and a questions and answers session so you can ask any of those burning questions!

Drill riding/riding to music- we would like to set up a musical ride, if this is something you might be interested in then please register your interest in the office and once we have enough people we can put this into practice!

If you have any more suggestions for activities or things you would like to do please let us know and we can see what we can do to help!

Website- we are looking to update our website in the coming weeks. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see on the site then please let us know. We are planning on adding videos, up to date pictures, pictures of staff riding and competing, rider of the month plus monthly competitions.

And finally,

Hall Place 'Horse Of The Month' - we would like to make this a regular thing so if you would like to nominate a horse of the month then please let us know why and we can add it to our newsletter and website.

This month the horse of the month is WILBUR. Wilbur is a gentle giant who can be ridden by any standard of rider. He has taught many people to ride and is happy to take a novice on the lunge or take an experienced rider round a dressage test, show jumping course or cross country course. He is a gentlemen in the stable and an all round star!



Many thanks to all our clients and here's to a great 2011!