



Taunton Vale Foxhounds

Pre- Hunting course

Thursday, 8th October 2020

By kind permission of Pontispool Equine Sports Centre, Lucy Fielding-Johnson and Richard Mitford-Slade

Closing date for entries: Friday 2nd October

PLEASE NOTE: Whilst we will make every effort to avoid this, we may have to alter or cancel parts of the programme on account of prevailing government Covid-19 regulations (please see registration form)

We aim to make this an enjoyable and informative day for all participants regardless of previous experience. The course is designed equally for:

- Newcomers or less experienced hunters who wish to improve their knowledge and horsemanship skills on the hunting field;
- Experienced hunters who wish to brush up on their riding skills, practise jumping natural obstacles and hopefully learn something new.

Outline of the day

- Social distancing and other prevailing C-19 regulations must be adhered to throughout. Any further details will be published when you are notified of your section and ride
- The day will run from 0900 and should finish by 1630. Lunch is included in the cost of the day. Please indicate choice of menu on the Registration Form. All timings are approximate.
- You will bring your own horse and appropriate riding clothes, including crash hat and body protector to current British Standards. Please also bring a face mask, gloves, and drinking mug
- **Please note that no accompanying non-riders will be permitted owing to C19 regulations and capacity of the venues**
- Riders will be divided into two separate sections, each of four rides, for the morning.
- You will receive 1 ½ hrs mounted tuition with an emphasis on learning how to cope with various obstacles and incidents that could occur during a day's hunting.
- Before or after your mounted tuition there will be a talk "Everything you wanted to know about.....hunting, but were afraid to ask". This will be given by Polly Portwin, The Countryside Alliance's Head of Hunting, covering tips on preparation for and participation in a day's hunting. Please note – this will take place outside the Café and whilst the gazebos placed there will provide some protection please bring warm clothing. If the weather is bad, we may have to cancel this part of the day.

- In the afternoon, there will be two cross country rides, each led by a Field Master. These will take in a variety of obstacles but there will always be a way round, just as when hunting.
- There will be a voluntary collection for the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance during the day.
- Cost £85, Paid up subscribers of the Taunton Vale Foxhounds £70.
- Overnight stabling and accommodation available. Please apply to Pontispool for reservations and charges.

Timings (all timings are indicative)

1. Friday 2nd October 1700- Closing date for registration and payment.
2. Monday 5th October - You will be advised of your section and ride by email together with detailed C-19 provisions and requirements
3. Thursday 8th October 0900 - Assembly at Pontispool
4. Section 1
 - a. 0930 - 1100 mounted - training in rides of up to 5.
 - b. 1130 - 1230 dismounted - talk by Polly Portwin, the Countryside Alliance's Head of Hunting
2. Section 2
 - a. 0930 - 1030 dismounted - talk by Polly Portwin, the Countryside Alliance's Head of Hunting
 - b. 1100 - 1230 mounted - training in rides of up to 5
3. 1300 -1400 Lunch
4. 1430- 1600 approx – Cross country ride round Pontispool in two separate groups: smaller and larger fences
5. 1630 Finish

Other information

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2. For more information, please email prehuntingcourse@tauntonvalefoxhounds.co.uk or call 01884 860663
 3. Please note that Pontispool Equine Sports Centre is not responsible for bookings enquiries. However, for stabling or accommodation please call 01823 461196 or email info@pontispool.com
 4. Emergency contact during the day: Pontispool– 01823 461196.

The Taunton Vale Foxhounds and Pontispool Equine Sports Centre do not accept any liability for accidents, damage, injury or illness to horses, riders or any other person or property whatsoever. Entrants are responsible for their own insurance, including personal accident & 3rd party liability. The organisers reserve the right to cancel the event (please see registration form) and to refuse any entry. British Standard crash helmets body protectors must be worn at all times when mounted



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Pre-Hunting course - registration form

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Name:

Address:

Telephone: (Home) (Mobile)

E-mail:

In Case of Emergency ("ICE") number.....

Vehicle Registration number.....

Please indicate by circling one:

- What level you and your horse as a combination are comfortable jumping:
(a)60-75cm (b) 75-90cm (c)90-110+cm
- Choice of cross country ride:
(a) slower pace/optional smaller obstacles: (b) faster pace/optional bigger obstacles
- How long have you hunted: (a) never (b) 1-2 years (c) 3-5 years (d) 6-10 years (e) 10 years +
- Which pack(s)?

Lunch: Please circle one choice (a) Hunter's chicken wrapped in bacon and BBQ sauce
(b) Lasagne (c) vegetarian All served with chips and salad

Payment

Please note that space on the course is limited. Bookings will be taken in strict order of receipt of registration form and full payment.

Please send £85.00 (£70.00 for TVFH subscribers) by the closing date – 2nd October 2020 at the latest

1. by internet transfer to the Taunton Vale Foxhounds
Account: 02047780
Sort Code: 60 80 06

Please send this registration form and a confirmation email to
prehuntingcourse@tauntonvalefoxhounds.co.uk

2. By post to: (cheques to Taunton Vale Foxhounds) Pre-hunting course, Mill Barton, Witheridge, Tiverton, EX16 8NU

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Refunds

- No refund will be made for cancellation by the participant after the closing date.
- In the event of cancellation for Covid-19, weather or any other unavoidable reason, it will not be possible to arrange an alternative date. A refund will be made after deducting irrecoverable expenses including for trainers and catering.

Please note the following:

When you receive the email with confirmation of your ride and section, the following will be included in the email

Covid-19 information

1. By attending the course on 8th October at Pontispool, you confirm that neither you nor anyone in your household:
 - Has coronavirus
 - Has a continuous new cough
 - Has a high temperature (37.8 deg or over)
 - Has a loss or change in sense of smell or taste
 - Has come from an area subject to a local lockdown
2. Please observe social distancing at all times (6 feet / 2 metres from anyone not in your household)
3. Please wear a mask when joining and leaving the dismounted session
4. Please bring gloves and mask to handle tack/ equipment/ horses in an emergency
5. Please observe the one way system in operation in the café when collecting your lunch
6. Except in an emergency, please avoid handling anyone else's tack, equipment or horse
7. Please use the hand sanitiser provided at the café

Signed (email confirmation acceptable)Date

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