



Taunton Vale Foxhounds

Pre- Hunting course

Thursday, 17th October 2019

By kind permission of Pontispool Equine Sports Centre and Richard Mitford-Slade

Closing date for entries: Friday 11th October

<p><i>"The hunter who claims to know everything about hunting knows nothing" - anon</i></p>

We aim to make this an enjoyable and informative day for all participants regardless of level 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

- The day will run from 0900 and should finish by 1630. Lunch and tea are provided and included in the cost of the day. All timings are approximate.
- You will bring your own horse and appropriate riding clothes, including crash hat and body protector to current British Standards.
- You will be grouped according to ability (please see registration form).
- You will receive 1 ½ hrs mounted tuition during the morning 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 basic first aid skills course run by Leonie Middle, a Critical Care Paramedic with the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Leonie has 23 years of pre-hospital emergency medicine experience. She has been riding since she was 11 and has competed in most disciplines.
- During lunch there will be a talk by Will Bryer, MFH. Will is Huntsman and Master of the Cattistock and has enjoyed a long and varied career in hunting both in England and Ireland. He will give "10 tips to keep a huntsman happy".
- Following lunch there will be a choice of two cross country rides, each led by a Field Master. These will take in a variety of obstacles. Riders may choose to omit any particular obstacle.
- There will be a voluntary collection for the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance during the day.
- All Participants are welcome to join the Taunton Vale Foxhounds for a morning of Autumn Hunting on Friday 18th October near Pontispool.

- Cost £80, inclusive of lunch and tea and Autumn Hunting the next day. Paid up subscribers of the Taunton Vale Foxhounds £70.
- Overnight stabling and accommodation available. Please apply to Pontispool for reservations and charges.
- Cat Down Photography will be in attendance.

Timings

1. Friday 11th October 1700- Closing date for registration and payment.
2. Sunday 13th October - You will be advised of your section by email.
3. Thursday 17th October 0900 - Assembly at Pontispool
4. Section 1
 - a. 0930 - 1100 mounted tuition in the arena in rides of 5-6 approx.
 - b. 1130 - 1230 first aid training in the Café
2. Section 2
 - a. 0930 - 1030 First aid training in the Café
 - b. 1100 - 1230 mounted tuition in the arena in rides of 5-6 approx.
3. 1300 -1400 Lunch in the Café
4. 1430- 1600 approx – Cross country ride round Pontispool in two separate groups: novice and more advanced
5. 1630 Tea in the Café and depart

Other information

1. ***Please note that space on the course is limited. Bookings will be taken in strict order of receipt of registration form and full payment.***
2. For further information, please contact the Taunton Vale Foxhounds, 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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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) 2' – 2'3" (b) 2'6" – 2'9" (c) 3'3"+
- Choice of cross country ride:
(a) slow pace/optional small 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)?

Signed (email confirmation acceptable)Date

Payment

Please send £80.00 (£70.00 for TVFH subscribers) by the closing date – 11th October 2019

1. by internet transfer to the Taunton Vale Foxhounds

Account: 02047780

Sort Code: 60 80 06

Please send confirmation email to prehuntingcourse@tauntonvalefoxhounds.co.uk

2. By post to: Pre-hunting course, Mill Barton, Witheridge, Tiverton, EX16 8NU

Refunds

- No refund will be made for cancellation by the participant after the closing date.
- In the event of cancellation for 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 instructors and catering.