

# WITS END STABLES

## LIVERY CLIENTS: FACILITIES FOR YOUR USE

**Opening Hours: 8am – 9pm Mon – Fri. 8am – 7pm Sat / Sun**

Thank you for choosing to livery your horse with us. We hope you enjoy your time here. Our livery services will ensure a high level of care for your horse, with your horse's health physically and mentally our main priority. Our aim is to create and maintain a friendly, safe environment, with help to hand when needed for you to enjoy your horse. Please feel free to come and discuss your ideas or any problems. We aim to please. The following facilities are for your use. We do ask that you respect this is our home, and so behave and look after our Yard etc appropriately.

### **Ménage**

We are fortunate to have a larger than average ménage. It is normally levelled each Wednesday. You are welcome to use the ménage when it is free. There will be just a few scheduled lessons, which will be pinned up on the noticeboard in the Washroom. If you wish to join on a lesson, book in Reception, or add your name on the list in the Washroom and present yourself in the ménage at the allocated time. If you wish to have any specific training yourself, do ask.

For everyone's safety it is important to follow a few inevitable 'Rules' when in the ménage unsupervised with others, so that there are no collisions or crashes! Please read the School Rules outside the ménage, or ask an Instructor for the correct code of conduct.

### **Showjumps**

You are welcome to use our jumps for practise. If you need some help, feel free to ask. We ask that you use them in a safe and appropriate manner. Please ensure no cups or left sticking upwards on the track or in the paddock or ménage. These could cause serious injury. All jump wings, poles, cups etc must be put back tidily against the wall and on the jump pole rack after use.

### **Paddocks**

The home paddocks are initially for grazing and running our dogs. However, during the dry months we will allow some riding in the paddocks, and run some show jumping evenings.

### **Tack Room**

You will be shown where you can keep your tack, and given a key. It is secure, dry and well lit. We ask that you keep it orderly and tidy so there are no trip incidents. Please keep your belongings in your designated area, and don't borrow other people's things unless having **prior** consent. This only leads to discontent, and we do want to have a 'happy yard'. Please close the door when not in use, and we ask if you are going to ride off- site, to lock it for security if no one else is there.

### **Washroom / Toilet / First Aid**

This room speaks for itself! There is a kettle provided, and you can bring your own cup and drinks. Please wash up and clean up after yourself!. Gail & Tracey are the designated first aiders.

### **Stables / Yard / Car Park/ Drive/ Muck heap**

Please poo-pick any mess straight away if you can. Please use small buckets provided to pick out feet. It all saves labour and time sweeping the Yard again and again, and keeps things clean & tidy. Empty any barrows onto the Muckheap, and toss it up and square/ level it off. Your help in this area is much appreciated.

### **Horse Walker**

For health & safety reasons, staff only are to put horses on and off the walker and turn it on. If you wish to make use of this facility we will offer you full assistance when required.

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## ACTIVITIES

We aim to put on a range of activities for you to join in or take advantage of when you wish. We are open to ideas, so please do put in your personal requests. Here are a few to consider, which are on offer currently. **Please ask for details**, and watch the Notice Board in the Wash Room

- Lessons: Private and group can be booked. See list of times and Instructors
- Escorted hacks
- SJ & Dressage clubs. Gymkhana Games training occasional
- Instructional mornings/evenings: How to lunge, free schooling, lane jumping  
How to clip, correct foot maintenance,+ more  
Competition tips, plaiting, pulling, showing
- SJ competitions: Clear round + 3 classes
- Dressage competitions: Prelim & Novice
- Showing competitions: Ridden classes and gymkhana games
- Competition training and and boxing to show
- Boxing horses/ ponies to Lincomb Cross Country course or other venues for day out. Beach trips? Malverns?
- Seasonal rides to pub
- Schooling your horse, demonstrating technique and giving tips and 'homework'

These activities are subject to demand, and friends from other Yards are welcome to join us where appropriate. For the younger members we will still offer Pony Club type days and weeks during holidays if it is of interest, promoting good stable management training and skills and good horsemanship. We will offer training along the guidelines of Pony Club and the British Horse Society.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Riding is a high risk sport. All above activities are undertaken on your own horse and we accept no responsibility for accident or injury. It is advisable to have a horse insurance and personal accident policy.

We hope you can have loads of fun, build confidence, learn and progress, make new friends amongst like minded people and really enjoy your horse in a safe, friendly and well managed environment.