

Area 4's Committee Members, Members (and their Supporters/Back Up Teams) have been having a busy year, organising activities, promoting Side Saddle Riding and the SSA



In addition to our annual training Clinics and Shows, Philippa Kemp-Welch has organised 3 **Side Saddle Simulator Sessions** at The College of West Anglia, near Cambridge.

These have proved extremely successful for established and “would like to be” side saddle riders, enabling concentration on balance, position and core strength without having to worry about how or where the horse is going.

Catherine McLeod-Smith attended her local Church's annual **Horse Blessing Service** riding side saddle.

Coralie Chung arranged a **Private Visit to the V&A and Cloth Workers Museums** giving those attending a fascinating insight to some beautiful early Habits dating back to 1750.



Sue Evans has been hosting **Writtle Side Saddle Clinics with Clare Simper** inspiring potential and gaining new Members as well as helping established riders. The Clinics have all been fully booked with people bringing their own horses and saddle, sometimes with a horse but no saddle.

We have been invited to give many **Displays** including: Valley Farm RC, Nr Woodbridge; Suffolk County Show, Ipswich; Tiger Farm, Nr Ely; Palace House, Newmarket (2 days & 3 Displays); House & Jackson Vets Open Day Nr Chelmsford and more!



Our aim has been to give a “Brief Insight to Riding Side Saddle and the

Association” with the use of Display literature, commentary and presenting riders in traditional habits and costumes on the flat and demonstrating Jumping. 3 days seemed to be the hottest of the year but Spectators benefitted from the shade



of the Area's Gazebo and we had copious amounts of water for the Horses, Riders and Back Up Team!!

All these activities are possible due to the enormous contribution given by those wanting to preserve and encourage their enthusiasm for Side Saddle Riding so grateful thanks go to everyone and for the fun we have had!!!

Plans are being made for 2018, when in addition to our normal annual events (dates to be confirmed shortly), on 7th April, **A Side Saddle Dash** is being held at The Essex & Suffolk Point to Point Meeting, Higham Racecourse, CO7 6NG. For details, please contact Louise Allen: 01473 827812 / 07836 545566 / Email: louise@allenbs.co.uk

More **Simulator Sessions** at The College of West Anglia, Cambridge Campus, Landbeach Road, Milton, Cambridgeshire, CB24 6DB. For details, please contact Philippa Kemp-Welch: 07875 725104 / philakw@googlemail.com

Sue plans to continue with the **Writtle Side Saddle Clinics with Clare Simper**. For details please contact Sue Evans: Facebook: Writtle Side Saddle Clinics with Clare Simper / 07931 763208 / elms.elms@virgin.net

We are holding an **Examination Day on Sunday 22nd April**, (for all Grades and Instructor Exams if there is sufficient demand), at Valley Farm, Wickham Market, Woodbridge IP13 0ND.

**For details about all Area 4 Events, unless stipulated above, please contact Dale Atkinson:
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