



## ***The Side Saddle Association®***

Patron: Mrs. T.D. Holderness-Roddam, C.B.E., L.V.O.

### ***The Side Saddle Association invite you to a Saddlers Side Saddle Fitting Training Workshop On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016***

**TO BE HELD AT PITTERN HILL STABLES, KINETON, WARWICKSHIRE CV35 0JF.**

**The workshop is only available to bona fide side saddle specialist saddlers. Places are limited without exception to a maximum of 12 and will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis and only when payment is received.**

#### **PRESENTERS:**

**Laura Dempsey:** Master Saddler, Qualified Saddle Fitter, SMS Saddle Fitting Assessor. Side Saddle Specialist

**Roger Philpot:** SSA 'A' Instructor, Examiner and Judge

**Janet Senior:** SSA 'A' Instructor. BHSAI (Reg'd). Examiner and Judge

The workshop is planned to share thoughts and ideas, educate and develop the skills and knowledge of side saddle specialist saddlers in order to enable us to work together in partnership for the future development of side saddle riding. The emphasis of the day will be on the practical fitting of a side saddle for the welfare of the horse and stability and positioning of the rider. Focus will be hands on participation and interaction, so participants will need to bring a basic toolkit with them.

Once the session has commenced, times are a guide. The end of day timing is approximate and will be extended if needed. Please note most of the day will be in the indoor school so dress appropriately.

#### **PROGRAMME**

**9.15 Welcome. Tea/Coffee**

**9.30 Introductions and overview of day**

**9.45 Working in groups: Assessment and observation of horses and riders and identification of corrective actions required followed by practical application working on saddles.**

Gather case history, evaluate horses statically and in hand, assess horse & rider using astride saddle and then side saddle, consider horses' level of education, established way of going and rider's level of ability. Society of Master Saddlers recommended procedure will be observed for this section.

Discussion and subsequent practical action will focus on:

- Side saddle balance and its effect for the riders position, security and comfort.
- Side saddle balance and its effect on the horses comfort and welfare.
- Factors that may affect fitting
- Quick fixes and/or long term solutions.

**12.45 Light Lunch**

**1.30 Ongoing practical application working on saddles and reviewing horses and riders for impact of corrective action.**

**3.15. Break**

**3.30. Conclusion & Summary of workshop**

- Evaluation and findings
- Identifying when it isn't possible to achieve a desired outcome

*President: Mrs. R.N. James    Chairman: Mrs J. Senior*



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### **BOOKING FORM**

**Places will be strictly limited to a maximum of 12 participants and will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis and only when payment is received**

**COST: £55 TO INCLUDE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS & LUNCH.**

**CLOSING DATE 12th SEPTEMBER 2016**

Names of Attendee(s): .....

Address .....

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Contact telephone numbers: .....

I enclose my cheque, **made payable to The Side Saddle Association** for ..... tickets @ £55 **TOTAL £ .....**

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