

Newsletter November 2013

Bourne Valley Riding Club

incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club
(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

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Susie (Pool) & Marion (Watt), with Jazz & Mavis, have been crowned National BRC Pairs Dressage Champions.

This Newsletter should bring us bang up to date with reports of past events and details of some pre-Christmas events.

Sunday's Hunter Trials marks the end of the competition year. There is no peace for the wicked tho'. An application for Larkhill 2014 dates has already been submitted. Soon we will be jostling for position for other competition dates. Camp has been booked.

Before all that, our next event is the Annual General Meeting on 14th November.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE TO THE HOLIDAY INN, AT SOLSTICE PARK, AMESBURY.

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BVRC Subscriptions 2013-2014

BVRC club year started on 1st November, so annual subscriptions are now due.

Well done if you have already renewed your subscriptions for 2013/2014.

Rates have been increased slightly from last year's level and are now £30, for Riding Members, and £12 for Non Riding Members.

We are offering a discount of £6 to reduce the cost to £24 for riding members, if the subs are paid before 31st December 2013.

We hope that the concession will entice you to renew your subscriptions promptly.

The reduced rate of £24 will apply for second and subsequent members of the same household.

No discount is applicable for non-riding members, as their rate has not increased for many years.

You will need to renew your subscription if you wish to take advantage of the reduced cap when hunting with the RA Hunt.

Please fill and return the membership renewal form (sent out in last month) to **Kim Redgrave** (address on form).

Forthcoming Events



BVRC AGM on Thursday 14th November, 2013 Holiday Inn, Solstice Park, Amesbury, 7.15 for 8pm.

This is an opportunity to review the year's events, discuss the future, voice any other news or views and have a chat. The meeting will start at 8pm so there is time to get some food and a drink beforehand (**SEE BELOW Pre-AGM Supper**)

It is time for Sandra (Secretary) to stand down after another two year period. Yet again, Sandra has been the club rock but it is now time to release her from the post.

Treasurer, Clare Macnamara, has to stand down due to pressure of work. If anyone has book keeping experience and can undertake the job, please contact Lindsay or Sandra. It is a job that can be done without the commitment of a committee position.

Two committee members stand down each year, by rotation. This time it is the turn of Helen Nash-Steer and Helen Mulingani.

At the AGM we have to elect a Secretary, Treasurer and two new committee members. If you have any nominations for the vacant posts or you wish to fill any of the positions yourself, then each nominee will need to be proposed and seconded. Any nominations should be received by the 12th November and given to Lindsay Hills, The Ridings, Dauntsey Lane, Weyhill, Nr Andover, Hants SP11 8EB Tel: 01264 772388 or email: nag@bvrc.co.uk.

We have an active hard working committee who work as a team to put on events for the benefit of the members. Committee members work in pairs to organise & take entries for one show a year, and help out at two or three others. We cannot operate without a full committee, so please consider if you would be prepared to join our happy throng.

There are several tasks which could be undertaken by non-committee members. If you don't wish to join the committee, but feel able to help out with anything please contact Lindsay.

At the AGM there will be a presentation for the Be Fair and Caballine points competition (results to be published shortly). In addition to the Be Fair Cup, Caballine Trophy and Rosebowl, there will be rosettes to tenth place. It was decided that too many committee members took the Caballine rosettes, so only four rosettes will be awarded to committee members, and ten rosettes will be presented to the top ten non-committee members. If your name does appear on the results list please make a big effort to come and receive your rosette, and if not please come to congratulate those who have been successful. Details of this year's recipients will be announced in the near future.

Come along and help us celebrate Susie & Marion's success at BRC National Championships and to say thank you to Sandra for all her hard work and the huge contribution she has made to the smooth running and success of the club, over many years.

Pre-AGM Supper on Thursday 14th November, 2013 at the The Holiday Inn at 7.15pm

We hope that you will come and join us for supper prior to the AGM. It will give us the chance to meet you, chat & relax before the business end of the evening. Tea & coffee will be provided after the meeting.

There is a choice of:

Penne pasta with pomodoro sauce and rocket salad
Homemade Cottage Pie with cheesy mashed potato
Sausage and mash with a delicious onion gravy

Other menu choices are available directly from the The Holliday Inn. These items will need to be ordered & paid for separately.

Drinks will be available from the bar. We will be subsidising the supper, ordered in advance, but ask you to contribute £5 per head (payable on the evening).

Please fill in & return the attached reply slip or call Sandra 01264 396390 or email: sandra.groves47@ntlworld.com to let her know your choice of food by Monday 11th November 2013.

PLEASE NOTE: The bar will be open for pre talk drinks.

Directions to Holiday Inn: From London via M3 take the A303 signposted Exeter and Salisbury. Exit A303 following signs into Solstice Park. The Hotel is located next to the services area and is clearly visible from the A303. From Salisbury, follow the A345 to Stonehenge and Amesbury. after 7 miles, at Amesbury follow signs to Solstice Park. the Hotel is on Solstice Park services



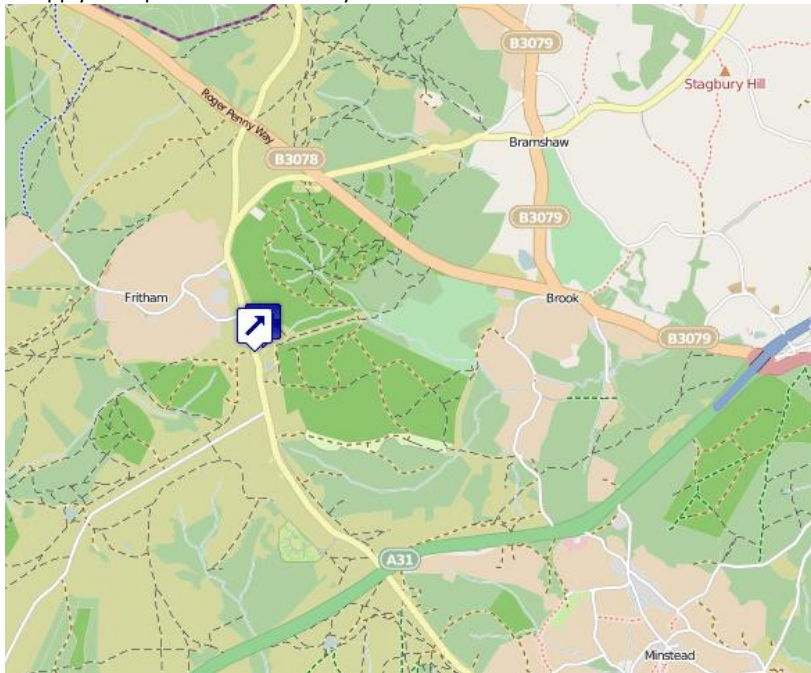
New Forest Social Ride Sunday 17th November

Janet Burnett will lead an Autumn Ride through the scenic New Forest starting and finishing at Janesmoor Pond, which is about half way between Stony Cross and the turn-off for Fritham, OS reference 247135. Orange BVRC signs will mark the car park entrance. This will be a medium paced ride with plenty of trotting, some cantering and some relaxing walks. There will be Forest ponies and cattle wandering about and there may be PIGS if they are not yet brought in for the winter! There will be water crossings and a short section on a country road. Arrive please at Janesmoor Pond by 10am ready to ride at 10.30. There will be a stop for soup and a roll part way round with the ride taking in all about 3 hours.

Spaces are limited to 8 as there is just one ride; there may be more in the future if demand dictates.

The ride is FREE to members, but we are not able to accommodate non-members or juniors under 17 years on this occasion.

To apply for a place contact Lindsay Devine 01722 712464



Lancelot Mechanical Horse Sessions with Tammy Weal BHSII have been postponed until the New Year.



BVRC Residential Camp at Stockland Lovell, Somerset 28th April –1st May 2014

Our dates for Camp next year have just been confirmed and we are booked in from Monday 28th April to Thursday 1st May.

Put these dates in your diary and book the time off work now.

Look out for further details and camp booking forms in the New Year.



Instruction

Instruction has been organised as follows:

Dates with Diana have been booked until Xmas.

In Elizabeth's absence, flatwork sessions have been booked with Ruth Newberry. Ruth has brought on horses to event from Pre-Novice to Advanced level and has experience, over 20 years, in all three disciplines. She thoroughly enjoys coaching riders of all ages and abilities to achieve their own goals. This may be ride at advanced level or to develop enough confidence to hack out!

More information about Ruth can be found on her website www.ruthnewberry.co.uk. She does come highly recommended by several club members who share their experiences and opinions in the 'Testimonials' section of her website.

PLEASE LET LINDSAY KNOW IF YOU WISH FOR MORE CROSS COUNTRY SCHOOLING OR EVENING FLATWORK OR SHOW JUMPING LESSONS.

Instructor	Type	Venue	Cost	Date	Time
Diana Burgess	General Instruction 1½ hours	Woodlands Grange, Clanville, Nr Weyhill, SP11 9JE Ring for detailed directions & parking instructions.	£22	Wednesday 6th November Wednesday 20th November Thursday 5th December	at 10.30am
Ruth Newberry	Flatwork 1 hour	Castle Farm, Over Wallop	£22	Sunday 24th November Saturday 9th December	at 10am
Ruth Newberry	Flatwork 1 hour	Castle Farm, Over Wallop	£22	Thursday 28th November Thursday 12th December	at 6.45pm

The instruction sessions are aimed at all levels of horse and rider – do come and have a go. If you wish to attend, please send the attached reply slip to Lindsay Hills **AT LEAST 3 DAYS BEFORE** the due date (separate cheques for each session with date marked on the back of the cheque please).



Hunting

The club has taken out subscription to the RA Hunt again this year. This will enable club members to drag hunt up to 4 times during the season (from November to April) for a reduced cap of £20. The hunting season started with the Opening Meet on 2nd November.

Secretary: Ali Wilson 01264 773191 or alisonchesworth@yahoo.co.uk. Ring Ali for details of meets, times, parking, dress etc.

Don't forget to take your membership card to claim the reduced cap.

Contact Ali if you would like to receive regular details of events run by the RA Hunt & RA Hunt Supporters Club.

Reports

BVRC Novice Show, Ampert – Sunday 1st September

CLASS 1 - INTRO A

Novice Rider

		BV	Place
Fiona Webb	WHW Teddy	Y	1
Jane Butler	Chunky	Y	2

CLASS 2 - INTRO A

Novice Horse

		BV	Place
Karen Shearing	Humphrey	Y	1
Sara Bennett	Bob	Y	2
Jem Manders	Classic Oki Charm	Y	3
Caroline Scott	Bertie	N	4
Montina Munday	Nil Bleu	N	5

CLASS 4 - PRELIM 1

Novice Horse

		BV	Place
Jem Manders	Classic Oki Charm	Y	1
Sally Shepherd	Pablo	Y	2
Billie Stevenson	Hillyford Malarky	Y	3
Karen Shearing	Humphrey	Y	4
Matt Noakes	Tegan	N	5
Caroline Gunter	Flightline Lacoste	Y	HC
Claire Shepherd	Jack	N	HC

CLASS 6 - 2'3" SJ

Novice Horse

Rider	Horse	BV	Place
Caroline Gunter	Lottie	Y	1
Emily Edon	Alfie	Y	2
Kelly Watkin	Moulin Rouge	Y	3
Jem Manders	Classic Oki Charm	Y	4

CLASS 8 - 2'6" SJ

Novice Horse

Rider	Horse	BV	Place
Emily Edon	Alfie	Y	1
Jem Manders	Classic Oki Charm	Y	2

Well it was touch and go, as entries were down a bit from previous Novice Shows. However, as all those who had entered were valued Club supporters who often help at other competitions and I had all the helpers I needed in place, I took the decision not to cancel and trust that I would also get more show jumping entries on the day. The gamble worked ☺. The weather was kind, everyone, riders and officials alike, enjoyed the day and the horses and riders gained valuable experience in a quiet atmosphere. Thanks go to Richard and Marie Hale for the use of their facilities and reducing the cost when the competition only ran for 2½ hours. This meant that we just about covered our costs. Win, win all round ☺. A big thank you to all the officials who volunteered and made the organisation stress-free, especially as I had the BRC National Championships looming.

Susie Pool

BVRC Dressage and Show Jumping Larkhill 15 September 2013

The mighty team of Lindsay and Fiona, supported by heroic volunteers, swung into action and challenged Larkhill to throw the weather book at us. And it did. The forecast was for gale force winds and lashing rain for the weekend so all thoughts of putting up the gazebos were forgotten; but fortune favours the brave and we had just the rain on the Saturday (think positive – it gave the jumps and dressage boards a good wash!) with the gale force winds descending on the Sunday and the next bank of rain holding off until the last competitor had jumped on the Sunday. Monday was beautiful!

Very well done to all those who competed; there was a respectable turnout with some respectable results and only a couple of non-attenders balanced by some entries on the day.

Lessons learned: do triple-check that the dressage judge knows what time the competition starts, as understandable panic will ensue from the dressage steward (Rosie) when competitors are ready to ride but there's an empty space at 'C'; do brush up on the laws of aerodynamics as the secretary (Fiona) does not wish to practice wind-tunnel soaring amongst flying entry papers when both doors to the secretary trailer are open; do not assume that the refreshments van driver knows where to park as they could be cunningly disguised as a horse lorry if parked neatly in the ranks of vehicles and lose some passing trade.

So thanks to all those who made the day happen – chiefly to secretary Fiona who kept calm through a challenging couple of weeks. All our volunteers are heroes but a few are worth a special mention, so especial thanks to: Dee who came back from a family wedding to help all day covering most tasks at one time or another; to Judy who brought most of her yard with her as potential future members and volunteers, to the SJ judging dream team of Celia and Liz whose dulcet tones on the PA soothed competitors and organisers alike as the storm clouds gathered once more overhead and lastly to Tom, who arrived to pack and tow away thinking he was just popping to Durrington but, when he commented that he wasn't in a hurry, ended up perambulating the county returning trailers hither and yon – and still refused diesel money – all volunteers with a capital 'V'.

Looking forward to the next one!!

Lindsay Devine

Class 1		Intro A	BV	%
*best BV				
1	Stephanie Passant	Forasmile	N	71.3
2*	Aimee Farrelly	Gennie	Y	69.6
3	Lucy Best	Fee	N	67.4
4	Jane Butler	Chunky	Y	65.7
5	Claire Barfoot	Out and About	N	62.2
6	Fiona Gregory	Shadow	Y	61.3
7	Jo Harvey	Boston	N	52.6
Class 3		Prelim 18		
1*	Natalie Stones	Freddie	Y	77.1
2	Sophie Jeffery	Micky	Y	75.0
=3	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	Y	74.6
=3	Millie Halsky	Band of Gold	N	74.6
=5	Karen Shearing	Topcat	Y	74.2
=5	Roo Fox	Leroy	N	74.2
7	Fiona Scott	Casimir	Y	74.2
8	Sandra Groves	Timmy	Y	73.3
9	Annie Holbeche	Danny Boy	Y	71.3
10	Jenny Cox	Biscuit Man	N	70.8

	Class 6	2'3" SJ	BV
1*	Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	Y
2	Hazel Jackson	Malarky	Y
	Class 8	2'9" SJ	BV
1*	Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	Y
2	Fiona Scott	Casimir	Y
3	Ruth Spooner	Master Marvel	Y
4	Annie Holbeche	Danny boy	Y
5	Georgia Dean	Briarwood Blue Savannah	Y
	Class 10	3'3" SJ	BV
1*	Fiona Scott	Casimir	Y

Class 2		Prelim 7	BV	%
1*	Sophie Jeffery	Ibthorpe Songbird	Y	72.0
2	Caroline Gunter	Flightline Lacoste	Y	71.5
3	Sally Shepherd	Pabso	Y	69.5
4	Kim Redgrave	Bailey	Y	67.5
=5	Stephanie Passant	Forasmile	N	67.0
=5	Sam Shepherd	Barney	Y	67.0
7	Fiona Gregory	Shadow	Y	64.5
8	Alison Wilson	LLOYD	Y	64.0
9	Hazel Jackson	J	Y	62.5
10	Sarah Hitch	Desert Maze	N	61.5
	Class 4	Novice 28	BV	%
1	Becky Smith	Eastern Jacanda	N	72.1
2*	Louise Parr	Badger	Y	69.6
3	Sandra Groves	Timmy	Y	67.5
=4	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	Y	62.5
=4	Maria Smith	Toki	N	62.5
6	Grace Route	Freddie	N	60.0
Class 5		Novice30	BV	%
1	Becky Smith	Eastern Jacanda	N	67.7
2*	Philippa Thatcher	Miss Moss	Y	56.2

	Class 7	2'6" SJ	BV
1	Sarah Hitch	Desert Maze	N
2*	Caroline gunter	Flightline Lacoste	Y
3	Kim Redgrave	Bailey	Y
4	Lou Whiting	Topsy	N
5	Georgia Dean	Briarwood Blue Savannah	Y
6	Sandra Groves	Timmy	Y
7	Philippa Thatcher	Miss Moss	Y
8	Kati Philips	Don Rubin	N
	Class 9	3'0" SJ	BV
1	Millie Halsky	Band of Gold	N
2	Claire Barfoot	Out and About	N
3*	Fiona Scott	Casimir	Y
4	Karen Shearing	Topcat	Y
5	Hazel Jackson	J	Y

BVRC Hunter Trials at Larkhill on 3rd November

It was yet another great event. Entry numbers were down on the last three years. Maybe it was because of the removal of the junior classes or because the RA & Army were running their event on the previous weekend rather than 2 weeks before ours. Who knows?

From my perspective, it was a relief. Last year I turned away 50-100 competitors. This meant spending time contacting them all to let them know, trying to slot them in if withdrawals occurred and fielding calls begging for places or enquiring about spaces becoming available.

175 was still a good number to accommodate. We could have a good day without using every available slot before the onset of darkness.

We were doing really well. By Wednesday, every fence judge slot was filled thanks to Ella's persistence. After that, fence judges dropped like flies, so we were nearly but not quite back to square one. Hence, the prolonged pleas for help restarted.

The forecast of 60 mile an hour gusts of wind on Saturday night prevented us from erecting the two gazebos. So, we set to, at what seemed like the crack of dawn on Sunday, to put up the secretarial and fence judge assembly gazebos. It isn't really a job you want to do on the morning of a competition, but needs must.

We were all set to get going as schedules at 9.30am. On time, as is our custom. Replacements slotted in for last minute fence judge drop outs, fence judges briefed and out on course, start team, collecting ring, vet and motorcycle score collectors all raring to go. Competitors warming up and the collecting ring filling. No paramedic! We can't run without a paramedic!

All attempts to contact them were in vein. My past life started to flash before me. I couldn't quite address the prospect of sending everyone home and refunding all entry fees.

I started to make frantic phone calls and see what options we had, when an unmarked vehicle appeared over the horizon and made its way slowly onto the course. The relief when a paramedic and technician emerged from the 4x4.

We started 20 minutes late, but due to the expertise and experience of our team, soon clawed back the lost time, without jeopardising the safety or enjoyment of the competitors.

After the initial hiccup it was all plain sailing. The day ran with our usual efficiency and we finished bang on time. We completed the scoring and were all packed up within an hour of the last horse completing its round.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped on the day. I am proud of the efficient way we run our events whilst still maintaining a friendly helpful atmosphere. This is something which is noticed and appreciated by the competitors, who often request that their thanks are passed on to all involved.

LKH.

Time shown is in seconds from optimum time (-) means time was too fast. 90+ means time in excess of 90 seconds too slow				
Class 1 NOVICE 75cm (2'6")			BV	XC
1	Florence Mannerings	Ola		0
2	Sophie Jeffery	Mickey	*	0
3	Joanna Murphy	Creme Anglaise		0
4	Paul Janaway	Sockburn Nashville		0
5	Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	*	0
6	Caroline Saker	Sturtmoor Tickety Boo		0
7	Louise Parr	Badger	*	0
8	Holly Conte	Stanley		0
9=	Melissa Vernon	Mount Ross Rover		0
9=	Amy Bridgett	Combe Tom Tom		0
Class 2 NOVICE PAIRS 75cm (2'6")				
1	Tracey Dixon	Ted		
	Vicki Lloyd	Silver		0
2	Debbie Tibble	Rambo		
	Emily Tibble	Dougan		0
3=	Natasha White	Baby Supreme		
	Maddy Eardley	Moonlight Whispa		0
3=	Kate Hulbert	Ziggy		
	Janet Border	Maria		0
5	Sarah Pook	Hobnob		
	Helen Vernon	Balfours Bay		0
6	Sophie Albery	Wayland Timberry		
	Jane Place	Coomes Hill Jenny Wren		0
7	Laura Smith	Hopeless		
	Nicky Smith	Hapless		0
8	Natalie Wood	Thunder Buddy		
	Hayley Coe	Mara		0
9=	Dee Hodson	Duke	*	
	Janice Illingworth			0
9=	Sophie Jeffery	Ibthorpe Songbird	*	
	Lesley Jeffery	Mickey		0

Class 3 INTERMEDIATE 85-90cm (2'9"-3')				
1	Angela Dobbins	Ziara	0	3
2	Antoinette McKeowen	Sunny	0	-4
3	Natasha White	Baby Supreme	0	-6
4	Lisa Brice	Gypsy Rose	0	8
5	Ginny Freer-Smith	Dylan	0	9
6	Katie Smith	The Irish Belle	0	11
7	Kiri Axon	Pasadena Cougar	0	-13
8=	Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	*	0
8=	Karen Shearing	Percy	*	0
8=	Natalie Wood	Master Archer	0	-14
Class 4 INTERMEDIATE PAIRS 85-90cm (2'9"-3')				
1	Vicci Gillett	Shrimp		
	Philip Thomas	Jester	0	6
2	Jasmine Beal	Hidalgo		
	Jemma Maynard	Walk this Way II	0	26
3	Laura Young	Diaquiri II		
	Matt Young	Sleive Bloom	20	4
	Cathy Kavanagh	Sparrowhawk		
	Fiona Campbell	Sadlers Black Pearl	E	15
Class 5 OPEN 1m (3'3")				
1=	Hannah Horton	Sarnay Lad	0	2
1=	Louisa Kerr	Mercurial II	0	-2
3	Rosanna Fiddes	Luther	*	0
4	Antoinette McKeowen	Pauldrey Can Be Dun	0	12
5	Nicola Holehouse	Marmalade Monty	0	13
6	Sarah Pook	Top Pride	0	-16
7	Caroline Saker	Sparkling Diamond	0	18
8	Becky Smith	Rainbow Hawk	0	-20
9	Hattie Freer-Smith	Candy Drum	0	29
10	Susannah Mann	Uncle Patsy	0	34

Comments on helping at the BVRC Horse Trials on 19th May by Sarah Webb

It was a pleasure to help out at BVRC's Horse Trials on 19th May. I thoroughly enjoyed the morning on jump duty with Chris. What better way to while away a Sunday morning than to enjoying watching a whole bunch of brilliant riders jump around a fabulous cross country course on Salisbury Plain.

The instruction briefing given was clear and focussed, with 'entertaining' examples so we knew what to do and what not to do ! I was doing the morning shift and the time went swiftly, checking the numbers of the riders as they approached, recording their time-check against my 'marker post' and marking them clear. We were one of the 'radio fences', so radioed in as every rider went past so the organisers could monitor the timing of the whole event. All very straightforward. Lunch was provided free of charge and the sunshine was an additional bonus !! I would be happy to help out again.

Summer Team News

Area 17 Horse Trials Qualifier, Bovington Saddle Club – Sunday 9 June

BRC 80 Team – 2nd

Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	79.2	17 th
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	113	24 th
Victoria Delville-Cutts	Folds Spode	69.8	14 th
Alex Plank	Miss Doublet	68	11 th

BRC 100 Team – 3rd

Diana Burgess	Right of Way	46.3	13 th
Fen Hargreaves	Brit Pop	38.2	5 th
Michelle Bowe	Fruitful Cruise	55.8	16 th
Di Symes	Times Ticking	45.8	12 th

Individuals

Karen Duggleby	Wispa Gold	97.6	19 th	BRC 90
Victoria Delville-Cutts	Squire Tat	52.3	1 st	BRC 100+

Having supported various teams and individuals at the BRC Horse Trials Championships over a number of years I have an ambition to ride there myself one day. However there is a long way go, having lost my Eventing courage, and confidence in my riding with my previous horse, but Humphrey, the homebred TB/CB that I had been loaned by Sue Cutts of Folds Farm, was starting to help me back on the right road. Unfortunately there was a severe set-back last November when I came off jumping him and broke my collar-bone. That just rounded off a truly awful year. I needed to be re-developed and Marion Watt (a stalwart of many teams and member of last year's winning Intermediate Horse Trials and Blenheim Challenge Teams), took on the task of making me set myself the goal of the Area Horse Trials Qualifier and the stepping stones along the way to achieve that. I'm sure she used her training as a Neuro-Linguistic Programming Coach to good effect but I was largely unaware of it. She also allowed me, Humphrey and Lucy (my lovely Labrador) to come and stay for the odd week and immerse myself in all her horses and training (a tonic in itself).

So, many XC schooling sessions, dressage lessons and Crofton Manor SJ rounds later but only one ODE under our belts (the BVRC one), all with at least one stop, we set off for Bovington. The aim was to get round without embarrassing ourselves, though I entirely expected to be the discard score. Humphrey tends to go along with his head and neck very low and warming up for the dressage I felt as if he couldn't really be pushed as hard as in lessons and I was just trying to nurse him round. He was so fixed against my left hand (which I do overuse!) that I could hardly do anything. I ended up standing still and just teaching him to give to the left contact. It worked and at least I could steer now! I was very pleased with his test; very calm, very rhythmic and all the right movements in the right place, including our problematic left canter where we often get a wrong strike off or fall into trot early, or both. I was thrilled with his attitude as it was a big event. Show jumping next, on a surface. He had been getting better in his SJ rounds at Crofton, but not clear, and I now take much of my 45s after the bell (and any time beforehand) to trot past as many of the jumps as I can. I have taken to planning my route into the arena, past the judge and past the scariest jumps, as well as round the actual course. There were plenty that he might well spook at but he actually only stopped once so I was very pleased again.

Now just the XC to get round! I **so** didn't want to get eliminated, either at the first few fences or due to cumulative stops. Frances Hall and I had taken the opportunity to go schooling at Bovington a month earlier when the course was open and Humphrey stopped at pretty well EVERYTHING. He was quite stressed that day as there were hundreds of people schooling, kids on ponies cantering about (PC lessons I think) and Humphrey was fixated about where Frances' Snoopy was all the time – I had forgotten they had been next-door neighbours a few weeks earlier at Camp! In particular Humphrey had stopped at what were now the first 3 fences, and he's always bad on the initial part of the course, until he gets into the swing of things. Very luckily for me (but certainly not for her), Marion had offered to be my groom for the day as she had previously taken a bit of a tumble XC schooling at Pontispool and had had to withdraw from the teams. She walked the course with me and came up with a strategy of how to start; practice through the start box, go down the course a little way (all perfectly legitimate) and don't enter the box too early and have to wait. I was advised to treat it as the first obstacle, be positive, and trot straight through it. We did so, crossing the start line at exactly the right moment (fluke!) and I kept positive throughout. The warm up area ran parallel to the course, right to the fence line with the first jump in it and Humphrey was hanging left most of the way. He felt the stick down his left shoulder at least 3 times en route and I sat up and kicked in a most determined fashion – we cleared it! We did exactly the same to the 2nd (a bright blue pallisade!) and cleared that too! And the 3rd (step up) ☺ ☺. And so we continued round the course over the double of pheasant feeders he had stopped at before, the scary open ditch, the double of blue roofed houses – clear so far and only 4 fences to go. I tried to ride every fence just as positively but I was beginning to wonder if we would have any problem at all having got that far. BUT, the distraction of the lorry park (his trailer at the front) and maybe even seeing Lucy-dog with Marion nearby (I didn't!) was too much for his brain to take in as well as the jump and 3 strides out he started to run out. Despite my best efforts (photographic evidence on e-venting website!) he ran past it. We came round again with no problems at 2nd attempt and cleared the remaining 3. Chuffed to pieces was an understatement and only Marion will know how far I came to achieve that, having dealt with my inability to jump a 12" filler that Humphrey had stopped at. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Of course there were others competing for BVRC that day, though I had the lowest number of applicants since I've been Chef d'Equipe, and that's over 10 years. Karen Duggleby stepped out of her comfort zone and completed the 90 class as an individual, as did Di Symes in the 100 Team, so well done to them for stepping up to the mark. Brand new member, Victoria Delville-Cutts (daughter of Humphrey's owner), was our only competitor in the 100+ class and duly won it, becoming the only person to represent BVRC at the 2013 Horse Trials Championships.

Susie Pool

PS. I bought myself a belated **th Birthday present – Humphrey ☺. Mike would have approved.

Area 17 Summer Dressage Qualifier, Broadlands – Sunday 7th July

Novice Team – 8th

Sandra Groves	Timmy	P14 (06)	67.5%	7 th
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	P14 (06)	62.5%	15 th
Emma Mills	Creve Lad	P14 (06)	63.75%	11 th
Katie Mortimore	Classic Oki Charm	P14 (06)	60.21%	17 th

Pair

Susie Pool	Welton All That Jazz		72.14%	2 nd
Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II			

Open Team – 3rd

Alex Plank	Miss Doublet	N27(07)	65%	7 th
Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II	N28(08)	74.17%	1 st
Susie Pool	Welton All That Jazz	N30(06)	64.23%	7 th
Elizabeth Peerless	Smashing Pumpkin	E42(08)	66.56%	1 st

Riding Test Team – 3rd

Sandra Groves	Timmy	Prelim RT(13)	122	1 st
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	Prelim RT(13)	111	5 th
Emma Mills	Creve Lad	Nov RT(13)	121	10 th
Alex Plank	Miss Doublet	Nov RT(13)	126	7 th

Individuals

Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II	E42(08)	66.25%	=3 rd
Marion Watt	Brendon Hill Faerie Role	M69(05)	63.94%	2 nd
Elizabeth Peerless	Smashing Pumpkin	M69(05)	61.21	6 th

Set yourself a challenge – you might be amazed at what you achieve !

Having been a member of the team that came 7th at the Winter Dressage Championships at Hartpury in March, I decided to put my name forwards for the Summer Dressage Area Qualifier which was on July 7th at Broadlands. The only risk I could see was that I might qualify for the Championships at Lincoln which would result in a long drive to ride one dressage test. So I decided that I better try to qualify for more than one thing. Given that I compete 3 horses and have a few chestnuts standing in the field I did have some options. Old Speckled Hen II (aka Mavis) was entered for a Novice test as part of the Open Team, The Minstrel was entered as an individual for the Elementary (he had done one elementary test previously at the Spring Dressage competition and got a good score), Faerie Role was entered for the Medium test (had never done a Medium test before and wouldn't put dressage top of her list of favourite past times!). Although I had never done a Pairs Dressage in my life before, I figured that 2 of the chestnuts could enter that, and Susie Pool agreed to ride Jazz (who hadn't competed since Feb 2012 and was only in light work at the time).

So the key challenges were getting Mavis and Jazz happy going around side by side without needing to swear at each other, getting Susie happy riding Jazz, getting Jazz to a competition so he remembered what parties were all about, making up a Pairs dressage test, getting Rolo to do trot and canter halfpass, walk pirouettes in an arena on demand, and getting me able to do medium trot sitting (aargh) across the long diagonal in a 20x60 arena. All this whilst remembering to have fun in the process!!

As time went by and we practiced more, the Pairs was getting very exciting. Mavis, who has never been that happy in warm up arenas, was really benefiting from the Pairs work. Susie and I actually finalised our Pairs test about 2 days before the competition as we needed to have a run through in a 20x40 arena so we could make sure the test fitted into the allotted time.

Sadly Minstrel never made it to the competition due to an issue associated with a previous foot abscess. That left Mavis also doing his elementary test (never having done an elementary test in her life before). By the time we got there, I didn't really care where Rolo came in the Medium test. I had made so much improvement to her engagement and way of going from all the practice, that I was happy with that achievement alone. So what happened on the day? It was a blisteringly hot, with horse flies in abundance, which added to the challenge for all of us. Overall it was a fun day. It was a great result for Sandra winning the Riding Test, well done to Elizabeth (and me!) who also qualified for the Championships in the Elementary and Novice tests respectively. Susie and I were both gutted that we were beaten in the Pairs by one mark !!!!! The video is on YouTube (thanks to Susie) so if you would like to have a look here is the link. <http://youtu.be/Gf96szbri00>

I didn't quite achieve my aim of qualifying for 2 things at the Championships. But the smile on my face at how well Rolo went in the Medium test (2nd) will last me a while!!

Marion Watt

[Afternote: Imagine Marion's and my delight when I got a letter from the BRC Office to say that we had qualified for the Championships in the Pairs. It hadn't occurred to me that the top 2 would qualify as 7 Pairs competed at the Qualifier – Hurrah!! So Marion did achieve her aim ☺. Susie Pool]

Area 17 Summer Show Jumping Qualifier, Gillingham & Shaftesbury Showground – Sunday 21st July

Novice Team – 5th

Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	5 th
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	
Victoria Delville-Cutts	Folds Spode	
Julia Mauchline	Ayres Rock	2 nd

Intermediate Team – 1st

Marion Watt	Brendon Hill Faerie Role	2 nd
Victoria Delville-Cutts	Squire Tat	
Verity White	Yankee Mickey	
Fen Hargreaves	Brit Pop	3 rd

Individual Style

Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	4 th
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I rather over-estimated how long it would take to get to the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Showground and as I had to arrive in time to declare the teams and get ready I ended up being the first horsebox to arrive. Then doing Chef d'Equipe stuff and generally fiddling around, I was the last to leave!! What a lovely patient horse I have. Sadly he still didn't have the confidence to jump clear and stopped once in each round. I had hoped that having jumped the spooky fence once we might go clear 2nd time but they reversed the direction of that fence and swapped the fillers left to right so it looked completely different – still very scary! One of our last-minute replacements, Julia Mauchline had a much better time, expressing her delight that Ayres Rock had jumped her best rounds ever. Her double clear then clear in the jump-off gave her 2nd place individually. I was delighted for her and very relieved that she had had such a good day as she and her husband had diverted from jumping at Sparsholt, which meant that Rob had sacrificed his jumping to enable Julia to jump for BVRC. Thank you Rob for your generosity. The other last minute replacements were Marion Watt and Fen Hargreaves filling the Intermediate team vacancies and they were rewarded with double clears and finishing 2nd and 3rd individually. Fen had transport issues and only got to the show due to the huge generosity of Lindsay Hills in taking her and Brit Pop in her lorry. Thank you Lindsay. There was a further problem on the day as the horse that Victoria was due to ride in the Intermediate had pulled a shoe off. When I realised that her Open horse, due to compete as an individual, was not over-qualified for the Intermediate, I hastily changed the declaration sheet (only just in time) and put her on Squire Tat in the team. All that proved well worth the effort as the team won the Intermediate Class. Knowing the team had won and qualified for the Championships both Marion and Fen withdrew from the jump-off – the ground was quite firm – accepting the lower places. Well done also to our team regular Frances Hall, with Bellindene Magnum (Snoopy) for jumping clear in the Style Jumping then double clear in the Novice, with one down in the jump-off, thereby getting individual places in both classes.

BRC National Championships, Lincoln – Saturday 7th September

<u>Pair</u>			
Susie Pool	Welton All That Jazz	115	1 st
Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II		

<u>Individuals</u>				
Elizabeth Peerless	Smashing Pumpkin	E42(08)	66.66%	6 th
Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II	N28(08)	70.42%	4 th
Sandra Groves	Timmy	Prelim RT(13)	66.67%	9 th

Team of Four Dressage – 8th

Elizabeth Peerless	Smashing Pumpkin	
Sandra Groves	Timmy	269
Susie Pool	Welton All That Jazz	Winning score -
Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II	301

Intermediate SJ Team – 6th

Marion Watt	Faerie Role	4/4	
Katie Mortimore	Tanitifleur	24/R	
Ruth Allen	Look Who's Talking Too	0/0/0-48.09	9 th
Fen Hargreaves	Brit Pop	4/4	

Well, the miracle happened, and some!! At the committee meeting 5 days before the Friday that we were all due to drive up to Lincoln, I had said that if we get 7 riders and 8 horses to the Championships to compete in the Intermediate SJ (team), and several individual dressage tests, plus the Team of Four dressage test and the Pairs, it would be a miracle. The threats included horses getting kicked (2 by the same horse!), another showing a distinct unevenness but only in the walk stride, the loss of one horse/rider combination from the SJ Team and another being hit by a nasty virus. We managed to find 2 worthy replacements for the SJ Team but one of the problems was how to get them there, especially when one rider was going to be at Burghley Horse Trials (doing media not competing!) while the horse was at home near Tidworth. To cut a long story short, a workable plan was devised but sadly it necessitated Marion Watt and I each doing the long drive to Lincoln alone, she with 3 horses, me with a strange horse, more used to a lorry, in my trailer – quite mad really! However, we all made it safely and in time to set up a good BVRC Camp and ride the horses round the show ground, and those doing dressage tests to run through them, especially the Team of Four who had only managed to practice once with 4 of us and once with 3, and never with a commander. The latter we did just before going into the arena!!

We had an early start the next day, with Sandra Groves being first to go in her arena doing the Prelim Riding Test at 0900. This is a disadvantageous position at the best of times but it was made considerably worse by things going wrong on the organisational front. The first time into the arena Sandra was stopped because the judge did not have her listed as a competitor – it turned out he was parked at the wrong arena. Judges changed places and Sandra tried again and got beyond the centre line this time when the judge beeped the horn to stop her and ask which test she was riding – it was not the one the judge had, she had been given the wrong sheets. Third time lucky and some 15 minutes after her scheduled time, Sandra commenced, and completed, her Prelim Riding Test. Lindsay Hills showed true dedication to the competing Club members by getting up at 4am to drive to Lincoln in time to support Sandra and everyone else. I was very grateful that Lindsay was there to base herself by the dressage and support all our riders there whilst I supported those show jumping, between helping Marion with her 3 horses, one of which was show jumping and another doing an individual dressage test. It is a big showground and without a bike, takes an awfully long

time to get from A to B. Thank goodness our Pairs test wasn't until 2.15pm so I had enough time to do some Chef d'Equipe things, help Marion, and get myself and my horse ready. At least with Sandra riding so early and not on again till after 4pm in the Team of Four, she was able to help others, especially Fen Hargreaves and Ruth Allen, both show jumping, who each had a baby in tow. As the helper/babysitter they had organised couldn't come at the last minute, Sandra and I both did a stint pushing the double buggy around near the SJ warm-up! Both Fen and Ruth were very, very impressive in the way they had their horses and babies organised and were able to get on with everything they needed to. It was great to see everyone mucking in (and out!) to help each other. By lunchtime we also had two more pairs of hands to help out, as Frances Hall and Tony had been very noble and made the long drive up to fill our obligatory official's appointment; Frances dressage writing for the morning.

Since we discovered that we had qualified for the Pairs Dressage Championships, I had stayed with Marion on numerous occasions in an attempt to learn to ride Jazz better. I knew he knew his stuff and was very capable, it was just a case of us both getting fitter, me riding better and the 2 of us getting in tune with each other. It must have worked as at the last competition we did before the Championships, we won a Novice and Elementary test at a BD competition, much to my amazement! We felt ready. Jazz and Mavis (the mare Marion was riding) duly did the best performance ever (barring my *terrible* centre lines and halts – worst ever!). It was as if they knew that this was when it really mattered; they were calm yet energetic and didn't squabble once. We were both pleased with the way it went though I was pretty disappointed by my centreline halts, or lack of. I had hoped for a decent place but know how difficult it is to actually win at this Championship. I also wanted to beat the Chilworth Pair who beat us by one mark at the Area Qualifier. Apparently they were in the lead, didn't know we were competing, and were feeling very hopeful. We were quite late in the Class and didn't have time to check up before returning for the Team of Four test. We were greeted by the Chilworth Chairman, Elaine Buist, who was stewarding, saying to Marion and me that we had won!! WOW!! Oh frabjous day, calloo callay!! We even beat Chilworth into 2nd place by a clear 7 marks! If you want to see what we did, the video can be found on YouTube: <http://youtu.be/gu9aA6ULMy4>

With much effort we both managed to concentrate in the Team test which went exceedingly well considering the lack of match practice we'd had. Tony took lots of photos for us, as Katie Mortimore was commanding the test and it was amazing to see some of the turns so together and 3 of the 4 horses in step!! We really only did it for fun and to give us something else to do having travelled all that way but we were rewarded with an 8th place. Thanks must go to Katie for stepping into the breach doing this and the SJ Team, having sacrificed doing media work for Burghley Horse Trials XC day. Sadly she wasn't suitably rewarded as Fleur was struggling through the combinations and having got round the first course through sheer determination, it was plain that the only sensible option was to retire in the 2nd round. Thank you anyway Katie and it's good to know that Fleur is now back on form – it wasn't my driving honest! All the great photos of the Championships action, dressage and show jumping, that Katie took between riding and commanding, can be viewed here: <http://katiemortimorephotography.zenfolio.com/p1044765603>

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This is being circulated to Horsewatch members.

In the south of the county a spate of burglaries in stables, shelters is starting up.

Wickham, Warsash, Southampton, New Forest area are currently being targeted.

The latest crime was last night in Warsash, a white small car style van with male occupants was seen close to the scene. Males and vehicle are suspected of being involved until such time they can be eliminated from the crime.

This vehicle was seen about 8.30pm

What is being stolen ranges from saddles, bridles, hats, grooming kits, whips, rugs, feed

You are all potential victims of crime so now is once again time to review your stable security.

All the time we recommend that you post code all your property. If you can take your more valuable and important property home with you then so much the better.

Rugs will get stolen as sure as the sun rises and sets. Equally as sure the majority of horse owners will not post code their rugs. Post coding is a good crime prevention and deterrent. Why wait to post code your property?

Pass the word about to be on the look out for small white vans. Equally, be suspicious of any vehicle and person seen near your property.

If you are the victim of a theft of property have a good search of the area around your land. It is often the case that thieves will hide stolen goods to return later to collect.

Again stolen property has to be sold back into the equine community. If you are going to buy second hand tack examine it carefully for post codes, signs of damage where identifying features have been removed. Sad as it is but a seller of second hand tack could be moving on stolen property. When you are considering buying second property take notice of who is doing the selling, why are they selling the items.

Any suspicious vehicles or people seen report the matter to the police by dialling 101. In an emergency dial 999.

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Diary Dates 2013

NOVEMBER

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Lindsay Hills 01264 772388

20th BVRC General Instruction, Diana Burgess, Woodlands Grange, Clanville, 10.30am

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17th BVRC New Forest Autumn Ride

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24th BVRC Flatwork Instruction, Ruth Newberry, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 10am

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28th BVRC Flatwork Instruction, Ruth Newberry, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 6.45pm

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30th BRC Area 17 Winter Dressage Qualifier at Woodington Training Centre at East Wellow, Nr Romsey

Chilworth RC

DECEMBER

1st BRC Area 17 Winter Dressage Qualifier at Woodington Training Centre at East Wellow, Nr Romsey

Chilworth RC

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