

# Bourne Valley Riding Club

incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club

*(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)*

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## NEWSLETTER

**April 1996**

I'm looking for a volunteer. Young, healthy, active and most preferably single. No, not for me, but just someone willing to marry into the army. What has she been drinking you might ask...? Well, I might have got it wrong, and I stand corrected if I have, but apparently the problem mentioned about Larkhill in the last newsletter is not affecting everybody, just those people who have no links with the Army. Well, apart from paying more taxes, I can only think that the best link we can get, is to get one of our members married to one of the Army folk. Preferably one with the clout to make a decision about letting us use the Larkhill course and land, but if not, then any link will do. So for the sake of the club, would anybody like to volunteer? Now, I don't wish to be inundated with takers, just a few would do....., just one perhaps! Anybody interested in this assignment, should send all of the necessary details to Lindsay. In this particular case, necessary details relate to a single sheet of paper saying YES!!!

Talking of volunteers, our best wishes go to Julie Newman and her family, which has just increased by one in the form of a baby girl named Lucy Emma. Lucy obviously enjoyed her pregnancy as she weighed in at a very healthy 8lb 1oz (yes, that is an eight). Julie is already back riding again, and Lucy has acquired her very first pair of jodhpurs, but she hasn't starting riding yet. I'm not quite sure why not, but I suppose babies need just a few weeks to get their sea legs.

When I first started to go through this newsletter, I thought for a while that it might be just a shorty, but after speaking to Lindsay about what we are doing in the next few months, I have to say, it getting longer and longer all of the time. We are planning a skittles evening, a UK Chasers ride, a visit to Catherston stud, a Dressage event, a Combined Training do, a Summer Show, a practise jumping and dressage evening and of course there are the Team Events looming up for which we will be calling for volunteers. On top of our regular instruction sessions, I would say that we have a pretty varied program. The problems with Larkhill have effected the type of events and dates of events that we first thought of running, so please check your schedules carefully to make sure that you are coming to the right place and are entering for the right thing. Mind you, does anybody but me have a problem with doing the odd spot of jumping instead of dressage, or even the odd spot of dressage instead of jumping. Perhaps we should try it as a new type of event, where we don't actually tell you what you are going to be doing until you arrive! It might help with the old pre competition nerves I suppose, but somehow I just can't see it taking off.

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### Teams

If you want to have a go, then just let us know. (See, I am a bit of a poet really!) If you filled in your membership form and said you would like to be on a riding club team and the phone is ringing, well, it could be for you. Di Symes has the relentless task of organising the teams for this year's Riding Club events, (shown within the diary dates). Now, as we all know, horses are pretty unreliable things, they have this amazing capacity to go lame just when you most need them, so we've decided we should start to place odds on how many people who wish to go in to the teams will actually make it to the event. The usual panic seems to set in the day preceding the show. So, not only do we require volunteers for the teams, but back up volunteers in case the original team members cannot go. Complicated isn't it. Oh, and the other thing that goes with teams are, (here we go again) the dreaded flu/vac certificates. If you harbour any stirrings to compete in the teams this year, please, please, please could you make sure that either Di or Lindsay see your flu/vac certificate well before the event. In fact, why don't you all come to the skittles evening at Pitton, meet each other, and get your flu/vac certificate checked at the same time. I promise I'll try not to spill wine on them, although alcohol can make me a bit forgetful. Sorry, what was I talking about. Oh yes, forests. No, try again, Teams. If you would like to be considered for any of the teams, show jumping, dressage or Horse Trials, and cant remember if you said you were interested on your membership form, please get in contact with Di as soon as possible on 01980 652272.



**Skittles evening at The Silver Plough at Pitton on Thursday 25th April, 1996 at 7.30-8pm**

We have decided to organise a proper social occasion, which we hope will attract not only the club members but their other halves as well. You might think this is a bit strange really, because of course most of the time we are going to Riding Club events to escape from them. Well, alright, I go to the riding club events to escape from them, but surely I'm not the only one. However, we thought, if we had a completely non horsey type of do, then they might be more willing to come, and perhaps think that the club caters for them too. (Helps when your coming to pay for the subs.) The Silver Plough is pretty brill when it comes to atmosphere and food and they are offering a choice of hot food, lasagna, curry, garlic bread & a selection of salads for £5.95 per head or cold food, fresh bread, British cheeses, sliced ham, pickle and a selection of salads for £3.95 per head. You don't have to eat at all if you don't want to, but if you haven't been to this pub, you have missed out on their special home made wine section. They do all sorts, elderberry, parsnip, apricot, plum and loads I can't think of. Actually, the truth is after the four I can't remember the rest. Perhaps as part of the skittles night we could run a competition to see if anyone can sample every type on the list. I think the prize had better be a lift home. The only thing is, we need to know beforehand how many people are coming. So I'm afraid its the dreaded reply slip time. I know its really difficult to make up your mind before the actual day, and even more difficult to find an envelope and a stamp, but go on, give it a try. Let us all see what your like when your drunk! If you want food, please send reply slip to Annabel Slater by 22nd April, otherwise just ring to let her know you are intending to come along. Tel: 01722 862263. (Members, friends & accompanied children welcome).

**Dressage Competition at West Woodhay on 12th May, 1996 (Schedule enclosed)**

This competition is changed from our original program. It is now just dressage and the schedule shows an exciting and varied program. More and more people are competing in this discipline, I understand it is one of the fastest growing sports in the UK. West Woodhay is a new venue for the Bourne Valley, so please come and support us - its not very far away. Di Symes is organising the event, so if you have any spare time on the day, or you fancy giving dressage a go and you want to know what it is all about, then volunteer to help. Just a couple of hours can make a big difference and if you are stewarding or dressage writing you soon learn how the competition works and the type of things the judge is looking for. In fact, I can recommend dressage writing to anyone who rides a dressage test and is not sure what the judges comments are getting at. It is amazing how different things look when you are sitting in the car! Di can be contacted on 01980 652272.

**UK Chasers Ride on Saturday 18th May and Sunday 19th May, 1996 at Kirby House, Inkpen**

We have arranged to use the UK Chasers Ride for both Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th of May. The Saturday ride will start at 2.00 pm and the Sunday ride will start at 10.00 am. Being a UK Chaser Ride, there are lots of jumps of varying heights, none of which you have to jump if you don't want to. It does however, give you a chance to go round a course like this in company, as the ride will set off in small groups. This ride covers the most beautiful countryside, and is well worth the ride, even if you dont want to jump. If you want to have a go, but don't want to ride round on your own, or are worried about the pace, then speak to Lindsay on 01264 772388 and she will try to arrange suitable groups of people. The ride is open to members and non members (over 16 years of age). If you are already a member of the UK Chasers group then you must put your UK chasers number on the reply slip. If not, then the cost of the event includes membership of the UK Chasers group for a year.

UK Chasers Member - £8.00      Non UK Chasers Member - £15.00      Guests £2 extra

Directions - From Andover take the A343 towards Newbury. Immediately north of Hurstbourne Tarrant bear left (opposite the Saab garage) signed Netherton and Linkenholt. Take the first right to Facombe. Follow the road through Facombe and on to the junction at the bottom of the downs. Follow the road round to the right, then straight on. The entrance to the field for parking is approximately 500 yards on the left.

**Practise Dressage and Show Jumping at Ampot Riding School, 29th May, 1996 at 6pm**

Put yourself on the spot time! The idea of this evening is to have a go at a dressage test or a show jumping round under the eagle eye of someone else, so that they can pick up on any problems or make suggestions on how to make things better. It worked well last year, and it is a very good practice for anyone who is going to do the Combined Training competition or Team Show Jumping event on 22nd June. It would make an ideal place for team members to meet so that they get to know who they will be going to the event with. Please fill in the reply slip, indicating what you wish to do & return to Lindsay. Cost £4 Dressage or Show Jumping and £7 for both.

**Combined Training Event on the 2nd June, 1996 at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton (Schedules enclosed)**

Sue Bennett has kindly accommodated us for this year's event, which has proved very popular in previous years. Again, the date is changed from our original program so make sure that you have it changed in your diaries. Maggie Miller will be the organiser for the first time this year so she will be very pleased if you could provide any support on the day. I'll attack it again in the next newsletter, but, if you can help then call Maggie 01264 781633.

**Catherston Stud Visit Provisionally on 5th June, 1996.**

More about this in the next newsletter, but the plan is to have an evening visit to Catherston Stud to have a look round the stallions, mares and little baby foals.



### Instruction

More instruction dates have been organised with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's yard in Appleshaw.

Tuesday 30th April	10.30am	Cost £9 (one session only)
Tuesday 14th May	10.30am	Cost £9 (one session only)
Tuesday 21st May	10.30am	Cost £9 (one session only)

Two instruction dates have been arranged with Claire Mason at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.

Saturday 27th April	11am	Cost £10 (one session only)
Sunday 5th May	11am	Cost £10 (one session only)

All the instruction will be of a general nature (some flatwork with some optional gridwork or small course of jumps), for groups of 4-6 people of 1 hour 30 minutes duration. The instruction is aimed at all levels of horse & rider - so 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 instruction date.

### Results of Unaffiliated Show Jumping at Hoplands on Sunday 10th March, 1996

This competition was held on the only spring day in March. It was glorious! A good showing was made by BVRC members, who figured well in all the classes, and actually took all six places in class 1. It was very nice to see the ground crew smartly turned out in their new club sweatshirts!

#### Results

##### Class 1

1st	Kismet	Jo Cleaver
2nd	Wilton Lad	Carol Perren
3rd	Catalin	Lindsay Hills
4th	Majuba	Di Symes
5th	Grange Saga Lass	Clare Heald
6th	Morello	Madeleine Southey

##### Class 2

1st	Tamarisk	Karen Knowlton	
2nd	Allright Charlie	Mike Whale	
3rd	Rascal	Lucy Mason	Best BV
4th	Captain Cook	Louise Keating	
5th	Grange Saga Lass	Clare Heald	
6th	Amigo	M McLaughlin	

##### Class 3

1st	Gardo	Moira Willis	
2nd	Captain Cook	Louise Keaton	
3rd	Porky Pig	Peter Pell	Best BV
4th	Mouse	Moira Willis	
5th	Boysey	Ian Simpson	
6th	Amigo	M McLaughlin	

##### Class 4

1st	Polar Rock	Jenny Jones	Best BV
2nd	Billy Can II	N Irwin	
3rd	Mouse	Moira Willis	
4th	Cofdrop	Anne Ashpitel	

### ADVERTS

**Bentleigh Farm House** is holding a series of courses, flatwork and jumping, during the summer.

June 15th - 16th

2 day course with Shena Kozuba-Kozubska

August 29th -31st & 1st Sept

4 day course with Shena Kozuba-Kozubska & Richard Dixon

These courses are aimed at all levels of horse & rider and people can attend at any time during the course, either for just one session or for several sessions (£10 per session).

Further details from Annabel Slater, Bentleigh Farm House, Pitton, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 1EG. Tel: 01980 862263

**Horse for Loan** Mare 16.1h rising 6 years old. Still a novice, but started work on SJ & XC. Good Flatwork. Showing lots of potential - should be ready to Pre Novice in Autumn. Well mannered but strong. Currently stabled in Tidworth. Terms & length of loan negotiable. Ring Arabella Mayo 01980 633105.

**Trailer for Sale.** Rice Beaufort 2 horse trailer, 8 years old. Front Unload. Very Good condition. £2000.

Tel: Jill Vallis (01264) 889418.

**UK Chasers Strongid-P Challenge** at Kirby House, Inkpen on Sunday 5th May.

One of 13 Qualifying Events with National Final at Colney Heath, St. Albans, with £5000 prize money.

2 Classes, pairs or singles. Rosettes for everyone. For full details, rules & entry forms: Sae: Mrs K. Astor,

Kirby House, Inkpen, Nr Newbury, Berks RG15 0QJ, or UK Chasers Ltd, Otmoor Lane, Beckley, Oxford OX3 9TD.

**Sponsored Ride (in aid of Fight for Sight) on 26th May at Old Airfield, Stourton, Nr Mere, Wilts.**

15/20 miles with Optional Jumps. Details from Jennifer Jackson 01749 860385 or Peter Royal 01985 844385.

**Claire Mason** Event Rider, Claire Mason, has moved into the area, and is currently based at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton. Claire has competed regularly at Badminton & Burghley 3 Day Events, Show Jumped at Hickstead & HOYS & done Dressage to 3 Day Event level. Claire spent several years at Waterstock with Lars Sederholm, training alongside Richard Walker, Yogi Bresnor etc. Obviously vastly experienced, Claire is available to give tuition at all levels of horse & rider. Cost £20 per hour at Bluebell Farm. Tel: 01264 730359.

**Help with Transport** Can anyone help with Transport & teaching a horse to load into trailer/box (Little London).

Please ring Margaret Henstock 01264 352182.

## Diary Dates

### April

- 20.05.06 Schooling Day at Dene Farm Hunter Trial Course at Nether Wallop.  
Height 2'3", 2'9" & 3'3" increased throughout the day. Cost £10 per round.  
Details: Juliette Pond, Dene Farm, Nether Wallop, Nr Stockbridge, Hants SO20 8ER. Tel: 01264 781352.
- 25.04.96 **BVRC Skittles evening at The Silver Plough, Pitton 7.30-8pm.**  
Send reply slip to Annabel Slater. Tel: 01980 862263.
- 27.04.96 **BVRC General Instruction with Claire Mason at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.**  
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 28.04.96 Amport Horse Show.  
Sae: Mrs M Hale, Amport Riding Centre, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Hants SP11 8BE. Tel: 01264 772972.
- 28.04.96 Collingbourne & District RC Sponsored Ride in support of Riding for the Disabled.  
Entries to Margaret Davis, 8 Lambourne Way, Thruxton, Andover SP11 8NE
- 30.04.96 **BVRC General Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's yard, Appleshaw.**  
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.

### May

- 05.05.96 **BVRC General Instruction with Claire Mason at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.**  
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- 05.05.96 UK Chasers Strongid-P Challenge at Kirby House, Inkpen.  
Sae: Mrs K. Astor, Kirby House, Inkpen, Newbury, Berks RG15 0QJ.
- 12.05.96 **BVRC Dressage Competition at West Woodhay. (schedule enclosed)**  
Organiser: Di Symes 01980 652272.
- 14.05.96 **BVRC General Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's yard, Appleshaw.**  
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 18/19.05.96 **BVRC UK Chasers Ride at Kirby House, Inkpen.**  
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- 21.05.96 **BVRC General Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's yard, Appleshaw.**  
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- 26.05.96 Sponsored Ride (in aid of Fight for Sight) on 26th May at Old Airfield, Stourton, Nr Mere, Wilts.  
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- 27.05.96 Amport Horse Show. Sae: Mrs M Hale, as above.
- 29.05.96 **BVRC Practise Dressage & Show Jumping Evening at Amport Riding School.**  
Reply slip to Lindsay Hills

### June

- 02.06.96 **BVRC Combined Training Competition at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton. (schedule enclosed)**  
Organiser: Maggie Miller 01264 781633.
- 05.06.96 **BVRC visit to Catherston Stud (Provisional Date).**
- 22.06.96 Area 17 Novice & Open Team Show Jumping Qualifier at Langford Farm, Cadnam.  
Organiser: Chilworth Riding Club.
- 23.06.96 **BVRC Summer Show at Newbury Showground. (schedule in next newsletter)**  
Organiser: Sheila Forder 01488 668664.
- 30.06.96 Area 17 Novice & Open Horse Trials Qualifier at Rockbourne, Nr Salisbury.  
Organiser: Shillingstone RC.
- 30.06.96 Amport Horse Show. Sae: Mrs M Hale, as above.

### July

- 07.07.96 Open One Day Event at Tweseldown Race Course, Church Crookham  
Contact:- Secretary Mrs Penny Gulliver 01734 733194
- 21.07.96 **BVRC Show Jumping Competition at Hoplands Equestrian Centre, King's Somborne, Nr Stockbridge.**  
Organiser: Sue Fentiman 01264 350236.

### August

- 04.08.96 Area 17 Riding Test & Dressage Qualifier at Forest Lodge Equestrian Centre, Motcombe, Nr Shaftesbury.  
Organiser: Stour Valley RC.
- 26.08.96 Amport Horse Show. Sae: Mrs M Hale, as above.

### September

- 22.09.96 **BVRC Novice Show.**
- 22.09.96 Amport Horse Show. Sae: Mrs M Hale, as above.

### October/November

- BVRC Hunter Trials.**  
Organiser: Lindsay Hills 01264 772388.



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Dressage tests 6, 14, 21, 30 (please indicate which) / show jumping.  
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