

Bourne Valley Riding Club

incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)



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NEWSLETTER

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Several competitions are being organised this year in various disciplines. We can only maintain the frequency and variety of these events if we receive help from the members. So please, if you are able to help on the day of any competition or on the day prior to the competition to get set up, even if you can only help for a couple of hours, **PLEASE RING** and offer your services. There is plenty for organisers to do without having to badger people to help. You only need to make one phone call to their many calls.

In case you are wondering why the Dressage schedules are late out, the reason is that Hoplands EC has changed ownership and we have only just received confirmation of our booking for the Dressage & Show Jumping competitions.

Annual Quiz at the Red Lion , Clanville, Nr Weyhill, on Tuesday 3rd February.

Ten teams arrived to contest this hotly fought event. The three round quiz was interspersed with drinks, chips, salad and various other snacks. Marks were close with the "Baffled Berties", led by Pippa Bowen and Carrie Ryan, winning for the second year running. Only ten marks separated all the teams. Thanks to Monica for compiling some devious questions.

Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at HMS Dryad, Southwick on Sunday 22nd February.

A team is travelling to HMS Dryad to contest the Novice Indoor Show Jumping Team competition:

The team is:	Sarah Jones	Coronet
	Clare Berry	Barney Rubble
	Chica Herbert	Harvest Moon
	Lindsay Hills	Catalin

Good luck to them on the day.

Winter Dressage at Hoplands Equestrian Centre on Sunday 8th March (schedule enclosed).

Our Winter Dressage is a bit nearer spring this year so hopefully we will avoid the snow and gale force winds of previous years. The schedule includes three Prelim & two Novice Dressage Tests. This is a very popular competition and has been oversubscribed for the last two years so **PLEASE** get your entries in early.

Caroline Stevens (01264) 323729 or Clare Heald (01635) 254737 will welcome calls from Dressage writers, stewards or scorers willing to help out on the day.

Winter Show Jumping at Hoplands Equestrian Centre on Sunday 29th March (schedule enclosed).

Well done to those who spotted the deliberate mistake in the Diary Dates section of the last Newsletter. The Show Jumping is in fact on Sunday 29th! There are jumping classes at heights from 2' 3" to 3' 3". Clear round jumping will start at 2' to 2' 3", and time permitting will continue between classes. If you aren't jumping, come and watch or better still help.

Sue Fentiman (01264 391550) is eagerly awaiting your call with offers of help either on the day or to set up the day before.

Hot Cross Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain on Good Friday 28th March at 2pm.

This is a fun ride covering part of Salisbury Plain (10-12 miles), with a midway stop for Hot Cross Buns and coffee.

If you want a change of scene for you and your horse, this is a lovely ride. Numbers permitting, there will be two groups - one for the madcaps & one for those wanting a more sedate ride. Guests (16 years or over) are welcome but please remember that club hat rules apply to them also.

Meet at F Range, Bulford side of the Cross Belt (on Tidworth / Bulford road. (Cross Belt marks the Hampshire Wiltshire border)). Free to members, £2 to non members (16 years or over).

For Hot Cross Bun numbers please give names to Lindsay Hills 01264 772388.

Be Fair Cup and Caballine Trophy

The Be Fair Cup and Caballine Trophy are awarded annually. The Be Fair points are awarded to the 6 highest placed BV members in every competition regardless of their overall placings (they may be 10th in the class but 2nd best BV member). Members who compete in teams on behalf of the Bourne Valley will receive five points per day.

Rule Amendment.

This year we are introducing a new rule. Riders are only eligible for points on one horse on any particular day. This is designed to even up the one horse member with those lucky enough to have more than one horse on which to compete.

The Caballine Trophy points are awarded on a point for each hour or part hour worked at a show or setting up the day before a show. Committee members who organise the events only get points for the day before and the actual day of a competition, even so the top placings do seem to be filled by them. A rose bowl is awarded to the highest placed non-committee member.

Each Trophy winner is awarded free membership for the following year.

Instruction

Weekend & evening instruction sessions have been arranged with Sorrel Warwick, at Cholderton House EC indoor school. The Tuesday instruction sessions continue with Diana Burgess. These sessions will be held at Virginia Chamber's outdoor school in Lower Chute. Parking is courtesy of the Chute Club, but please park towards the front of the car park and please ensure that the area is left tidy (no litter or droppings).

Ring Lindsay (01264 772388) if you would like more detailed directions to Lower Chute or directions to Cholderton House.

The dates with Diana are as follows:-

Tuesday	24 th February	10.30 am
Tuesday	3 rd March	10.30 am
Tuesday	17 th March	10.30 am
Tuesday	24 th March	10.30 am

The dates with Sorrel are as follows:-

	Thursday	5 th March	6.45pm
	Thursday	19 th March	6.45pm
	Thursday	2 nd April	6.45pm
Sunday	22 nd March	2pm/3.30pm	
(two groups)			

The majority of instruction sessions will be of a general nature some flatwork with some optional gridwork or a small course of jumps at the end. The evening session 19th March will be Indoor Cross Country Techniques (bounces, corners, coffins). The 22nd March will be Show Jumping instruction, some gridwork followed by a short course. Groups of 4-6 people with each session lasting 1 hour 30 minutes. Cost £10 per session. The instruction is aimed at all levels of horse and 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** the due date. For the 22nd March session please ring Lindsay (01264) 772388 2 or 3 evenings beforehand to find out which group and start time you have been allocated.

Hunting

The hunt meets every Wednesday and Saturday at 11.00 am (12pm after 1st March). All of the details of meets for the hunt are published weekly in the Horse and Hound. Alternatively, you can ring Sam Hart on 01980 843378 and he will be able to provide you with details of the meets, protocol, parking etc.etc.

The hunting cap is £15 per day. You should make yourself known to the treasurer of the hunt on arrival, rather than waiting for them to find you and you will need to produce your BVRC membership card, so do not forget to take it. You will also need £1 for the chap who watches the horse boxes whilst you are out having fun.

Hunt Treasurer: Nick Hornby, Paddocks, The Cartway, Wedhampton, Nr Devizes, Wilts. Tel: 01380 848117

SAVE MONEY Don't forget Lyndon-Dykes of London in the Market Place, Newbury is offering 10% discount to members (take your membership card) Tel: 01635 35166.

CLUB NEWS. Sue McGrath has moved to Leicester area. Club members, past and present, owe Sue a huge debt of gratitude. Not only did she do a spell as club chairman but also has been chief Show Jumping course builder, dressage judge, riding & stable management instructor, Club team member and regular competitor. Always friendly and cheerful and willing to give help if it was required. Sue will be sadly missed, the club poorer for her departure. Good wishes have been sent to Sue wishing her well in her new life.

FOR SALE 16hh 7yr TB mare, BSJA, Open HT, Team Chase, Dressage, excellent hunter, all RC activities, suit competition home £4000 ono Louise Worthington tel: 01980 846529 (home) 01980 672233 (work).

FOR RENT - DIY – new, comfortable, secure box stall with locked tackroom, separate area for hay storage, plenty of pasture. Box is available with free bedding (straw). Gelding with responsible and knowledgeable adult only – rent negotiable – Nether Wallop Village Location. Tel Joan Hutchings (01264) 781997.

South & West Wilts Hunt Team Chase at Ferne Park. Berwick St John, Nr Sheftesbury on Sunday 22nd March. Pairs or Teams of 3 or 4 – Courses 1.5 miles at 2'9" or 2 miles at 3'3". Special prizes: Ladies, Family, Veteran Teams. SAE: Clare Anderson, Garden House, Fyfield, Nr Andover, Hants SP11 8EP. Tel: 01264 889797 (day) / 771650 (evening).

APPLESHAW SADDLERY CLOSING DOWN SALE Starts 20th Feb til 1st March. At least 20% off all goods, many items half price. Extra 10% off purchases totalling £100 or more. Open Sunday 22nd Feb 12-4pm Tel: 01264 771343.

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 19.2.98 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 22.02.98 Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at HMS Dryad, Southwick, Nr Fareham
Names to Lindsay Hills 01264 772388.
- 24.2.98 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.

MARCH

- 3.3.98 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
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- 5.3.98 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm.**
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- 8.3.98 BVRC Winter Dressage at HOPLANDS EC. King's Somborne, Nr Stockbridge.**
Organiser: Caroline Stevens (schedules enclosed).
- 17.3.98 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 19.3.98 BVRC Indoor XC Techniques Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm.**
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- 22.3.98 BVRC Show Jumping Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 2pm.**
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- 24.3.98 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 28.3.98 BVRC Winter Show Jumping at HOPLANDS EC. King's Somborne, Nr Stockbridge.**
Organiser: Sue Fentiman (schedule enclosed).

APRIL

- 2.4.98 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 10.4.98 BVRC Hot Cross Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain at 2pm at Cross Belt (between Tidworth / Bulford).**
Names to Lindsay Hills (01264 772388)
- 19.4.98 BVRC Unaffiliated Dressage at Durrington Sports Ground.**
Organiser: Maggie Miller (Schedule enclosed with next Newsletter).

MAY

- 17.5.98 BVRC Dressage, Combined Training, Show Jumping at West Woodhay (Provisional)**
- 31.5.98 BVRC One Day Event at Larkhill.**

JUNE

- 21.6.98 BVRC Unaffiliated Dressage at Durrington Sports Ground.**
Organiser: Monica Tomkins.
- 28.6.98 Area 17 Team & Individual Dressage & Riding Test Qualifier, Harnsworth Farm, Nr Botley**
Organiser: Meon Riding Club.

JULY

- 19.7.98 Area 17 Team & Individual Novice & Open Show Jumping Qualifiers at Forest Lodge, Nr Shaftesbury.**
Organiser: Shillingstone & Purbeck Riding Clubs (Date to be confirmed)

OCTOBER

- 25.10.98 BVRC Hunter Trial at Larkhill.**

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