

Bourne Valley Riding Club

incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

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As always nothing is straightforward or easy. Having forged ahead with provisional competition dates, and got approval for dates and competitions at Larkhill, the problems struck. Hoplands EC, our normal venue for winter Dressage and Show Jumping, is unavailable at present, although we are hopeful that we may return there next year. The hunt was then on to find alternative venues for these competitions.

Sorrel very kindly sought permission for our Dressage to be held at Cholderton House EC. With fewer facilities available than at Hoplands we will be restricted to using one rather than two arenas for competition, but there will be plenty of warming up space. We are still trying to sort out the Show Jumping competition.

Our original One Day Event date on 6th June clashed with the date arranged for the Area 17 inter club Show Jumping Qualifier. After many phone calls we have managed to re arrange our One Day Event to 13th June.

Please mark all the important dates in your diaries, but do keep an eye on the Diary Dates page in case events get shuffled again.

Rule Reminder

The club doesn't have too many rules, but just as a general reminder to keep everyone on the straight and narrow. Here are details of the ones that seem to cause most problems.

BVRC membership is open to people 17 years old or older (with no upper age limit). 16 year olds may compete in competitions and attend any riding event as a member's guest, (with permission of the organiser) but BVRC does not allow under 16's to ride at their events. They do however, welcome guests of any age at their socials.

Anyone riding at our events **MUST** wear correct approved headgear. The current standard is **at least to the recommended standards PAS015 or EN1384 ; hats prefixed SEI/ASTM are permissible (ASTM is not valid on its own, it must have the SEI prefix)**. Hats shall have a chin strap which has a non-detachable retaining harness secured to the shell at more than two points. Such headgear shall be worn properly adjusted and fastened at all times when mounted. Bit unflattering perhaps, but we are not insured if we allow people to ride in incorrect headgear, so please be aware before you turn up and bring the right hat with you.

Body protectors shall be worn for any event involving cross country jumping.

Otherwise there is no particular dress code, it is sufficient just to be "clean and tidy". Correct footwear (i.e. no muckers) is a good idea. Jewellery lovers please note it is not permissible to wear earrings whilst competing. Not even studs. This is for safety reasons not just appearance.

Full details of the rules are shown in the club's constitution (sounds dreadfully painful doesn't it). Copies can be obtained from Lindsay 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 places (they may be 10th in the class but 2nd best BV member). Riders are only eligible for points on one horse on any particular day.

Members who compete in teams on behalf of the Bourne Valley will receive five points per day.

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 the competition, even so the top places do seem to be filled by them. A rose bowl is awarded to the highest placed non-committee member.

Rosettes are awarded to the top ten places in each competition at the AGM at the end of the year.

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

Two new sections have been added to the Caballine Trophy

We are introducing a Partners competition. Each member may nominate a non-member partner, the helpers point for the pair are accumulated throughout the year. The pair who accrue the most points will receive rosettes, free membership for the member and a prize for the non-member.

Points for helping will also be kept for non Members with a rosette & prize awarded at the end of the year.

Memories (by Sam Hart)

The Bourne Valley Riding Club was founded over 30 years ago. I wasn't amongst the first members (who wants to ride round in circles in a small paddock when you have all of Salisbury Plain to ride over?), but my family joined and I soon followed suit.

June Bush was a founder member who over the years has served as Secretary – President – Scorer and has handed me the original news letters.

It's been great fun to identify the early members who figured in committees or competitions and are still with us. Roy Southey, Richard Hale, Sylvia and Lindsay Hart, Sue Bennet, Col B Huskisson, Jill Vallis, Mrs Skelton, Elizabeth Derbyshire and I expect there will be a few more when I travel through the next lot of newsletters.

In 1967 the British Horse Society was promoting the formation of Riding Clubs on a regional basis and we joined Area 17 (Hampshire – Dorset – Isle of Wight).

What were Riding Clubs for? To promote good horsemanship? We organised fun rides from each other's neck of the woods – Hurstbourne – Penton – Shipton – Weyhill, but later started focussing more on improving our riding by taking Riding Club Tests I, II, and III. But it was 3 or 4 years before any of us got Grade III. Our first competitions were "Prix Caprilli" a simple dressage test with two small jumps in the arena and judged not on the horses paces, but the riders ability. It was a pity when it was abandoned.

We were of course lucky. We were able to use the Tidworth Indoor School, the Polo Grounds, Mrs Skeltons' Harroway establishment and Dave Packman's place at Lock's Drive.

Dave Packman was an enthusiastic member, and the leader of our social activities. He organised annual dinners at Bere House Hotel and Rothsey, with prominent guest speakers. We had guest speakers and forums at Tedworth House and "Yes" swimming sessions at Lady Dockers' indoor heated pool near Stockbridge!!! Sylvia Hart hosted several annual Harvest Moon bonfires in September, when we barbecued and sang the hits of the 'Sixties' with the help of several guitars.

By 1969 our equestrian ability was such, as not only did our Show Jumping team qualify for Hickstead National Riding Club competition, but our current Chairperson Lindsay qualified for the National Dressage Championships at Stoneleigh. Later we entered our first Area One Day Event at Alderholt and came fourth!

There were Hunter Trials at Harroway and Locks Drove, more instruction on the flat and in 1973 we were the first club to qualify for the National Championship in all four disciplines, Prix Caprilli – Dressage – Show Jumping and One Day Event. For the first time we felt confident enough to organise the Area One Day Event, and several Area Show Jumping – Dressage – Prix Caprilli qualifiers at Tidworth.

For fun we had Show Jumping competitions at Tidworth Indoor School, against both the Royal Artillery and the Tedworth Pony Club (riders had to grab a sugar mouse hanging on a Christmas Tree acting as a wing).

There was a lot of support for visits to local studs and club members were up to 74 – we were well established.

I must read the next lot of files, so more many happy memories.....

Diary of Events

Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at HMS Dryad, Southwick on Sunday 21st February.

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

The team is:	Tory Jowett	Folkin Philomel
	Ann Beard	Speckles
	Kay Budgen	Lady Guinevere
	Julie Newman	Tilley

Good luck to them on the day.

Winter Dressage at Cholderton House Equestrian Centre on Sunday 14th March (schedule enclosed).

Our Winter Dressage has a change of venue this year. We are returning to Cholderton House EC after an absence of a number of years. The schedule includes two 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.

Sam Mawer (01264) 334892 or Clare Heald (01635) 254737 will welcome calls from Dressage writers, stewards or scorers willing to help out on the day.

Race Night at Red Lion Inn, Clanville on Friday 19th March 7.30-8pm.

You are invited to attend an exciting evening of filmed horse racing with a 'tote' and cash prizes.

We cannot guarantee that you'll come away a winner, but we can assure you of a great evening's entertainment. Races have exciting finishes and close up footage. For the later races, horses will be auctioned prior to each race. This is your big opportunity to become a race horse owner. Realise the dream of a lifetime when your horse wins the race and you are awarded first prize. If you are not ready for the big league, just come and splurge your 20p's on the tote on your carefully selected choice (bring your own pin). Race cards for the six race programme are included with your admission ticket. The first race starts at 8pm, so please arrive promptly! There will be a licensed bar & refreshments can be ordered, but please do this in **before 19th March** directly with the Red Lion (01264 771007). Come and join us for this fun evening.

Tickets £5 from committee members or send attached reply slip with SAE to Sandra Groves.

UK Chasers Ride at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch on Sunday 21st March, 1999 meet at 10am.

We have arranged a visit to the Cross country course at Firgo Farm on the 21st March at 10am. Being a former UK Chasers course, 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 in a group. If you want to have a go but you don't have anyone to ride with then just give Lindsay a ring on 01264 772388 and she will try to arrange groups of people to ride together. The ride is open to members and non-members (over 16 years of age). Cost Members £6 / Non Members £8.

Directions:- Firgo Farm is situated on the A34 about 1 mile North (towards Newbury) of the A34/A303 junction at Bullington Cross. The signs for the farm aren't very big so please drive slowly so that you don't miss the turning.

Winter Show Jumping on Sunday 28th March.

This competition is still at the planning stage. Every effort is being made to find a venue to run this competition. The plan is to run jumping classes at heights from 2' 3" to 3' 3", with clear round jumping starting at 2' to 2' 3", and time permitting continuing between classes. Schedules will be despatched separately from this Newsletter once arrangements have been finalised. If the competition does go ahead Sue Fentiman (01264 391550) would welcome 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 2nd April 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)). The ride & the buns are free to members , £2 to non members .

To ensure enough Hot Cross Buns are ordered please give names to Lindsay Hills 01264 772388.

Instruction

The weekday instruction sessions continue with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute and weekend and evening sessions with Sorrel Warwick, at Cholderton House EC indoor school.

Diana's 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 any of the venues.

The Instruction dates with Diana are as follows:

Tuesday	2 nd March	10:30 am
Tuesday	9 th March	10:30 am
Tuesday	23 rd March	10:30 am
*Easter Monday	5 th April	10 am & 12 pm (2 groups)
Tuesday	13 th April	10:30 am
Tuesday	20 th April	10:30 am

The Instruction dates with Sorrel are as follows:

Saturday	27 th February	4:00 pm
Thursday	4 th March	6:45 pm
Thursday	18 th March	6:45 pm
Saturday	20 th March	3:00 pm
Thursday	25 th March	6:45 pm

The instruction sessions are of a general nature which consist of a some flatwork with some optional gridwork or a small course of jumps at the end. Each session will last 1 hour 30 minutes. Groups of 4-6 people. 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 (separate cheques for each session with the date marked on the back of the cheque please).

* The Easter Monday session will be Cross Country Schooling at Dene Farm, Nether Wallop, made up of two groups. The cost is £15, please ring Lindsay 2 to 3 days beforehand to see the group to which you have been allocated.

Adverts

Larkhill (Wiltshire)

Sunday, February 28th 1999

Clear Round Cross Country and Show Jumping

To raise funds for a Water Jump

Cross Country courses (£10, or £15 on day)

09:30 approx 2ft 6ins 14:00 approx 3ft 6ins

Showjumping courses (£4) From 09:30 2ft 6in, 3ft and 3ft 6ins

Cross Country numbers limited. To enter call: Louise Milligan on 01980 632863

Start times available Friday 26th February at 18:00 to 21:00

Send cheques made payable to 'R A Saddle Club' to:

Louise Milligan, 10 Millstone Road, Bulford Village, Wiltshire, SP4 9BY

Need Transport?

Horsebox for hire. Takes 4 horses.

Driver must be over 25 with clean licence

£25.00 + Diesel. Phone Sue Fentiman on

01264 391550

For Sale:

17" Narrow fitting black event saddle – Calcutts own

make in excellent condition plus matching bridle with a .

De Logue martingale and reins (resembles a chambon)

£350. Please call Sandra on 01264 772984

For Sale:

15.2 hh 10 years old gelding. Ideal Riding Club Horse

Many prelim/novice dressage wins – lovely paces/

would affiliate. Always placed SJ and X/C up to 3'3".

Joy to hunt, snaffle mouth. Easy to do / no vices.

£3,000 o.n.o. as college forces sale. Tel: 01264 7732

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 27.2.99 **BVRC General Instruction** with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton EC 4pm
- 28.2.99 Clear Round SJ & XC at Larkhill.
Contact Louise Milligan 01980 632863

MARCH

- 2.3.99 **BVRC General Instruction** with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am
- 4.3.99 **BVRC General Instruction** with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton EC 6.45pm
- 9.3.99 **BVRC General Instruction** with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am
- 14.3.99 **BVRC Dressage Show at Cholderton House EC.**
Organiser: Sam Mawer 01264 334892
- 18.3.99 **BVRC General Instruction** with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton EC 6.45pm
- 19.3.99 **BVRC Race Night** at Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill, 7.30-8pm.
Organiser: Sandra Groves 01264 395277
- 20.3.99 **BVRC General Instruction** with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton EC 3pm
- 21.3.99 **BVRC** Firgo Farm Ride at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch 10am.
- 23.3.99 **BVRC General Instruction** with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am
- 25.3.99 **BVRC General Instruction** with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton EC 6.45pm
- 28.3.99 **BVRC Show Jumping (provisional)**

APRIL

- 2.4.99 **BVRC Hot Cross Bun Ride** on Salisbury Plain at 2pm.
- 5.4.99 **BVRC XC Instruction** with Diana Burgess at Dene Farm , Nether Wallop, 10am/12pm.
- 13.4.99 **BVRC General Instruction** with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am
- 18.4.99 **BVRC Spring Unaffiliated Dressage** at Knighton Down, Larkhill (schedule with next Newsletter)
- 20.4.99 **BVRC General Instruction** with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am

BVRC Competition Dates for 1999

Dressage	Cholderton House EC	14 th March 1999
Showjumping	TBA	28 th March 1999 (hopefully)
Dressage	Larkhill, Knighton Down	18 th April 1999
Combined Training	Larkhill, Knighton Down	23 rd May 1999
One Day Event	Larkhill	13 th June 1999
Showjumping	Over Wallop	11 th July 1999
Dressage	West Woodhay	25 th July 1999
Dressage & Showjumping	Over Wallop	5 th September 1999
Hunter Trial	Larkhill	31 st October 1999

Area 17 Inter Club Qualifying Competitions

Showjumping	Denmead, Nr Fareham	6 th June 1999
Horse Trials	Rockbourne	20 th June 1999
Dressage	Crawton, Nr Alresford	8 th August 1999

REPLY SLIPS to be returned to Mrs L Hills, The Ridings, Dauntsey Lane, Weyhill, Andover, Hants SP11 8EB.
Please make cheques payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club. (Separate cheques for each session.)

I enclose £10 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10:30am on Tuesday 20th April 1999 at Lower Chute,

Name Tel No

I enclose £10 for general instruction with Diana Burgess at 10.30am on Tuesday 13th April 1999 at Lower Chute,

Name Tel No

I enclose £15 for XC instruction with Diana Burgess at 10 & 12 am on Monday 5th April 1999 at Dene Farm, Nether Wallop,
(Please specify time preferred).

Name Tel No

I enclose £10 for General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at 6:45 pm on Thursday 25th March 1999 at Cholderton House EC.

Name Tel No

I enclose £10 for general instruction with Diana Burgess at 10.30 am on Tuesday 23rd March 1999 at Lower Chute,

Name Tel No

I enclose £10 for General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at 3:00 pm on Saturday 20th March 1999 at Cholderton House EC,

Name Tel No

I enclose £_____ (£5 per ticket) for _____ (No.) Race Night Tickets for Friday 19th March 1999 at The Red Lion Country Inn Clanville.
Please send this slip to Mrs Sandra Groves, 47 Barnfield Rise, Andover, Hants, SP10 2UQ (tickets can be collected on the night).

Name Tel No

I enclose £10 for General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at 6:45 pm on Thursday 18th March 1999 at Cholderton House EC,

Name Tel No

I enclose £10 for general instruction with Diana Burgess at 10.30 am on Tuesday 9th March 1999 at Lower Chute,

Name Tel No

I enclose £10 for General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at 6:45 pm on Thursday 4th March 1999 at Cholderton House EC,

Name Tel No

I enclose £10 for general instruction with Diana Burgess at 10.30am on Tuesday 2nd March 1999 at Lower Chute,

Name Tel No

I enclose £10 for General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at 4:00 pm on Saturday 27th February 1999 at Cholderton House EC,

Name Tel No