

# Bourne Valley Riding Club

incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club

*(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)*

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## NEWSLETTER

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HELLO! is there anybody out there????? Well actually, its the other way round really. Is there anyone in here? Yes, as a matter of fact there is..... now. You didn't even miss me did you? You didn't notice that my dulcet wit had disappeared from the newsletter. Oh well. I'll have to try again. For this month I'm back with a vengeance. And if you want to know where I've been, you had better ask one of our lovely members, Chantel Hutton, to whom I have to say thank you, thank you, thank you for retrieving my dog from the woods. Unfortunately, I have been banished to a permanent doghouse in Harewood Forest for ever having lost him in the first place. So if ever your riding out that way and you see a tent in a tree, it is not the Newbury Bypass protesters expanding their horizons, but your newsletter writer, still in temporary exile for having lost the dog! (I have to say its been a bit difficult getting this computer to work up here, but I'm persevering.)

Talking of trees, or gallows perhaps, I have been asked to warn everybody that we are currently having a spate of tack thefts in this area. They have already struck at a local livery yard, where they wiped the tack room clean and also have taken all of the tack from one of the committee members who just has two horses within her house area. I think we are used to larger establishments being the target of most of these people. However, I assume as security gets better and more tack is marked, they are being forced to steal from smaller and smaller yards. Please be aware!

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### Larkhill Lament

Well for a bit of bad news that could touch the Richter scale at about nine - we have been advised that the BVRC will no longer be able to make use of the Larkhill facilities. Apparently, when it comes to the choice between horses and tanks, the tanks have won. Obviously, an unhorsey person making this decision. Lindsay has tried to see if this decision can be reversed or may change in the future, but the answer was an emphatic NO! I am afraid until further notice we will have to find other venues for our shows. Any suggestions?

The loss of Larkhill is a bitter blow. It has been necessary to shuffle our competition programme for the summer.

The Dressage will now be held on 12th May at West Woodhay, and the Combined Training has been moved to 2nd June at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton. Schedules for both these competitions will be sent with the next newsletter in early April.

Meanwhile a venue is being sought for a Hunter Trial in the Autumn.

### Hunting

This is your last chance to take advantage of the club subscription to the RA Hunt, as the last meet of the season takes place on the 30th March. The Hunt meets at 12pm from now onwards. Ring Sam Hart on 01980 843378 for details of meets, parking etc. Dont forget your Membership card, your £10 cap & £1 for the horse box watcher, & have fun.

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

### Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Team Competition

Flu/Vac Certificates - Gasp! Horror! Ugh!, yep, we got caught out yet again, I'm afraid. One team member's certificate had lapsed, and another, with a flu vac certificate, which although stamped by the horse trials group as okay, was deemed to be out of date on one vaccination. This meant we started the competition with a team of three, Roy Southey, Sophia Woyka and Jenny Jones instead of the usual four and the pressure was obviously on as each score had to count - and jolly well they all did too. With only one team achieving a zero score, our representatives came an extremely creditable sixth.

### Unaffiliated Dressage at Hoplands on Sunday 18th February.

Retrospectively, as snow fell and left 6ft drifts, we were very lucky with the weather for our Dressage competition. Although it was difficult to think like this as competitors were nearly blown from their horses whilst warming up (or do I mean riding in), and dressage markers were blown around the arena during tests. Nevertheless, it didn't rain (or snow), and it was a very good days competition. At least no-one this year could say there wasn't enough room to warm up with the vast area of sand available.

### Results

#### Class 1 - Prelim 2

1st	Farriers Fortune	Sally Barnes	
2nd	Grange Saga Lass	Clare Heald	Best BV
3rd	Merrie Marmarelle	Kelly Holmes	
4th	Killgold	Tessa Denison	
5th	Foxy Lady	Chantal Hutton	
6th	Shrew	Jill Richardson	

#### Class 2 - Prelim 6

1st	Rowan	Alison Grundy	
2nd	Shrew	Jill Richardson	Best BV
3rd	Farriers Fortune	Sally Barnes	
4th	Chloe	Vicki Gray	
5th	Calerux Boneddwr	Caroline Hicks	
6th	The Dutchman	Judy Ince	

#### Class 3 - Prelim 14

1st	Blackthorn	Gail Perren	Best BV
2nd	Killgold	Tessa Denison	
3rd	Rowan	Alison Grundy	
4th	Trelawney	Deborah Lucas	
5th	Folkin Philomel	Elizabeth Potter	
6th	Fare Jasmine	Julie Baker	

#### Class 4 - Novice 21

1st	Hopeful Heart	Zandra Forder	Best BV
2nd	Iwerdine	Lucinda Burtenshaw	
3rd	Blackthorn	Gail Perren	
4th	Calerux Boneddwr	Caroline Hicks	
5th	Grange Sage Lass	Clare Heald	
=6th	Delbert	Carol Wright	
=6th	Trelawney	Deborah Lucas	
=6th	L/S Royal Crusade	Nikki Epps	

#### Class 5 - Novice 27

1st	Iwerdine	Lucinda Burtenshaw	
2nd	L/S Royal Crusade	Nikki Epps	
3rd	Hopeful Heart	Zandra Forder	Best BV
4th	Fare Jasmine	Julie Baker	
5th	Delbert	Carol Wright	
6th	Catalin	Lindsay Hills	

### Instruction

Speaking to Lindsay the other day, she mentioned that the membership forms show a high percentage of folk would like to have instruction in different areas. Now, far be it for me to point out that we are a RIDING CLUB and therefore the instruction would normally be in this area, not sky diving or absailing (no, I'm not picking at the poor committee member who got bucked off at the last instruction) or anything remotely scary like that. So, I know the weather's not very nice and I know it's March and everybody is fed up with the winter, but where is everybody? Is the instruction the sort of thing that you want? Do you have other preferences? (Kinky ones please keep to yourselves thank you.) Sometimes Lindsay has so many people for an instruction day that she has to turn people away and sometimes there are so few takers that the sessions have to be cancelled. Whilst, we appreciate both of things can be a bit off putting, especially if it is your first try, please persevere. Or, if you would like to see the instruction changed in any way then get in touch with one of the committee members or Lindsay on 01264 772388 and let her know.

Diana's sessions proved to be popular enough to run, but the weather had other ideas. Unfortunately, the first two dates were snowed off, the third, however, did take place with four riders.

Four more general instruction dates have been organised with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's school in Appleshaw to cover March & April.

Tuesday 19th March	10.30am	Cost £9 (one session only)
Tuesday 26th March	10.30am	Cost £9 (one session only)
Tuesday 16th April	10.30am	Cost £9 (one session only)
Tuesday 30th April	10.30am	Cost £9 (one session only)

All instruction is of 1 hour 30 minutes duration in groups of 4 to 6 riders.

If you wish to attend any of these sessions, please fill in the attached reply slip & return with remittance to Lindsay Hills (01264 772388).

Please arrive ready to start at 10.30am. unless you hear otherwise.



**Unaffiliated Show Jumping at Hoplands on Sunday 10th March**  
Report & Results with the next Newsletter.

**Hot Cross Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain on Good Friday 5th 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.

Sorry about the earlier confusion over the date of this ride. I hope it is not too late to amend your Diaries.

Meet at the Cross Belt (on Tidworth / Bulford road). Free to members, £2 to non members (16 years or over).

Names to Maureen Burford 01264 781499 / Sue Kerrison 01264 710370.

**Caballine Trophy Points Update** (points so far include the Hunter Trial & Winter Dressage)

For those that do not know, these points are allocated to anyone that helps at a BVRC do, based on one point for each hour put in and at the end of the year, the person with the most points get given a rather nice trophy.

Caroline Stevens	16	Josie Saiers	7	Sue McGrath	4
June Bush	13	Sarah March	7	Sue Kerrison	3
Sam Hart	10	Jenny Verity	7	Clare Heald	3
Di Symes	8	Yvonne West	7	Gail Perren	3
Monica Tomkins	8	Julia Hammond	7	Maggie Miller	3
Maxine Hodgetts	8	Rebecca Hamilton Fletcher	6	Millie Brotherhood	3
Linda Rawlins	7	Sue Stevens	6	Jane Moss	2
Liz Shipway	7	Julie Newman	5	Alison Mitchell	2
Jill Vallis	7	Madeleine Southey	5	Mary Perren	2
Karen Nimmo-Scott	7	Sam Adams	4	Sofia Woyka	2

**Be Fair Cup Points Update**

Again, for those who do not know, BVRC members are allocated points based on their placings in our events through one year. Highest points wins the cup.

Zandra Forder	20	Lucy Mason	9	Rebecca Hamilton Fletcher	4
Clare Heald	19	Serena Potter	9	Lindsay Hills	4
Gail Perren	15	Roy Southey	9	Linda Kerrison	4
Julie Wookey	15	Julia Verity	9	Carole Perren	4
Caroline Hicks	13	Judy Ince	8	Liz Potter	4
Jill Richardson	13	Carol Wright	7	Mary Brown	3
Julie Baker	12	Julia Mason	6	Helen Hushisson	3
Anne Ashpitel	9	Gill Trickett	6	Juliette Prentice	3
Jo Cleaver	9	Jackie Bench	4	Peter Derbyshire	1
Chantel Hutton	9	Gemma Chillcott	4		
Deborah Lucas	9	Diana Fitzsimmons	4		

**Club News**

I have to relay the sad news that one of our members, Tanis Downs, died on 3rd March aged 62 years, after four months of illness. Tanis, a colourful character, influenced the lives of many people & horses in the area. I am sure that she will be sorely missed. President, Sam Hart, represented BVRC at the funeral, and a donation was made by the club to 'Cancer Research'.

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**Adverts**

Benleigh Farm House is holding a Dressage competition, & a series of courses, flatwork & jumping, during the summer.

March 31st - Unaffiliated Dressage Competition

April 11th-14th 4 Day Course with Shena Kozuba-Kozubska & Richard Dixon.

June 15th/16th 2 Day Course with Shena Kozuba-Kozubska.

August 29th-31st & 1st September 4 Day Course with Shena Kozuba-Kozubska & Richard Dixon.

These courses are aimed at all levels of horse & rider (so don't be shy!!).

Further Details from Annabel Slater, Benleigh Farm House, Pitton, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 1EG. 01980 862263.

## Diary Dates

### March

- 19.03.96 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's school, Appleshaw.  
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 26.03.96 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's school, Appleshaw.  
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- 31.03.96 North Hants Horse Show at Newbury Showground.  
Large sae: Mrs S. Little, Tower House, Micheldever Station, Winchester, Hants SO21 3AL.
- 31.03.96 Bentleigh Farm House Unaffiliated Dressage Competition.  
sae: Annabel Slater, Benleigh Farm House, Pitton, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 1EG. 01980 862263.

### April

- 04.04.96 RAPC Hunter Trial at Larkhill. (Adult 3'6" Class or HC in 3' Class)  
sae: Sue Peacock, Parsonage Farm, Shipton Bellinger, Nr Tidworth, Hants. SP9 7UF.
- 05.04.96 BVRC Hot Cross Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain starting at Cross Belt (on Tidworth/Bulford road).  
Organisers: Maureen Burford 01264 781499 / Sue Kerrison 01264 710370.
- 16.04.96 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's school, Appleshaw.  
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- 30.04.96 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's school, Appleshaw.  
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### May

- 12.05.96 BVRC Dressage Competition at West Woodhay.  
Organiser: Di Symes 01980 652272.

### June

- 02.06.96 BVRC Combined Training Competition at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.  
Organiser: Maggie Miller 01264 781633.
- 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.  
Organiser: Sheila Forder 01488 668664.
- 30.06.96 Area 17 Novice & Open Horse Trials Qualifier at Rockbourne, Nr Salisbury.  
Organiser: Shillingstone RC.

### July

- 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.

### September

- 22.09.96 Novice Show.

### October/November

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

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