

Bourne Valley Riding Club

incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

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NEWSLETTER MARCH 97

GREAT NEWS we are back at Larkhill!!! After much pleading, cajoling, bribing, begging etc etc we have been allowed to use the cross country course to run a One Day Event on 8th June and a Hunter Trial on 26th October. We have set out our competition programme for the year, and these major dates together with the Area 17 qualifying competition dates are listed on the Diary Dates page in this Newsletter. Please make a note of these dates for future reference. Other instruction and social dates will be added in due course.

BVRC Quiz/Tack sale held on the 7th February.

Another very successful club social was held on this evening. Quite a lot of tack appeared, but not much was sold. Anyone got any ideas of how to match up the surplus tack with prospective buyers?

Twelve teams fought a hotly contested battle in the quiz. Cleverly (deviously) set questions meant that scoring amongst the teams was evenly matched. It may have been significant that several committee members, supplying pictures for the now & then picture board, left the country for the duration of the quiz! The picture board caused a real poser with most teams only able to match one pair of pictures, although one team managed a clean sweep. Mrs Beeton's Christmas pudding ingredients caused some head scratching, and the tortoises in the area were on their guard, as team members were out to count the number of teeth they possessed. All in all a very serious competition, which was won by "Three's a crowd", lead by Pippa Bowen, closely followed by "Tangley Escapologists".

Winter Dressage at Hoplands Equestrian Centre, King's Somborne on Sunday 16th February, 1997

Our first competition of 1997. Winter Dressage! Entries were unbelievable, with a waiting list for each class. Pity the weather wasn't kinder on the day. Torrential rain & gale force winds aren't exactly conducive to good dressage. Well done to everyone who braved the conditions!

Results

Class 1 - Prelim 2

1st	Diana Burgess	Bryan Robson	132	Best BV
2nd	Peter Sheppard	Kandahar	132	
3rd	K. Adams	Monopolist	129	
4th	Carole Perren	Charlie	125	
5th	Alison Grundy	Spring Dancer	123	
6th	Ros Sheppard	Coloured Grey	120	

Class 2 - Prelim 6

1st	Deborah Burke	Calico Jack	149	
2nd	Marie Flintham	Comet	135	
3rd	K. Adams	Monopolist	132	
4th	Lindsay Kemble	Tiggy	130	Best BV
5th=	Diana Burgess	Bryan Robson	128	
5th=	Alison Townsley	Pearl Barlee	128	

Class 3 - Prelim 14

1st	Alison Townsley	Pearl Barlee	167	
2nd	Deborah Burke	Calico Jack	166	
3rd	D. Chamberlain	The Benefactor	157	
4th	Jean Winch	Dutch Odyssey	152	
5th=	Julie Baker	Fare Jasmine	150	Best BV
5th=	Caroline Primrose	Just Nelly	150	Best BV

Class 4 - Novice 21

1st	Carol Wright	Delbert	129	Best BV
2nd	Denise Bolam	Son of a Gun	127	
3rd	Diana Burgess	Cristata	126	
4th	Diana Burgess	Ballee Betty	125	
5th	Alexandra Bates	Blue Tiger	120	
6th	Sarah Ross	Wattie	120	

Class 5 - Novice 27

1st	Abigail Stacey	Mick Dundee	170	
2nd	Denise Bolam	Son of a Gun	166	
3rd	Amanda Derrick	Sailors Charm	161	
4th	Nicky Chapman	Prudence	138	
5th	John Stoker	The Guvnor	135	Best BV
6th	Liz Potter	Folkin Philomel	135	

Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at Priory Equestrian Centre on Saturday, 22nd February, 1997

Fifteen teams from all over the area (including two from the IOW), assembled to contest this excellent early season competition. Our team were:

Roy Southey	Morello
Louise Worthington	Just Holly
Juliet Lee	Barrystown Flight
Peter Pell	Porky Pig

Jumping aside, the team gave the ground crew a few anxious moments when two team members got lost finding the venue & another, combining a TA exercise with team duties, cut the jumping preparation rather finely.

In the first round (2'6"), three team members jumped clear, with Porky Pig ducking out the middle of cleverly set final fence (a double) offset to the exit. With the best three scores to count in each round, this left us as one of three teams on a zero total. The second round (2'9") started with Roy tipping one fence. Louise and Juliet jumped copybook clear rounds. As Peter entered to jump his second round it was clear that our opponents had faulted and were on a final team score of 4 faults. A clear round from Peter would mean that we were clear winners, otherwise we would be jumping off for first place. Although the course had been altered for the second round it still finished over the same dreaded double! We held our breathe as we helped Peter & Porky Pig jump every fence clear. We had won!! The second & third teams jumped off to see who would join us at the National finals at Stoneleigh in April.

Well done to all the team members and Good Luck in the finals.

Show Jumping at Hoplands Equestrian Centre, Kings Somborne on Sunday 16th March, 1997

This is our next competition at Kings Somborne. So if you haven't already entered, come and enter on the day, or just come and do the clear round jumping which will be running all day. Offers of help will be gratefully received.

Ring Sue Fentiman 01264 350236.

UK Chasers Ride at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch at 10am

The Firgo Farm UK Chasers course covers approx. 6 miles with 33 jumps ranging from 2'3" to 3' (all optional).

Some new fences have been added since the autumn providing a wide variety of fences for riders/horses of all abilities. In addition there is a schooling paddock with some more challenging fences.

Firgo Farm is situated off the A34, 1/2 mile North of the A303, Bullington Cross junction. The course lies on the left hand side of the dual carriageway as you are travelling North towards Newbury. The UK Chasers' signs are very small, so drive slowly to avoid missing the turning.

Cost is £8 members, £10 non members, and you do NOT need to be a UK Chasers member to attend.

Please send attached reply slip with remittance to Lindsay Hills, The Ridings, Dauntsey Lane, Weyhill, Hants SP11 8EB.

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.

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.

Instruction

The Tuesday instruction sessions with Diana Burgess are 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). Please ring Lindsay (01264 772388) if you would like more detailed directions. The dates are as follows:-

Tuesday 15th April	10.30 am	Cost £9	(one session only)
Tuesday 22nd April	10.30 am	Cost £9	(one session only)
Tuesday 6th May	10.30 am	Cost £9	(one session only)
Tuesday 13th May	10.30 am	Cost £9	(one session only)

More Instruction sessions have been organised at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton, Nr Weyhill, with Claire Mason.

Sunday 13th April	12 pm	Cost £10	(one session only)
Saturday 26th April	12 pm	Cost £10	(one session only)

All of the instruction will be of a general nature some flatwork with some optional gridwork or a small course of jumps at the end, for groups of 4-6 people. Each session lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. 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.

Learning to Ride by SH.

One of the most important aspects of learning to ride is to accept the fact that you will almost certainly fall off. In my first year I came a cropper twelve times - on one occasion three times in a quarter of an hour.

I was helping the local farmer Charlie with late harvesting and it began to rain. Nothing seemed to worry him and his first words were "We'll take the horses out instead".

"But I've never sat on a horse before."

"You'll be alright." This was his stock answer to any apprehension you might show.

Of course, he was more interested in horse dealing and hunting than farming and always had several horses in the stable that needed to be exercised, besides quite a few more out in the fields.

Several months later I was quite bitten with the sport and was almost capable of cantering. Not that I had any option. The string went out in single file, three or four of us, Charlie always leading, me on the quietest beast at the rear. When Charlie trotted, we all trotted. When Charlie cantered, we all cantered; and woe betide anyone who didn't keep two or three lengths clear of the horse ahead.

Charlie never called horses by their proper names, those were only for vets and prospective buyers. It was the chestnut, or the grey, or for one that never got sold "the old bugger".

My usual mount, which came from Ireland, was, of course, called Paddy.

On this occasion he wanted to go out to the high downland up on the Plain with two of his greyhounds. There were four of us and we spread out over the grass and sure enough put up a hare. The greyhounds raced away, coursed it and eventually killed it. We all pulled up after an exciting gallop on beautiful turf. I must admit to clinging to Paddy's mane and I was quite pleased when we stopped.

Never one to miss a good meal, Charlie dismounted, produced some binder twine out of his pocket and pondered how to take the hare home. "Sam, you've got the quietest horse, we'll tie it to the pommel of your saddle, jump off." I held my horse's head and Charlie slipped the twine round the hare's neck and tied it to the front of my saddle. Hare's have awfully long legs and they hung down nearly to the horse's knees. Charlie bunked me up into the saddle again and released Paddy's head with words "You'll be alright". Whether Paddy could see this strange creature out of the corner of his eye or whether with his first step it bumped against his legs, the reaction was instantaneous. An enormous buck from a standstill and I bounced out of the saddle, and thumped on the grass. Charlie and the other two were doubled up with laughter.

"Come on we'll try again."

Twice more I was bucked off again both my riding skills and my backside badly battered. "That's it, I've had enough, leave the bloody thing there." I shouted.

Not on your life. Charlie's next idea was to tie the damned animal like a bandolier across my back. I carefully got on and with the horses getting restless, "We'll canter to the next wood." He shouted.

Three strides and the string broke, the hare thumped down onto Paddy's backside. I survived the extra leap he made and I shouted "I'm not stopping". The others nearly fell off laughing again.

Footnote: That evening Charlie went back in his pickup to retrieve the hare!

Stable Management / Grades

Sue McGrath has organised some stable management tuition covering the Grade I,II,II test syllabus.

These evenings will be open to all comers, whether you want to do a grade exam or not. Just come to whichever evenings are of interest - just one or all four. Cost £2 per evening.

The topics covered are:

Wednesday 9th April	7.30pm	Grooming, Health, well being, Fitness etc.
Wednesday 16th April	7.30pm	Tack fitting, Clothing, Equipment etc.
Wednesday 23rd April	7.30pm	Feeding, Bedding, Stable Construction / Layout etc.
Wednesday 30th April	7.30pm	Veterinary Topics - First Aid, when to call vet etc.
		This talk will be given by vet, Rebecca Hamilton-Fletcher

The first evening will be held at Sarah March's house in Wildhern (see top sheet for address). Please ring Sarah if you need directions.

Ring Sue McGrath for details of the venue for the other evenings.

Hunting

This is your last chance to take advantage of the club subscription to the RA Hunt. Hunting continues into April. The Hunt meets at 12pm from now onwards. Ring Sam Hart on 01980 843378 for details of meets, parking etc. Don't forget your Membership card, your £15 cap & £1 for the horse box watcher, & have fun.

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

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. Rosettes are awarded to the ten highest placed in the points table.

Diana Burgess	23	Rebecca Hamilton Fletcher	8	Lindsay Hills	5
Caroline Primrose	15	Liz Potter	8	Carole Perren	4
John Stoker	13	Tricia Badham	8	Caroline Clinkard	3
Carol Wright	13	Juliet Lee	8	Liz Davies	2
Peter Sheppard	9	Roy Southey	7	Jo Sore	2
Lindsay Kemble	9	Peter Pell	5	Madeleine Southey	1
		Louise Worthington	5	Danielle Ysart	1

Caballine Trophy Points Update

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. Rosettes are also given to the ten highest placed helpers.

Clare Heald	10	Hazel North	4
Sue Stevens	9	Eve Watkins	4
June Bush	9	Nicky Winham	4
Sue Fentiman	4	Jill Vallis	3
Louise King	4	Sue McGrath	2

Club News

It is with great sadness that I relay the news of former club member Mandy Vigg who died on 7th February. Mandy was a club member for many years and latterly did a spell as a committee member.

When Mandy first joined BVRC she was a fairly inexperienced rider and competitor. Over the years she worked hard to improve and this lead to representing the club in Team Dressage with her first horse Spider. In more recent years she bought a young horse Patrick Thistle, developing their dressage talents. This culminated in being placed 7th in the National Riding Clubs Dressage to Music final at Stoneleigh and gaining many points in affiliated dressage. Mandy's interests and talents were many & varied & she will be sadly missed by those who knew & loved her.

The club made a contribution to Mandy's Trust, a fund set up to buy equipment for deaf & dumb people who Mandy taught.

LKH.

ADVERTS

Wanted

Someone to exercise my 16.2hh Irish Draft Cross gelding, once / twice a week. Must be able to ride mid-week, occasionally weekend riding may be possible. Delbert is well schooled, fit, 100 percent traffic, a safe, but fun ride for an experienced / competent rider. Small contribution to keep required.

Tel: Carol 01794 340958 (horse stabled West Tytherley).

FOR SALE

15.2hh Bay Gelding, Reg HIS, Freezemarked, has been shown, Jumped, Hunted & PC with teenager, good to catch, load, shoe & traffic, lives out, last ridden Sept 1995, not big or "poser" enough for owner. £1,500.

14.1hh Bay Mare, New Forest X, has been hunted, PC events, Gymkhana, Sponsored Rides etc., good to load, shoe & traffic, lives out, very sweet nature, outgrown and last ridden Oct 1995. £1000.

11.2HH Chestnut Gelding, Reg Sec A, Regularly competed and always in the rosettes last summer, 2ft Show Jumping, Prelim Dressage, Combined Training, Showing, Gymkhana, good to catch, box, clip, electric groom & with the farrier etc. Lives in or out. £1000.

WANTED Quiet Hunter for rather Large gentleman.

Tel: 01980 610764 (Hodson).

Bentleigh Farm House is holding a series of courses, (flatwork and jumping) & competitions during the summer. Dressage or Jumping with Shena Kozuba-Kozubska

22/23 March, 19/20 April, 21/22 June, 30/31 August, 1/2 November.

Driving with Mo Francis

24/25 May.

Childrens Course with Annabel Slater

27/28/29 May. Course for Children aged 8-14 years.

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.

Competitions:

Dressage

30th March

Dressage & Combined Training

4th May, 15th June.

Dressage & Open Show

27th July

Championship Show

24th August

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

TRAILER wanted for 16.3hh horse(s). Good condition, Rice or Ifor Williams or equivalent.

Tel: Ellie Wells 01264 332504 (answerphone).

Weekend Stabling available at Shipton Bellinger for club members wishing to ride out on Salisbury Plain.

Contact: Sam Hart 01980 843378.

Registered Balance Saddle Consultant

For information on the Balance Saddling System or Individual/Group Consultations

Contact: Brigitta Bergsten 01249 771001 or mobile 0468 15620.

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Name Tel No

DIARY DATES

MARCH

- 16.03.97** **BVRC Show Jumping at Hoplands Equestrian Centre, Kings Somborne, Nr Stockbridge.**
Organiser: Sue Fentiman 01264 350236
- 18.03.97** **BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 23.03.97** **BVRC UK Chasers Ride at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch at 10am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 28.03.97** **BVRC Hot Cross Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain at 2pm.**
Organiser: Lindsay Hills 01264 772388
- 30.03.97 Amport Horse Show
Sae: Mrs M. Hale, Amport Riding Centre, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Nr Andover, Hants SP11 8BE.
- 30.03.97 Bentleigh Farm House Dressage Competition.
Sae: Annabel Slater, Bentleigh Farm House, Pitton, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 1EG. Tel: 01980 862263

APRIL

- 06.04.97 North Hants Horse Show at Newbury Showground.
Sae: Mrs Susie Little, The Tower House, Micheldever Station, Winchester, Hants SO21 3AL.
- 09.04.97** **BVRC Stable Management at Wildhern, Nr Andover 7.30pm**
Organiser: Sue McGrath 01264 392054
- 13.04.97 National Novice Indoor Show Jumping Championships at Stoneleigh.
- 13.04.97** **BVRC General Instruction with Claire Mason at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton, Nr Weyhill.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 15.04.97** **BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
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- 16.04.97** **BVRC Stable Management at 7.30pm** (Ring Sue for venue details).
Organiser: Sue McGrath 01264 392054
- 22.04.97** **BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 23.04.97** **BVRC Stable Management at 7.30pm** (Ring Sue for venue details).
Organiser: Sue McGrath 01264 392054
- 26.04.07** **BVRC General Instruction with Claire Mason at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton, Nr Weyhill.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 27.04.97 Amport Horse Show
Sae: Mrs M. Hale, Amport Riding Centre, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Nr Andover, Hants SP11 8BE.
- 30.04.97** **BVRC Stable Management, Veterinary talk with Rebecca Hamilton Fletcher at 7.30pm**
Organiser: Sue McGrath 01264 392054 (Ring Sue for venue details).

MAY

- 03.05.97** **BVRC UK Chasers Ride at Kirby House, Inkpen at 2pm (details in the next Newsletter).**
- 04.05.97 Bentleigh Farm House Dressage & Combined Training Competition.
Sae: Annabel Slater, Bentleigh Farm House, Pitton, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 1EG. Tel: 01980 862263

DIARY DATES(continued)

MAY(continued)

- 06.05.97 **BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 11.05.97 Larkhill Horse Show at Durrington Sports Ground.
Sae: Liz Hills, Tristenagh House, Devizes Road, Potterne, Nr Devizes, Wilts SN10 5LW.
- 13.05.97 **BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 18.05.97 **BVRC Dressage Show at West Woodhay (schedules in the next newsletter).**
Organiser: Mary Menzies 01488 668279

JUNE

- 08.06.97 **BVRC One Day Event at Knighton Down, Larkhill.**
Organiser: Lindsay Hills 01264 772388
- 15.06.97 Area 17 Horse Trials Novice & Open Team Qualifier at Brockwood Park, Nr Winchester.
Organisers: Hampshire Rural Riding Club
- 22.06.99 **BVRC Combined Training Show at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton, Nr Weyhill.**
Organiser: Maggie Miller 01264 781633

JULY

- 13.07.97 Area 17 Show Jumping Open & Novice Team Qualifier at High Hurlands, Petersfield.
Organisers Wey Valley Riding Club.
- 20.07.97 **BVRC Show Jumping Show at Hoplands Equestrian Centre, Kings Somborne, Nr Stockbidge.**
Organiser: Sue Fentiman 01264 350236

AUGUST

- 03.08.97 Area 17 Dressage & Riding Test Area Qualifier at Forest Lodge, Nr Shaftesbury.
Organisers: Stour Valley Riding Club

OCTOBER

- 26.10.97 **BVRC Hunter Trial at Knighton Down, Larkhill.**
Organiser: Lindsay Hills 01264 772388