

# Bourne Valley Riding Club

*(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)*

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## NEWSLETTER

**May 1995**

Sorry Chaps! The Cruella de Ville competition is off. Shame isn't it. But the magic barrier of 101 members has been breached. Perhaps we should save this little jaunt till the end of the year and then try to run the competition anyway. I still think that there might be a couple of instructors out there who could be vying for the trophy.

Talking about trophies. I understand that we have been awarded a trophy that people would kill for. The gallant sponsor is Doorsteps (our event caterers, run by Albert & Dee Saunders). With a bit of fertile imagination, we have named the trophy the Doorsteps Trophy. Apparently, (as I have not yet seen it myself,) it is beautiful. The trophy will be awarded to the best Bourne Valley Member in the Open Classes of the One Day Event. Moonlight forays up to Larkhill are definitely forbidden. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be shared. Squabbling on the day as to who takes it first will probably occur. However, I am taking enough equipment to set up a make shift boxing ring just in case.

### **Combined Training at Larkhill, 14th May 1995**

This event seems to grow in popularity each year. All credit is due to Julie Newman who has organised the competition, along with the rest of her family, for the last three years. I think an enormous pat on the back is in order. I am sure Julie would like to thank everybody who helped on the day.

Yet again, at Larkhill, just like the dressage, there were lots of Bourne Valley Riding Club members competing. This was great to see and I suppose in some ways reflects the increasing popularity of the sport. I understand that Dressage is one of the fastest growing sports in the UK. (Don't know quite where that little snippet came from, but it seemed to stick in the head.) Apart from the fact that it is definitely less dangerous than trying to force your horses legs off the ground in one go (yes, you've got it, I mean show jumping and cross country), it also seems to be attracting many more younger people than previously. Anyway, to the results:-

### **Class 1 Riding Test No. 3**

1st	Caroline Hicks	Calerux Boneddwr	84	Best BV
2nd	Millie Brotherwood	Oliver	79	
3rd	Lucy Mason	Rascal	77	
4th	Abigall Overton	Cumloden	72	
5th	Lucy Mason	Eclipse	65	

### **Class 2A Preliminary 6**

1st	Gail Perren	Blackthorne	148	Best BV
2nd	Jackie Evans	Just Wilbur	148	
3rd	Zandra Forder	Hopeful Heart	141	
4th	Lucy Wallis	Lucky Secret	137	
5th	Caroline Hicks	Caleraux Boneddwr	136	
6th	Alison Townsles	Pearl Barlee	132	

**Class 2B Combined Training (Prelim 6 and 2'9" Show Jumping)**

1st	Zandra Forder	Hopeful Heart	141	Best BV & Florin Cup
2nd	Lucy Wallis	Lucky Secret	137	
3rd	Gemma Chillcott	Acorn Bridge	123	
4th	Helen Huskisson	Jammu	123	
5th	Janie Jenkins	Beavers Brook	120	
6th	Carole Perren	Some Chance	119	

**Class 3 2'6" Show Jumping**

1st	Lucy Mason	Rascal		Best BV
2nd	Carole Perren	Some Chance		
3rd	Julia Mason	Eclipse		

**Class 4A Novice 21**

1st	Caroline Hicks	Calerux Boneddwr	126	Best BV
2nd	Gail Perren	Blackthorne	122	
3rd	Sarah Elliot	Mia Fortune	122	
4th=	Sofia Woyka	Ginger	119	
4th=	Annabel Slater	Charleville	119	
4th=	Elizabeth Peerless	Lancaster	119	

**Class 4B Combined Training (Nov 21 and 3'0" Show Jumping)**

1st	Gail Perren	Blackthorne	122	Best BV
2nd	Sarah Elliot	Mia Fortune	122	
3rd=	Sofia Woyka	Ginger	119	
3rd=	Annabel Slater	Charleville	119	
3rd=	Elizabeth Peerless	Lancaster	119	
6th	Becky Herbert	Just Moonlight	118	

**Class 5 Novice 30**

1st	Elizabeth Peerless	Lancaster	184	Best BV
2nd	Annabel Slater	Charleville	181	
3rd	Allison Mitchell	La Fayette	166	
4th	Sofia Woyka	Ginger	161	
5th	Julie Baker	Fare Jasmine	142	
6th	Zandra Forder	Vegas Lad	137	

**Class 6 3'3" Show Jumping**

1st	Sam Adams	Silver Dollar		Best BV
2nd	Capt Juliet Prentice	Barrystown Flight		
3rd	Elizabeth Peerless	Lancaster		

**Class 7 Riding Club Horse**

1st	Deidre Hodson	Ruschien Major		Best BV & Bluebell Cup
2nd	Sally Colley	Mr Chips		
3rd	Julie Baker	Fare Jasmine		
4th	Janie Jenkins	Beavers Brook		
5th	Maggie Miller	BB Dominique		
6th	Madeleine Southey	Morello		



## One Day Event

It will not be long (June 4th actually) before we stage the One Day Event, including the Area 17 Novice & Open Horse Trials qualifying competition. We have found out that provisional team entries this year are large, which means that we are going to have to cater for a lot of people on the day and which probably also means that individual entries may be limited. So, if you wish to enter this event as an individual, please do not leave it till the last moment, as you might not be able to get in.

Possibly more important, if you are not going to compete on the day, perhaps you would be able to spare a couple of hours to help. We have been very lucky so far in getting names forward for people who are willing to help in the dressage section of the competition and I will be calling these people over the next couple of days to confirm their roles, but we do need more fence judges for the cross country. Ideally, there will be two people at each jump, so if you have never done this before and would like to help, please call Lindsay Hills on 01264 772388 and she will make sure that you are teamed with somebody who knows the ropes and will be able to explain what to do. Even if you can only do a couple of hours during the day, provided that Lindsay is aware of this at the beginning, she can make sure that somebody else is ready to take over from you. The cross country will not start until about 10.30 am and will go on all day until about 5.30 pm. If you can afford to come for the day then great, if not, then a couple of hours is definitely better than none.

We are fielding two Novice teams, one Novice Individual and an Open Team, so if you are at the event, look out for them and give them a cheer. We certainly wish them all good luck on the day.

The teams are as follows:

### Novice Teams

Rebecca Hamilton Fletcher	Touchwood	Gill Trickett	Pembrena Matty
Gail Perren	Blackthorne	Lucy Mason	Rascal
Roseanne Fitzgerald	Damson Diplomat	Dee Hodson	Ruschien Major
Zandra Forder	Hopefull Heart	Carol Dunford	Chalice

### Individuals

Jo Cleaver	Rawlsbury
Julie Baker	Fare Jasmine

### Open Team

Clare Heald	Truman's Flight
Gemma Chilcott	Acorn Bridge
Dianne Symes	Colliston Majuba
Marty Johnson	Seashell

## Instruction

Don't forget that Lindsay has organised a series of instruction sessions for all Riding Club members, but with particular emphasis on the tests and disciplines to be covered by the teams over the next couple of months.

The first is on 31st May, 1995, which covers Instructed Clear Round Jumping and Dressage with a verbal critique afterwards. This is to be held at Richard Hales Amport Riding Centre and the session will start at 6.00 pm. Although you can arrive at any time after this, it would be helpful if you could arrive sooner rather than later if you wish to do the lower show jumping. Any members may come to the evening, but it would be an ideal opportunity for anyone who has been selected for the ODE teams to come and have a practise and meet each other. To this end, the dressage will cover Preliminary 10 and Novice Horse Trials A & C. The cost of the evening will be £5.00 per horse. This covers any of the disciplines or tests.

We have Diana Fitzsimmons to help with the jumping, and Barbara Marshall, a List 4 dressage judge to make sure that our circles are round.

The second session is on Saturday 17th June at Hoplands. This will be show jumping on the sand arena (particularly helpful if this awful hard ground is still with us) and will start with some grid work and then an opportunity to jump a course of jumps. Cost is £12 per session of 1 hour 30 mins in groups of 4-6 riders.

The third session is a practise dressage afternoon on Saturday 1st July. Tests to be used are Prelim 6, Novice 21, 30, Elementary 41, Medium 65 and Dressage to Music. Any other tests may be ridden by arrangement. Each test will be judged and this will be followed by a verbal critique - then participants can have another go. This will be at a cost of £5.00 per horse. Spectators are welcome too. Elizabeth Peerless has agreed to help with the more advanced tests. Another judge, yet to be asked, will also be available to help.



The instruction sessions currently on offer are:-

#### Clear Round Jumping/Dressage Evening

Wednesday 31st May 6 pm onwards £5 per horse

#### Show Jumping Instruction

Saturday 17th June 2-5 pm (2 sessions) Shena Kozuba Kozubska £12 (4-6 Sharing)

#### Dressage Practise

Saturday 1st July 2 pm onwards £5 per horse

If you are interested in attending any of the sessions, please complete the attached reply slip and send with your remittance to Lindsay Hills. For the Show Jumping instruction please ring Lindsay Hills on 01264 772388 two or three evenings before the session to find the starting time for your group.

#### Novice Hunter Trial Championships (by Roseanne Fitzgerald)

My experience at Peterborough at the Horse & Hound Festival of The Hunter Novice Hunter Trial Championships was a lesson I thought I had learnt years ago in my teens!

The trip up was uneventful and long - it took five hours (although that did include a stop for lunch) and after putting "Mattie" to bed at his B & B we went off to ours to get an early night before the finals.

In disappointment the Landlady by not being able to eat the humungous breakfast she'd cooked, we set off full of hope and anticipation for the coming 12 hours.

Our first class was the Open Working Hunter at 3'3" where "Mattie" flew the jumps, tanked off with me and bucked with the Judge. Somewhat understandably we weren't considered for a placing, but I was very confident for the main event - the cross country in the afternoon.

After walking the course I grew even more confident, in fact, bordering on positively cocky - it was approximately 2'9" and looked easy! We'd had a good warm-up in the morning, had been having lessons over 3'9", "Mattie" was eventing fit and in great form and I was going to show everybody how it should be done!

Finally, after a long delay caused by them running approximately 600 horses through the course - there were 105 in the Senior Novice Class alone - we were called to the Start and counted down. Off we set, cool calm and collected and didn't see the first fence, a simple pole between two cattle hay ricks. We fell over it and flopped towards the second; this was a solid sleeper wall alongside a hedge. There was a large decorative fir tree one side and the fence judge's car the other making the jump well winged and we STOPPED! On to the third. This was a 'pretend' hedge with a small stream 4 or 5 strides after it and we stopped again! I was now starting to get angry, so flew through the timed section (windy and fiddly with gates to be opened and shut, steps, ditches, etc.) after which was a series of jumps a bit like the Loch Ness Monster, one large mound approximately 12' high with a log, no more than 18" - 2' high on the top, followed by three smaller mounds with logs on top. I had decided to canter up the bank, trot and plop over the log rather than risk taking off into the blue. Silly mistake! "Mattie" stopped again. I made him walk over the log and thought he'd learnt for the next three smaller ones. Not so - he slammed on his brakes, this time tipping me out over his shoulder. I was now seriously cross and determined not to fall, slithered back up his neck, gave him a really good hiding, shortened my reins and at last attacked the next 15 or so jumps. We sailed round, over hanging logs, down drops and through water. The winning time was 32.04 and ours was 40.96 - if only I hadn't been over confident and had attacked the first fence in the beginning. I did everything I tell my 12 year old daughter not to do and at my age I should have known better.

Anyway, it was a fun weekend that I thoroughly enjoyed and if ever I'm lucky enough to do it again I'll certainly remember that equestrianism is the sport that NEVER lets anyone get too big for their boots!

### **David Packman Memorial Trophy (by Sam Hart)**

David Packman was a founder member of the Club which had its first meeting at a pub in Vernham Dean nearly thirty years ago.

Dave had 20 acres of wood and grassland at Locks Drove, Upton and this was the venue of many of our early activities. Here we ran gymkhanas for grown ups, hunter trials over the many fences he had built, stable management in the stables and riotous barbecues in one of his barns. He was very proud when our team competed at Hickstead in a Riding Club Show Jumping competition, especially as the blue saddle cloth with a white logo BV showed up so brilliantly on black and white television.

Many anecdotes have been told about him and he set the tone of the club by his sense of fun. This was epitomised when he arranged for the mourners to sing 'Nellie Dee' at his funeral.

This trophy is to be awarded to the best BVRC member competing in the Novice One Day Event competition.

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### **WANTED TO LOAN OR BUY**

16 hh TB cross type, straight, sound in wind and limb. Four years upwards, with spirit but not a lunatic. Preferably no vices.

A good club horse or above, possibly done a bit depending on age. Must be capable of carrying 12st. Colour and sex not a problem. Experienced home awaits.

Please call:- Veronica Morris BHSII on 01980 653049

### **SADDLERY REPAIRS**

Undertaken by qualified saddlers KP and VW Morris. Please ring 01980 653049

### **LIVERY VACANCIES**

Eunice Tarling has Livery Vacancies either DIY or any level of help if required. Plenty of facilities including all weather floodlit schooling area. From £50 pcm. Based Smannell/Enham edge of Andover.

Please ring 01264 357621 or 0850 768977

## Diary Dates

### May

- 29.05.95 Amport Horse Show  
SAE to Mrs M Hale, Amport Riding Centre, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Nr Andover Hants.
- 31.05.95 Clear Round Jumping/Dressage evening at Amport Riding School.  
Return reply slip to Lindsay Hills.

### June

- 02.06.95 Show Jumping instruction with Yvonne Topps organised by Hoplands Equestrian Centre.  
Sessions of 1 hour 15 minutes with groups of 4-6 riders throughout the day.  
Cost £13.50 discounted to £12.50 for BVRC members.  
Contact John or Celia Stanwyck 01794 388838.
- 04.06.95 One Day Event including Novice & Open Area Qualifiers at Larkhill  
Organiser: Lindsay Hills (01264) 772388
- 17.06.95 Show Jumping Instruction - Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Hoplands, Kings Somborne.  
Return reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 25.05.95 Area Show Jumping Qualifier at Twesledown  
Organiser: Hampshire Rural Riding Club
- 25.06.95 Amport Horse Show  
SAE to Mrs M Hale, Amport Riding Centre, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Nr Andover, Hants.

### July

- 01.07.95 Practise Dressage at Hoplands, Kings Somborne.  
Return reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 09.07.95 Area Dressage Qualifier at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.  
Organiser: Danebury Riding Club
- 15/16.07.95 Penton BHS Horse Trials
- 23.07.95 Show Jumping at Hoplands, Kings Somborne.  
Organiser: Sue Fentiman (01264) 350236

### August

- 26.08.95 RA Pony Club Open & Novice Horse Trials at Wonston Manor Farm.  
Includes an adult Novice adult class (approx 2'9"-3'0").  
SAE to Mrs J R Price, Highfield House, Collingbourne Ducis, Marlborough, Wilts SN3 3DZ
- 28.08.95 Amport Horse Show  
SAE to Mrs M Hale, Amport Riding Centre, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Nr Andover, Hants.

### September

- 17.09.95 Amport Horse Show  
SAE to Mrs M Hale, Amport Riding Centre, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Nr Andover, Hants.

### October/November

- To be confirmed Hunter Trial at Larkhill  
Organiser: Lindsay Hills 01264 772388



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I would like to attend the Clear Round Jumping/Dressage evening at Amport Riding Centre on Wednesday 31st May and  
enclose a cheque for £5 per horse (made payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club)

Name ..... Tel No .....

Address .....

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I would like to attend the Show Jumping instruction with Shena Kozuba Kozubska on Saturday 17th June at Hoplands  
and enclose a cheque for £12 (made payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club)  
Sessions 1 hour 30 mins based on 4-6 sharing

Name ..... Tel No .....

Address .....

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I would like to attend the practise Dressage afternoon on Saturday 1st July at Hoplands and enclose a cheque for £5 per  
horse (made payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club)

I would like to ride tests 6 / 21 / 30 / 41 / 65 / music / other

Name ..... Tel No .....

Address .....

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