# **Bourne Valley Riding Club**

## incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

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# **NEWSLETTER**

# May (or maybe not) 1996

Is it or isn't it? This is the question. It might have been at the beginning, but it certainly wasn't this weekend. Did I get teleported to Siberia for my sins, or am I really still in the grip of the freezing Hampshire countryside? Was it really a rain deluge tipping from the sky at 1.30 am on a Sunday morning, whilst I sat here trying to finish my course assignments ready for Monday morning, (sympathy please, not smug smiling for all those who were fast asleep) or have we just experienced a weekend similar to a bad October? Have you noticed how the British are always fixed by the weather? Well you know why, don't you. It's always changing. I mean, you can hardly imagine sitting in the middle of Africa and popping out in the morning to say, isn't it warm today. It's always warm!

#### **Membership Cards**

Enclosed with this newsletter is your Affiliated Riding Club's Membership Card. This card provides evidence of Insurance, as club members have third party insurance whilst attending club events.

### Hot Cross Bum Ride on Salisbury Plain on Good Friday 5th April

Whilst trying to wade my way through this newsletter, my other half, who is very distinctly non-horsey, happened to be peering over my shoulder as I started this section and apart from not understanding why anyone would want to ride round on a Hot Cross Bun, noticed that a small typing error on my part had turned this event into a Hot Cross Bum Ride. Since then, everybody that we have met has been asked if they attended, amid much merriment on his behalf. Well all I can say is Ha, Ha, Ha. Maureen and Sue yet again organised this popular dash across Salisbury Plain which ended up being split into two groups, the hares and the tortoises. The hares managed to touch each corner of the plain before arriving for their buns, whilst the tortoises just cut straight across the middle. Amazingly, they all turned up at the same place at the same time. Bit like that bacon ad really, when you smell a hot cross bun cooking, you just get there as fast as you can!

## Skittles evening at The Silver Plough at Pitton

For all those who missed it, tough luck! It was very good. I have not played skittles much before - I didn't realise the vast array of ground patterns available with the little bodies which stood up at the end. Yes, bodies, you did read right. It wasn't so much aiming at the skittles but at the bodies trying to make them stand upright. Improved my aim a bit anyway. As one can imagine, the ladies thrashed!!!! the men. Nobody, as far as I am aware managed the full list of wines. Myself, I seem to remember four or so. Much hilarity marked the evening and the food was very good. So good, I actually got caught out getting seconds before some people had managed to get their firsts. Oink, Oink, piggies come in all different shapes and sizes. Rumour has it that there may be a barbecue organised for the summer in the same area. Hope you'll all be able to make it.

### Dressage Competition at West Woodhay on 12th May, 1996

Well done everybody for turning out on the day. We had loads of Bourne Valley members and the classes were well filled. We still have a problem getting people to do the elementary and the dressage to music, but I'm sure that as the level of riding keeps improving these classes will become more and more filled.

#### Results:-

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	2nd	Penny Hall	Kingswood Clinton	=2nd	Mary Menzies	Happy Wanderer	
	3rd	Carol Alford	Beejay II	=2nd	Nicky Winham	Harpo	
	4th	Lyn Calkin	Mitner	=2nd	Carol Alford	Beejay II	
	5th	Lyn Calkin	Suit Yourself	5th	Tamara Weal	Cash	
	6th	Lucy Mason	Rascal	6th	Julie Webster	Kingdom	

Prelim 18				Novice 24				
1st	Tamara Weal	Cash	1st	Annabel Slater	Charleville Best BV			
2nd	Julie Webster	Kingdom	2nd	Jo King	Fistful of Dollars			
3rd	Claire Heald	Grange Sage Lass Best B	V3rd	Zandra Forder	Vegas Lad			
4th	Jo King	Fistful of Dollars	=4th	Pat Sarsfield Hall	Diablo			
5th	Jo Jeffrey	Fly	=4th	Caroline Primrose	Just Nelly			
6th	Liz Potter	Folkin Philomel	6th	Nicky Epps	Longstock Royal Crusade			
Novice	32		Elemen	ntary 44				
1st	Annabel Slater	Charleville Best BV	1st	Claire Farrington	Prowess			
2nd	Jo King	Fistful of Dollars	2nd	Julie Baker	Fare Jasmine Best BV			
3rd	Carol Wright	Delbert	3rd	Sarah Oldham	Happy Hooligan			
4th	Pat Sarsfield Ha	ıll Diablo	4th	Sarah Oldham	Senator			
5th	Nikky Epps	Longstock Royal Crusade	5th	Charlotte Fulton	Mikado			
6th	Caroline Primro	se Just Nelly						

#### **Dressage to Music**

1st	Claire Farrington	Prowess
2nd	Sarah Oldham	Happy Hooligan

Annabel Slater & Charleville were awarded the Highland Fling Cup for the Best BV performance in the Novice 24.

#### **Teams**

Last chance time people! The magic day draws ever nearer for the closing date of the teams. This is probably the last newsletter before the names have to go into the hat. If you would like to be considered for any of the teams, Show Jumping, Dressage or Horse Trials, please get in contact with Di as soon as possible on 01980 652272. The idea is to send two novice teams and one open team to both the Show Jumping and the Horse Trials which are on the 22nd and the 30th June. The idea of this is definitely to try to create a team spirit and have a good time. Good results are a bonus, not a pre-requisite for going. So, if you want to have a try, then give Di Symes a ring and speak to her.

As we are unable to run our own One Day Event this year, our perpetual trophies, the David Packman Cup and the magnificent Doorsteps Catering bronze trophy, will be awarded for the best BV performances at the Area Horse Trials competition. This is an added incentive to put your names down for the teams.

For all those people who have already spoken to Di, please, please, please check your flu/vac certificates. You are not allowed to take your horse if he has had his flu/vac injection within seven days of the competition. If there is any chance of all that you might go on to a team, then please just check the date the injection is due.

#### Practise Dressage and Show Jumping at Amport Riding School, 29th May 1996

Don't forget this practise evening. If we have any closet team members, then now is the time for them to come out. If not, then just come and have a go at a Show Jumping round or a Dressage test. The idea of this evening is to do a Dressage test or a Show Jumping round (or both even) under the eagle eye of Diana Fitzsimmons (Show Jumping) and Jacquie Crane (Dressage), so that they can pick up on any problems or give tips on how to make things better. Perhaps you have a youngster you want to try, or perhaps you have never ridden a dressage test before and you want to have a go. It worked well last year, but does take some time to go through. The evening will start at 6pm and you need to speak to Lindsay about when you should arrive to do your bit. Its a very good practice for anyone who is going to do the team Show Jumping event on 22nd June, 1996 and would make an ideal place for team members to meet so that they get to know who they will be going to the event with.

#### Combined Training Event on the 2nd June, 1996 at Bluebell Farm, Penton plus tack marking session

This popular event is returning to Bluebell Farm this year. Get your entries in **NOW** to avoid disappointment. If you are not riding and if you have any spare time, even if it is only a hour or two please give Maggie Miller a ring to see if there is anything that you might be able to help with. Up to now the response has been reasonably good, but it is an ideal way to meet members of the club and, if you haven't already, get your name on the Caballine trophy list. If you can help then call Maggie on 01264 781633. Who knows, you might even get a chance to try the scrummy chocolate cake which our wonderful caterers, Doorsteps just keep on providing time and time again.

#### **Tack Marking**

Secondly, we have organised a tack marking session at this event. The people will be there from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm, so if your tack currently has no permanent mark, this would be a good time to bring it along to be done. Bearing in mind the recent spate of burglaries, culminating in Lucinda's tack being whipped, this seems to be an appropriate session. If you need directions to Sue Bennett, check the combined training schedule, or if you can't find that give Lindsay a ring on 01264 772388.

#### Catherston Stud Visit on 5th June, 1996 at 7pm

We have arranged a visit to Catherston Stud on the 5th June, to start at 7.00 pm. It means we can have a look round the stallions, mares and little weenie foals. The cost for the evening will be £3.50 for members and £4.50 for non-members (pay on the night). Friends and family (including accompanied children) welcome.

Please ring Brenda Harman (01264 772853) to let her know that you intend to come along.

#### Instruction

More instruction dates have been organised with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's yard in Appleshaw.

Tuesday June 4th	10.30 am	Cost £9	(one session only)
Tuesday June 18th	10.30 am	Cost £9	(one session only)
Tuesday June 25th	10.30 am	Cost £9	(one session only)
Tuesday July 9th	10.30 am	Cost £9	(one session only)
Tuesday July 16th	10.30 am	Cost £9	(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.

Show Jumping & Cross Country Instruction have been organised at Hoplands Equestrian Centre, and 2 General Instruction sessions at Bluebell Farm.

Saturday June 8th Saturday June 15th		Cost £12 Cost £15	(two sessions) (two sessions) (2 hours duration)	Show Jumping Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons Cross Country Instruction with Claire Mason
Sunday July 7th	11am	Cost £10		General Instruction with Claire Mason
Sunday July 14th	11am	Cost £10		General Instruction with Claire Mason

If you wish to attend, please send the attached reply slip to Lindsay Hills at least 3 days before the instruction date, & for those with 2 sessions please ring Lindsay (01264 772388) 1 or 2 evenings beforehand to find out the start time of the group you are in.

#### UK Chasers evening ride at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch on Wednesday 19th June, 1996 from 6pm onwards.

This is a never to be repeated offer at £8 per head, and for this occasion only it is not necessary to be a member of UK Chasers. Come and ride this lovely course with its vast variety of fences covering 6 miles, or if you are brave, use the schooling paddock as final preparation for the Open Horse trials team competition. Arrive any time after 6pm. The venue is off the A34, 2 miles north of A303 at Bullington Cross. Friends & family (16 years & over) welcome (£2 extra). Please send a reply slip to Lindsay if you wish to attend.

#### BVRC Summer Show at Newbury Showground on Sunday 23rd June, 1996 (schedule enclosed)

This is a new venue and event for the Bourne Valley and has been brought about by our incorporation this year of the Woodhay District Riding Club. Whilst on the edge of our area, the Newbury show ground is easily accessible from Newbury or the M4 and we hope it will attract at least as many of our members as we saw at the Dressage show. The schedule includes jumping, showing and dressage so, yes you may well have guessed, we are on the tout for helpers again. These shows need setting up, pulling down and running in the middle, so any time that you can spare is definitely a help. The person to contact is Sheila Forder on 01488 668664, who will be co-ordinating the show and could perhaps help with transport to Newbury if that is a problem, by putting you in touch with other people who are going.

#### Barbeque at Bentleigh Farm House, on Saturday 6th July, 1996 at 6.30pm

Annabel Slater has very kindly agreed to run a barbeque for club members. This in another opportunity to mingle with other club members and their family and friends away from the four legged beasties. Do come along, let your hair down and have some fun - if the skittles evening is any measure, there was plenty of hair let down on that occasion. Good food is available at £5 per head, but please bring drinks along (any variety).

Please send reply slip to Annabel (01980 862263) NO LATER THAN 1ST JULY if you want food.

Directions: Leave A30 Middle Wallop/Salisbury road opposite The Pheasant pub, signed Pitton. Bentleigh Farm House is on the left hand side, before you reach Pitton village.

## BVRC Show Jumping Competition at Hoplands Equestrian Centre, on 21st July, 1996 (schedule enclosed)

Lindsay is really on the ball this month, and we have already produced the schedule for our summer show jumping event in July. Hoplands is proving to be a very popular venue for these events as they have good outdoor surfaces to warm up and jump on, getting over the problem of hard ground which seems to have plagued us for the last couple of years. We are just as happy for people to just come and do clear round jumping as we are to see people compete, but if it is your first time, every effort will be made to make sure you enjoy the experience. Just let Sue Fentiman, the organiser know, and she'll make sure that you are looked after.

### Practise Dressage afternoon on Saturday 27th July, 1196 at Bentleigh Farm House, Pitton, Nr Salisbury.

This may be the last opportunity to put the polish on your dressage test ready for the Area Competition, or maybe its a chance to ride a test before your debut into the competition arena. Either way, why not come and ride a test under the eagle, but sympathetic eye of a Dressage judge, get a verbal critique, & then ride parts of the test again. Tests 6, 21, 30, 44 or others by arrangement. Please send a reply slip to Lindsay Hills.

#### **Update on Be Fair Cup Points**

Here is a round up of the latest situation of competition & helpers points for the year so far:

Zandra Forder	45	Jenny Jones	10	Gemma Chilcott	4
Clare Heald	38	Chantel Hutton	9	Diana Fitzsimmons	4
Julie Baker	24	Deborah Lucas	9	Rebecca Hamilton-Fletcher	4
Lucy Mason	22	Mary Menzies	9	Jo Jeffreys	4
Jo Cleaver	18	Peter Pell	9	Linda Kerrison	4
Jo King	18	Serena Potter	9	Jane Bartlem	3
Annabel Slater	18	Julia Verity	9	Mary Brown	3
Gail Perren	16	Roy Southey	9	Helen Huskisson	3
Julie Wookey	15	Judy Ince	8	Juliette Prentice	3
Anne Ashpitel	15	Nicky Winham	8	Jane Skinner	3
Liz Potter	14	Caroline Primrose	8	Diane Symes	3
Caroline Hicks	13	Penny Hall	6	Sue McGrath	2
Lindsay Hills	13	Julia Mason	6	Maggie Miller	2
Jill Richardson	13	Gill Trickett	6	Peter Derbyshire	1
Carole Perren	12	Charlotte Fulton	6	Madeleine Southey	1
Carol Wright	11	Jackie Bench	4	J Lee	1

#### **Update on Caballine Trophy Points**

Caroline Stevens	26	Clare Heald	7	Mary Perren	4
Diane Symes	18	Jill Vallis	7	Annabel Slater	4
June Bush	15	Jenny Verity	7	Maureen Burford	3
Millie Brotherwood	12	Yvonne West	7	Gail Perren	3
Karen Nimmo Scott	11	Rebecca Hamilton-Fletcher	6	Maggie Miller	3
Sue Stevens	11	Sue Kerrison	6	Brigit Williams	3
Sam Hart	10	Sue McGrath	6	Shelagh Forder	2
Monica Tomkins	10	Julie Newman	5	Jane Moss	2
Josie Saiers	7	Madeleine Southey	5	Deborah Lucas	2
Elizabeth Shipway	7	Angela Wilson	5	Alison Mitchell	2
Linda Rawlings	7	Samantha Adams	4	Sofia Woyka	2

### Adverts

15.3 hh Bay Gelding, ex intermediate eventer, 17 years young!, now looking for fun home. Good to clip, box, shoe, traffic, hunt etc. etc. Excellent home required for this super horse. Enquiries to Di Symes on 01980 652272

Freelance Instructor - Training in basic flatwork to improve your horse's obedience and suppleness for any discipline. Friendly and sympathetic approach. Please phone Jacquie Crane on 01264 735294.

Clear Round Show Jumping every Wednesday evening at Hoplands Equestrian Centre throughout the summer. Ring Jon or Celia Stanwyck 01794 388838 before 11am on the day you wish to jump, & you will be given a time slot (this is to save waiting 2 hours before jumping).

#### Fun Ride on Saturday 13th July.

New UK Chasers course at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch. £10 Entry (Proceeds to RDA).

Sae: Susie Sorbie, Firgo Farm House, Whitchurch, Hants, RG28 7RE.

## **Diary Dates**

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27.05.96	Amport Horse Show.
	Sae: Mrs M Hale, Amport Riding Stables, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Hants SP11 8ER. Tel: 01264 781352
29.05.96	BVRC Practise Dressage & Show Jumping Evening at Amport Riding School.
	Reply slip to Lindsay Hills
June	
02.06.96	BVRC Combined Training Competition at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.
	Organiser: Maggie Miller 01264 781633.
04.06.96	BVRC General Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's yard, Appleshaw.
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05.06.96	BVRC visit to Catherston Stud at 7pm.
00.07.07	Contact: Brenda Harman 01264 772853.
08.06.96	BVRC Show Jumping Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Hoplands Equestrian Centre.
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09.06.96	SAE: Annabel Slater, Bentleigh Farm House, Pitton, Nr Salisbury, Wilts.
15.06.96	BVRC Cross Country Instruction with Claire Mason at Hoplands Equestrian Centre, King's Somborne.
13.00.70	Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
18.06.96	BVRC General Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's yard, Appleshaw.
10.00.50	Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
19.06.96	BVRC UK Chasers Ride / Schooling at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch from 6pm.
	Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
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. (schedule enclosed)
	Organiser: Sheila Forder 01488 668664.
25.06.96	BVRC General Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's yard, Appleshaw.
	Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
30.06.96	Area 17 Novice & Open Horse Trials Qualifier at Rockbourne, Nr Salisbury.
20.06.06	Organiser: Shillingstone RC.
30.06.96	Amport Horse Show. Sae: Mrs M Hale, as above.
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July 06.07.96	BVRC Barbeque at Bentleigh Farm House, Pitton, Nr Salisbury.
00.07.30	Send reply slip to Annabel Slater.
07.07.96	BVRC General Instruction with Claire Mason at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton, Nr Weyhill.
07.07.50	Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
07.07.96	Open One Day Event at Tweseldown Race Course, Church Crookham
07.07.50	Contact:- Secretary Mrs Penny Gulliver 01734 733194
09.07.96	BVRC General Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's yard, Appleshaw.
	Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
13.07.96	Fun Ride at UK Chasers Course, Firgo Farm, Whitchurch.
	Sae: Susie Sorbie, Firgo Farm House, Whitchurch, Hants, RG28 7RE.
14.07.96	BVRC General Instruction with Claire Mason at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton, Nr Weyhill.
	Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
16.07.96	BVRC General Instruction with Diana Fitzsimmons at Lucinda Green's yard, Appleshaw.
	Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
21.07.96	BVRC Show Jumping Competition at Hoplands Equestrian Centre, King's Somborne, Nr Stockbridge.
	Organiser: Sue Fentiman 01264 350236. (schedule enclosed)
27.07.96	Practise Dressage at Bentleigh Farm House, Pitton, Nr Salisbury.
	Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
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August 04.08.96	Area 17 Riding Test & Dressage Qualifier at Forest Lodge Equestrian Centre, Motcombe, Nr Shaftesbury.
UT.00.70	Organiser: Stour Valley RC.
26.08.96	Amport Horse Show. Sae: Mrs M Hale, as above.
20.00.70	Amport 110150 Show, Sac. 19115 191 11aic, as above.
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22.09.96	BVRC Novice Show.
22.09.96	Amport Horse Show. Sae: Mrs M Hale, as above.
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## October/November

BVRC Hunter Trials. Organiser: Lindsay Hills 01264 772388.

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REPLY SLIP to be returned to Mrs L Hills, The Ridings, Dauntsey Lane, Weyhill, Andover, Hants SP11 8EB. I would like to attend the practice Dressage afternoon on Saturday 27th July. I would like to do Dressage tests 6, 21, 30, 44 (please indicate which) and enclose a cheque for £5 (made payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club).
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