

# Bourne Valley Riding Club

incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

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## NEWSLETTER

MAY 97

*H is for happy, your newsletters here  
E is for elucidate, the message is clear  
L is for longing, (please give us a call)  
P is for panic, will you come at all?  
E is for event, we need your support  
R is for right now, please spare us a thought  
S is for success, but we need you to shout*

and the whole is **HELPERS** who we can't do without.

Its a quickie ..... no come on get a grip, a little newsletter I meant. **We need helpers!!!!** Dressage event, One Day Event, Combined Training. We're doing them all. We need a intzy wintzy bit of help, just to push it along a bit. You know, like forty fence judges, twelve dressage writers, six stewards, and just a few show jump movers, dressage & show jumping ring putter uppers. Now then, how many people did I say we had in the club now. I know you're out there. You can't just impersonate gophers, **we Need You.**

Right then, what does it mean, well, fence judges get fed and watered and watch people jump over fences. If you haven't done it before, you get put with someone who has. If you can't do all day, then we only need you for just a morning or just an afternoon. Maureen Burford and Sue Kerrison have sent out loads of letters asking people to help with this, so if you feel you can, please send them back asap so we know how many jumps we can use for the course. Now, dressage writers, you guys get to learn what the judge is looking for when you ride a test. Its quite nifty to find out just whereabouts on a dressage arena the judge can't see what your doing. If you haven't done it before, then no matter, there is a first time for everything, and, I can from personal experience say, that it is a lot less nerve wracking than riding the test. Now stewards, they get to meet everybody. Again, your only needed for a few hours at a time, say three or four max, and you make sure that people have arrived, that their numbers on the right way up, and then just point them in the right direction to start. Good one to tire out the kids and the dogs. For the PA's of the relationships, we have the heavy work, hammering in fence posts, moving jump poles, racing round on quad bikes (who said that?), come on chaps, spare us a couple of hours on one of the competition days or the day before for setting up, either the 8<sup>th</sup> June ring Lindsay Hills 01264 772388 or Monica Tomkins 01264 366407 or 22<sup>nd</sup> June ring Maggie Miller 01264 781633.

### **Practise Dressage and Show Jumping at Amport Riding School, 28<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm.**

Don't forget about these. This time they're being placed ready for the Larkhill one day event and the combined training. The general idea is to have a practise under the eagle eye of a dressage judge or show jumping instructor, then discuss any problems and have another go. Its proved exceptionally popular over the past couple of years, and despite being placed in front of two of our major events, is actually a brilliant place to bring a youngster for a first time out, to have a go at a dressage test or show jumping round for the first time (or both) or just to try a new horse. Dressage tests will cover Prelim 10, Horse Trials Tests B and D and Novice 27, or any other by arrangement. Show Jumping will be based on the height that your comfortable with. If you feel unsure then just give Lindsay a bell, but if you fancy a go then fill in the reply slip and send it to Lindsay asap. The cost is £4.00 for the dressage or show jumping or £7.00 for both.

### **Cross Country Schooling session at Hoplands EC, Kings Somborne, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1997**

A Cross Country schooling session at Hoplands EC with Charlie Micklem on the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1997. It's an ideal opportunity to have a little practise before the real thing on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. The instruction is aimed at all levels of horse & rider so do come and have a go .Please let Lindsay have the reply slip in good time. There will be two sessions, one at 2.00 pm, the other at 3.30 pm in groups of 4-6 people. Cost is £15.00 per session (1hour 30mins). Please ring Lindsay (01264 772388) a couple of evenings beforehand to find out which group you at in.



### **FREE Area 17 Training Day at Hoplands Equestrian Centre on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1997**

The annual training grant, issued to each Area within the Riding Club Movement, is this year being utilised by having Donald Kerr, BHSII to take 90 minutes grid work sessions at Hoplands. The sessions cater for any level from complete novice to experienced and is completely free to Riding club members. Its unusual to get one of these sessions quite so close, so if you have the opportunity, it certainly would be worth the effort to go. Any members wishing to take part should write to the Area Chairman, Nick Fincham, Wisteria, Everetts Lane, Shillingstone, Blandford, Dorset DT11 0SJ, letting him know who you are and at what standard you and your horse are jumping.

### **One Day Event at Larkhill on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1997**

Okay, where are you all? No strong men have yet come forward. Please lend your muscles for a couple of hours on the day prior to the competition on the 8<sup>th</sup> June and 22<sup>nd</sup> June to put in some of these fence posts. Lindsay promises to let you go home after two Hours. Oh, and just in case you've forgotten from the top of the letter **HELPERS** please. If you can spare a couple of hours on the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> June then give Lindsay a call on 01264 772388 or Monica on 01264 366407.

### **Combined Training at Bluebell Farm Penton on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 1997(schedules enclosed)**

This event has proved enormously popular over the past few years. This year we have added extra Show Jumping classes to the previous format. Lots of choice, dressage, combined training, show jumping, clear round jumping. Its a nice venue, easy to get to. So, if you fancy a whiz, get your entries in to Maggie and if not, perhaps a couple of hours. (Yes alright I'm going on a bit, but you might have forgotten by now). Helpers please!. Give Maggie a call on 01264 781633.

### **Stable Management**

These sessions have proved quite popular, with people coming as and when, and from what I've heard, quite a party atmosphere pervading the proceedings. Sue McGrath has arranged a few more sessions:

Wednesday 11th June 7.30pm - Practical Bandaging, Tack/Rug/boots fitting etc.

Wednesday 18th June 7.30pm - Lungeing etc.

Wednesday 25th June 7.30pm - The Foot, Shoeing etc. by farrier Chris Linssner (venue to be confirmed).

Cost £2 per evening.

The sessions for 11th & 18th June will be Nicky Winham's yard, Manor Farm, Longstock.

Directions: From Andover/Stockbridge road, As you approach Mayfly pub & bridges, turn right immediately after first humped back bridge, signed Longstock (Start indicating right as you approach the bridge). Follow road to Longstock. At triangle of Grass, turn right & yard (farm yard) is immediately on left.

From Andover/Salisbury road: Turn off this road towards Red Rice. After about 1 mile at cross roads, go straight across. Road winds up hill & down towards Longstock village. Yard is on right at the bottom of the hill.

Please ring Sue McGrath if you need more information or you have any suggestions for future evenings (01264 392054).

### **Area 17 Team Qualifying Competitions**

To change the theme from helpers to participants, we haven't yet had much response to the cry for team members. I know its a difficult area, with people feeling they might not be good enough and other people thinking we are bound to have enough people, but in the real horsey world so many things go wrong before the day of a show that we always need reserves and stand in's etc., so please, if you fancy having a go at Novice or Open Horse Trials, at Brockwood Park, Novice or Open Show Jumping at Liphook, or Dressage at Shaftesbury, then speak to Di Symes. If it's transport that's a problem give her a ring anyway and we can try and sort something out. The Horse Trials is on June 15<sup>th</sup>, so please hurry and call on 01980 652272. Team selection for the Horse Trials is being done at the moment. Show Jumping selections will be done in the middle of June, and Dressage selections in early July.

If you are keen and haven't heard anything from Di please ring her.

Please send copies of Flu Vacc certificate (one for each discipline) to Di if you think there is any likelihood of you being in any team. These certificates need to be checked by us and also submitted with team entries to Area Organisers. Di Symes, 544 Netheravon Road, Durrington, Amesbury, Wilts SP4 8AU.

### **Barn Dance**

We are trying to organise a Barn Dance at the end of June beginning of July. The date hasn't yet been confirmed because trying to get venue, food, band and drink all together is proving to be similar to a 3D jigsaw. However, watch this space!!!!

### **ADVERTS**

**Wanted** - Cob size Double Bridle or Rugby Pelham to Loan/Lease or Buy.

Please contact Janie Jenkins on:- 01264 790144.

**BVRC Sweatshirts & Polo shirts** are available at all club function, or directly from Lindsay (01264 772388).

Cost Sweatshirts £12 Sizes medium, large or extra large

Polo shirts £11.50 Sizes small, medium, large or extra large.

## DIARY DATES

### MAY

- 18.05.97** **BVRC Dressage Show at West Woodhay.**  
Organiser: Mary Bell (Menzies) 01488 668279.
- 25.05.97 Amport Horse Show  
Sae: Mrs M Hale, Amport Riding Centre, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Hants SP11 8BE
- 28.05.97** **BVRC Dressage & Show Jumping Practise evening at Amport Riding Stables, 6pm.**  
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 31.05.97** **BVRC Cross Country Schooling with Charlie Micklem at Hoplands EC, King's Somborne 2pm.**  
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### JUNE

- 01.06.97 Area 17 Training Day at Hoplands EC, King's Somborne.  
Applications to Nick Fincham, Wisteria, Everetts Lane, Shillingstone, Blandford, Dorset DT11 0SJ.
- 01.06.97 Soley Farm Unaffiliated Dressage Prelim & Novice  
Sae: John Conifey, Soley Equestrian, The Stables, East Soley Old Farmhouse, Stag Hill, Chilton Foliat, Hungerford, Berkshire. RG17 0TX
- 01.06.97 Salisbury Plain Challenge - 25km & 50km Leisure Ride at Larkhill (in aid of MacMillan Trust).  
Sae: Sheenagh Carter, Cricketers Cottage, Tangley, Andover, SP11 0SH.
- 04.06.97** **BVRC Dressage & Show Jumping Practise evening at Amport Riding Stables, 6pm.**  
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 08.06.97** **BVRC One Day Event at Knighton Down, Larkhill.**  
Organiser: Lindsay Hills 01264 772388
- 11.06.97** **BVRC Stable Management - Practical bandaging, tack fitting etc. at Manor Farm Longstock at 7.30pm**  
Organiser: Sue McGrath 01264 392054
- 11.06.97 Soley Farm Unaffiliated Dressage Prelim & Novice  
Sae: John Conifey, Soley Equestrian, The Stables, East Soley Old Farmhouse, Stag Hill, Chilton Foliat, Hungerford, Berkshire. RG17 0TX
- 15.06.97 Area 17 Horse Trials Novice & Open Team Qualifier at Brockwood Park, Nr Winchester.  
Organisers: Hampshire Rural Riding Club
- 15.06.97 Bentleigh Farm House Dressage & Combined Training Competition.  
Sae: Annabel Slater, Bentleigh Farm House, Pitton, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 1EG. Tel: 01980 862263
- 18.06.97** **BVRC Stable Management - Lungeing etc. Manor Farm, Longstock at 7.30pm**  
Organiser: Sue McGrath 01264 392054
- 22.06.97** **BVRC Combined Training Show at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton, Nr Weyhill .**  
Organiser: Maggie Miller 01264 781633. (Schedule enclosed)
- 25.06.97** **BVRC Stable Management - Feet, Shoeing etc. by Chris Linssner. 7.30pm**  
Organiser: Sue McGrath 01264 392054
- 29.06.97 Amport Horse Show  
Sae: Mrs M Hale, Amport Riding Centre, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Hants SP11 8BE
- 29.06.97 Soley Farm Unaffiliated Dressage Prelim, Novice & Elementary  
Sae: John Conifey, Soley Equestrian, The Stables, East Soley Old Farmhouse, Stag Hill, Chilton Foliat, Hungerford, Berkshire. RG17 0TX



## DIARY DATES (continued)

### JULY

- 06.07.97 Winchester RC Summer Show at Wonston, Nr Winchester.  
Contact: Vanessa Hammond 01703 907249.
- 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
- 27.07.97 Bentleigh Farm House Dressage & Open Show.  
Sae: Annabel Slater, Bentleigh Farm House, Pitton, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 1EG. Tel: 01980 862263

### AUGUST

- 03.08.97 Area 17 Dressage & Riding Test Area Qualifier at Forest Lodge, Nr Shaftesbury.  
Organisers: Stour Valley Riding Club
- 24.08.97 Bentleigh Farm House Championship Show.  
Sae: Annabel Slater, Bentleigh Farm House, Pitton, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 1EG. Tel: 01980 862263
- 24.08.97 Amport Horse Show  
Sae: Mrs M Hale, Amport Riding Centre, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Hants SP11 8BE

### SEPTEMBER

- 14.09.97 Amport Horse Show  
Sae: Mrs M Hale, Amport Riding Centre, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Hants SP11 8BE

### OCTOBER

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

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 evening at Amport Riding School on Wednesday 4th June. I would like to do  
Dressage tests 10, HT B, HT D, 27 (please indicate which) / show jumping.  
Cost £4 dressage or show jumping, £7 for both and enclose a cheque (made payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club).

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

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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 Cross Country schooling with Charlie Micklem on Saturday 31st May at Hoplands EC,  
and enclose a cheque for £15 (made payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club). Sessions 1 hour 30 mins based on 4-6 sharing.

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

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