

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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September and October have been quiet months again. Superstars, which attracted much interest for the previous two years, failed to raise much this year causing cancellation. Instruction too is suffering from lack of support so three of those sessions were cancelled. Maybe there is just too much else on at the moment.

The club was active on other fronts though, with the show jumping team competing in the National Championships at Malvern. Mandy Vigg and Patrick Thistle took part in the Dressage to Music Championships, and two teams were entered in an area Hunter Trial Qualifier.

In November and December we have organised a hack, a UK Chasers ride, more Instruction and some uninstructed evening sessions.

Dont forget our AGM on 29th November!

RIDING CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIPS at MALVERN on 10th September

Competitors from all corners of the British Isles converged upon the Three Counties Showground, Malvern to contest the National Championship team and individual competitions in Dressage, Riding test, Show Jumping and Equitation Jumping.

Our team to contest the Show Jumping Final consisted of

Sue McGrath on Brandy Sour
Caroline Stevens on Relza
Rachel Frazer on Colliston Demetri
Richard Hale on Pinkadoo

The trip to Malvern meant a very early start again this year. The Show Jumping competition was scheduled to start at 9am, so we needed to be there in good time to walk the course.

Some very bleary eyed people and horses set off at 4.30am to embark on the days adventures at Malvern. Good weather conditions and little traffic made the two and a half hour journey fairly painless. Our spirits lifted as we approached our destination with the sight of the Malvern hills framing the showground. Unfortunately, this feeling was short lived, as, on arrival we discovered that Caroline had fallen foul of the ridiculously stringent Flu vaccination certificate checks, and would not be allowed to compete. Caroline is to be commended, that she did not allow her desperate disappointment to affect the rest of the team. As in all the team competitions, the team consists of four members, with the best three scores to count. So, with a team of three, we were still in contention for the team competition, but everyone had to be on their mettle and there was no room for any "off" days. Knowing this, the competition started, with us having no expectations, but plenty of hope.

The course looked good, not huge, but testing, with a double, and a two stride and one stride treble, fairly big spreads and a dreaded water tray. Twenty one teams and about twenty individuals were set to take part.

Sue was our trail blazer. Due to a succession of kicks, Brandy Sour had not jumped in competition since the area in June, and apart from a small misunderstanding between horse & rider at one fence (the water tray), jumped a super round with just 3 and a quarter penalties. Rachel and Richard, both experienced show jumpers, jumped beautiful clear rounds. At the end of the first round, three teams had zero scores, we were lying in fourth place with three more teams hot on our heels with 4 penalties, so there was everything to play for in the second round.

The course was changed, raised and widened, and the treble altered to two one strides, and the water tray moved.

Sue again jumped a very good round, just unluckily rolling one pole, and rather scrambling through the treble with two strides rather than the recommended one. Rachel jumped a second immaculate clear round, with Demetri illustrating that he had been watching the helicopters on Salisbury Plain, and after also putting in two strides in the

treble, jumped the middle section using the vertical takeoff method.

With faults plentiful in this second round, and clears a rarity, we were strongly placed with Richard still to jump.

It was not to be our day, as Pinkadoo took exception to the water tray. Richard had to call on all his experience to persuade the horse to jump this, and complete the course. Nevertheless our team finished in a very creditable tenth place. The winning team from Rochdale finished with a team total of ten penalties, with both Wilmslow and Taunton finishing closely behind them on 12 penalties. But, we were not to come away empty handed.

Rachel was one of only five double clear rounds from the original 100 starters. She was denied the opportunity to jump off for individual honours due to some perverse ruling which meant that no jump off would be held if there were less than six double clears. The resultant lottery was decided by the time taken to jump the second round. On this basis Rachel and Demetri were awarded third place.

All in all we had a lovely day, the show jumping was excellently organised, unlike our experiences of the dressage last year, which also seemed to be a major improvement from last years debacle.

We came away with two salutary lessons, the first to double treble check our vaccination certificates, and the second was for the club to invest in a water tray!

COLLISON DEMETRI

Demetri is home bred, the Frazer family owning both his sire and his dam. His sire successfully took part in many endurance rides with Rachel's mother.

Rachel & Demetri have been competing together for the past eight years. In the Royal Artillery Pony Club, they were regular members of the Area Show Jumping and Horse Trials teams, and this year qualified for the Pony Club Horse Trials Championships at Weston Park.

They now compete at BHS Intermediate level coming 2nd at Dauntsey Park this year.

Even with this exulted record, Demetri is very much a family horse, and is still expected to undertake mundane tasks such as accompanying small children on hacks.

DRESSAGE TO MUSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS at STONELEIGH on 2nd October

This year was our first ever qualification to the Dressage to Music Championships at the indoor school, Stoneleigh.

Mandy Vigg and Patrick Thistle (known as 'P' below) were carrying the BV flag.

Here is Mandy's diary of events:

Sat Oct 1

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| 2.30pm | Time to leave.....but have I packed everything ?????? |
| 5.00pm | Arrive at N.A.C. Just in time to persuade 'P' that all resident dragons had left the indoor school for the weekend !! |
| 8.00pm | Left for hotel, bath, food & bed. |

Sun Oct 2

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| 4.00am | Can't sleep.....husband can.....wonder if 'P' has. |
| 6.30am | Remembered to wish husband a happy 13th Wedding Anniversary before dragging him from sleep to help with preparations. |
| 8.15am | 'P' hasn't eaten last nights hay. Very unusual. Won't eat breakfast, even more unusual. Must be excited. |
| 9.00am | Took 'P' for nibble of grass (or did he take me?). Monica & Pete arrived to help. |
| 10.00am | Lindsay and parents arrived to support. Better get changed, tacked up and looking serious. |
| 10.30am | 'P' unusually lively. Time to knuckle down to some hard work. |
| 11.27am | Best Hoof forward.....we're in! |
| 11.32am | Phew, all over, I can breathe again. |
| 3.00pm | A few tense hours over. We have just slipped out of the placings. |
| 8.00pm | Arrived home. Its dark and wet. Very tired but feeling so proud of 'P'. Sure i'll sleep well tonight. |

This was a delightfull competition to watch, with a wide variety of music used and tests ridden. The time and effort spent in selecting suitable music and fitting appropriate movements to it, getting transitions accurate and timing precise was evident.

Thirty seven competitors from all over Britain took part. What some lacked in dressage ability was compensated for by choice and suitability of music. The top ten riders combined excellent dressage with fitting music. The winner, an ex polo pony, gave an outstanding performance to be clear of the rest of the field. The marks for the other placings were closely grouped. Mandy held on to a place in the top six until around 3pm, finally finishing in eighth place. Although just out of the top six, she did receive a commemorative rosette and should be justifiably proud of her own and Patrick's performance.

AREA HUNTER TRIALS

Whilst Mandy was at Stoneleigh, other clubs members were at Corhampton representing Bourne Valley at a Hunter Trial competition. This was a qualifying competition for the Riding Clubs 'Festival of the Hunter' to be held at Peterborough in April next year. This is a relatively new competition, and 1995 will be the first year that a team competition is included. Our Area has not taken part in this competition before. Thinking this was an individual competition, the Meon Riding Club agreed to include the qualifier with their annual Hunter trials.

Subsequently, this developed into a team competition. With very little notice, we attempted to get a novice and an open team together. Two teams of three rather than the desirable four were selected.

These were

Novice team

Roseanne Fitzgerald on Damson Diplomat

Jo Cleaver on Rawlsbury

Diane Symes on Colliston Majuba

and Open team

Sue McGrath on Brandy Sour

Clare Heald on Truman's Flight

Julie Newman on Pepsi

The course, set up, along and down a large steep hill, was found to be very testing for the Novice team. A trakhener and not very inviting water jump proved to be the downfall of two team members. Roseanne finished sixth in her section. As higher places were taken by members of the winning team, Roseanne qualifies for the Championships as an individual.

Julie Newman was not able to compete on the day due to Pepsi's lameness. This was unfortunate as we were the only club to submit a team and could have qualified by default! The two remaining riders had very good rounds with Sue placed sixth individually. Clare had an unlucky stop at an awkward bounce fence which she attempted on Sue's advice!

It was an enjoyable day, and good for us to be able to participate.

INSTRUCTION

Cholderton Equestrian Centre has changed hands again recently. The new occupant, Jane Street, is happy for us to use the facilities. This is very welcome news, as this is a marvellous indoor school, and hopefully we can take advantage of this during the cold wet winter months.

Initially, the indoor school has been booked for uninstructed sessions on four Tuesday evenings. The school will be available from 6.30pm - 8.30pm, so come along any time during these interval and work your horse for as long as you wish.

There are some reasonable requests from Jane regarding out use of the facilities.

Under no circumstances are we to enter her yard.

No litter is to be left.

Please clear up any droppings and straw/shavings from boxing/unboxing, & certainly no mucking out of trailers onto her premises.

I am sure that we would all follow these rules without being told, but it is best to make sure that everybody knows.

Uninstructed evening sessions:

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| Tuesday 8th November | 6.30-8.30pm | £3 per horse |
| Tuesday 22nd November | 6.30-8.30pm | £3 per horse |
| Tuesday 6th December | 6.30-8.30pm | £3 per horse |
| Tuesday 13th December | 6.30-8.30pm | £3 per horse |

Please let Lindsay know if you would like to attend (0264) 772388

Payment on the day.

Two instruction sessions have also been booked, one in November with Shena Kozuba Kozubska and one in December with Dianna Fitzsimmons.

Instructed Sessions:

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| Saturday 19th November | 2-5pm (2 sessions) | Shena Kozuba Kozubska | £12 | (4-6 Sharing) |
| Sunday 11th December | 2-5pm (2 sessions) | Dianna Fitzsimmons | £9 | (4-6 Sharing) |

The first session will be held at Cholderton Equestrian Centre.

The second venue to be confirmed, either Cholderton or Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton. (please ring for confirmation)

Please complete attached reply slip and return to Lindsay Hills with remittance.

Please ring Lindsay 0264 772388, 2 or 3 evenings beforehand, to find out the time for your instruction.

If the evening sessions prove to be successful, it might be possible to extend them, or provide some with instruction. Please let us know what you would like.

AREA 17 TRAINING DAY

Our Area is holding a second training day this year. On Sunday 6th November 1994 at Wellow Manor Stud, East Wellow, Nr Romsey, Hants.

Cost is £5 for the day.

The day will cover the syllabus of the Phase 2 exam. It will be taken by Master Judge, Mrs Heather Ashley and other instructors (depending on numbers).

Candidates may be examined for Phase 2 on the day if they wish.

Further details of the program for the day are available, so ring Lindsay Hills if you want more information.

Please contact Lindsay Hills (0264) 772388 as soon as possible, if you wish to attend.

PLEASURE RIDE

Come and meet other club members and ride in a different part of the country.

The ride will be of about 12 to 14 miles around Wherwell and along part of the Test Way.

Weather permitting, it may be possible to stop at a pub, or stop for a picnic, so do bring some beer money & some sandwiches.

Meet at Oakcuts, Middle Wallop (**NOT** Clatford) 10am.

This is off A343, just NE of Middle Wallop Air Base, where the Grateley road and Moxton road meet.

Names to Lindsay Hills (0264) 772388

Directions or queries from Lindsay, Maureen Burford (0264) 781499 or Sue Kerrison (0264) 350236

No charge to members

Non members welcome as members quests £2

UK CHASERS RIDE at INKPEN

This is a good UK Chasers Course over beautiful countryside from Inkpen around Coombe Gibbett and the village of Coombe. Jumps from 2' to 3', but all are optional. Approx 6+ miles with 30 jumps. Riders will be dispatched in small groups, so come along and join other members or form your own groups.

Meet at Kirby House Farm, Inkpen 10am.

Directions: Turn left just north of Hurstbourne Tarrant opposite Saab garage, signed Netherton & Linkenholt, follow for 3 miles to Coombe. Continue over hill, after 1 mile from foot of hill take 2nd right at cross roads, signed Upper Inkpen & Kintbury. Follow for 1 mile and turn right opposite Inkpen village pond. Kirby House Farm is 100 yards on left.

The cost is based on 10 or more people wishing to do this ride.

Cost: BV members and UK chasers members £8

BV members non UK chasers members £10 (extra £2 gives UK Chasers membership for a year)

non BV members (as guests) add £2 to above costs.

Please complete attached reply slip and return to Lindsay Hills with remittance.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM this year will be held on Tuesday 29th November 7.30 - 8pm at the Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill. Come and meet other members for a chat and as early Christmas celebration sample some mulled wine and mince pies. There will be discussion of club business, election of club officials, and the presentation of Be Fair and Caballine trophies and rosettes.

The following people are due to stand down this year, but all are willing to stand for re-election:

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| Chairman: | Lindsay Hills |
| Treasurer: | Brenda Harman |
| Committee Members: | Julie Newman |
| | Mandy Vigg |

Although at last years AGM it was decided to extend the numbers on the committee, Millie Brotherwood and Terri Griffiths were unable to take their places on the committee.

Nominations for Chairman, Treasurer or Committee places are welcome from the members.

Please send any nominations with proposer and seconder to Lindsay Kemble (address above) by Monday 28th November.

The Woodhay District Riding Club which cover the area to our north, but south of Newbury, are in a situation where they may have to close down. They have approached our club with a view to merging with us. They currently have around 100 members, although 30 or so are juniors. We have already explained that expanding our club to include juniors was not an option, but with this proviso they may still wish to join forces. This will be on the agenda for discussion at the AGM. So please come along and express your views.

Although, at this stage there are still many ifs, buts and maybes, if this does go ahead it may be necessary to amend our constitution to expand our committee to include 2 or 3 Woodhay members.

(Copies of our constitution are available from Lindsay Kemble)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due on 1st November 1994. You will be pleased to hear that there is no increase from last years fees.

Members £15 Non members £12

Please fill in the attached renewal forms so that we can keep are records up to date

(particularly phone numbers which constantly seem to be changing). Do fill in the section to let us know if you might be interested in any of the team competitions next year, and details of events you would like us to organise. Suggestions are always welcome!

Help wanted to exercise horses weekdays and/or weekends. Honest and safe but NOT novice rides!

Help towards shoeing appreciated.

If interested Tel: Melanie Prince 0264 335445 (Goodworth Clatford)

Cholderton Equestrian Centre is available to hire for schooling. Indoor or Outdoor school.

Cost £5 per hour per horse.

To book: Ring Janet / Simon (0980) 629615 - lunchtime, after 7pm, or leave a message on the answerphone.

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

- 6.11.94 Area 17 Phase 2 Training Day at Wellow Manor Stud, East Wellow, Romsey, 9.30am
Names: Lindsay Hills (0264) 772388 Cost £5.
- 8.11.94 Uninstructed evening schooling at Cholderton.
Ring Lindsay Hills (0264) 772388.
- 13.11.94 Pleasure Ride from OAKCUTS, MIDDLE WALLOP, 10am
Organiser: Maureen Burford (0264) 781499 or Sue Kerrison (0264) 350236
- 19.11.94 Instruction with Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Cholderton.
Return reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 22.11.94 Uninstructed evening schooling at Cholderton.
Ring Lindsay Hills (0264) 772388.
- 27.11.94 UK Chasers Ride at INKPEN, 10am.
Return reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 29.11.94 Annual General Meeting at Red Lion, Clanville, 7.30pm
Details Lindsay Hills (0264) 772388 or Lindsay Kemble (0980) 42200

DECEMBER

- 6.12.94 Uninstructed evening schooling at Cholderton.
Ring Lindsay Hills (0264) 772388.
- 11.12.94 General Instruction with Dianna Fitzsimmons at Cholderton.
Return reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 13.12.94 Uninstructed evening schooling at Cholderton.
Ring Lindsay Hills (0264) 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 UK Chasers Ride on Sunday 27th November
and enclose a cheque for(made payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club)

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Sessions 1 hour 30 mins based on 4-6 sharing.

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I would like to attend the instruction with Dianna Fitzsimmons on Sunday 11th December
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