

Bourne Valley Riding Club

incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)



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NEWSLETTER

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Newsletters are like busses – you don't see one for ages and then two come along one behind the other. This newsletter gives information about all club activities up until Christmas.

The end of October not only marks the end of the club year but also marks the end of the two year integration period with the Woodhay District Riding Club. During this time Woodhay members have taken part in many club activities including representing BVRC in inter club competitions. We hope that they now feel part of the club as a whole and will continue to support us in the future.

UK Chasers Ride at Kirby Farm, Inkpen on Sunday 9th November, 1997 meet at 10am.

We have arranged a return visit to the UK Chasers Course at Inkpen on the 9th November at 10am. Being UK Chasers, there are lots of jumps of varying heights, none of which you have to jump if you don't want to. It does however, give you a chance to go round a course, set in beautiful countryside, either on your own, or preferably in a group of at least two. If you want to have a go but you don't have anyone to ride with then just give Lindsay Hills a ring on 01264 772388 and she will try to arrange to fit people together. The ride is open to members and non-members (over 16 years of age). If you are already a member of the UK chasers group then could you please put your UK chasers number on your reply slip. If not, then the cost includes membership of the UK Chasers group for a year enabling you to ride at any UK Chasers course.

UK Chasers Member - £8.00

Non UK Chasers Member - £15.00

Guests £2.00 extra

Directions:- From Andover take the A343 towards Newbury. Immediately north of Hurstbourne Tarrant bear left (opposite the garage/petrol station) signed Netherton and Linkenholt. Take the first right to Facombe. Follow the road through Facombe and on to the junction at the bottom of the downs. Follow the road round to the right, then straight on past Kirby House to a T junction. Turn left and the entrance to the farm for parking is approximately 100 yards on the left.

Riding Hats Reminder

As of the 1st January 1998, the Riding Clubs are introducing new safety standard for riding hats. Currently the minimum standard allowed is BSI 4472 or 6473 but the recommended standard is the superior PAS015.

BSI 4472 and 6473 are being superseded by a new European Standard hat (BS EN 1384) which offers a higher level of protection. This is in addition to PAS015, which provides the greatest protection.

BSI 4472 and 6473 hats will **NOT** be acceptable at Riding Club events after 1st January 1998.

The recently issued RIDER magazine contained a 10% off voucher for Charles Owen hats, or Ros Linssner is offering 5% discount for hats ordered or bought at the AGM (see below).

AGM on Tuesday 11th November, 1997 at the Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill at 7.30-8pm

It's that time again, the end of the club year and the Annual General Meeting. This is an opportunity to review the year's events, see how the money was made and spent, discuss the future, and air any other news or views. So please come along.

We also have to elect some new committee members. Club Secretary, Sarah March and two committee members, Caroline Stevens and Sue Fentiman, will be standing down this year. We also lose Shelagh Forder, Clare Heald and Mary Menzies co-opted onto the committee from the Woodhay ranks. Sarah and Sue are willing to stand again, but if you have any nominations for the vacant posts or you wish to serve on the committee yourself, then you need a nominee and seconder. These nominations should be received by Lindsay Hills before the 10th November, 1997 either by

ringing her on 01264 772388 or dropping her a note at the Ridings, Dauntsey Lane, Weyhill, Andover, Hants SP11 8EB. All sounds very AGMish doesn't it. Well,

Rosettes and cups will be presented for the Be Fair and Caballine points competition, placings for which are still be finalised after our Club Hunter Trial on 26th October.

Ros Linssner from Appleshaw Saddlery will be at the AGM from 7.30pm (before the meeting starts & again after the meeting) with a selection of new standard hats. Ros is a qualified hat fitter and is also prepared to give 5% discount to club members ordering or buying hats at the AGM.

Skittles evening at The Queen's Head, Ludgershall on Friday 21st November, 1997 at 7.30-8pm

We have moved this years pre Christmas get together to the Queen's Head at the High St, Ludgershall. So, drag out your other halves (PA's), see if their bowling arms are intact, and come along for an evenings entertainment. If you can't persuade (armlock) anyone into accompanying you, then don't be shy, come along on your own and join the throng.

Food is available during the evening but must be pre ordered. There is a choice of Basket food of Chicken & chips, Scampi & chips, Veggie burger & chips or Ploughmans Ham, Cheese or Beef., all meals are £4 each. You don't have to eat at all if you don't want to. We need to know beforehand how many people are coming. So I'm afraid its the dreaded reply slip time. I know its really difficult to make up your mind before the actual day, and even more difficult to find an envelope and a stamp, but go on, give it a try.

If you want food, please send reply slip to Caroline Stevens by Saturday 15th November, otherwise just ring to let her know you are intending to come along. Tel: 01264 323729. (Members, friends & accompanied children welcome).

Instruction

More weekend instruction sessions have been arranged with Sorrel Warwick, at Cholderton House EC indoor school, and for the first time we have also organised three evening sessions.

The Tuesday instruction sessions continue with Diana Burgess. These sessions will be 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 to Lower Chute or directions to Cholderton House.

The dates with Diana are as follows:-

Tuesday 4th November	10.30 am	Cost £10
Tuesday 25 th November	10.30 am	Cost £10
Tuesday 2nd December	10.30 am	Cost £10
Tuesday 16th December	10.30 am	Cost £10

The dates with Sorrel are as follows:-

Saturday 1th November	12pm	Cost £10	Thursday 13th November	6.45pm	Cost £10
Saturday 15th November	2pm	Cost £10	Thursday 27th November	6.45pm	Cost £10
Saturday 22nd November	2pm	Cost £10	Thursday 11th December	6.45pm	Cost £10
Saturday 13th December	2pm	Cost £10			

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.

Hunting

Due to the popularity of our Hunting connection with the RA Hunt we have extended it to cover this year.

The hunt meets every Wednesday and Saturday at 11.00 am. All of the details of meets for the hunt are published weekly in the Horse and Hound. Alternatively, you can ring Sam Hart on 01980 843378 and he will be able to provide you with details. Some meets require participants to have Pass cards to give access to certain parts of Salisbury Plain. Applications for these passes are available from the hunt secretary, Nick Hornby (address below) enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. This will take 2 or 3 days to arrange so don't leave it until the last minute. Sam can provide you with any information on protocol etc., and I as mentioned for those people who perhaps would like to try for the first time, or are not confident about their hunting, he will try to sort out a minder or Di Symes is very willing to provide a nanny service. Di can be reached on 01980 652272.

The hunting cap is £15 per day. (I think normally you would pay about £40) You should make yourself known to the treasurer of the hunt on arrival, rather than waiting for them to find you and you will need to produce your BVRC membership card, so do not forget to take it. You will also need £1 for the chap who watches the horse boxes whilst you are out having fun.

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

Pre Christmas Ride on Salisbury Plain, from the Bustard Hotel, Sunday 30th November, 1997 meet at 10am.

This will be a bracing 10-12 mile ride across Salisbury Plain. If there are sufficient numbers the ride will be split into groups according to ability/experience/fitness. Open to members and friends (16 years or over). This is a great chance to sample a different area of the plain from the Hot Cross Bun Ride. Arctic clothing is a necessity.

Meet at 10am at the Bustard Hotel (bound to be a welcome retreat after the ride).

Directions: Travel through Larkhill camp towards Shrewton. At Rolleston crossroads (2-3 miles after Larkhill camp), where Larkhill road meets the B3086, turn right. The Bustard Hotel is approx 1-1.5 miles from the crossroads.

This ride is FREE, but please let Roy Southey know (01980 621068) if you intend to come.

Subscriptions

It's that time of year again, subscriptions are due for renewal on 1st November. These have been pegged at the same level for several years so its good value at £15 Riding Members / £12 Non Riding Members. Please fill and return the enclosed membership form. There are lots of good things happening so do rejoin soon. If you are considering hunting then you will need new pink membership cards by 1st December.

ADVERTS

For Sale

4 yr old Dun 14hh SHP/WHP. Broken at Catherston last year and now hacking out well.

Beautiful movement for Showing or Dressage. Likely to jump well. Potential FEI pony out of Butternutkin, a brilliant performance pony herself, by Cusop Disciplin. Needs calm experienced home.

Also full sister:

Palomino 3yr old. Laid back 15hh extremely equable. Just backed and hacking out. A superb pony or riding club horse. Likely to jump very well.

Both have excellent limbs and feet and are easy to handle. Reg BPS and PBA.

Their half brother by Sanbal has shown great promise BHS eventing and has money BSJA. He was 2nd in the Scottish Prelim Winter Dressage Championships.

Enquiries: Elizabeth Potter Tel: 01425 652246 (Fordingbridge area)

DIARY DATES

November

- 1.11.97 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 12pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 2.11.97 Danebury RC Hunter Trial at UK Chasers, Headbourne Worthy, Nr Winchester
Sae: Claire Murdoch, 136 Shepherds Row, Andover, Hants SP10 2QH.
- 4.11.97 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 9.11.97 BVRC UK Chasers Ride at Kirby Farm, Inkpen, 10am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 11.11.97 BVRC AGM at Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill, 7.30-8pm.**
- 13.11.97 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 15.11.97 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 2pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 21.11.97 BVRC Skittles evening at Queens Head, Ludgersall, 7.30pm.**
Send Reply Slip to Caroline Stevens (01264 323729).
- 22.11.97 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 2pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 25.11.97 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 27.11.97 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 30.11.97 BVRC Pre Christmas Ride on Salisbury Plain, from the Bustard Hotel, Nr Larkhill at 10am.**
Names to Roy Southey 01980 621068

December

- 2.12.97 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 11.12.97 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 13.12.97 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 2pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 16.12.97 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.