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NEWSLETTER

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It is always difficult to plan club activities in advance during June and July because the Area 17 inter club team competitions impinge heavily on these two months. With Area dates set it looked like there was a gap in the calendar for us to organise our normal July Show Jumping Show on July 12th. Unfortunately things conspired against us and this was not to be. As it turned out, it was for the best. July 12th dawned as a typical mid summer Sunday with gale force winds and torrential rain!

We tried again to jack up a Show for September. This time it was to be Dressage and Show Jumping. In the event only the Dressage took place (see below for the report), the Show Jumping was cancelled.

The committee have asked me to explain the reasons behind the cancellation. Show Jumping is very expensive to run mainly due to the level of first aid cover required. The physical effort involved in running competitions using one course of Show Jumps is enormous. The jumps, which are stored on 3 trailers, need to be towed to the venue - sometimes 10 to 12 miles. One or two caravans are needed to house judges and secretaries; they too need to be towed to the venue. On arrival at the Show ground a jumping arena has to be set up. This entails fencing an area of 75x100metres i.e. knocking fence posts at 15m intervals to hold arena ropes. The jumps have to be unloaded from the jump trailers and positioned for the competition. Manpower needed during the classes involve judge & timekeeper, a collecting ring steward, an arena party to put jumps up after they have been demolished and to change courses between classes, and someone to take entries.

At the end of the day, when those who are still left are ~~knackered~~ very tired, the jumps need to be collected up, reloaded back onto the jump trailer, towed away to their storage place and the arena dismantled.

Perhaps this gives some insight into the decision not to run classes which would have had less than ten competitors each. The answer to the question of 'why not run just Clear Round jumping instead?' is that the financial and physical expenditure is the same but the remuneration less than running classes. Our experience has been that very few riders actually turn up on spec to enter show jumping without entering in advance. I do not feel it is reasonable to expect the committee, and whoever they can bully into helping, to put in a lot of effort when competitors are not prepared to commit themselves to the competition in advance. Although we are constantly appealing for help to set up and run shows, with a few very welcome exceptions, volunteers are conspicuous by their absence.

A glance at the Caballine Trophy helpers points table (shown below) where 1 point equates to 1 hour helping out gives some indication of the amount of time put in, bearing in mind also, that none of the other activities such as compiling newsletters, organising teams, getting helpers, running socials, sorting instruction, doing accounts, committee meetings etc etc etc. or time spent by Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer are included.

We now have a very large club with membership soaring at around 200. We want to be able to run lots of Shows and activities for the members. This is a big load for a committee of twelve weak and feeble women. Although I don't wish to get heavy, if everybody just helped for 2 hours a year it would lighten the load considerably. I fully appreciate that everybody has busy lives and many other commitments but please spare a thought for us, out in all weathers setting things up for your enjoyment.

This is the end of today's sermon!

UK Chasers Ride at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch on Sunday 22nd November, 1998 meet at 10am.

We have arranged a visit to the Cross country course at Firgo Farm on the 22nd November at 10am. Being a former UK Chasers course, 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 in a group. If you want to have a go but you don't have anyone to ride with then just give me a ring on 01264 772388 and I will try to arrange to fit people together. The ride is open to members and non-members (over 16 years of age). Cost Members £6 / Non Members £8.

Directions:- Firgo Farm is situated on the A34 about 1 mile North (towards Newbury) of the A34/A303 junction at Bullington Cross. The signs for the farm aren't very big so please drive slowly so that you don't miss the turning.

AGM on Tuesday 24th November, 1998 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, a treasurer and chairman. Club Chairman, Lindsay Hills, and Treasurer, Brenda Harman have to stand down after their two year term, but both are willing to stand again unless other willing volunteers can be found to fill their posts. Committee members, Maggie Miller, Di Symes, Jenny Thorpe and Monica Tomkins will be standing down this year, and with Sue McGrath's departure at the beginning of the year there are plenty of committee vacancies this time. I hope that the mass exodus is no reflection on committee life, although I have my doubts as one member has gone to the Falkland Islands to avoid committee duties. Please do not be put off by this. 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 before the 23rd November, either by ring on 01264 772388 or drop me a note at the Ridings, Dauntsey Lane, Weyhill, Andover, Hants SP11 8EB.

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 25th October.

Skittles evening at The Queen's Head, Ludgershall on Friday 27st November, 1998 at 7.30-8pm

We are returning to Queen's Head at the High St, Ludgershall for our skittles evening. So, drag out your other halves, 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. Sausage & Chips £2.50. 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 Tuesday 24th November, otherwise just ring to let her know you are intending to come along. Tel: 01264 323729. (Members, friends & accompanied children welcome).

Pre Christmas Ride on Salisbury Plain, from the Bustard Hotel, Sunday 6th December, 1998 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) ready to ride by 10.15am.

This ride is FREE to members £2 to non-members, please let Roy Southey know (01980 621068) if you intend to come.

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.

Hunting

A club subscription to the RA Hunt will be taken out again this year. This will enable club members to hunt up to 6 times during the season (from the end October to April) for a reduced cap of £15 per day (this is £40 for non-subscribers). Ring Sam Hart (01980) 843378 / Di Symes (01980) 652272 / Nick Hornby (01380) 848117 for details of meets, times, parking, dress, protocol etc etc.

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. Don't forget to take your membership card + £1 for the box watcher.

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

BVRC National Championship Results

Two club members represented BVRC and Area 17 at this year's National Riding Club Championships, and both achieved excellent results.

Novice Horse Trials Championships at Offchurch Bury, Nr Leamington Spa

Serena Potter and Folkin Philomel travelled to Offchurch Bury, Nr Leamington Spa to contest the Novice Horse Trials Championships after qualifying for the third time in four years.



Serena Potter and Folkin Philomel (Milly) on their way to success.

Report by Elizabeth Potter

We stayed overnight at a B&B which could put the pony up too. He settled nicely as he does and everything went smoothly so that we arrived at 7.30am the following morning. It took ages to go through the flu vacc checks, but Serena was up & on by 8.30am for her dressage at 9.30am. We felt this had only gone fairly well but they got a good mark of 21 penalties which left them in second place.

Milly then produced his trampoline legs and bounced over this year's slightly bigger show jumping course making Lindsay & I wonder if Serena would be jumped off, but they completed a flamboyant clear.

Lindsay had driven up that morning and she was a wonderful support throughout what was now to become a very wet day.

It was clear that time was going to play a very important part in the cross country which was not a very demanding course though there was an interesting water combination and two river crossings. Very few people were round within the time but Milly finished with his ears back as he was going so fast taking all the direct routes. He survived a near fall on the flat as the ground became very slippery with increasingly heavy rain. We waited & waited & waited for the horse that had been lying first to find they had 4 time penalties compared to Milly's 6. So Bourne Valley were second overall with 27 penalty points, the winner on 24 and the third on 29, fourth was 42.

The rain continued to fall. We flattened the battery heating up water with the cigarette lighter for coffee and had to call out the AA to start us up. The prize giving was disappointingly not mounted and took place six and a half hours after we had finished and the sponsors had gone home. We got home by midnight with a lovely blue & cream rosette to commemorate the day.

National Riding Club Championships at Malvern on 13th September.

Lucinda Burtenshaw partnered her mother's Irish bred eight year old Silver Clay to a seven point victory in the National Riding Clubs Medium Dressage Championships at Malvern.

Following in Clare Farrington and Alley Marble's footsteps (or should that be hoofprints) Lucinda and Silver Clay won the class and magnificent trophy.

Lucinda, who works at the family yard at Brocks Farm, Longstock, and has lessons with Jennie Loriston-Clarke, made her first trip to the National Championships.

Lucinda & Silver Clay pictured at Malvern with National Riding Clubs Chairman John Holt



National Championship Results for Area17 club members.

Area 17 representatives had their best ever year at National Championships.

Members of the Chilworth & Meon RC had individual placings in the Novice Horse Trials Championships. The New Forest RC member was placed in the Open Horse Trials Championships.

The Hampshire Rural Riding Club (HRRC) won the Open Show Jumping and Equitation Jumping team titles with an HRRC member becoming individual champion in the Equitation Jumping. The New Forest Pony Enthusiasts(NPFE) were second in the Novice team jumping, with an IOW member attaining an individual placing. An IOW member was arena winner in the Elementary dressage test and HRRC had two arena second places with their team finishing fifth. At a later date a member from the Vectis (IOW) finished second in the National Dressage to music final with the HRRC member in fourth place. The HRRC also made their first appearance in the quadrille competition which they also won and qualify to appear again at the Olympia Christmas show.

Instruction

The weekday instruction sessions continue with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute and weekend and evening sessions with Sorrel Warwick, at Cholderton House EC indoor school.

Diana's 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). Ring Lindsay (01264 772388) if you would like more detailed directions to any of the venues.

The dates with Diana are as follows:-

Tuesday	17 th November	10.30am
Tuesday	1 st December	10.30am
Tuesday	15 th December	10.30am

The dates with Sorrel are as follows:

Sunday	15 th November	3pm
Sunday	13 th December	2pm
Thursday	19 th November	6.45pm
Thursday	3 rd December	6.45pm
Thursday	17 th December	6.45pm

All are General instruction sessions which consist of a some flatwork with some optional gridwork or a small course of jumps at the end. Each session will last 1 hour 30 minutes. Groups of 4-6 people. Cost £10 per session.

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 (separate cheques for each session with date marked on the back of the cheque please).

Dressage Show at Over Wallop on Sunday 13th September.

Thanks to the generous offer from Nelson & Carole Glover we were able to run an unscheduled show at Over Wallop. Such was the size of the field that we had difficulty in choosing where to position the dressage arenas. The decision probably took longer than setting out the arenas. Nelson topped the grass so that the riding area was perfect. Carole set to with her dooper scooper removing cow pats from the arenas so that nobody slipped up during their 20 metre canter circles. Entries for the prelim classes were full, but it would have been nice to see a few more participants in the novice classes. The weekend's weather hadn't been very promising. Torrential rain as we were setting up on Saturday morning substantiated this, but in practise the day itself was bright and dry, well at least until we were leaving at the end of the day when torrential rain returned. A strong cold wind meant the arena stewards froze, but the weather and perfect conditions underfoot was ideal for competitors. All four classes were closely contested. Either differences in judging or performances between arenas meant that honours were shared, very few figuring in the results of two classes, winners in one class found themselves well down in the second.

Results

Prelim 6

1 st	Gail Perren	Oliver	142	Best BV
2 nd	Sarah Moss	Just Lex	134	BV
	Miranda Clem	Hilton	134	
4 th	Jill Richardson	Cash	133	BV
5 th	Jill Vallis	Mr Moonlight	129	BV
6 th	Emma Ryan	Maggie	128	

Prelim 14

1 st	Marcey Hedge	Christata	160	
2 nd	Clare Mobberley	Kaifoon	157	
3 rd	Carole Glover	Dumas II	157	Best BV
4 th	Miranda Clem	Kiss me Kate	153	
5 th	Jenny Brown	Pippins Golden Magic	151	BV
6 th	Carole Perren	Charlie	151	BV

Novice 21

1 st	Lucinda Sims	Our Man	135	
2 nd	Tommie Badham	Bizzie Lizzie	122	
3 rd	Marcey Hedge	Cristata	121	
4 th	Gail Perren	Oliver	120	Best BV
5 th	Miranda Clem	Kiss me Kate	119	
6 th	Henry Mackenzie-Green	Badger Boy II	118	

Novice 27

1 st	Diana Burgess	Euphobia	158	Best BV
2 nd	Henry Mackenzie-Green	Badger Boy II	157	
3 rd	Amy Cooper	West Garth	153	BV
4 th	Jenny Brown	Pippins Golden Magic	151	BV
5 th	Miranda Clem	Kiss me Kate	150	
6 th	Trisha Badham	Bizzie Lizzie	146	BV

Hunter Trial at Larkhill on Sunday 25th October at 9.30am.

This was probably the most stressful event that I have organised. Firstly entries were slow coming in despite the distribution of 1300 schedules. At close of entries we had barely covered our costs. Although there were sufficient entries to make a good competition in the Novice and Intermediate classes, entries were very low for the pairs and Open classes. In the subsequent days more entries flooded in (about a third of the total entries). The phone rang incessantly with enquiries from people who had only just discovered a schedule, wanting to know if they could still enter. By Friday we were full to capacity. In the meantime the acquisition of fence judges reached crisis point. Very few replies were received from the Newsletter appeal or Maureen's additional letters. Maureen, Sam & I were ringing around trying to persuade members and friends that they would like to spend half a day at Larkhill ticking off sheets as horses and rider passed by. The situation became so bad that we were forced to make contingency plans to reduce the number of fences on the course because we were unable to find anybody to man them. On Saturday there were gale force winds with torrential rain – ideal Hunter trial weather! The phone rang and rang again – asking if we had cancelled the event or withdrawing from the competition.

Sunday dawned dry and bright and it looked like after all we were going to have a good day with ground conditions drying rapidly. This thought was thwarted by a downpour just as the fence judges were being briefed. It looked as if the abysmal weather had set in for the day. This was not so, the sun came out and remained. The wind was very strong but not cold (well not by Larkhill standards). Sufficient fence judges were rounded up so that it was only necessary to take one fence out of the Open Class.

Although there were some withdrawals, enough competitors had faith in Larkhill going to brave the weather and venture forth. All classes were hotly contested. The first seven placings in the Intermediate were separated by 5 seconds with two competitors spot on the optimum time. There were several firsts at this Hunter Trial. All four classes were won by club members. The Novice and Pairs were won by members competing in Cross Country for the first time. The shrieks of delight let out by the winning pair could be heard at the Bustard five miles away.

Our usual organisational efficiency was impaired by problems with the radios and communication with fence judges. Even so we finished only 5 minutes behind schedule. Despite all expectations it turned out to be a great day. The doctor and vet had an easy day with no calls at all. The competitors were amazed by the Larkhill going which dried by the minute throughout the day. Larkhill may be the coldest place on earth most of the time, but it must have the best going in the country.

Results

Novice 2'3" – 2'6"

		Time from Optimum	
1 st	Lena Bond	Tilley	-5 Best BV
2 nd	Abigail Wood	Finale Major	-9 BV
3 rd =	Annette Smith	April	-11 BV
3 rd =	Liz Stannard	Hugo	-11
5 th	Leanne Pavitt	Catherston Opal	-12
6 th	Carole Perren	Charlie	+14 BV
7 th	Minette Batters	Jasper	-15
8 th	Chris James	Wizard of Oz	+18

Pairs 2'3" – 2'6" / 2'9" – 3'

1 st	Jo Booth	Rua-Haku	Best BV
	Johanna Rolfe	Tara	Best BV
2 nd	Jane Kier	Robin Hood	
	Lindsay Dove	Rhapsody in Blue	

Intermediate 2'9" – 3'0"

		Time from Optimum	
1 st =	Chica Herbert	Ted	0 Best BV
1 st =	Lizzie Lorrison-Clarke	Catherston Liberator	0
3 rd	Shelley Wilkins	Classic Dawn Piper	+2
4 th	Jane Ward	Jester	+3 BV
5 th =	Marion Watt	Millie	-4
5 th =	Vivien Pearson	Sturtmoor Hopscotch	+4
7 th	Gavin O'Malley	Bruno	+5
8 th	Kerrie Fleming	Red	-8

Open 3'3" – 3'6"

1 st	Louisa Clarke	Brownie	-2 Best BV
2 nd	Annabel Fitzgerald Wilson	Prince Charley	-5
3 rd	Diana Burgess	Tigers Eye	+16 BV
4 th =	Fiona Burgess	Kuwait Crisis	-21 BV
4 th =	Tory Jowett	Folkin Filigree	-21 BV
6 th	David Patten	Harry	-25
7 th	Vicky Brake	Kingston Showman	-27
8 th	Annabel Fitzgerald Wilson	My Mickey	-30

Be Fair Cup & Cabaline Trophy – Results up to 1st October (not including the Hunter Trial)

Cabaline Table

Clare	HEALD	33	Gail	PERREN	12	Mary	BELL	4
Maggie	MILLER	29	Jackie	BENCH	10	John	HUGHES	4
Monica	TOMKINS	26	Peter	PELL	10	Sam	SHEPPERD	4
Caroline	STEVENS	22	Liz	DERBYSHIRE	9	Lena	BOND	3
Jenny	THORPE	22	Josie	SAIERS	9	June	BUSH	3
Melissa	BROTHERWOOD	21	Deborah	SYMMONDS	9	Sally	COLLEY	3
Shelagh	FORDER	21	Diane	SYMES	9	Louise	DE BOULAY	3
Di	SYMES	19	Ella	COLLINS	8	Janie	JENKINS	3
Sue	STEVENS	19	Samantha	WOODHOUSE	8	Carole	GLOVER	2
Sam	HART	17	Mandy	POULTON	8	Carole	PERREN	2
Jill	VALLIS	17	Angela	WILSON	6	Madeleine	SOUTHEY	2
Dee	HODSON	15	Nicky	WINHAM	6	Trisha	BADHAM	1
Jemma	LOWE	15	Myra	BENNETT	5	Natasha	BRUCE	1
Maureen	BURFORD	13	Claire	INGRAM	5	Roy	SOUTHEY	1
Dawn	ELDERFIELD	12	Louise	WORTHINGTON	5			

Be Fair Table

Liz POTTER	59	Mary BELL	20	Annabel SLATER	10
Amy COOPER	56	Trisha BADHAM	18	Sofia WOYKA	10
Marty JOHNSON	50	Lindsay HILLS	18	Sally COLLEY	9
Zandra FORDER	43	Chantal HUTTON	17	Clare BERRY	8
Jill VALLIS	48	Jennie ROLFE	17	Jane WARD	8
Gail PERREN	46	Jill BENDINGER	15	Diana FRANKHAM	7
Sally GALL	44	Louise De BOULAY	15	Clare HEALD	7
Carole PERREN	42	Sarah MOSS	14	Jill RICHARDSON	7
Carole GLOVER	42	Caroline STEVENS	14	Kate TARN	7
Jenny BROWN	35	Penny HALL	13	Clare ANDERSON	5
Jacquie RIGBY	35	Carol WRIGHT	13	Chica HERBERT	5
Natasha BRUCE	28	Jessica KINGSLEY-JONES	11	Sarah JONES	5
Claire INGRAM	28	Kay BUDGEN	10	Jemma LOWE	5
Sarah BUTLER	25	Lucinda BURTERNSHAW	10	Jo STEVENS	5
Fiona MANNING	25	Joanna FARRINGTON	10	Gill TRICKETT	5
Rachel FRASER	24	Janie JENKINS	10	Veronica WALLACE	5
Brenda HARMAN	23	Danielle LLOYD	10	Nicky WINHAM	5
Roy SOUTHEY	23	Julie NEWMAN	10	Jean WINCH	4
Julie BAKER	20	Serena POTTER	10	Madeleine SOUTHEY	3
Abigail WOOD	3	Corry HUNTLEY	2	Lindsay DEVINE	1
Corry HUNTLEY	2	Anna KAY	2	Rosie MATHIAS	1

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 a new yellow membership card by 1st December.

ADVERTS

AREA 17 DEMONSTRATION DAY - SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 11am -2 pm
A DEMONSTRATION WITH MARK CORBETT ON
TRAINING THE HORSE FROM BASICS THROUGH TO ADVANCED

AT MEDSTEAD GRANGE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, MEDSTEAD, ALTON, HANTS.

FREE ENTRY TO RIDING CLUB MEMBERS

Mark is an experienced and knowledgeable Event rider, Mark has kindly agreed to do a demonstration using some of his horses, this will be about the progression of his young horses from basics through to advanced levels. There will be something of interest for everyone, and it should prove a very interesting few hours.

There will be a collection during the demonstration for the Mark Davies Injured Riders fund.

Enquiries please phone Nick Fincham on 01258 860783 or Sue Sansom on 01962 77340

Directions to Medstead Grange Equestrian Centre - The centre is situated between the A31 and the A 339 near Alton.

From Winchester direction (A31) at FOUR MARKS turn left, signposted Medstead follow road under bridge, over crossroad, turn left at T-Junction at end of village green, alter 50 metres turn right in front of Church. signposted Bentworth Down hill and enter Bentworth village, turn right at crossroads (in a dip in the road with postbox on left) signposted New Copse, Medstead Grange Equestrian Centre is first drive on right (is signposted)

From Farnham (A31) at FOUR MARKS take first right after Dual Carriageway, next to Chawlon End Garage, Over bridge, turn right into Roe Down Road next to McNeills Saddlery. Turn left at T-junction at end of village green. Alter 50 metres turn right in front of Church, signposted Bentworth. down hill and enter Bentworth village, turn right at crossroads (in a dip in the road, with postbox on left) signposted New Copse. . Medstead Grange Equestrian Centre is first drive on right (is signposted).

HRRC signs will be at junctions from Medstead.

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Please call for further details. Shelagh Rolls (01264 850470) evenings.

PART LOAN

Wonderful jumping mare offered for part loan. Opportunity for competent rider to compete, Transport possible. Stabled Amport. Enquiries Brenda Harman 01264 772853.

BRITISH RIDING CLUBS – NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION DAY with MONTY ROBERTS on Saturday 14th November 11am.

The demonstration day with Monty Roberts provides practical demonstrations of 'Join Up' and the techniques of Equus (body language) and will equip you with the basics with which to reopen communication with your horses and ponies.

The program starts at 11am at the British Equestrian Centre, Stoneleigh.

Tickets £5 Riding Club members, £10 BHS members, £15 non-members should be purchased from the British Riding Clubs Office, British Horse Society, Stoneleigh Deer Park. Stoneleigh Warwickshire CV8 2XZ.

Cheques made payable to British Riding Clubs sent with an SAE and include your member number.

Tickets will be in short supply. Enquires to BRC office Maggie Dyus (01926) 707768 or Emma Barry (01926 707766).

BRITISH RIDING CLUBS NATIONAL CONFERENCE on Sunday 15th November 1.30pm.

Presentations will be made by members of the Riding Clubs National Executive Committee and Chief Executive of the British Horse Society followed by an open forum.

Tickets are free but the BRC office need to know numbers. If you are interested please ring Lindsay Hills (01264 772388) .

The Larkhill Cross Country Course will be open for Schooling on: 1,7,8, 14, 15,28 and 29 Nov & 12, 13, 19-31 Dec.

Please call Major Seed on 01980 675304 if you wish to School on above or alternative dates. £10 per horse.

Before Schooling, please visit the RA Stables at Larkhill to sign an Indemnity Certificate (Tel: 01980 675547).

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

14.11.98 BRC National Demonstration Day with Monty Roberts, 11am.
Contact BRC Office 01927 707766 / 707768

15.11.98 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC, 3pm.

15.11.98 BRC National Conference at Stoneleigh

17.11.98 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am

19.11.98 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC, 6.45pm.

22.11.98 BVRC Ride at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch, 10am.

24.11.98 BVRC AGM Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill, 7.30-8pm.

27.11.98 BVRC Skittles evening, Queen's Head, Ludgershall, 7.30-8pm
Please send reply slip to Caroline Stevens (01264) 323729.

29.11.98 Area 17 Demonstration at Medstead Grange EC, 11am
Contact: Nick Fincham 01258 860783 or Sue Sansom 01962 773402

DECEMBER

1.12.98 BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am

3.12.98 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC, 6.45pm.

6.12.98 BVRC Pre-Christmas Ride on Salisbury Plain, meet at Bustard Hotel at 10am.
Organiser Roy Southey (01980) 621068.

13.12.98 BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC, 2pm.

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To apply for instruction sessions or Firgo Farm ride please send attached reply slip to Lindsay Hills