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Sorry folks, I have got really behind with this Newsletter and sorting out the Autumn programme. Hopefully that will now be rectified, bringing you up to date with past club activities and giving details of autumn events.

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Hunter Trial at Larkhill on Sunday 31st October at 9.30am.

Schedules for this event are enclosed with the Newsletter. There are plenty of classes ranging from 2'3" to 3'6". So **PLEASE** get your entries in early. If for any reason you are not willing or able to ride please come and help. Fence judges are always in short supply so volunteers are very welcome. Fences need to be manned from 9.30am to 4pm. We usually allocate people in two stints so helpers can opt for morning or afternoon, but even if you can only manage a couple of hours this would be very useful. If you haven't already received a fence judge letter and can help please fill in the attached reply slip, or phone Maureen Burford (01264) 781499 (fence judge co-ordinator) or Lindsay Hills (01264) 772388 (organiser) to offer your services.

Instruction

Arrangements for instruction have hit a bit of a snag this autumn. Some sessions have been arranged Sorrel Warwick, at Cholderton House EC indoor school and one Cross Country session with Diana Burgess at Dene Farm. More sessions will be organized and the list added to when further investigations have carried out.

Cross Country Schooling with Diana at Dene Farm, Nether Wallop:

Wednesday 27th October 10am and 12pm (if there are 2 groups) cost £15

Please wear body protectors for Cross Country schooling.

The dates with Sorrel are as follows: Thursday 28th October 6.45pm

Tuesday 2nd November 10.30am
Thursday 11th November 6.45pm
Saturday 13th November 3pm
Saturday 11th December 3pm

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).

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due for renewal on 1^{st} November. There is an increase this year after being pegged at the same level for several years so its good value at £17 Riding Members / £12 Non Riding Members. We are offering a discount of £2 if the subs are paid before 31^{st} December 1999 and also for second and subsequent members of the same household. Please fill and return the enclosed membership form to Sandra Groves (address on form). There are lots of good things happening so do rejoin soon. If you are considering hunting then you will need a new blue membership card by 1st December

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 (about £15 per day but this amount needs confirmation (this is £40 for non-subscribers)). The Opening Meet of the season is on 30^{th} October. Cub Hunting has started already and is FREE. For you early risers this is an ideal opportunity to introduce horses to hounds before the season begins properly. 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 \pm £1 for the box watcher.

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

BVRC Show Jumping, 11th July 1999, Over Wallop

It was a blisteringly hot day for the show jumping at Over Wallop, with entries down on those expected. The usual flood of entries on the day didn't materialise, due to fear of hard ground, we thought. However, the ground was good due to good grass cover, so no worries on that score at this venue. The Refreshment Caravan ran out of cold drinks due to the demand! Nevertheless, we had a good day, with Sally building new courses for each class and plenty of variety for the competitors. The organisers were pleased that the jumps could stay up at the end of the day, for use at the clear round jumping later in the week. Thanks to all who helped set up and run the event on the day.

Lindsay Devine – Entries Secretary

Results

Class One		Class Two	
1st Kay Bugden (BV)	Lady Guinevere	1st Clare Berry (BV)	Barney Rubble
2 nd Carole Perren (BV)	Charlie	2 nd Caroline Arnold	Mountain Lore
3 rd Kelly Coles	Bridger	3 rd Heather Bunche (BV)	Lillie
4 th Sarah March (BV)	St. Salamander	4 th Jenny Stadling	Fallon
5 th Sue McCulloch	Ace	5 th Sue McCulloch	Ace
		6 th Carole Perren (BV)	Charlie
Class Three		Class Four	
1st Kay Bugden (BV)	Lady Guinevere	1st Clare Berry (BV)	Barney Rubble
2 nd Carole Perren (BV)	Storm	2 nd Heather Bunche (BV)	Lillie
3 rd Clare Berry (BV)	Barney Rubble	3 rd Sarah Durmon	Copits Rosco
		4 th Carole Perren (BV)	Storm

BVRC Dressage Competition, 25th July 1999

The day was an absolute scorcher, and most tests were ridden in shirt sleeves thanks to the sympathetic judges. Luckily the Secretary and Scorers set up camp under a couple of huge trees that offered much needed shade. Class six was cancelled due to only two entries, and classes 4 and 5 had only 6 and 7 entries respectively. In the long run, this turned out to be a good thing, as we managed to run through all the classes, score, and give out the prizes by 03:00 in the afternoon. No doubt there were many riders eager to get home and shower both their mounts and themselves after such a sticky day. The results can be seen further in the Newsletter. Many thanks to Sue Fentiman and Sandra Groves who yet again lent their support to the whole day, and without whom, it would have been extremely difficult to organise.

Jemma Lowe – Event Organiser

Class One	Prelim Test No 6	Class Two	Prelim Test No 14
1st M Malagrin	Ollie – 129	1st R Ward	Little Man - 162
2 nd C Whale	Harley – 129	2 nd J Randall (BV)	BallyBrock – 153
=2 nd R Ward	Little Man – 129	3 rd J Ward (BV)	Jester - 152
4th J Randall (BV)	BallyBrock – 124	4 th T White	BB Tomahawk – 149
5 th T White	BB Tomahawk – 120	5 th M Sheppard	Radient Girl – 140
=5 th T Fleming	Spike - 120	=5 th S Mawer (BV)	Elegant Vizuvy - 140
		=5 th M Malagrin	Ollie
Class Three	Prelim Test No 18		
1st J Brown (BV)	Pippens G Magic - 153	Class Four	Novice Test No 21
2 nd T White	BB Tomahawk - 153	1st P Bunter	Sarn Ambassador - 125
3 rd Julie Brown	Checkout – 151	2 nd L Hills (BV)	Catalin – 121
=3 rd P Gulliver	Collingwood Campbell - 151	3 rd S Francis	See No Evil – 121
5th R Fitzgerald	Magic Moment - 149	4 th R Fitzgerald (BV)	Kingsmill Bailey – 119
6 th T Fleming	Spike - 147	5 th J Brown (BV)	Pippins G Magic – 112
		6 th Julie Brown	Checkout - 108
Class Five	Novice Test No 24		
1st V Nicholls	Simonstime – 196		
2 nd S Francis	See No Evil – 161		
3 rd L Hills (BV)	Catalin – 159		
4 th F Campbell	Cpt Beaky – 157		
5 th R Fitzgerald (BV)	Kingsmill Bailey - 151		
6 th J Brown (BV)	Pippins G Magic - 150		

National Horse Trials Championships a Offchurch Bury, Nr Leamington Spa - August 19th-21st

Nobody can quite remember the last time an Open Horse Trials team qualified for the Championships. It was probably in excess of ten years ago and definitely before the introduction of the Novice Horse Trials competition. To qualify both Novice & Open teams in the same year was a real feat.

The Championships was to span three days. The Open team competing over two days and the Novice team with the promise of an early start on the third day. Teams and individual assembling from all parts of the country in order to take part. Overnight stabling had been booked away from the show ground for both Friday and Saturday night.

Early on Friday morning, two horseboxes set off to Offchurch. They contained the five Open horses (four team + an individual) (Welton Wisecrack (Meg), Soloman, Madison Square, Just Nutmeg(Nutty) and Ballee Bettee), riders (Diana Burgess, Sarah Butler, Amy Cooper, Jessica Kingsley- Jones) and helpers. Both lorries were well packed with kit & food for all, for two days of competition and an overnight stay. They needed to arrive in good time to undergo Flu Vacc checks with the horses and for Diana to be ready for her first Dressage test at 12noon, she was first into her arena too. 24 teams and 72 individuals were contesting this competition.

The foot followers spent the afternoon scuttling between the Dressage arenas on the Polo pitch and the Show Jumping in front of Offchurch House, and managed to watch almost all five Dressage and Show Jumping rounds. The Dressage field had a very calm atmosphere and excellent going with plenty of warming up space. With six arenas, one for each team member and two individual sections, in action all afternoon, the field was very busy with horses warming up and spectators arriving to support their riders and departing again soon afterwards.

Our riders all performed excellent tests. Diana's mark (26) with Meg didn't do justice to the test that was ridden and was a reflection of being first to go in her arena, well known to be a disadvantage. Sarah and Soloman gave their usual immaculate performance for a mark of 27, leaving her in the top third in her arena. Amy and Madison Square rode the best dressage of their partnership for a score of 22 fifth in her arena. Jessica contained Nutty's enthusiasm for a mark of 29, although not too well placed within the arena, the scatter of marks was close, so she was not too far behind the leaders. Diana rode an excellent test with Bettee, her score of 19 giving her the lead, although several others were hot on her heals.

The Show Jumping caught out many people. Poles were falling with great regularity and clear rounds were few and far between. Diana with Meg, Sarah & Amy each had one fence down for 5 penalties. Jessica's fence down caught between the horse's legs so that she was unable to jump the next fence without circling for 15 penalties. Diana and Bettee jump an immaculate clear round adding nothing to her dressage score.

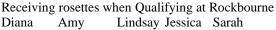
At 5pm after all our members had finished their riding, attentions turned to the Cross country. There was an hour and a half to spare before the scheduled briefing for Roads and Tracks and Steeplechase. Our party set out to walk the 2500 metre Cross Country. Although the fences looked rather large to me, the team members seemed undaunted by the task ahead. Discussions ensued at various combination fences to establish the best route. We were relieved to have the benefit of Diana's experience and positive approach. The two water crossings resulted in more discussions than most. Not the least of which was how to negotiate them on foot without a bridge and only one pair of wellies between eight.!

The second day's competition entailed 2Km of Roads and Tracks, 1100 metres Steeplechase, a further 6Km of Roads and Tracks and then the 2500m Cross Country with 20 fences. Time on the Cross Country was going to be critical, provided the jumps could be negotiated successfully. The speed for 520m/mins was very quick for Riding Clubs, although used at BHTA Novice level. The briefing took place at 7pm and was finished with the words "and now you can walk the roads & track & steeplechase". At this point we hadn't found our overnight stabling, or sorted out where and what we were going to have for supper. As Diana was due to ride at 10am the next morning and also wanted to re walk the Cross Country before then, it was decided to walk the R&T despite the lateness.

Saturday morning dawned dry and bright. An early start ensured that Diana had time to walk the Cross Country again and was ready to be first on the course at 10am. Diana and Meg trail blazed in great style to finish with just 12 time penalties. This year's steeplechase was positioned on a water meadow near to the Cross Country, moved from last year's siting on the rock hard Polo pitch. Nobody had anticipated the quantity of rain that had fallen during August. Diana reported that the going on the Steeplechase was deep, and after several of the early competitors concurred, one of the fenced was removed from the course. Sarah gave us a scare by being held for longer than the requisite 10 minutes before the start of the Cross Country, but then appeared to storm around. It was not to be her day, however, as a run out on the Steeplechase was followed by two stops and a fall at the penultimate Cross Country fence. She was uninjured and finished the course. Like Diana, Amy had a great Cross Country round finishing with a few time penalties. Jessica and the diminutive Nutty jumped round clear. Her little figure struggled with heavy going on the Steeplechase but made light work of the Cross Country fighting to go faster than Jessica wanted or was desirable for either of them. Diana's second ride on Bettee proved as successful as the first with Meg, but fractionally slower. It was fast enough though to maintain her overnight lead and win her section. Meg pulled up to second place within her section, but was beaten by the combination that, after complex mathematical calculations, was pronounced overall winner. Jessica finished in 7th place in her section, and Amy 9th place in hers. The Cross Country time of 4mins 48secs was only attained by one person, and only two other finished in under 5 minutes.

For a long time it looked like the team may be in the ribbons, but a late objection, disclosed a clerical error leaving our team in 7th place. This was extremely creditable but disappointing as the difference to 6th place was 0.2 penalty the equivalent of half a second on the cross country. I suppose it was just greedy to hope for team rosettes as well as individual. To have four out of five riders in the individual honours was an exceptional result. Diana, probably the only rider with two horses, being placed 2nd in one section and winning the another with Bettee, particularly as Bettee was in a section of 36 others who had been 1st or 2nd in their areas throughout the country. Congratulations to all. The winning team came from West Wales and second place from South Durham.







At Rosette presentation at Offchurch Bury Sarah Jessica Amy Diana (Meg & Bettee)

As the Open riders were receiving their rosettes, the Novices (Carolyn Carter and Philamena, Clare Berry and Barney Rubble, Kerry Fleming and Red, and Vanessa Fenwick with Folkin Philomel (Milly)), arrived to walk their Cross Country and see the lie of the land for the next day's competition. The fences themselves held no particular terrors, although there was a large drop into water with a tricky alternative, two or three places where accurate riding and steering were required, and an imposing blue BHS horseshoe fence to jump through to finish. Time was also going to be critical on the course. At 490m/min, BHTA Pre Novice speed, is way beyond the scope of most Riding Club members competing at this level many of whom struggle to attain 450m/min, and normal "riding club horses or ponies" are at a distinct disadvantage.

On Sunday the competition got underway at 8.30am with Caroline leading the way for our team with her dressage just before 9am. From there on until 4.45pm there was someone on one of the three phases. This kept the foot followers on their toes, racing from one part of the course to another and back again. The dressage scores were reasonable but not exceptional apart from Milly's who was lying 5th in his arena after trying his best to buck Vanessa off whilst warming up. Caroline, Kerry and Clare Show Jumped clear and Vanessa had one fence down for 5 penalties. Caroline and Kerry jumped round clear with 11 and 17 time penalties. Clare scorched round as if her tail was on fire, and despite taking the longer route at the water finished with only 2 time penalties. Vanessa had some difficulties on the course, not the least of which was Milly taking exception to the BHS horseshoe before agreeing to jump it. Our team finished in a very good position of 12th place from the original 42 teams that started the day. The top placed teams were those with exceptional dressage marks and speedy Cross Country rounds, and of course they jumped clear. Clare's speedy Cross Country round pulled her up to 7th place and an individual rosette in her section.

This was a most enjoyable three days competition. A great experience for all who took part. There was very good team spirit and co-operation between team members, everyone mucking to help out when needed.

National Riding Club Championships at Malvern – 12^{th} September – Novice Show Jumping Team Championship

The qualifying team for this competition was somewhat depleted with Rosanne not able to attend the Championship for family reasons and Di Symes breaking her leg. Replacements Clare Berry and Barney Rubble and Tory Jowett and Folkin Philomel (Milly) joined the two remaining original team members Carole Perren and Storm and Kay Bugden and Lady Guinevere (Guinnie).

For those who have never been to the Championships it is quite an eye opener. Teams travel from all over Great Britain to take their places at these Championships. It doesn't matter where they come from – Ireland, North Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, Kent or Newcastle, having qualified, inordinate effort is made to get to Malvern. Titles in Team Dressage, Riding test, Rural riders, individual Medium and pairs dressage, Open, Novice and Equitation team and individual jumping were to be decided. Our Novice Team Show Jumping had an early start as the competition was due to start at 8.30am.

Stabling was booked for all, but Liz and Tory bringing Milly decided to travel on the competition morning as Tory was not jumping until 1pm.

It was immediately obvious that this was to be a long day. 158 competitors from 35 teams plus individuals were due to take part in this two round competition. The first round was 2'9" and the second round at 3'. Clare kicked off for our team with a good clear round. This happened at the same time as a call from Liz, confirming her pre-weekend fears that she might breakdown, saying she, Tory and Milly were stranded in Marlborough, awaiting the AA. Carole and Storm were not in their normal fluent mode, and did well to get round with only one fence down. Kay and Guinnie jumped with their usual style but unluckily tipped one fence. We then nervously awaited the arrival of Tory, who had called to say they were back on the road. They arrived in good time to jump an immaculate clear round, Milly now reunited with his usual jockey.

At the end of the first round 13 teams were on a zero score, we were on 4 faults, but there was all still to play for. It was now 2pm. The course was being changed to start the second round. Anyone with even limited mathematical abilities could work out that at this rate we were going to jumping well into the night as a jump off would be needed after the second round.

Clare was first of our team to jump the second round and contrary to recent form and 2 fences down. Carole followed with an invigorated Storm to jump the clear round we were used to seeing. Kay and Guinnie again had an unlucky fence down. By this time the powers that be recognised that light would fail before we finished jumping, and organised another ring in which to do jump off rounds for all double clears. This started at 5.30pm and as riders achieved double clears they were sent directly to do their jump off round. Tory was one of these jumping a second immaculate clear followed by an equally good clear jump off. Our questions of why perhaps Tory had not taken a really tight turn between the penultimate and last fences were answered shortly

afterwards when a speedy competitor slipped over onto her side trying a tight turn. Conditions were far more slippery than they appeared from our chairs. Announcement of team results throughout the afternoon were spasmodic. We had no idea if out 8 fault total would be sufficient for a team rosette. We were only aware of 2 teams on zero score and 2 on 4 faults, but unclear if there were any we didn't know about. After jump offs were completed and a further time delay the team result announcement revealed that we were not in the top six, but were on an identical score to the fifth & sixth placed teams. Second round times were used to differentiate between the teams on equal scores for minor placings. This was an excellent team performance but just out of the ribbons. Tory and Milly took individual 8th place from the 40 odd double clears.

BVRC News

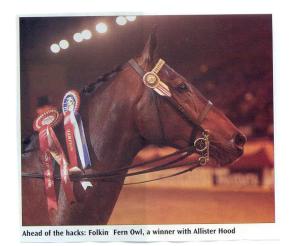
Congratulations to Cheryl Callis-Nicholls who had a baby girl on the 19th August 1999, and is calling her Millie.

Congratulations also to Nicky Winham who gave birth to a baby boy on the 20th June 1999, his name is Harry Francis.

Commiseration's to Di Symes who had a nasty accident in early August whilst competing in the Combined Training at Motcomb, in the rain. During the Show Jumping her youngster 'Lani' slipped between fences, all four feet came out from under him, and he landed on top of Di. Having painfully hobbled unaided back to the horse box, and waited until transport came to take her to casualty, Di was later found to have broken the bone across the top of her left foot, and also needed a plaster on her right wrist. Lani escaped unharmed and was none the worse for his fall. Thankfully, Di is now recovering well, and is looking forward to Thursday this week when the cast is finally taken off her left leg, and she is itching to get back into the saddle!

Congratulations to Lindsay Kemble and Jo Richardson both qualified for the Horse of the Year Show!

Congratulations to Liz Potter whose homebred Folkin Fern Owl took Hack of the Year Title at this year's Horse of the Year Show.



Liz sold Fern Owl as an unbroken 3 year last year. Followers of the Shows and Newsletters will have seen reports of several other related progeny at club competitions. these include Folkin Felicity, Folkin Philomel, Folkin Filigree and Folkin Integrity. All those horses and ponies have been homebred from 2 foundation mares Folly and Butter Nutkin. Ridden with great success to a high level in all disciplines by Liz's children, Hugh and Serena.

4 year old Novice Folkin Fern Owl at only his third major show scooped the jackpot at the Horse of the Year Show when ridden by Alistair Hood. As reported by Horse and Hound: "Showing impeccable manners, the elegant Folkin Fern Owl beat last years champion Absolutely fabulous, in the 21 strong small class, and then pipped the large hack winner, producing an expressive obedient show to take the ultimate accolade."

Adverts

Need Transport? Horsebox for hire. Takes 4 horses. Driver must be over 25 with clean licence. £25.00 + Diesel. Phone Sue Fentiman on 01264 391550

Lovely 15'2" jumping mare offered on loan, part-loan, or riding arrangement to experienced, sympathetic rider. (Open to suggestions). Stabled at Amport. Enquiries to Brenda on 01264 772853.

To Let Stable for 1 horse preferably gelding 12x12 with grazing, near Middle Wallop. For more details ring Maureen Burford (01264) 781499

Diy livery vacancies available october 1999 in small yard. Large stables, 50 x 30 sand/pvc manege and excellent hacking country just out of over wallop. Enquiries to carole glover 01264 781991.

TRAILER FOR SALE. Rice Eventer, rear unload, takers 2 x 16.2h horses, Lightweight, regularly serviced. Good condition. £1000. Tel: 01980 590360

For loan Ladies horse - good looking 16.2hh bay/brown tib gelding, 14 years, looking for lovely permanent home for hacking, novice riding club activities, team chasing etc.

Nice paces. Good to box, shoe, 100% in traffic To **approved**, knowledgeable home only. For further details: telephone: 01980 629615 (wiltshire).

Would you like to Ride in the New Forest, see and hear the deer rut? Last year it was spectacular. Bring your horse and ride amongst the fallow deer. It is best in mid October when the scenery is spectacular as the trees turn. I will escort you if you wish but not too many at a time. Phone to arrange, day, evening or weekend. Liz Potter 01425 652246

Talk on Le Trec at the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury, Nr Romsey on 13th October 7.30pm

Area 17 has organised a talk on Le Trec from Rob Jones. Rob now heads the "Trec" department at the BHS and takes part in Trec activities himself, he is a member of the British Team and an international judge. Le Trec is like orienteering on horseback and from the recent article written by Rob in Rider magazine it sounds like a lot of fun. The evening is open to all Riding Club members and their friends and £2 entry fee also gets you coffee and biscuits.

British Riding Clubs National Demonstration Day at Solihull Riding Club on 27th November, 11am-4pm.

This year's demonstration will be given by event rider, Mary King.

Entry Fee £7.50. More information will be passed on at a later date.

Area 17 Liaison Annual General Meeting at Jubilee Hall, Timsbury, Nr Romsey on 27th October 8pm.

This is open to all members, so please come along if you are interested.

National Riding Clubs Conference on Sunday 28th November.

This years conference will be held on the Royal Show Ground (RASE) at Stoneleigh.

Diary Dates

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27/10/99	BVRC Cross Country Instruction with Diana Burgess at Dene Farm, Nether Wallop 10am/12pm.	
27/10/99	Area 17 Liaison AGM at Jubilee Hall, Timsbury, Nr Romsey at 8pm.	
28/10/99	BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC 6.45pm	
31/10/99	BVRC Hunter Trial, Knighton Down, Larkhill	
NOVEMBER		
2/11/99	BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC 10.30am.	
11/11/99	BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC 6.45pm.	
13/11/99	BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC 3pm.	
mid/end Nov	BVRC AGM	
end Nov	BVRC UK CHASERS Ride.	
end Nov/early Dec BVRC Ride on Salisbury Plain		
27/11/99	RC National Demonstration Day with Mary King at Solihull RC.	
28/11/99	RC National Conference at Stoneleigh	

DECEMBER

11/12/99 **BVRC General Instruction** with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC 3pm.