

Bourne Valley Riding Club

incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)



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NEWSLETTER

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Wishing you all a happy and successful year in 1998.

The committee are planning a full programme for 1998 which will include competitions in various disciplines, inter club competitions, on going instruction, social rides and non riding social events and talks. Keep your eye on the Diary Dates list as this is updated with every Newsletter as events are slotted in to the calendar.

Committee

Here is a list of the committee members for the year with telephone numbers if you want to speak to them.

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AGM Report

50 members attended this year's AGM held at The Red Lion, Clanville on Tuesday 11th November. The Chairman was happy to report that the club had an excellent year. The AGM marked the end of a 2 year integration period with the Woodhay District Riding Club. A transition which has been made very smoothly on all sides. Membership continued to rise, reaching an all time high of 189 members.

The competition programme was improved by the return of the One Day Event and Hunter Trial at Larkhill which added to Winter Dressage and Show Jumping, Spring Dressage, and the popular Combined Training and Summer Show Jumping events. All events were extremely popular, sometimes oversubscribed, helping to make a successful club.

Ten teams, comprising twenty four different club members contested Area 17 inter club events in different disciplines. The Novice Show Jumping teams excelled winning both indoor and outdoor events, and representing Area 17 at the Indoor Championships at Stoneleigh and the outdoor National Riding Clubs Championships at Malvern. The Dressage team joined the Show Jumpers at Malvern. Clare Farrington riding as an individual became the National Medium Dressage Champion. Although we have had team and individual placings nationally in recent years it is about 25 years since we have had an individual winner.

Surveying other competitors at the National Championships it became apparent that they represented a good cross section of Riding Club members – all ages, sizes and shapes and the same was true of the horses.

The Chairman emphasised that the team competitions were open to all members and team places were available for anyone who was keen to take part.

Instruction continued throughout the year – fortnightly Tuesday sessions with Diana Burgess, weekend sessions with Claire Mason and latterly with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House Indoor School. Cross Country and Show Jumping schooling were held at Hoplands Equestrian Centre. Two very successful practise Dressage and instructed Clear Round Show jumping evenings were held at Amport Riding Stables.

Social Rides included visits to UK Chasers courses at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch and Kirby Farm, Inkpen, and the annual Hot Cross Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain were enjoyed by all. A club subscription to the RA Hunt enabled members to hunt occasionally at reasonable cost and several people took advantage of this facility.

Stable Management lessons were organised by Sue McGrath and these included excellent talks by vet, Rebecca Hamilton-Fletcher and farrier, Chris Linssner. The annual Quiz and skittles were well supported, but the Barn Dance, although thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended, was poorly supported.

Thanks were passed to the committee members and other helpers who had worked hard all year. Without their efforts it would not be possible to run such a full programme.

Financially the club had a successful year too. A small profit was registered at the end of the year. Profits made from the competitions enabled the club to support huge team costs, and large additions to the club equipment.

Discussion ensued regarding the future of the National Riding Club movement within the British Horse Society. It was agreed that more information was needed before decisions could be made at club level as to whether to stay with the BHS or join a rival faction.

The evening was rounded off with presentation of Be Fair Cup, for the member with most competition points during the year, awarded to Diana Burgess, and the Caballine Trophy, for the member with the most points for helping throughout the year, was awarded to Sue Fentiman. The Caballine Rose Bowl, for the highest placed non committee member in the helpers competition was awarded to Anne Smart. Rosettes to tenth place in each competition were given out. 64 members had helped out during the year and 68 members had points in the competition table (for the full results table see below).

Coffee followed, and Ros Linssner, a qualified hat fitter, from Appleshaw Saddlery, was available to help members choose hats to the new standard which are mandatory from 1st January 1998.

Annual Hunter Trial on 26th October at Larkhill

160 competitors assembled at Larkhill to contest Novice, Intermediate and Open Classes at the Annual Hunter Trial, returning to this super venue after a years absence. Recent refurbishment gave the three separate courses a new feel and with the usual excellent going competitors had an enjoyable ride. Fine, windless, almost warm conditions were untypical for Larkhill which made it very pleasant for the competitors and the large band of helpers. Club members figured strongly in all three classes, only seconds separating the places. Trophies were awarded to the highest placed BVRC members in each class.

Results (* Denotes BVRC member.)

Class 1 - Novice 2'3"-2'6"

1 st	*	Jill Bendinger	Storm Arrival
	*	Craig Storey	Admiral Lysander
		Jill Musty	Irish Charm
4 th		Liz Coombes	Benna Surprise Surprise
		Karen Hewell	Tuscan
6 th	*	David Turner	Flo
7 th	*	Carole Perren	Charlie
		Hannah Freeman	Crust
	*	Mads Southey	Morello

Class 2 - Intermediate 2'9"-3'0"

1 st		Hannah Freeman	Crust
2 nd	*	Poey Vacher	Mr Chips
	*	Gill Trickett	Pembrena Matty
4 th	*	Jane Ward	Hazel
5 th		Louisa Clarke	Jet Black Jack
6 th		Tory Nash	Napolean
7 th		Natasha Bruce	Charlie
		Matthew Storer	Quaker Oats
8 th		Vicky Brake	Wylye Rusulka

Class 3 - Open 3'3" – 3'6"

1 st		Claire Whickman	Arc en Ceil
2 nd		Sophie Pope	The Milkman
3 rd	*	Jane Ward	Aladdin
4 th	*	Gary Caddy	Folkin Philomel
5 th		Vicky Brake	Silver Granite
6 th		David Patten	Harry
7 th		Katie Rapley	Sangari Rose
8 th		Pam O'Reilly	Catherston Dance in the Dark

Pre-Christmas Ride on Salisbury Plain

There were about eighteen riders who met at The Bustard Hotel on Sunday 30th November. We un-boxed in typical Plain weather - cold, wet and windy, so there was no hanging about. We divided into two groups - slow and fast. Any doubts I had about choosing the slow group quickly diminished as I saw the fast group disappear over the horizon at a gallop!

The skies brightened and the rain stopped. Our ride had some good trotting up hills, and a couple of canters. Everyone was very considerate of each other and waited for stragglers like myself to catch up.

Just as we were beginning to flag we arrived at Orcheston where Mads & Roy Southey and Sally & Sam Shepperd had laid on a splendid lunch. It was really welcome and enabled both rides to meet up and compare notes about the day so far. Two people I spoke to were particularly glad to meet other riders and to have somewhere new to explore - especially country as open as the Plain. After a good break for horse and rider we set off back to the Bustard, and feeling much revitalised by my two glasses of wine, I bravely swapped over to the fast ride and completed the last 25 minutes of the course more or less in control!

A wonderful day was had by all. I suppose we covered about fourteen miles. Thanks to Roy for organising it, and to Mads & Roy and Sally & Sam for the refreshment. S.M.

Annual Quiz at the Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill, on Tuesday 3rd February, 1998 at 7.30-8pm.

Come to our popular annual quiz. Bring as many people as you like. The questions are non horsey as well as horsey, so families won't be left out. Four or five people can make up a team, or if you want to come on your own then just turn up. Under 16's are welcome at our socials, so there's no reason to leave them home. The cost is £2.50 each for the quiz. Come early, order a drink and some food for the interval, ready for the quiz to start at 8pm.

Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at HMS Dryad, Southwick, Nr Fareham on Sunday 22nd February, 1998.

This is the first of the Area 17 qualifying competitions, with teams of four going over two rounds with jumps 2'6" and 2'9" in each round, the best three scores count. The competition is at HMS Dryad EC, Southwick, Nr Fareham.

If you are interested in being part of a team ring Lindsay Hills (01264) 772388. Please remember that you will need a fully up to date flu certificate and a hat to the new standard PAS015 or EN1384.

Instruction

More weekend & evening instruction sessions have been arranged with Sorrel Warwick, at Cholderton House EC indoor school.

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	13 th January	10.30 am
Tuesday	27 th January	10.30 am
Tuesday	10th February	10.30 am
Tuesday	24th February	10.30 am

The dates with Sorrel are as follows:-

Saturday	10th January	2pm
Saturday	31 st January	2pm
Saturday	14 th February	2pm

Thursday	15 th January	6.45pm
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Thursday	22nd January	6.45pm
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Thursday	5 th February	6.45pm
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Thursday	19 th February	6.45pm
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Thursday	5th March	6.45pm
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All the instruction sessions will be of a general nature some flatwork with some optional gridwork or a small course of jumps at the end, except for the 14th February which will be Show Jumping instruction, some gridwork followed by a short course. Groups of 4-6 people with each session lasting 1 hour 30 minutes. 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.

Hunting

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 of the meets, protocol, parking etc.etc.

The hunting cap is £15 per day. 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

Membership Cards

Membership cards are enclosed for those who haven't already collected them.

If you haven't received a new card could it be that you haven't paid your subscription?????

Please let us know if the mistake is ours or ring to check.

SAVE MONEY

As former Woodhay District RC members may be aware, Lyndon-Dykes of London in the Market Place, Newbury used to give a 10% discount to members.

They are prepared to offer this discount to BVRC members on two conditions:

1. Members MUST have their current BVRC membership card (pink) with them on each occasion that they claim the discount.
2. The discount will be withdrawn if not enough business is generated from the offer.

So if you live in the Newbury area it is a case of use it or lose it!!

FOR SALE

15.2 hh Compact / Athletic 8yrs liver chestnut gelding (by Tina's Pet).

Lovely fluid paces – many dressage wins at PC level. Won / placed at Pre Novice / PC ODE / BSJA and has hunted.

Good temperament and easy to do. Fit / sound / ready to go on.

"A" levels force sale / lack of time to keep him together. £3,750 (01264 773232).

Be Fair Cup Final Results

Diana Burgess	71	Jill Bendinger	16	Rebecca Hamilton-Fletcher	8
Zandra Forder	52	Sam Adams	15	Tricia Badham	7
Julie Newman	45	Sally Colley	15	Claire Ingram	7
Carol Wright	42	Caroline Primrose	15	Caroline Clinkard	6
Lindsay Hills	41	Sarah Ross	15	Jo Farrington	6
Moirra Willis	35	Craig Storey	15	Mads Southey	6
Sue McGrath	33	Alison Mitchell	14	Mary Wyatt	6
Roy Southey	31	Sarah Jones	14	Jill Richardson	5
Danielle LLOYD	28	Anne Ashpitel	13	Myra Bennett	5
Peter Pell	27	Juliet Lee	13	Rachel Fraser	5
Marty Johnson	22	Jane Ward	13	Claire Campbell	4
Carole Perren	25	Peter Sheppard	12	Sue Waters	4
Marty Johnson	22	Diane Symes	12	Louise King	4
Jill Vallis	21	Jo Sore	11	David Turner	4
Liz Potter	20	Chantelle Hutton	10	Dee Hodson	3
Louise Worthington	19	Lynn Duddy	10	Jo Jeffreys	3
Natasha Bruce	18	Clare Farrington	10	Lena Bond	2
Annabel Slater	18	Gill Trickett	10	Liz Davies	2
Nicky Winham	18	Lindsay Kemble	9	Anna Kay	2
Janie Jenkins	17	Caroline Stevens	9	Lyndsay Ballantyne	1
Jo King	17	Heather Turner	9	Fiona Gready	1
Jennie Rolfe	17	Poey Vacher	9	Danielle Ysart	1
John Stoker	17	Caroline Stevens	9		
Jackie Bench	16	Gary Caddy	8		

Caballine Trophy Points Final Results

Sue Fentiman	47	Millie Brotherwood	13	Eve Watkins	7
Anne Smart	39	David Turner	12	Yvonne West	7
Clare Heald	37	Sarah Turner	12	Abigail Wood	7
Maggie Miller	34	Mary Bell	11	Rebecca Hamilton Fletcher	6
June Bush	32	Angela Cooper	11	Mary Perren	6
Jenny Thorp	32	Jill Vallis	11	Nikki Alford	5
Sue McGrath	31	Nicky Winham	11	Jill Richardson	5
Sam Hart	26	Karen Nimmo-Scott	10	Mads Southey	5
Diane Symes	25	Roy Southey	10	Alison Ainsworth	4
Jenny Verity	23	Sally Colley	9	Rachel Fraser	4
Shelagh Forder	22	Pippa Bowen	8	Hazel North	4
Sue Stevens	21	Caroline Clinkard	8	Mandy Poulton	4
Maureen Burford	18	Shelagh Harrigan	8	Louise King	4
Sue Kerrison	18	Josie Saiers	8	Angela Wilson	4
Liz Derbyshire	17	Tina Shearing	8	Claire Ingram	3
Dee Hodson	16	Julie Baker	7	Jo King	3
Linda Rawlings	15	Myra Bennett	7	Tricia Badham	3
Debbie Symmons	15	Graham Bennett	7	Heather Turner	3
Dawn Elderfield	14	Caroline Goatley	7	Peter Derbyshire	2
Monica Tomkins	14	Janie Jenkins	7	Peter Pell	2
Sam Woodhouse	14	Julie Newman	7		

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

- 10.1.98 **BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 2pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 13.1.98 **BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 15.1.98 **BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 22.1.98 **BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 27.1.98 **BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 31.1.98 **BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 2pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills

FEBRUARY

- 3.2.98 **BVRC Annual Quiz at the Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill, 7.30-8pm.**
Organiser: Monica Tomkins
- 5.2.98 **BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 10.2.98 **BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 14.2.98 **BVRC Show Jumping Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 2pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 19.2.98 **BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 22.02.98 **Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at HMS Dryad, Southwick, Nr Fareham**
Names to Lindsay Hills 01264 772388.
- 24.2.98 **BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Lower Chute, 10.30am.**
Send Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills.

MARCH

- 5.3.98 **BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm.**
Send reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 8.3.98 **BVRC Winter Dressage at HOPLANDS EC. King's Somborne, Nr Stockbridge.**
Organiser: Caroline Stevens (schedules enclosed with next newsletter).
- 28.3.98 **BVRC Winter Show Jumping at HOPLANDS EC. King's Somborne, Nr Stockbridge.**
Organiser: Sue Fentiman (schedules enclosed with next newsletter).

APRIL

- 10.4.98 **BVRC Hot Cross Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain at 2pm.**

MAY

- 31.5.98 **BVRC One Day Event at Larkhill.**

OCTOBER

- 25.10.98 **BVRC Hunter Trial at Larkhill.**

