

Bourne Valley Riding Club

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NEWSLETTER

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Its alive! Its alive!!! Well actually, although the grey cell matter twitches occasionally I am not sure that in the past six weeks this statement can refer to me. Hence the definite lack of communication. However, here I am, back with a vengeance, to wreak (is that really a word) more havoc on the poor unsuspecting members of the Bourne Valley Riding Club. Hello to any new members. This is your newsletter. Good isn't it? You may be wondering by now if I really have gone ga ga, but actually it is the antics of the recently acquired tiny puppy dog which is having this effect. I thought it might stop growing about collie size, however, it now weighs more than a large bag of feed, (I can testify to this, because I have to pick it up to put it in the back of the car) and it still appears to be growing. It also seems to be having problems with its mouth, everything goes in it. Todays quota:- one toilet roll holder, now mangled beyond use, one toilet roll, wrapped around the head for visual effect, one barclaycard bill, oh what a shame, one computer brochure - oops, one hall carpet, now that one is difficult to comment on, one tray of cat litter, one can of haze air freshener and one pair of now unusable Frog boots. I haven't had a puppy dog before so I can now testify that anyone who says that horses are hard work, does not own a large growing dog! By the way, I could hire him out for insurance purposes if anyone so desires.

Area Dressage at Penton on 9th July, 1995

Although the ground was hard at this event, there were plenty of competitors. A slight hiccup the day before the event resulted in the BVRC Red team having to be shuffled round and Zandra and Sofia both ended up doing more difficult tests. However, the final teams were:-

Dressage		Red Team		Blue Team		
Prelim 6		Lindsay Hills	Catalin	Jo King	Dollar	3rd
Novice 21		Gail Perren	Blackthorn	Annabel Slater	Charleville	8th
Novice 30		Zandra Forder	Hopeful Heart	Marty Johnson	Seashell	
Elem 44		Sofia Woyka	Ginger	Jane Moss	Delamere	
Medium 65			Jane Moss	Delamere	1st	
Dressage to Music			Jo King	Dollar		
			Monica Tomkins	Michael	6th	
Riding Test team						
Gail Perren	Blackthorn	4th				
Zandra Forder	Hopeful Heart	6th				
Sofia Woyka	Ginger	8th				
Annabel Slater		10th				

As Jane won the Medium 65 and Gail won the Novice 21, they both qualify for the Championships. Jolly well done to both of them. The championships are held at the beginning of September so I will keep you informed of how they get on. We apparently still do not know exactly where the teams came. There were some problems at the end of the day with the Dressage team scoring. However, when (or if) we find out, I will let you know.

The Riding Test team finished strongly in third place & just missed qualifying for the Championships. Well done to all concerned, particularly those with individual honours on the day.

Vets Visit on 19th July, 1995

Apparently a good night was had by all at the Vets visit at Diane Symes yard. Rebecca Hamilton Fletcher came to her yard to meet members and guests of the BVRC and answer any questions. She talked about being a vet, the things that we should watch out for, have to deal with, and first aid that should be applied. The evening was good fun and informative and seems to have been added to by the presence of two small kittens. This increased the merriment levels by their investigation all of the first aid equipment and pretence that they were bats, flying from shoulder to shoulder. For anybody who could not be there, it has been suggested that we could ask Rebecca to give us a similar talk through the winter months as a topic for one of our socials. If you have any comments, please let Lindsay Hills know.

Show Jumping at Hoplands, 23rd July, 1995

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Show Jumping at Hoplands, both helpers and competitors alike. A special thanks to Sue Fentiman for organising and producing a successful day despite the weather conditions. With the ground being so hard it makes it difficult for people to practise their show jumping and therefore tends to stop them competing. However, entries picked up before the date of the show and with all the competitions being held on the sand arena, (which rode well), no strain was put on the legs of the horses.

Herewith the results:-

Class 1 2'6"

1.	Chantel Hutton	McGregor
2.	Kate Goodeve-Docker	George
3.	Carole Perren	Some Chance Best BV
4.	Melanie Wallis	Bunnie Steps
5.	Sue McGrath	Rosie
6.	Vicky Dunn	Solo

Class 2 2'9"

1.	Kelly Luffman	Castledown Lad
2.	Chantel Hutton	McGregor
3.	Janie Jenkins	Beaver Brook
4.	Janet Jones	Bracken
5.	Kate Goodeve-Docker	George
6.	Sally Colley	Mr Chips

Class 3 3'0"

1.	Moira Willis	Gardo
2.	Mary Waller	Soldier
3.	Kelly Luffman	Castledown Lad
4.	Neil Irwin	Billy Can II
5.	Gary Caddy	Pride of Town Mouse
6.	Janie Jenkins	Beaver Brook

Class 4 3'3"

1.	Kelly Luffman	Castledown Lad
2.	Gary Caddy	Pride of Town Mouse
3.	Moira Willis	Gardo
4.	Janet Jones	Bracken
5.	Kate Goodeve-Docker	George
6.	Sally Colley	Mr Chips

Class 4 - Best BV & Linssner Farriers Trophy - Di Symes & Colliston Majuba

Championship ODE on 14th August, 1995

Gail Perren and Blackthorn qualified for the National Riding Clubs Championships after their success at our ODE in June. Gail travelled up to Everdon to contest the finals. Lying in tenth place after the dressage, they then went clear in the show jumping. After a very testing cross country in which the pair jumped clear, but accrued a few time penalties, Gail pulled up to 4th place. Well done Gail. Blackthorn is obviously a very versatile horse and I am sure that Gail is very proud of their achievements.

Pleasure ride on August 20th, 1995 / 22nd October, 1995

Unfortunately, due to the hard ground it was decided to cancel the ride. Numbers were down anyway, but this could have been due to the fact that I put the wrong telephone number in for Sue Kerrison. I have not had the nerve yet to ring the number I typed in to see if they had any calls. Any takers. If so, please remember to apologise before you ask. Thank you.

However, Maureen & Sue are organising another pleasure ride on the 22nd October, 1995. Again, anyone who would like to participate should call either Maureen on 01264 781499 or Sue on 01264 710370 for details. The ride will hopefully encompass a stop at a pub for liquid refreshment and by then the problem of the ground should have gone away (we hope). Actually, knowing the English weather it will probably be too wet. The ride will start near Oakcutts, Middle Wallop, - meet at 10am, ready to move off at 10.30am.

Hunting

Well folks, its that time of year again. I very nearly talked myself into having a go last year, but pure cowardice prevailed and I am still a non hunter! Maybe this year..... or there again maybe not. By popular demand our connection with the RA Hunt has been extended to cover this year. The Hunt meets every Wednesday and Saturday at 11.00 am during the season, or early morning for Cub Hunting. Details of Hunt meets are published weekly in 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 for 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. They 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 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.

Cub Hunting is free, and this continues until the Opening Meet towards the end of October, after this the hunting cap is £10.00 per day. You should make yourself known to the Hunt Secretary 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. There will also be a restriction of 6 days hunting during the season, but as many Cub Hunts as you wish (if you an get up early).

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

Instruction

Been none of this since the last newsletter, but we have now leapt into action to rectify the situation.

We have arranged several instruction sessions with Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Blue Bell Farm, Penton Grafton, Nr Weyhill. The sessions will be general instruction (mainly flatwork with some optional grid work, or small jumps to finish.) of 1 hour 30 minutes duration in groups of 4 to 6 riders. Two sessions have been organised for each day.

The following sessions have been organised:

Saturday 30th September	Shena Kozuba Kozubska	11am-2pm	Cost £12
Saturday 14th October	Shena Kozuba Kozubska	11am-2pm	Cost £12
Saturday 4th November	Shena Kozuba Kozubska	11am-2pm	Cost £12

If you wish to attend any of this instruction please fill in the attached reply slip & return with the remittance to Lindsay Hills. (Please dont leave this too late.)

Ring Lindsay 2 or 3 evenings before the instruction to find out the time of the session to which you have been allocated.

Area 17 Training Day on Sunday 5th November, 1995 10am until 3pm at the Fortune Centre, Avon Tirrel, Nr Bransgore

This training day has been organised by the Area Liaison Committee for the benefit of all Area 17 riding club members and it is free. Instruction will be given during the day by Claire Morrison. The morning will be jumping, the afternoon, dressage with a leaning towards dressage to music.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will come to watch and gain from the experience.

Claire will require guinea pigs for each session. Those wishing to be considered for instruction in either the jumping or flatwork should send particulars of their horse and their experience to:

Area Chairman: Nick Fincham, Wisteria, Everetts Lane, Shillingstone, Blandford, Dorset DT11 0SJ by Monday 23rd October.

Hunter Trial at Larkhill on Sunday 12th November, 1995

We have, at last, had confirmation that we are able to hold our Hunter Trial this year. It has been necessary to change the date from the end of October to the 12th November, as the Army wanted to use Salisbury Plain themselves on our initial date.

Schedules will be available shortly and posted to members with the next newsletter in early October.

Winter Social Event

Talk by Homeopath, Fiona Mackenzie, Tuesday 10th October 7.30-8pm at the Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill.

This is the first of our winter socials and should be a very interesting and entertaining talk. Please come along, bring your friends and relations and have a chat too. Cost £2 for everyone.

Members News

On a more sombre note, we would like to wish one of our members, Maxine Hodgetts, a speedy recovery, after she fell from her horse during the Highclere Cross Country Ride and sustained a bad compound fracture. We understand she is now out of hospital and hope that she will be up and about as soon as possible.

Sue Mcgrath has a new phone number 01264 392054.

Cups

Continuing our series about the cups & trophies presented during the year, we have information about the Florin Cup presented at the Combined Training Show. This years recipient was Zandra Forder with Hopeful Heart.

Florin Cup (An explanation of the Florin Cup by Gilly Facer)

When I first met Florin, he was a handsome two year old, a blue roan with silver mane and tail. As time went by we grew together and I discovered not only a great friend but a willing jumper. We also found that he disliked men in white coats - vets - and had a very sweet tooth for ice cream and mars bars! We eventually competed at Dressage, show jumping and enjoyed the occasional days hunting. Now that was right up his street, safe, willing and sensible with bottomless stamina. He was schoolmaster to horse and human alike, but would give the more experienced a great ride. At one stage Dave Packman and I shared Florin. David enjoyed hunting with him and had some great days. Later he and David became a familiar sight along the bridleways and at the local hostelrys. It was not unknown to see Florin mooching home on a long rein - Dave safely snoozing up top!

Florin spent a happy retirement with his two young friends at our Romsey home. He lived for 26 happy years. It was his love of jumping that gave me the idea for the Florin Cup in his memory. I nearly forgot, he also represented the club on the Prix Caprilli team at Stoneleigh (RC Championships). David exercised him on the racecourse. Florin thought the fences were just right for him - not so David.

Be Fair & Caballine Cup Points

Be Fair Cup - Competition Points

Sofia Woyka	46	Jane Moss	19	Diana Fitzsimmons	11	Carol Dunford	4
Carole Perren	40	Jo King	18	Sam Adams	10	Julia Mason	4
Zandra Forder	38	Alison Mitchell	18	Maggie Miller	10	Alison Pearce	4
Annabel Slater	33	Clare Heald	17	Deborah Lucas	10	Peter Sheppard	4
Julie Baker	31	Dee Hodson	17	Jacky Bench	9	Peter Evans	4
Claire Farrington	27	Julie Newman	16	Linda Kerrison	9	Judy Ince	3
Gemma Chilcott	24	Patricia Robinson	15	Justin Hoon	9	Sally Sheppard	3
Lucy Mason	22	Lindsay Hills	14	Anne Ashpitel	6	Madeleine Southey	3
Caroline Hicks	22	Helen Huskisson	13	Sue Mcgrath	6	Belinda Symmons	3
Jacky Evans	21	Amanda Overton	12	Juliette Prentice	6	Roseanne Fitzgerald	2
Caroline Primrose	20	Diane Symes	12	Elaine Elderton	5	Sara Elliott	1
Rebecca Hamilton Fletcher	20	Milly Brotherwood	11			Gill Trickett	1

Caballine Trophy - Helpers Points

Sue Fentiman	42	Maureen Burford	17	Liz Derbyshire	9	Jacky Bench	4
Sue Mcgrath	32	Sue Kerrison	17	Mary Perren	9	Gilly Facer	4
June Bush	31	Jill Vallis	16	Rachel Fraser	8	Maggie Miller	4
Caroline Stevens	30	Sarah March	14	Di Symes	8	Ros Sheppard	4
Milly Brotherwood	29	Sam Hart	11	Mandy Vigg	7	Peter Sheppard	4
Monica Tomkins	20	Madeleine Southey	11	Alison Ainsworth	5	Dee Hodson	3
Julie Newman	19	Maxine Hodgetts	10	Julie Baker	5	Eunice Tarling	3

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Championship Report by Lindsay Hills

Three members travelled to Malvern for the National Riding Clubs Championships on Sunday 10th September. They were Jane Moss with Delamere, Gail Perren and Blackthorn and Rachel Fraser with Collison Demetri.

Jane and Delamere journeyed to Malvern on Saturday and sampled the delights for stabling and camping overnight. Rachel left early on Sunday so that she could walk the Show Jumping course before the competition started. As the horses were not required until mid morning, Gail, Di (Symes) & I, with Blackthorn & Demetri, had a fairly leisurely start at 7am (not like the 4.30am of the two previous years). Rachel's competition comprised two rounds over different courses, the second round jumps were raised to a height of 3'6" - 3'9", with massive spreads. Although the dreaded water tray (last years bogey fence) was not included in either round, a water jump was added to the second round. In her first round, Rachel and Demetri jumped an immaculate clear. By the time they came to their second round, persistent rain meant that the ground had become very churned up and slippery, with wide muddy paths into each fence. Although Demetri was still jumping extremely well, an unluckily touch at the second fence resulted in four faults, which put him out of the rosettes this year. From one hundred competitors, only ten double clears were jumped.

Not only were Jane and Delamere the first BVRC representative at Medium Dressage level, but also the first from Area 17 Riding Clubs. The grand occasion went slightly to Delamere's head, as he seemed to think flying changes were part of the test. Nevertheless, with a score of 52%, and no other scores above 60% this was a terrific performance.

Gail and Blackthorn were competing in a very strong class. Blackthorn produced a very nice test for a score of 60%, which left the pair in eighteenth place from forty four competitors.

It is a great honour to compete at the Championships, where the best in each Area from all over Great Britain assemble to take part. Our girls acquitted themselves admirably, and I was proud to be there, with them as representatives of our club.

Advertisements

All weather floodlit schooling menage for hire, with use of poles and small jumps. £10.00 per hour. Phone first to book, Eunice Tarling, Eastonton Manor Farm, Smannell. 0850 768977 or 01264 357621

'Sharer' in 15.2 bombproof RDA cob. Suit novice, nervous or confident rider under 10 stone. (Would suit young mum wanting to get back into horses now the children are all at school, but hasn't the time to own one or perhaps a retired person with time on their hands.) 2 or 3 days per week in return for small contribution towards livery costs.

Found at Show Jumping Show ,Hoplands on 23rd July

A small Saddle master Hacking Jacket was left on the bank by the Sand Show Jumping arena. Please ring Lindsay 01264 772388 if it is yours, or know who it may belong to.

Hoplands Equestrian Centre

Hoplands have organised an exciting series of training sessions with top instructors in all disciplines, together with practical evening talks in all aspects of equine care.

For more information contact John or Celia Stanwyck (01794) 388838

Diary Dates

September

- 17.09.95 Amport Horse Show.
SAE to Mrs M Hale, Amport Riding Centre, Furzedown Lane, Amport, Nr Andover, Hants.
- 24.09.95 Danebury Fun & Easy Day.
Organisers:- Vicky Gray (01264) 860303 or Jackie Bench (01264) 364635
- 30.09.95 General Instruction with Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Blue Bell Farm, Penton Grafton, 11am-2pm.
Return Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills

October/November

- 01.10.95 UK Chasers Strongid P Challenge, Kirby House, Inkpen
Sae: UK Chasers, Oxmoor Lane, Beckley, Oxford, OX3 9TD.
- 10.10.95 Talk by Homeopath, Fiona Mackenzie, Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill 7.30-8pm.
Organiser: Lindsay Hills (01264 772388)
- 14.10.95 General Instruction with Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Blue Bell Farm, Penton Grafton, 11am-2pm.
Return Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills
- 15.10.95 Chilworth Riding Club Hunter Trial at Nether Wallop, Nr Stockbridge.
sae: Juliette Pond, Dene Farm, Nether Wallop, Nr Stockbridge, Hants
- 22.10.95 Pleasure Ride from Middle Wallop 10.30am
Organiser: Maureen Burford (01264) 781499 / Sue Kerrison (01264) 710370

November

- 04.11.95 General Instruction with Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Blue Bell Farm, Penton Grafton, 11am-2pm.
Return Reply Slip to Lindsay Hills
- 05.11.95 Area 17 Training Day with Claire Morrison at the Fortune Centre, Bransgore.
- 12.11.95 BVRC Hunter Trial at Larkhill
Organiser: Lindsay Hills (01264) 772388

Provisional Dates

October/November

UK Chasers Ride

BVRC Annual General Meeting