

Bourne Valley Riding Club

incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club (Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

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Congratulations to the Winter Intermediate Dressage team, members Ros Kershaw, Philippa Thatcher, Jennie Cox and Fay Chivers, who have matched the performance of the Winter Novice Dressage team and qualified for the BRC National Winter Championships. The Intermediate final will be held at BRC National Winter Intermediate Championships, Bury Farm, Leighton Buzzard on the 2nd May. The qualification is particularly exciting as it is the first time the competition has been run.

Nearly all competition dates have been finalised and are listed in the Diary Dates page. Instruction, socials and ride dates will be added in due course. LKH.

PLEASE, PLEASE HELP

The new season is upon us, with our first event in mid-February. The riding club committee, all volunteers themselves, work hard on your behalf organising an unrivalled list of events throughout the year: dressage, show jumping, hunter trials and one-day-event, residential camp, pleasure rides and the chance to represent the club at area and national team events, not to mention weekly instruction to hone our skills. Occasional non-riding activities, demos and socials keep us up-to-date with developments in the equine world and with each other.

Members gave over 1000 hours last year to help run events. Not included in the list is help given by non-members, family and friends.

THIS IS YOUR CLUB, PLEASE HELP TO MAKE IT SUCCESSFUL PROFITS FROM EVENTS WE RUN ARE USED SUSTAIN & SUBSIDISE CLUB ACTIVITIES

(e.g.hunting, social rides, socials, instruction, demos & team events)

None of the activities happen without help from volunteers. So PLEASE offer your help to the organiser if you can; an hour before, during or after each event helps everything run smoothly for the benefit of all.

To give an example, to run the Horse Trials we need 100 helpers. That could mean a minimum of 100 phone calls. Whereas, if you contact the organiser to offer help, it only takes ONE call.

PLEASE pick up the phone, email, send a carrier pigeon, somehow, let us know if you can help.

Contact details of the event organisers are given in the newsletters and schedules and it would really help if you could volunteer directly to them as soon as you can.

TOWING

There are occasions during the club year when we need to move trailers and caravans to and from competition venues. On three of these we need all six moved. Without them we are unable to run our events. If you are able to help with towing, then please call Helen Nash-Steer 07719 476576 or email: hjnashsteer@hotmail.com. Assistance with fuel costs is available.

BVRC Endurance Team -Are you interested in Endurance riding?

Come along and join the BVRC to do some rides of between 20 and 30 miles as part of our team. Any breed and age (of horse or rider!), no endurance experience necessary.

Rides start in the spring and run through to the autumn in some really lovely countryside.

In 2014 the endurance team had a very successful time and qualified for the National Championships. Unfortunately due to horse lameness and rider injury (not sustained endurance riding), the team decided not to participate in the Championships.

Email: sarah.wearing@artofbalance.co.uk for more information or if you are interested.

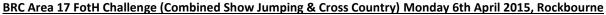


Instruction dates will be published shortly, after the Easter break.



BVRC Residential Camp at Stockland Lovell, Somerset 27th April -30th April 2015

The residential camp has been booked at Stockland Lovell. Arrival will be on Monday 27th April between 12-1pm and departure after lunch on Thursday 30th April. Instruction sessions are in the process of being organised. It isn't too late to accommodate extras, so if you haven't signed up already, but now find you would like to come along, contact Lindsay 01264 772388 / email: nag@bvrc.co.uk , asap.



A combined show jumping and cross country challenge with classes for Intermediate (height 1m all fences), Novice (height SJ .85m SC .90m) and Pairs (height as Novice; SJ phase will be run as a pairs relay. The XC will include up to 3 dressing fences). This competition is a test of the ability of a pony/horse and rider to negotiate a show jumping course together with a cross country course. The Challenge will involve a round of 7-10 show jumping obstacles and at least 15 (max 28) cross country jumping efforts. The round will be timed, with the show jumping based on a speed of 325 m/min for all and the cross country 450 m/min for novice and pairs and 475 m/min for intermediate. Applicants for this competition have enabled us to enter one Novice team and one Intermediate individual.



BVRC Talk - on Thursday 9th April - The Lion at Clanville, Nr Weyhill 7.45pm -FARRIERY - PAST, PRESENT & AFRICA

Cliff Barnes, AWCF Master Farrier, will be covering the latest thinking & key developments in farriery, as well as his experiences training local farriers in Tanzania. There will be time to cover one or two specific areas as requested by the audience - eg laminitis, sidebone, tendon injuries, navicular - as well as any Q&As.

Cliff has been caring for horses' feet in the local area since qualifying in 1993. He became an Associate of the Worshipful Company of Farriers in 2013 and continues to improve his skills and knowledge towards becoming a Fellow (FWCF) in the future. In 2013 he also became President of the British Farriers & Blacksmiths Association, after several years on the Executive Committee.

He is passionate about training, both in the UK and Africa, to maintain and improve standards for the benefit of horses everywhere. If you would like Cliff to cover a particular area, please let Fiona Webb know & she will liaise with Cliff.

Please let Fiona Webb know if you will be coming to this talk, and also if you will be ordering food, so she can let The Lion know for seating & catering purposes. Fiona's contact details: fiona.webb@bowen-technique.co.uk 07783 421181

Cost members £4, non-members £5 (all welcome, any age)

Be Fair & Caballine Awards Presentation

Prior to Cliff's talk, a presentation of rosettes and trophies will be made to recipients of Be Fair (competition) & Caballine (helpers) competition (listed below). We hope award winners will come and accept their rosettes and everyone else will come to congratulate / thank the winners for the success / efforts.

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BVRC Spring Dressage on Sunday 12th April, 2015 at Amport Riding Centre

BVRC Spring Dressage is run on grass at Amport, with long and short arena tests, ranging from Intro (Walk & Trot) to Medium. Come and have a go at this lovely relaxed spacious venue.

Please call / email Victoria 07789 004364 email: victoriakershaw@hotmail.com if you can help set up on 11th April 3pm or on the day.



BVRC Novice Show Saturday 18th April,2015 from 1pm, Amport Riding Centre

This popular show is for novice riders and horses in any combination or for those who have had a break from competition and would like to return in a low-key fashion. The competition is organised to encourage riders and/or horses who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in dressage or show jumping classes. This year, classes will be extended to include Novice combinations who aren't eliglible for strict Novice Horse/Rider classifications. Other combinations will be welcome to ride, HC, in the classes for which they are ineligible. In the spirit of the competition, professional riders are welcome but requested to ride HC.

There are Walk And Trot or Prelim standard dressage tests and show jumping clear round at 2'0" followed by SJ classes between 2'0" and 2'6". All classes are professionally judged with positive feedback. **Note the Saturday scheduling!** If you feel like spending a Saturday afternoon at Amport, please Contact Ros 01264 730706 email: s.kershaw706@btinternet.com with your offers of help.

BRC Area 17 Combined Training Team & Individual Qualifier at Crofton EC, Stubbington, on Sunday 19th April 2015,

The Combined Training qualifier for teams and individuals comprise two levels, one riding Prelim 7 (2002) and showing jumping at 75cm and the second riding Novice27 (2007) with a show jumping jump a round at 85cm. Teams comprise four members with two riding at each level. As always, the best three scores count towards the team total. Two teams have been entered for this competition.



BVRC Unaffiliated Horse Trials at Larkhill on Sunday 17th May 2015

This year our annual Horse Trials returns to its normal format. The competition with be run with cross country at 75cm, 85-90cm and 1m, so there will be a height for everyone.

Classes will soon be filling for this very popular event, so places will be at a premium.

Entries will be processed on a first come first served basis. Please get yours in early. We don't want to disappoint anybody because the classes are full.

The event is the major revenue earner for the club and a mammoth task to organise. In order to run efficiently and maintain high levels of safety for all concerned, we need about 100 helpers, either on the preceding morning, at 10am, to set up, on the day itself or to clear up at 4pm.

Without you contacting us, it could entail 100 telephone calls.

CAN YOU HELP with one of the tasks listed below? Can you enlist the help of family and friends?

Also, please let us know if you are unable to help, so that we don't pester you.

There is no need to respond if you are on the fence judge volunteer list.

But if you receive a letter asking if you are able to fence judge, please do us the courtesy of responding, even if you are unable to help. It saves us time and energy in chasing you up.

Times are defined in morning or afternoon slots. It is even better if you can help all day.

Please fill in & return the form by post or email or telephone Lindsay Hills, The Ridings, Dauntsey Lane, Weyhill, Nr Andover, Hants, SP11 8EB Tel: 01264 772388 email: nag@bvrc.co.uk



BVRC Combined Training Sunday 21st June 2015 at Knighton Down, Larkhill (schedule to follow)

The competition can be entered either as a combined competition or as separate dressage and/or show jumping, so there's something for everyone.

Calling all willing helpers. This event is to be held at Knighton Down, Larkhill. This particular event requires a veritable army of helpers as both dressage and show jumping are involved. Help is required both on the day and to set up the day before. Please contact Lindsay Devine (01722 712464) to fill one or more of the jobs. If you are not competing, please help on the day, and if you are, please consider helping on the day before or, for those competing in the later classes, consider the possibility of helping to pack up – don't forget, those involved for most/all of the day, still have their horses to look after when they get home! Don't forget, too, that all helpers accumulate points for the Caballine Cup at the end of each season – for some of us it might be the only rosette we earn!!!!

There is a dreaded reply slip if that helps.

Reports

BVRC Annual Quiz Night – Friday 6th February 2015 at The Lion, Clanville.

We appreciated our return to the Lion at Clanville, which is now under new ownership. There were a few teething troubles with food orders but I am sure they will be ironed out in the future.

The quiz, as usual, really stretched the old grey cells. Often one team member knew the answer when the others struggled with their memories. The reappearance of the baby food test wasn't welcomed by all. Not only were the ingredients hard to identify and fairly disgusting to taste, the food looked revolting too. It is enough to put babies off food for life.

It says something about us that the highest scoring round was the one naming chocolate bars from a set of cryptic clues. No samples were supplied for this round.

The contest was closely fought and team positions changed throughout the evening. Places even changed during the final round. The Thickies stole a march on the Top Table but couldn't quite prevent Quattro (the Web family) from taking the spoils.

1st Quattro 128 2nd The Thickies 126.5 3rd Top Table 118 4th= Mad Moose & Er 'um 96 6th= 3 Amigos & Rag Dolls 82 Tilly's Fillies 71

We need to say a big thank you to Gill (Young) for her enterprising and devious questions.

Please to note that Gill has threatened that you will be eating baby food again at the camp quiz and the annual quiz next year!!

BVRC Xmas Curry Evening – Friday 27th February 2015 at the Goa Balti Restaurant.

Almost thirty people arrived to celebrate Christmas with us. Well, Jane was wearing her Christmas jumper!

It did give us the opportunity to congratulate Philippa Thatcher who was crowned BRC National Winter Novice Dressage Champion last year. Philippa was awarded honorary membership for the year.

The food was just as delicious as we expected. Although it seemed like a big gap between courses it gave us a good chance to chat, gossip and catch up. Of course, the reason for the pause was because all the food was freshly cooked and served to everyone at the same time. It was a most enjoyable, relaxed evening and we came away having been very well fed.

BVRC Dressage Castle Farm - 15th February 2015

For our first event of the year we had a good entry in each class. The day ran smoothly, although it was somewhat overcast and chilly. We had a good supply of helpers, all of which carried out their duties to the letter. A big thank you to everyone who helped. All of our three judges, two of which were new to us, enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and friendliness of all our competitors and helpers. Hopefully we will be able to see them again in the future.

Ros Kershaw

The results of the day are:-

Clas	s 1: BD Intro B	Judge: Lynne Barley		Score	%
1	Gemma Merrit	Allecross Loughrae		182	78.7
2	Katie Mortimore	Bea	У	151	65.7
3	Frances Hall	Bellinidene Magnum	у	148	63.9
4	Frances Hall	Mallards Wood Corunnut	У	147	63.9
5	Fiona Gregory	Shadow	у	145.5	63.0
6	Frances Hall	Dunkery Bullfinch	у	140.5	60.9
7	Dee Hodson	Reggie Rosedale	у	137	59.6

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			У	178	74.16
2 (1-	ndra Groves	Timmy	у	164	68.33
3 Cia	aire Arnold	Jeebes		159	66.04
4 Jer	nny Cox	Biscuit Man	У	158.5	66.04
5 La	ura Priestley-Cooper	Last Dream	у	157.5	65.62
6 Ka	ite Bennett	Calypso		155	64.58
7 Sa	lly Shepherd	Pablo	у	155	64.58
8 Po	olly Dimelow	Zara		148	61.66
9 Sa	lly Shepherd	Barney	у	138	57.50
10 Jer	m Manders	Oki Classic Charm	у	135	56.25

Class 5: BD Novice 34 / E 42		Judge: Stuart Banks			
1	Elizabeth Peerless	Pixie (N34)	у	163	67.91
2	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia (E42)	у	217	67.81
3	Clare Sutton	Madam Butterfly (N34)	у	149	61.25

Class 2: BD Prelim 7		Judge: Lynne Barley			
1	Polly Dimelow	Zara		141	70.50
2	Zoe Sherlock	Aloto	У	140	70.00
3	Kaitlin Angelo	Digit		139.5	69.75
4	Gemma Merrit	Allecross Loughrae		139.5	69.75
5	Katie Mortimore	Bea	У	129	64.50
6	Sam Shepherd	Pablo	У	127.5	63.75
7	Caroline Scott	Bertie	У	126.5	63.25
8	Claire Lester	Folly		123	67.50
9	Sam Shepherd	Barney	У	119	59.50
10	Fiona Gregory	Shadow	У	116.5	58.25

Class	4: BD Novice 28	Judge: Stuart Banks			
1	Elizabeth Peerless	Pixie	У	174	72.50
2	Alison Coleman	Wilba	У	170.5	71.04
3	Claire Arnold	Jeebes		164.5	68.54
4	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	У	163	67.91
5	Jenny Cox	Biscuit Man	У	162	67.50
6	Penny Scaife	Paddy		157.5	65.62
7	Sandra Groves	Timmy	У	155	64.58
8	Clare Sutton	Madam Butterfly	У	152.5	62.70
9	Helen Davis	Puzzle	У	149.5	62.29
10	Susie Pool	Dubai	У	148	61.66

TEAM NEWS

BRC Area 17 2015 Winter Show Jumping Qualifier, Crofton Manor – Sunday 22nd February 2015

BVRC Novice Blue		BVRC Novice White		BVRC Intermediate		
		Meredith Baker	Miseria	Victoria Delville-Cutts	Folds Lord Lux	
Louise Curtis	Jazz Mohawk River	Sandra Groves	Timmy	Susie Pool	Dubai	
Victoria Delville-Cutts	Folds Rebecca	Caroline Thompson	Cocas Hot Pants	Lisa Pritchard	Eros Van de Brouwershoeve	
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	Emma Hewlett	Bounce	Annabel Mead	Wujiwoo	

Last week I heard a chap (psychologist?) talking on the radio about how to be happy. He said to find things to do which give you a sense of achievement, and find things to do which you enjoy. At the Area 17 Winter SJ Qualifier I had a MASSIVE sense of achievement and also enjoyed myself, somehow without getting stressed. Perhaps due to prior planning and getting up at 4am! I took 2 horses, and jumped 5 rounds, all different courses, 3 on my own Humphrey and 2 on the newly loaned Dubai.

I was SO proud of Humphrey who didn't have one stop all day, which is very unusual for him. In the 70-80cm warm up he actually went clear in the 1st phase so we got to do the jump-off phase (I only walked it just in case!). He nearly stopped at the last, a pink and purple double, but I actually kicked on, he responded and we only had the first element down. We came 7th!! In the Qualifier, he jumped clear in the 1st round (80cm) and had 2 down in the 2nd (85cm), that wretched pink & purple double again. A very delighted rider.

Dubai was great but we need to work on our communications skills. However I'd only had her 2 weeks, jumped her 3 times and it was our first competition together so we are still trying to get to know each other. I demonstrated how out of practice I was when in Round 1 (90-95cm), I found I was only concentrating on the fence in hand until after landing, hence I sailed past 2 jumps saying "bother" I'm supposed to be jumping that one next! On the drive home I worked out that I probably haven't jumped a 90+cm course for over 6 years, I think on the lovely "Jeebs", then owned by Gill Young. Dubai tried to look after me and put up with my incompetence well, but there came a point of impossibility in Round 2 which necessitated a stop. At that point I "dismounted" onto my feet, patted her and led her out of the arena!!

In the short time I've been riding and jumping Dubai, she has brought me on so that I can jump Humphrey much better too; more positively and confidently. Thank you Victoria Delville-Cutts for giving me the opportunity.

It was good to be part of Bourne Valley Riding Club teams, riding for a change, so thanks to Katie Mortimore for standing in as Chef d'Equipe for the day and helping me out when needed. There was some great team spirit around. I also have to thank Meredith Baker's Mum, Sue for taking me under her wing as soon as they arrived and helping me with numbers and hat tagging. Tabitha Rothwell kindly acted as one of our helpers when her pony went lame, preventing her from competing and Victoria's noble husband, Gareth, was a chauffeur, groom and also designated official for the afternoon so a big thank you owed there.

Feel very chuffed that I coped with getting 2 living-out horses to an early competition, reasonably turned out (thank goodness I didn't need to plait though) and did all the horse swapping pretty much on my own. I couldn't have done it without having previously worked with Marion Watt, who does it all the time, usually with 3!

At the end of the day, none of the teams did very well but there were several other achievements. In keeping with the Novice competition, Victoria took a very inexperienced horse, who a week earlier could hardly jump out of canter. She improved each training session and then did a couple of pretty decent rounds at Crofton. Louise produced our only double clear for the day, and Annabel Mead's young Wujiwoo performed best of the Intermediate horses. Lisa overcame her nerves to jump 2 creditable rounds in the Intermediate and even enjoyed the experience, as did Sandra in the Novice. They both decided they want to jump more often as a result, which is a great outcome. Well done all, and I'm glad everyone got home safely with the strengthening wind gusting over 30 mph.

Diary Dates 2015

APRIL

3rd BVRC Hot Cross Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain 10.15am Lindsay Hills 01264 772388

4-5 BRC Novice Indoor Show Jumping & Winter Dressage Championships at Hartpury College EC, Nr Gloucester BRC

6th BRC Area 17 Novice & Open FOTH Qualifier at Rockbourne Organiser: Chilworth RC

9th BVRC Talk by Cliff Barnes - FARRIERY - PAST, PRESENT & AFRICA, The Lion Clanville, Nr Weyhill, 7.45pm Fiona Webb, fiona.webb@bowen-

technique.co.uk 07783 421181

12th BVRC Spring Dressage Amport RC Victoria Smith 07789 004364

18th BVRC Novice Show, Amport RC, 1pm Ros Kershaw 01264 730706

27-30 BVRC Residential Camp at Stockland Lovell Lindsay Hills 01264 772388

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2-3 BRC Winter Intermediate Championships, Bury Farm, Leighton Buzzard BRC

17th BVRC Unaffiliated Horse Trials, Knighton Down, Larkhill Lindsay Hills 01264 772388

30-31 BRC FOTH Championships Aston le Walls, Daventry BRC

JUNE

8th BRC Area 17 Horse Trials Qualifier, Bovington Bovington

14th BRC Area 17 Show Jumping, adj. Hurn Airport, Bournemouth New Forest RC

21st BVRC Combined Training, Knighton Down, Larkhill Lindsay Devine 01722 712464

JULY

11th BRC Area 17 Dressage Qualifier, Pinkmead EC, Botley, Hants Chilworth RC

TBC BVRC Summer Dressage and Show Victoria Smith 07789 004364

AUGUST

7-9 BRC National Horse Trials Championships at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian, Nr Banbury BRC

TBC BVRC Summer Farm Ride Lindsay Devine 01722 712464

23rd BRC Area 17 Dressage to Music, Crofton EC, Stubbington Solent RC

SEPTEMBER

5-6 BRC National Championships, Lincoln Showground BRC

13th BVRC Novice Show, Amport RC

20th BVRC Dressage & Show Jumping Show, Knighton Down, Larkhill Ros Kershaw 01264 730706

OCTOBER

2-4 BRC Dressage to Music Championships, Bury Farm, Leighton Buzzard BRC

NOVEMBER

1st BVRC Hunter Trials, Knighton Down, Larkhill Lindsay Hills 01264 772388

TBC BVRC New Forest Ride

DECEMBER

TBC BVRC Xmas Ride Lindsay Hills 01264 772388





Return to Lindsay Devine, Oak Tree Cottage, The Street, Farley, Salisbury, Wilts SP5 1AA Tel: 01722 712464

I would be willing to help at the CT on Sunday 21st June 2015 at Larkhill for the following time: all day / am / pm.

My preferred job would be: anything / steward (2-3) / writer (up to 6 total) / scorer (2, calculators provided!) / score collector (1) / score boards & prizes (1) / SJ arena party (2) / SJ judging or timing

Name	.Email

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	Helpers Form for	BVRC Unaffi	liated Horse Trials o	n Sunday 17 th May	,
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