

Newsletter February 2008

Bourne Valley Riding Club

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



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Be Fair Cup and Caballine Trophy

The Be Fair Cup and Caballine Trophy are presented annually at the AGM.

Be Fair points are awarded to the 6 highest placed BV members in every competition regardless of their overall places (they may be 10th in the class but 2nd best BV member). Riders are only eligible for points on one horse on any particular day.

Members who compete in teams on behalf of the BVRC will receive three points per day.

The Caballine Trophy points are awarded on a point for each hour or part hour worked at a show or setting up the day before a show. Committee members who organise the events only get points on this basis and not for other committee duties. Even so, the top places do seem to be filled by them. A rose bowl is awarded to the highest placed non-committee member.

In addition to the trophies, rosettes are presented to the top ten places in each competition.

Each Trophy winner is awarded free membership for the following year.

Forthcoming Events



'How your horse's teeth affect his performance' talk by Martin Walls, Equine Dental Technician, & Classical Riding by Bruno Rodrigues de Silva, European Equitation Champion, on Friday 8th February 2008, at the Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill 7-30pm for 8pm start.

Martin Walls has kindly agreed to come and give a very informative talk on Equine Dentistry with excellent photos, pictures and skulls to study. Martin trained at the Academy of Equine Dentist in Idaho, USA in 1998. As a result he is a certified Equine Dentist and also holds the British qualification of Equine Dental Technician. He has lectured at the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) Conference in Glasgow and is due to return again next year. He also lectures at various colleges including Sparsholt. He is based between Winchester and Southampton and mainly covers the Hampshire area. He is recommended by Woodlands Veterinary Practice and Endell Veterinary Hospital as well as numerous other Practices and also receives referrals from the vets at the Liphook Equine Hospital.

Martin is bringing a guest from Portugal with him. Bruno Rodrigues de Silva is an exponent of classical riding & took part in the finale display at Olympia 2007 with a team of riders & Lusitano horses. He has offered to show us a DVD of him training a young horse and answer questions about classical riding & his training methods. Bruno was sceptical about the need for horse dentistry until he spent a day with Martin treating horses. Now he is a complete convert.

This is going to be a fascinating evening. Do come & join us.

Cost £4 for members, £5 for non-members (friends & under 17's welcome)



BRC Area 17 Winter League, 2007/2008 (schedules from Sandra, Peter Buist or www.area17-brc.fsnet.co.uk)

BRC Area 17 Winter League has returned to Sparsholt EC. These are very good competitions against members from other riding clubs in the area. The shows are well organised with limited entries – so there is no hanging around for hours between classes. Members placed in each class accrue points for the club and for themselves in the individual competition. At the end of the series there is a prize for the club with the most points, and the individual with the most points who has taken part in both dressage & show jumping (but not necessarily placed in both).

Dates are as follows:

Saturday February 23rd – Show Jumping

Sunday April 13th – Dressage

Entries secretary: Mr P Buist, Silverlea, New Road, Timsbury, Romsey, Hants SO51 0NL (01794 368061).



Safety Evening at Equishop, Wilton on Tuesday 26th February from 6.15pm until 8.45pm.

Kate at Equishop as arranged a safety evening in Wilton for us. It will give us the latest thoughts on safety standard for hats and body protectors with guest speaker Roger Cooper from Rodney Powell body protectors. It will also give the opportunity to have our current hats / body protectors checked for fit & safety levels. The shop will be open but there is absolutely no obligation to buy anything.

?????? ANSWERED on Riding Hats & Body Protectors

Guest Speaker **Roger Cooper**

Roger is the proprietor of Rodney Powell body protector's, Vice Chairman of BETA and is on the European Safety Council. He is hugely entertaining, and well worth coming to listen too .

EVENING ITINERARY

6.15p.m. Drinks & Nibbles
6.30pm Riding Hat (Kathryn Wilkinson)
6.50pm Body Protectors (Roger Cooper)
7.30pm Question Time
7.40pm Prize Draw
7.45pm Hat & Body Protector Fit & Standard Checks
Store Open for Shopping
Store Closing 8.45pm

10% DISCOUNT on Riding Hats, Body Protectors & Fluorescent Gear

FREE Hat & Body Protector Fit and Standard Checks
Even if not purchased from Equishop

FREE PRIZE DRAW - GREAT PRIZES

Open to all Riding Club members & anyone interested

EQUISHOP, Unit 2 North Station Yard, Warminster Road, Wilton SP2 0AT, Salisbury 01722 744934
Find us off A36 Warminster Road, Wilton behind Reeve the Baker

TEAMS



BRC Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier **on Saturday 1st March 2008 at Kingston Maurward EC, Nr Dorchester**

We are hoping to enter a couple of teams in the Novice qualifier. Details of who represented BVRC & how they got on will appear in the next newsletter.



BRC Area 17 Novice Hunter Trial Qualifier – Saturday 19th April 2008, at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne.

BRC Area 17 Novice & Open Team & Individual Hunter Trial Qualifier is being held at Rockbourne again this year. The Hunter Trial championships take place at Aston le Walls, Daventry, Northants, over the weekend of 31st May / 1st June. The Novice competition is set at a height of 85cm (2'9") and the Open height is 1m (3'3"). A new pairs competition at a height of 85cm (2'9") is being introduced this year and both Novice & Open team members are eligible. We hope to have teams representing BVRC on 19th April.

If you are interested in participating please fill in and return the attached form to Susie Pool (01980 671523)

Please remember that the horse must have valid up to date Passport / Flu Vaccination Certificate, which must comply in every respect to the rules shown below.

Teams comprise four members, with the best three scores accrued to give the team total.

There are some restrictions in the eligibility of horses and riders for the various competitions. If you wish to be considered for a team place, please fill in and return the attached team form to Susie Pool, together with two photocopies of the horse's Passport / Flu vacc certificate (one copy to be submitted with entries + one for Susie). **Please make sure you copy every section (front, back & middle) of the certificate – including the name & address of the owner, the horse's name, silhouette, markings & every single vaccinations entry.**

Please return the application form by Wednesday 19th March. We need to decide by the 21st March how many teams to enter.

ONCE YOU HAVE RETURNED YOUR FORM PLEASE LET SUSIE KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE. The team competitions cost the club a lot of money, which we do not want to waste.

The team selection policy is as follows:

On the basis of the response to the team forms, a decision is made about how many teams to enter. Details of how many teams and individuals we want to enter are sent, **with an entry fee**, to British Riding Clubs (3 weeks before the competition).

Anyone applying for team places will be notified by the end of March if their application has been successful.

Entries, detailing who is in which team, are sent to the Area Competition Organiser (**with another entry fee**) about 7-10 days before the competition is held. The club pays all entry fees to Area competitions.

Selection for team places is based on performance at club competitions or other known events.

It is normally the case that, subject to eligibility, anyone keen to take part will be offered the opportunity to ride for the club.

The area competitions are great events giving us the opportunity to meet and compete against other clubs in the area and participate in a team environment. We want to encourage any one interested to have a go, but in the event of teams or individuals qualifying to go to National Championships, we need to know in advance if you are prepared to go the Championships.

There may be many reasons why you can't or don't want to attend the Championships. It will not stop us asking you to represent the club, but it may just affect who goes in which team.

If you think you would like to have a go but are not sure then ring Susie (01980 671523) for a chat.

Even if you stated on your membership application that you were interested in teams, please fill in and return the team application forms.

PLEASE READ THE VACCINATION RULES BELOW AND CHECK THAT YOUR HORSE'S CERTIFICATE COMPLIES IN EVERY RESPECT.

Equine Influenza - Valid Certificates – Vaccination procedures

*Each horse must have a valid vaccination certificate, which undeniably relates to that horse, completed, **signed and stamped** on each line by a veterinary surgeon, who is not the owner of the animal. It must state that the horse has two injections for primary vaccination against Equine Influenza given no less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart. (Only these two injections need to have been given for the horse to compete). In addition a first booster injection must be given no less than 150 days and no more than 215 days after the second injection of the primary vaccination. Subsequently, booster injections must be given at intervals of not more than 1 year apart, commencing after the first booster injection. None of these injections must have been given within the **preceding 7 days**, including the day of the competition or entry into competition stables.*

Horses foaled before 1st January 1980 need not have had the first booster injection (no less 150 days and no more than 215 days) after the second injection of the primary vaccination – but must have had an annual booster (given within 12 months) thereafter.

Note: Where Passports are used as the flu' vaccination record, the horse description must be verified by a vet or authorised member of a breed society.



Winter Dressage on Sunday 9th March, 2008 at Castle Farm, Over Wallop (schedule enclosed).

Unlike previous years, we are only able use one arena for the competition. The competition will be run indoors, with warm up outside on an all weather surface. The schedule includes two Prelim, one Novice & a choice of a Novice, an Elementary or Medium Dressage Tests. This has always been a very popular event, so get your entries in early. Entries will be accepted on a 'first come' basis, with priority given to BVRC members. Non-members entries will only be accepted, if there is space available, after entries have closed. Nevertheless, get your entries in early to avoid disappointment. Elizabeth Peerless (01980 862809) will welcome calls from Dressage writers, stewards or scorers willing to help out on the day.



BVRC Hot Cross Bun Ride on Friday 21st March 2008 at 10am.

This popular ride returns again for 2008, but we don't normally hold it in March. As last year, the ride will take place in the morning. I may regret this decision when Sandra & I are buttering Hot Cross buns at 7am, but at least they will be fresh. We will meet at 10am ready to ride by 10.15am. The ride will be approximately two hours with a stop for drinks and buns along the way. Depending on numbers, the ride will be split into a 'fast' and 'slow'. The weather can be anything from tropical to arctic at this time of year, so dress accordingly. Guests (16 years or over) are welcome but please remember that club hat rules apply to them also. The ride is free to members, £4 for non-members. To book your place & hot cross bun, or if you have any queries please contact Lindsay Hills (01264 772388).

Meet at F Range, Bulford side of the Cross Belt (on Tidworth / Bulford road. (Cross Belt marks the Hampshire Wiltshire border)).



Winter Show Jumping on Sunday 30th March, 2008 at Castle Farm, Over Wallop (schedule enclosed)

The arenas at Castle Farm provide excellent jumping surfaces both for competition & warm up both all weather. Jumping classes will be run at heights from 2' 3" to 3' 3", with clear round jumping at 2'. Susie Pool (01980 671523) would welcome your call with offers of help either on the day or to set up the day before (time to be confirmed). **PLEASE** give Susie a call (01980 671523).



Residential Camp at Stockland Lovell, Somerset 14-17th April 2008

There are still a few places available for camp. Send your application form (enclosed in the last Newsletter) **NOW** to secure a place. For more information call Lindsay (01264 772388) or Sandra (01264 396390).

Instruction

Instruction of all flavours has been organised with Diana, Elizabeth & Rosie as follows:

Instructor	Type of Instruction	Venue	Cost	Date	Time
Diana Burgess	General Instruction	Castle Farm, Over Wallop	£20	Wednesday 20th February Wednesday 5th March Wednesday 19th March	all at 10.30am
Diana Burgess	Cross Country	Tweseldown (2 groups) Tweseldown (1 group) Downlands EC, Tytherington, (1 group) Downlands EC, Tytherington, (2 groups)	£42 £42 £35 £35	Saturday 16th February Wednesday 27th February Wednesday 12th March Sunday 16th March	10am or 12pm 10.30am 10.30am 10am or 12pm
Elizabeth Peerless	General Instruction	Castle Farm, Over Wallop	£20	Sunday 10th February Saturday 23rd February Sunday 2nd March Saturday 15th March	all at 1.30pm
Elizabeth Peerless	Flatwork	Castle Farm, Over Wallop	£20	Thursday 14th February Thursday 28th February Thursday 13th March	all at 6.30pm
Rosie Moss	Gridwork / Show Jumping	Castle Farm, Over Wallop	£20	Thursday 21st February Thursday 6th March	all at 6.30pm

General instruction sessions consist of some flatwork and, time permitting, some optional gridwork or a small course of jumps at the end. Each session will last 1½ hours.

Cross Country Instruction Body protectors are compulsory. The sessions will last for two hours.

Directions to Tweseldown Take M3 to Junction 5 (Hook). Turn right heading towards Farnham (A287). Second left at roundabout (still Farnham) and second left again at next one (still towards Farnham). Keep going along the A287 (along long straight and then up long, long hill) until you reach another roundabout; turn left (B3013) down long hill until you enter Church Crookham. First right (The Tweseldown Pub) into Bourley Road.

The instruction sessions are aimed at all levels of horse and rider – 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).

If there is more than 1 group, please ring 2 days beforehand to find out to which group you have been allocated.

Hunting

Following the hunting ban in February 2005, the RA Hunt has been operating as a drag pack. The club has taken out a subscription to the RA Hunt again this year. This will enable club members to drag hunt up to 4 times during the season (from the end October to April) for a reduced cap (**£20 per day** (this is £50 for non-subscribers)).

Contact Helen Nash-Steer (07719 476576 or email: hjnashsteer@onetel.com) for details of meets, times, parking, dress, protocol etc etc. or if you just want a friendly face.

Don't forget to take your **NEW** membership card.

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

Alison Wilson, 2 Haydown Cottages, East Cholderton, Hants SP11 8LT Email: alisonchesworth@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01264 773191

The Royal Artillery Hunt Ball Officers' Mess, The Royal School Of Artillery, Friday 7th March 2008

As you may be aware the Mess at Larkhill has undergone a recent refurbishment and is now home to many of the stunning pictures, pieces of silver and other historical items once housed at Woolwich.

New format for the Hunt Ball this year:

The dining room previously used for dining and dancing will be used for diners only; as it houses the fixed dining tables/chairs and the magnificent chandeliers from the dining room at Woolwich.

Diners (£80 a head) will experience a champagne reception commencing at 7pm followed by a regimental style three course dinner with wine. The tables will be laid up with a selection from the silver collection. If you are bringing a party you will be sat together as a group. Numbers are strictly limited to 134 and we already have reservations for 60 diners.

At 10pm Non-diners (£35 a head) will be welcomed with a complimentary glass of champagne. There will be no reserved tables however tables and chairs will be available in the Mansergh Room and seating available in the bar.

Dancing will take place in the Wanklyn and Alanbrooke Rooms from 10pm - 2am to the Royal Artillery Band.

The Horn blowing competition will take place and of course the Raffle with some excellent prizes.

Champagne and port will be available from a bar in the foyer and the mess bar will be open all evening.

Cheese tables will be set up in the Mansergh, Wanklyn and Alanbrooke Rooms for grazing instead of breakfast this year.

Carriages are at 2am.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

For Tickets or more information contact Alison Wilson, 2 Haydown Cottages, East Cholderton, Hants SP11 8LT Email: alisonchesworth@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01264 773191

BVRC Quiz Night, 18th January 2008 at The Red Lion

An excellent turnout provided a good challenge between nine teams at this year's quiz. Last year's winning team, 'Clueless', wasn't able to re-appear this year, but three members (Scott & Olpin families) enlisted support from the Sam & Sally Shepherd to form the 'Happy Team' and retain the title with 137 points. Almost ten points behind, in second place were the Larkhill Ladies, with 127 ½ points (Ali Welsh, Alison Wilson, Rachel Holland, Annabel Mead.). In hot pursuit were the 'Nice but Dims' with 126½ points

Some questions caused heads to be scratched and were cause for amusement, particularly, the round matching riders to horse, in which someone thought Carl Hester (6' +) rode Scrumpy (28 year old 14hh palomino usually ridden by Sandra). Thank you to everyone who came, and a big thank you to Sandra for setting some excellent & challenging questions. I hope you all had a fun evening.

BRC Area 17 New Winter Dressage Team Qualifier at Sparsholt EC on Sunday 20th January 2008

We had a very good response for the Winter Dressage team competition. There were enough riders & horses to enter three teams, but due to time restrictions on the day were only permitted to enter two. Very pleasing to see some new faces venturing into the teams for the first time.

The rain, persistent since Christmas, abated for the duration of the competition, which was a relief. For each team 2 riders rode P12 & two rode N27, but each test came before a different judge. Sixteen teams contested this inaugural qualifier. Unlucky for Ruth Shelley & Duke in their first BVRC team appearance to have to kicked off proceeding in N27. They performed an excellent test to finish with 66.1% in 6th place for the team. Diana Burgess & Spirit Song, doing P12, produced a lovely fluent test to win the section with 71.2%, 10 marks clear of 2nd place – not bad for a 5 year old!

Vanessa Martin & Dublin, also produced an excellent N27, and finished on exactly the same mark as Ruth. Frances Hall & Max & Charlotter Opperman & Marble both did well to score over 60%. Others were not so fortunate, mainly due to youth or inexperience but I'm sure will have benefited from the outing.

Team scoring is a bit complex. Points are awarded according to the placing in the arena, then the best three accrued to give a team total. The unbeatable New Forest Pony Enthusiasts stole the show with their active, accurate tests, attaining 2 first & 2 second places. The Blue team just missed out a rosette finishing in seventh place & Ruth & Vanessa were denied sixth place rosettes by the inclusion of some excellent juniors in their arena.

Team	P12			P12			N27			N27			Team score	
	mark	%	place	mark	%	place	mark	%	place	mark	%	place		
Blue	Diana Burgess	Spirit Song	178	71.2	1									18
	Beatrice Robinson	Wagner De Meia Lua				146	58.4	14						
	Vanessa Martin	Dublin						185	66.1	6				
	Charlotte Opperman	Marble									170	60.7	11	
White	Frances Hall	Trowan Max	154	61.6	11									31
	Debbie Ashley	Something Else				146	58.4	14						
	Ruth Shelley	Duke IV						185	66.1	6				
	Michela Ling	Edward									157	56.1	15	

Diary Dates 2008

FEBRUARY

- 8th **BVRC talk by Martin Walls, Equine Dentist, Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill, 7.30pm for 8pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 10th **BVRC General Instruction, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 1.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 10th Sparsholt College Unaffiliated Showjumping *Event Secretary - 01962 776895*
- 14th **BVRC Flatwork Instruction, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 6.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 16th **BVRC XC Instruction, Diana Burgess, Tweseldown, Church Crookham, 10am or 12pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 16th RAPC Show Jumping at Sparsholt EC *Melinda Veal 01264 629854 or email: melindaveal@tiscali.co.uk*
- 17th Berks County RC Unaffiliated Dressage at Boomerang Stables, Crooked Soley Hungerford *Liz Bedingham, 01488 668273 or 07717-757055 / www.berkscountyrc.co.uk*
- 17th Woodington Training Centre Unaffiliated Dressage, Woodington Rd, West Wellow *The Secretary Tel: 01794 324172*
- 17th Sparsholt College Unaffiliated Dressage *Susie Little 07721 555777*
- 20th **BVRC General Instruction, Diana Burgess, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 10.30am** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 21st **BVRC Show Jumping Instruction, Rosie Moss, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 6.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 23rd **BVRC General Instruction, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 1.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 23rd BRC Area 17 Winter League Show Jumping at Sparsholt EC *Mr P Buist, Silverlea, New Road, Timsbury, Romsey, Hants SO51 0NL*
- 24th Castle Farm Equestrian Unaffiliated Dressage, Over Wallop, Nr Stockbridge, Hants *Carole Glover 01264 781991/07765 892077*
- 24th Winchester RC Unaffiliated Dressage at Sparsholt EC *Sue Knight-Jones 01962 774064*
- 26th **BVRC Safety evening at Equishop, Wilton, 6.15-8.45pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 27th **BVRC XC Instruction, Diana Burgess, Tweseldown, Church Crookham, 10.30am** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 28th **BVRC Flatwork Instruction, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 6.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

MARCH

- 1st BRC Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at Kingston Maurward EC, Nr Dorchester *Organiser: Shillingstone RC*
- 1st Sparsholt College Unaffiliated Showjumping *Event Secretary - 01962 776895*
- 2nd **BVRC General Instruction, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 1.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 2nd Berks County RC Unaffiliated Show Jumping at Boomerang Stables, Crooked Soley Hungerford *Liz Bedingham, 01488 668273 or 07717-757055 / www.berkscountyrc.co.uk*
- 5th **BVRC General Instruction, Diana Burgess, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 10.30am** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 6th **BVRC Show Jumping Instruction, Rosie Moss, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 6.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 8th Sparsholt College Unaffiliated Showjumping *Event Secretary - 01962 776895*
- 9th **BVRC Unaffiliated Dressage, Castle Farm, Over Wallop** *Elizabeth Peerless 01980 862809*
- 12th **BVRC XC Instruction, Diana Burgess, Downlands EC, Tytherington, Nr Warminster, 10.30am** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 13th **BVRC Flatwork Instruction, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 6.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 15th **BVRC General Instruction, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 1.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 16th **BVRC XC Instruction, Diana Burgess, Downlands EC, Tytherington, Warminster, 10am/12pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 16th Berks County RC Unaffiliated Dressage at Boomerang Stables, Crooked Soley Hungerford *Liz Bedingham, 01488 668273 or 07717-757055 / www.berkscountyrc.co.uk*
- 19th **BVRC General Instruction, Diana Burgess, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 10.30am** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 21st **BVRC Hot Cross Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain, 'F' Range (Tidworth/Bulford) at 10am** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 23rd Sparsholt College Combined Training *Event Secretary - 01962 776895*
- 23rd Castle Farm Equestrian Unaffiliated Dressage *Carole Glover 01264 781991/07765 892077*
- 30th **BVRC Unaffiliated Show Jumping, Castle Farm, Over Wallop** *Susie Pool 01980 672523*

APRIL

- 6th Woodington Training Centre Unaffiliated Dressage, Woodington Rd, West Wellow *Tel: 01794 324172*
- 9th Sparsholt College Unaffiliated Dressage *Susie Little 07721 555777*
- 13th BRC Area 17 Winter League Dressage at Sparsholt EC *Mr P Buist*
- 14-19th **BVRC Camp – Stockland Lovell** *Sandra Groves 01264 395277*
- 14-19th BRC Area 17 Novice & Open Hunter Trial Qualifier at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne *Organiser: South Wilts RC*
- 26th Sparsholt College Unaffiliated Dressage *Susie Little 07721 555777*
- 27th Winchester RC Unaffiliated Dressage at Sparsholt EC *Sue Knight-Jones 01962 774064*

To apply for instruction sessions, please fill in and return the attached reply slips below.

Noticeboard

Four-month amnesty declared on Transport Competence Certificates dated 11/12/07

Four-month amnesty declared on Transport Competence Certificates

Defra has declared a four-month amnesty for people transporting horses or livestock who miss the 5 January 2008 deadline for gaining a certificate of competence.

The Government department has agreed with the UK enforcement authorities that no action will be taken before the end of April 2008 against transporters who do not have competence certificates.

The British Horse Society urges people who require certification to get it as soon as they can.

The certificate of competence is needed for those transporting horses by road on journeys of more than 65km in connection with an economic activity. The amnesty applies only to journeys within the UK.

Under the EU Welfare in Transport Regulation, those transporting cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, horses and poultry by road, on journeys of more than 65km in connection with an economic activity must be assessed in their competence. The training depends on the role of the transporter or attendant and the length of journeys undertaken.

For those transporting horses on journeys of more than 65km and up to eight hours this may be done as a theory test. For those involved in journeys of more than eight hours, practical assessment of their competence may also be required.

A list of independent bodies designated to undertake assessment and training can be found on the Defra website as well as full details of the regulations www.defra.gov.uk.

For further information please contact: Rachel Molloy, Welfare Executive, The British Horse Society, 01926 707807 or r.molloy@bhs.org.uk

NOTES ON ACCESS

1. The British Horse Society is a charity and membership organisation. It has a membership of more than 106,000 (including British Riding Clubs). Membership information can be obtained on 0844 848 1666.

1. Support the BHS Access Fighting Fund! We are aiming to raise £100,000 to enable us to continue to fight for the preservation of our public rights of way network. Horse riders only have access to 22 percent of the public rights of way network and carriage drivers only have access to five percent. It is vital that we fight future cases to preserve these.

Donate now at: <http://www.justgiving.com/accessfightingfund>, or by sending a cheque, made payable to The British Horse Society, to: Access and Rights of Way Department, The British Horse Society, Stoneleigh Deer Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XZ. Please indicate that you'd like the money to go to the Access Fighting Fund.

The BHS is also calling on all equestrians to sign a petition asking the Government to give them a say in all new access and rights of way legislation.

The BHS Access Department and its regional access and bridleway officers ask all riders and other horse lovers to sign the petition at <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Equestrianaccess/>

Equestrians are the most vulnerable of road users and need increased off-road access for their safety and the welfare of their horses. Horse riding and driving provides healthy outdoor exercise which the Government is keen to encourage.

It is enjoyed by more than four million people in the UK and is the second biggest land-based industry but equestrians have not been included in recent access-creating legislation which would help make them safer and encourage healthy outdoor recreation.

BHS Access training April 08

Brenda King, CABO Hants, has arranged with HQ to hold a day 1 training at Warnford Village hall on Sun 6 April with Henry Whitakker.

Warnford is south of Alton on the A32 in Hants. Pretty setting with river & church!

I understand that all bookings & publicity will be handled by HQ so keep a look out on the BHS website - www.bhs.org.uk if interested.

Please publicise where you can as numbers need to be sufficient to run the day

PLEASE SIGN & DISTRIBUTE THE PETITION ON <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/equestrianaccess>

Janice Bridger, The Warren, Curridge, Newbury, Berks. RG18 9DN

FOR INSTRUCTION PLEASE RETURN ATTACHED REPLY SLIP TO Lindsay Hills, The Ridings, Dauntsey Lane, Weyhill, Andover, Hants SP11 8EB. Please make cheques payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club. (Separate cheques for each session.)

I enclose £20 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10.30am on Wednesday 19th March at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £35 for XC Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10am or 12pm (mark preference) on Sunday 16th March at Downlands EC, Tytherington, Nr Warminster

Name Tel No

I enclose £20 for General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at 1.30pm on Saturday 15th March at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £20 for Flatwork with Elizabeth Peerless at 6.30pm on Thursday 13th March at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £35 for XC Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10.30am (mark preference) on Wednesday 12th March at Downlands EC, Tytherington, Nr Warminster

Name Tel No

I enclose £20 for Show Jumping Instruction with Rosie Moss at 6.30pm on Thursday 6th March at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £20 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10.30am on Wednesday 5th March at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £20 for General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at 1.30pm on Sunday 2nd March at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £20 for Flatwork with Elizabeth Peerless at 6.30pm on Thursday 28th February at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £42 for XC Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10.30am on Wednesday 27th February at Tweseldown, Church Crookham.

Name Tel No

I enclose £20 for General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at 1.30pm on Saturday 23rd February at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £20 for Show Jumping Instruction with Rosie Moss at 6.30pm on Thursday 21st February at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £20 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10.30am on Wednesday 20th February at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £42 for XC Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10am or 12pm (mark preference) on Saturday 16th February at Tweseldown, Church Crookham.

Name Tel No

I enclose £20 for Flatwork with Elizabeth Peerless at 6.30pm on Thursday 14th February at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £20 for General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at 1.30pm on Sunday 10th February at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

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