

# Newsletter October 2010

## Bourne Valley Riding Club

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

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We have reached the end of another very successful year. Let us hope that the next lives up to it.

LKH.

### Change to BVRC email addresses

Due to the increasing quantity of spam emails received on the BVRC email addresses (about 250 per day), and the risks of computer virus infections it has been necessary to withdraw the email addresses [chairman@bvrc.co.uk](mailto:chairman@bvrc.co.uk), [secretary@bvrc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@bvrc.co.uk) and [schedules@bvrc.co.uk](mailto:schedules@bvrc.co.uk).

In future there will be one BVRC email address: [nag@bvrc.co.uk](mailto:nag@bvrc.co.uk).

### BVRC Subscriptions

Our new club year starts on 1<sup>st</sup> November, so annual subscriptions will be due shortly. Rates remain at £26, for Riding Members, and £12 for Non Riding Members.

**We are offering a discount of £6 to reduce the cost to £20 for riding members, if the subs are paid before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.**

We hope to encourage you to renew your subscriptions promptly. The reduced rate of £20 will apply for second and subsequent members of the same household. No discount is applicable for non-riding members, as their rate has not increased for many years. You will need to renew your subscription if you wish to take advantage of the reduced cap when hunting with the RA Hunt. Please fill and return the enclosed membership renewal form to Sandra Groves (address on form).

### VACANCY for BVRC Treasurer

Due to pressure of work, Rosie Mathias, BVRC treasurer, is unable to stand for re-election in November. We are seeking someone to undertake the role of treasurer, at least for the next 2 years. The accounts are in great shape so it should be a straightforward handover. I am sure Rosie will still be on hand to advise if necessary. If you have accounts training and you are interested or want more information then please call Lindsay or Sandra.

## Forthcoming Events



### **BVRC AGM on Tuesday 9th November, 2010 at the Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill, 7.30 for 8pm.**

This is an opportunity to review the year's events, discuss the future, voice any other news or views and have a chat. So please come along. The meeting will start at 8pm so there is time to get some food and a drink beforehand (**SEE BELOW Pre-AGM Supper**)

It is time for Lindsay (Chairman) & Rosie Mathias (Treasurer), to stand down after yet another two year period. Rosie has done an excellent stint as treasurer. Our money has been in very safe hand, but Rosie is unable to stand again. Lindsay will stand again but won't be upset if someone else wants the job.

At the AGM we have to elect a Chairman, Treasurer and two new committee members. If you have any nominations for the vacant posts or you wish to fill any of the positions yourself, then each nominee will need to be proposed and seconded. Any nominations should be received by the 8<sup>th</sup> November and given to Sandra Groves, 58, Hedge End Road, Andover, Hants SP10 2DJ Tel: 01264 396390 or email: [sandra.groves47@ntlworld.com](mailto:sandra.groves47@ntlworld.com).

We have an active hard working committee who work as a team to put on events for the benefit of the members. Committee members work in pairs to organise & take entries for one show a year, and help out at two or three others. We cannot operate without a full committee, so please send in your nominations.

There are several tasks which could be undertaken by non-committee members. If you don't wish to join the committee, but feel able to help out with anything please contact Lindsay or Sandra.



## **Pre-AGM Supper on Tuesday 9th November, 2010 at the Red Lion at 7.30pm**

We hope that you will come and join us for supper prior to the AGM. It will give us the chance to meet you, chat & relax before the business end of the evening. Tea & coffee will be available after the meeting.

We are offering jacket potatoes with a choice of filling. Other menu choices are available directly from the Red Lion as shown on their website [www.theredlion.co.uk](http://www.theredlion.co.uk), by telephoning 01264 771007 or from the bar. These items will need to be ordered & paid for separately from the Red Lion. Drinks will be available from the bar as normal. We will be subsidising the jacket potato supper, ordered in advance, but ask you to contribute £2.50 per head (payable on the 9<sup>th</sup>).

Please fill in & return the attached reply slip or call Sandra 01264 396390 or email: [sandra.groves47@ntlworld.com](mailto:sandra.groves47@ntlworld.com) to let her know your choice of filling for your jacket potato **by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**.

### **Baked Jacket Potatoes**

Chicken & bacon  
Coleslaw & cheese  
Prawn Marie Rose sauce

Tuna Mayonnaise  
Cheese & beans



## **BVRC Residential Camp at Stockland Lovell, Somerset 4<sup>th</sup> –7<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

Our dates for Camp next year have just been confirmed and we are booked in from Monday 4th April to Thursday 7th April. Put these dates in your diary and book the time off work now.

Look out for further details and camp booking forms in the New Year.

### **Instruction**

Instruction organised with Diana, Elizabeth & Rosie as follows:

<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Type of Instruction</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Diana Burgess</b>	General Instruction <b>1½ hours</b>	Castle Farm, Over Wallop	£22	<i>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</i> <i>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November</i> <i>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December</i> <i>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<b>at 10.30am</b>
<b>Elizabeth Peerless</b>	Flatwork <b>1 hour</b>	Castle Farm, Over Wallop	£20	<i>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November</i> <i>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November</i> <i>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<b>at 2pm</b>
<b>Elizabeth Peerless</b>	Flatwork <b>1 hour</b>	Castle Farm, Over Wallop	£20	<i>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November</i> <i>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</i> <i>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<b>at 6.30pm</b>
<b>Rosie Moss</b>	Gridwork / Show Jumping <b>1½ hours</b>	Castle Farm, Over Wallop	£25	<i>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</i> <i>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November</i> <i>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<b>at 6.30pm</b>

**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.

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).

### **Hunting**

Following the hunting ban in February 2005, the RA Hunt has been operating as a drag pack. BVRC will take out 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 of £20 per meet (instead of a visitor cap £50).

The season will start with the Opening Meet being held on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Ring Alison Wilson for details of meets, times, parking, dress, protocol etc etc

**Don't forget to take your membership card to claim the reduced cap.**

Secretary: Ali Wilson 01264 773191 or [alisonchesworth@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alisonchesworth@yahoo.co.uk)

Contact Ali if you would like to receive regular details of events run by the RA Hunt & RA Hunt Supporters Club.

### **Hunting**

Hunting.....a fantastic way to spend time with your horse and your friends.

The Royal Artillery hunt and BVRC have a great relationship. The RA is very friendly and welcomes new subscribers and BVRC members. The hunt is based on the plain and hunts 2 days a week. Saturdays and Wednesdays with meets at 11am. You can either enjoy a slow, gentle pace at the back or a bit of speed towards the front. The RA on the whole is not a jumping hunt and for those of us who are keen to keep four hooves on the ground it is ideal. This is not to say that often a fallen log and/or the cross country course may appear on the drag and much fun is had by all.



## **Dressage & Show Jumping Show at Knighton Down, Larkhill on Sunday 5th September 2010.**

It was with some trepidation that I agreed to take on organising the September Dressage and Show jumping after the rain of last year but my fears were unfounded when, despite a few earlier showers, we were blessed with a clear day at Knighton Down. Entries were fair to middling with a couple of the dressage classes running a bit low but overall we had in excess of 120 entries across all the classes.

Having built the show jumping course myself (with help from a merry band of helpers) it was a relief to see it ride well and create enough of a competition but without the need to employ the first aiders services at any point - always a relief for any organiser. The caterers provided delicious cakes which cheered up our helpers no end and Lindsay Devine, in her role as secretary, had everything in the gazebo running smoothly.

As ever these events simply cannot run without the tireless efforts of all the volunteers who give up their day to help. Thank you very much to everyone who volunteered to come along.

Sarah Butler

### **Dressage**

<b>Class 1 - Prelim 1</b>			<b>BV</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>%</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Karen Grant	Archie	Y	130	68.4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ruth Kay	Owain	Y	126	66.3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Di Symes	Time's Ticking	Y	125	65.8
4 <sup>th</sup>	Katey Cuthbertson	Halston Pimpernel		108	56.8
<b>Class 3 - Prelim 14</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bridget Hall	Tully	Y	185	77.1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Claire Cook	Canada Road	Y	177	73.8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anna Wentworth	Miners Sweet Minstrel		172	71.7
4 <sup>th</sup>	Natasha Poole	Skippy	Y	164	68.3
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Groves	Timmy	Y	163	67.9
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sue McLean	Czarka	Y	161	66.3
7 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn Mead	The Journalist	Y	157	65.4
8 <sup>th</sup>	Danielle Storer	Jordan Hill		156	65.0
9 <sup>th</sup>	Zandra Letts	Jess	Y	155	64.6
10 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Fitzgerald	Hush		145	60.4
<b>Class 5 - Novice 30</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Caroline Primrose	Bob	Y	174	66.9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Laura Young	Lost Prophet	Y	171	65.8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Toni Hayzen	Ishcol Chardyll	Y	162	62.3
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nadja Bingham	Lavinya		154	58.5

<b>Class 2 - Prelim 12</b>			<b>BV</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>%</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sandra Groves	Timmy	Y	171	68.4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ruth Kay	Owain	Y	164	65.6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elizabeth Butler	TJ		162	64.8
4 <sup>th</sup>	Katey Cuthbertson	Halston Pimpernel		160	64.0
5 <sup>th</sup>	Frances Hall	Trowan Man	Y	159	63.6
6 <sup>th</sup>	Katey Cuthbertson	Halston Plantago		158	63.2
7 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Grant	Archie	Y	156	62.4
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah McWilliam	Torrie	Y	144	57.6
<b>Class 4 - Novice 20</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Laura Young	Lost Prophet	Y	169	67.6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Miranda Derwent	Blue Gray Enchantment		162	64.8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Claire Cook	Canada Road	Y	161	64.4
4 <sup>th</sup>	Camilla Hankinson	Godfrey	Y	160	64.0
5 <sup>th</sup>	Caroline Primrose	Bob	Y	156	62.4
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bridget Hall	Tully	Y	155	62.0
7 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Burnett	Flashlight	Y	148	59.2
8 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Brown	Hector		147	58.8
9 <sup>th</sup> =	June Verity	Flame	Y	141	56.4
9 <sup>th</sup> =	Jenna Plank	Venturemore	Y	141	56.4

### **Show Jumping**

<b>Class 6 - 2'3"</b>			<b>BV</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Adam Baxter	Red Orchid	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Di Symes	Time's Ticking	Y
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gina Hawkshaw	Lansagold	Y
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Tuxworth	Storm	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lara Haskins	Midnight Moonraker	Y
6 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Baxter	Jorodama King	
<b>Class 8 - 2'9"</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Natasha Poole	Skippy	Y
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Hale	Dream Foxtrot	Y
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zandra Letts	Jess	Y
4 <sup>th</sup>	Rosie Dixon	Penny	Y
5 <sup>th</sup>	Miranda Derwent	Blue Gray Enchantment	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Burnett	Flashlight	Y
7 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Haley	Lola	Y
<b>Class 10 - 3'3"</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rosie Hiscock	Moyriesk Cotton Hope	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Caroline Primrose	Bob	Y
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Laura Young	Lost Prophet	Y
4 <sup>th</sup>	Camilla Hankinson	Godfrey	Y
5 <sup>th</sup>	Marion Brown	Charlie	Y

<b>Class 7 - 2'6"</b>			<b>BV</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Karen Grant	Archie	Y
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Janet Burnett	Flashlight	Y
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elizabeth Butler	TJ	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Haley	Lola	Y
5 <sup>th</sup>	Toni Hayzen	Ishcol Chardyll	Y
6 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Baxter	Jorodama King	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Tuxworth	Storm	
<b>Class 9 - 3'0"</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Caroline Primrose	Bob	Y
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Laura Young	Lost Prophet	Y
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rosie Hiscock	Moyriesk Cotton Hope	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Hale	Dream Foxtrot	Y
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rosie Dixon	Penny	Y
6 <sup>th</sup>	Camilla Hankinson	Godfrey	Y

# TEAM NEWS

## Horse Trials Champs – Fri 6-Sun 8 Aug, Aston le Walls

### Intermediates

<u>Senior Team</u>		<u>Arena Place</u>	<u>Junior Individual</u>		<u>Arena Place</u>
Michelle Bowe	Fruitful Cruise	9 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Young	Slieve Bloom	1 <sup>st</sup>
Annabel Mead	Vital Spark				
Minette Batters	Coucha	1 <sup>st</sup>			

### Open Team – 5<sup>th</sup>

Laura Saxon	Irish Magic
Marion Watt	Faerie Role
Gemma Izod	Tully Bear

This report is due in tomorrow, why have I left it to the last minute I'm asking myself? Sadly I think the answer is because I always leave everything to the last minute!

However, this report must start with a huge thank you to Susie Pool; she is amazing, she organises, coaxes, encourages, supports, and is generally a massive help. You would think that as all of us who qualified were adults, we would be responsible, and able to manage basic tasks on our own. Of course Susie knows only too well that just because we are not sixteen any more, it doesn't mean that you treat us any differently! As was the case when I came to put Coucha in her stable only to find that her door didn't shut, well it did shut, but not very well. Seeing the next door box was empty I slid Coucha in there. Did I tell anyone? No I didn't, so the next morning there was a very stern announcement over the comms.....would the owner of the horse in box 131 report to the Stable Manager's office immediately. Susie got there first and took the rap. She may despair of us but never shows it, and I know I speak for all Bourne Valley members in thanking Susie, Lindsay, Sandra and the many others who so selflessly give of their time. We are all very grateful.

Sadly I missed seeing Laura Young in the Junior Intermediate class. What a great achievement though – winning her Section, finishing on her dressage score. Sadly on count-back it wasn't quite enough to be overall Champion, but it was a great win nevertheless. The Open team consisted of Laura Saxon, Marion Watt and Gemma Izod. I watched Laura and Marion go cross country; they both put up really good performances over a very tough track. It would have made your average affiliated Novice Horse Trial look small! ...but this is the national BRC Championships. They went on to finish a very creditable 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams. Particularly when you realise that only 5 teams completed and they were competing as a team of 3 with no discard score.

Coucha and I were in the Intermediate team with Michelle Bowie and her lovely Fruitful Cruise as well as Annabel Mead and Vital Spark, who had a fraught time at the first vets inspection, but they got through and completed with just one unfortunate run-out at the corner complex cross country. Michelle was so disappointed with her dressage score, so it was great to see them put up their usual cracking performance on the cross country and in the show jumping, eventually finishing ninth. Coucha had been a complete witch in the dressage, she came away though with a credible mark of 34. I had a great time on the steeplechase and remembered why I had loved point to pointing so much. Coucha then stormed round the cross country, leaving us joint 3<sup>rd</sup>. With only one show jump between the top five, the pressure was on. I watched Michelle do a lovely clear on Fruit. The other horse tied 3<sup>rd</sup> with Coucha had a pole down, and I knew going into the ring that if Coucha jumped clear we would be in with a chance. Despite her rider she never touched a pole and there had been few clear rounds. Then the person in 2<sup>nd</sup> place had a pole down, and shortly after, the person leading my Section had one down too. We had won our Section! It was a great feeling to win a 'Three Day' – after all these years!

The final thank you must go to the family and friends who give so willingly of their time. For my part I could not manage to compete without the support of my mother, she is chief (and only) groom, sorts the children, and deals with a plethora of menial tasks!

Minette Batters

## BRC National Championships 2010, 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September

### Advanced Riding Test RT14

Emma Mills Kingsmill (Clyde) 69%

### Novice Dressage Team Prelim 12

Emma Mills	Kingsmill (Clyde)	66%	6 <sup>th</sup>
Sandra Groves	Timmy	64%	
Frances Hall	Trowan Max	62%	
Lindsay Hills	Kuwaits Endeavour (Diva)	67.4%	10 <sup>th</sup>

### Junior Intermediate Show Jumping

Emma Corey-Wright Flaxley Fever 4, 8 faults

*Our euphoria at qualifying the Novice Dressage Team for the BRC National Championships was tempered by the knowledge that we would have to travel to Lincoln to participate. Still, we would treat it as an adventure and that is exactly what it turned out to be. Our margin of victory proved to be larger than we thought with the discovery that my score sheet was incorrectly added and I should have been placed second in my arena, which also affected the team score. I was recompensed at the Area 17 Liaison meeting with a second rosette and told them all that the last time I had attained an equivalent placing was in 1969! Riding Highland Fling, we were the first combination to represent BVRC at National level.*

*Qualifying, on this occasion, was even more special as the team included Sandra & Timmy, making their Championship debut.*

*We had two months to plan our campaign.*

*Things never run smoothly. In a stropy mare incident, Diva lashed out and caught Timmy above the knee. Although the resultant cut was less than an inch long, it was deep, like a puncture wound. The vet pronounced that the cut went down to the bone and there was a slight possibility of a hairline fracture. X-rays would be inconclusive unless delayed for a few days. Sandra was very philosophical, but my thoughts were 'how could I go to Lincoln leaving Sandra & Timmy at home'. The application of a Robert Jones bandage rendered Timmy with a stiff leg, but that didn't prevent him from lying down. We tried not to fear the worst until x-rays were taken, but it was a very long four days. Luckily for all, there wasn't a fracture and Timmy resumed work on the path to Lincoln.*

*Sandra booked a sequence of lessons with Diana (Burgess) in the month preceding Lincoln and I continued to follow Robert Pickles around the countryside to wherever he was holding a clinic. We planned to punctuate the lessons with BVRC dressage, a couple of visits to Cholderton EC and finally BVRC September show for our last practice. Best laid plans. Increasingly, I was having difficulty with right canter. Robert and Elizabeth (Peerless) both pronounced that Diva needed to have her back checked, so with less than two weeks to go, treatment was administered. The aftercare plan included 2 days off followed by 5 days working in straight lines. The first 3 days were to be at walk and strictly no lunging, circles or jumping. This left 3 days in which see if the treatment had worked and do final practise.*

*Meanwhile, we packed as much into the lorry as we could. I repacked 8 bales of shavings and 2½ bales of hay three times before I was satisfied that we could get everything in. Krypton factor didn't come into it! We also needed the large gazebo, foot weights & sides, bedding & beds for us, food for all, bikes, wheelbarrow, mounting block, mucking out & grooming kits, plaiting steps, water/feed buckets & haynets, rugs, clothes, tack – the list went on and on. We didn't need washing gear, though, as there weren't any showers!*

*With everything loaded we awaited the arrival of Frances with Max. The horses all loaded easily with Max tucking in at the back. The bikes proved more problematic – they didn't want to load. With much shoving, huffing and puffing at last we managed to get the ramp up and we were ready to leave. With Sandra & I taking the horses, Susie travelling with Frances and Rachel, Rob, Emma & Clyde making their own way.*

*It was a very good journey. Traffic moved slowly along the A34 before the M40 and we had a long session of stop/start on single carriageway between Leicester and Newark. We stopped once to give the horses water and hay. Diva had already helped herself to her hay and was happily eating Max's haylage. There also was evidence that she had attacked a bale of shavings. It was a good job that the other two were well behaved. Max endured an escaped bicycle wheel under his nose.*

*We arrived at the Lincolnshire in exactly 5 hours. Now the fun was to begin. The parking area was already nearly fully so our parking/camping position couldn't have been further from the stables, but it did have the advantage of proximity to bushes – vital in the middle of the night!*

*We set to and unloaded the horses. Our next task was to locate the flu vac checking team, present the horses for checking and pick up our stable allocation and welcome pack. Others were focussed on the same objective so there was a melee of horses, people, dogs, bikes and flu vac checkers. With mission accomplished, we found the numbered stables, somewhere in the middle of the eight double-sided blocks housing 20-30 horses in each row. Our horses were delighted and instantly stripped the stable grass floor. We left them to it in order to make many trips to and from the lorry, transporting, shavings, hay, rugs, feed, mucking out kit and anything else needed for the overnight stay. With gazebo unloaded and erected and horse bedding laid, there was just enough light left to lead the horses out to stretch their legs and explore the showground, trying to find the route to the dressage warm up and arenas. Needless to say they were located at the far extremities of the site. On our return to the stables, we fed, watered and settled the horses for the night. Remarkably, they seemed to take everything in their stride. It was past nine o'clock before we sat down to eat our food and with beds prepared it wasn't long before we were ready to climb in and sleep. By this time I was certainly beyond coherent thought.*

*We awoke to the sound of torrential rain rattling onto the gazebo roof. It was very tempting to stay put, but the realization of the day ahead soon had us up and moving and luckily the rain had stopped. Frances was up at silly o'clock and taken a run around the site, followed by a shower. I was wrong – there was one solitary shower. We were pleased to find the horses where we had left them, looking perky and eager for breakfast.*

*Our breakfast wasn't as welcome as theirs and it was a struggle to eat at all. Although we weren't competing until the afternoon there was so much to do. There wasn't a clear route to the dressage area, so off we went, on bikes, to investigate. Next, it was prudent to introduce the horses to the wonders of the Lincolnshire showground, the BRC National Championships and their fellow participants.*

*The Lincolnshire showground is huge and flat, apart from the slope between the stables and lorry. It is a sight to behold. All four show jumping arenas were bounded by neat box hedges and the main arena was large enough to rival Hickstead. The dressage warm up area and twelve arenas occupied a field so large that any cricket club would have been pleased to own it. Everywhere was neatly mown and the going was perfect.*

Several competitions started at 9am. Our path to the dressage area passed three show jumping rings & adjacent warm up arenas all in full flow, with commentary, bells, horses galloping & jumping. Much to the amusement of the South Wilts show jumping team, we circled this area a couple of times before moving on the dressage warm up. Timmy was stoical as ever, even when the excitement overtook Diva, and she jumped up and down on the spot ten or twelve times. Once we arrived at the dressage warm up she settled and we managed to do some reasonable work without a hint of a buck. It provided the opportunity to assess how much warming up we would need before our tests later in the day.

On returning to the stable it was time to plait, dress, tack up and return for the real thing. At this stage I was completely mentally deficient. Susie's calming influence enabled me to relax enough to plait Diva, although Susie had to do her forelock and studs and Sandra cleaned my saddle. I have no memory of brushing or grooming Diva in any way. I assume I did, but the pre-championship bath would have stood us in good stead.

While I was caught up in my own little world, Emma did her Riding Test and Frances set off, as first team member, to perform her P12. Emma was set a real challenge. RT14 was different from the area, qualifying test and included difficult moves, like walk to canter and canter to walk, 5m loops in trot and canter, and trot-walk-trot transitions on the centre line. Emma had little time to practise at home as she was nursing a horse with a difficult leg fracture.

Frances and Max performed their normal workmanlike test, exhibiting regular rhythm and good activity.

Meanwhile, I made yet another trip back to the lorry to change into competition clothes and retrieve a clean numnah and girth and new bridle.

Once back at the stables, I tacked up and with Sandra's help climbed aboard Diva from my mounting block (carried from the lorry earlier). I took a deep breath – this was it. I abandoned Sandra to her own devices. Our first step was to negotiate all the hazards on route to the dressage area. Diva seemed very calm, which was a relief, and we arrived at the dressage warm up without incident. It went reasonably well considering the lack of schooling and match practice. It was slightly alarming when a rural riders team (6 horses and riders doing a dressage test at the same time) came swooping past us during their warm up.

Aside from a momentary hesitation when we crossed from the warm up to competition area, Diva didn't put a foot (hoof) wrong. The official photographer was initially a bit scary, and before starting, our route around the outside of the arena included a scuttle across the corner but once we entered the arena all was well. Diva tried very hard and apart from a wrong canter strike off (symptomatic of her back issue) she went very well and I was delighted with her. For either of us, it wasn't our best every performance.

We exited the warm up field trying hard to avoid being seen by Timmy, who had just arrived. Only when we were nearly back to the stables did Diva remember her friend, Timmy and whinnied.

After settling Diva in her stable, I headed back to watch Sandra and Emma perform their tests. Timmy, looking very black and shiny, performed a very good test but not quite to the very high standard we have come to expect from him. Excitement / tension got the better of him, probably after an encounter with a rural riders team whilst warming up. During the test he leapt from walk to canter dispensing with the intermediary trot. This was his only mistake, as such, he was just a bit keen, throughout!

Emma and Clyde also performed an excellent test although again perhaps not at his sparkling best.

We had all finished and were able to relax. All in all it had been an excellent day. We had competed against the best in the country. The scores were in. On the whole they were very pleasing. With six in my arena over 70%, my score would have needed to be considerably higher to have improved the placing significantly. Sandra was a smidgeon away from a top ten place and Emma was justly reward with her sixth place.

We had a relaxing evening, relieved that we weren't travelling home in the dark and on Sunday morning packed everything up.

We watched Emma Cory-Wright jump a super round in Junior Intermediate Show Jumping. Flaxley Fever looked in his element in the super main arena, jumping much more fluently and happily than at area. Unfortunately he tipped one pole, which put paid to any individual honours, but Emma was thrilled with him. With her second round scheduled for 4.30pm, we were unable to stay to support her. We learnt later that Emma had an equally pleasing second round with just two poles lowered.

The journey home took 4½ hours including two fuel (& ice cream) stops and passed very quickly.

It had been a wonderful experience, which we will remember for a long time.

Every competitor has a story to tell and this was mine.

LKH.

# Diary Dates 2010

## OCTOBER

30th<sup>t</sup> RA Hunt Opening Meet, The Royal Artillery Mess, Larkhill, 11am

*Ali Wilson 01264 773191*

31<sup>st</sup> **BVRC Hunter Trials Knighton Down, Larkhill**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

## NOVEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> **BVRC General Instruction, Diana Burgess, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 10.30am**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

4<sup>th</sup> **BVRC Show Jumping Instruction, Rosie Moss, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 6.30pm**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

TBA **BVRC Annual General Meeting, 7.30 for 8pm.**

*Sandra Groves 01264 396390*

17<sup>th</sup> Castle Farm Unaffiliated Dressage, Over Wallop

Vanessa Vernon as above

13<sup>th</sup> **BVRC Flatwork, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 2pm**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

17<sup>th</sup> **BVRC General Instruction, Diana Burgess, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 10.30am**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

18<sup>th</sup> **BVRC Flatwork, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 6.30pm**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

25<sup>th</sup> **BVRC Show Jumping Instruction, Rosie Moss, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 6.30pm**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

27<sup>th</sup> **BVRC Flatwork, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 2pm**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

TBA **BVRC Xmas Party moved to end of January**

## DECEMBER

TBA **BVRC Xmas Ride**

1<sup>st</sup> **BVRC General Instruction, Diana Burgess, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 10.30am**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

2<sup>nd</sup> **BVRC Flatwork, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 6.30pm**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

9<sup>th</sup> **BVRC Show Jumping Instruction, Rosie Moss, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 6.30pm**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

11<sup>th</sup> **BVRC Flatwork, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 2pm**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

12<sup>th</sup> Castle Farm Unaffiliated Dressage, Over Wallop

Vanessa Vernon as above

15<sup>th</sup> **BVRC General Instruction, Diana Burgess, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 10.30am**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

16<sup>th</sup> **BVRC Flatwork, Elizabeth Peerless, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 6.30pm**

*Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*

## APRIL 2011

4-7 **BVRC Residential Camp at Stockland Level**

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altered from extra wide to narrow fit.  
Currently fitted with wide  
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also available medium and medium/narrow gullets.  
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head collar cob size. Good condition.  
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Claire (Andover)**

### Stunning, genuine, schoolmistress 15.3hh WB dark bay mare 13 years.

Complete all rounder competed and qualified on all PC and School Novice and Intermediate Teams. Completed and placed BE90. Attended PC and Eventing camp and all PC activities.

She is 100% genuine and kind and not fizzy, and happy to jump ditches, into water, coloured poles and fillers etc. She has a huge potential yet to be utilised at pure dressage which was her discipline before we owned her, and is professionally schooled twice a week, her lateral work is beyond Medium level.

She came 6th at the Intermediate PC Dressage championships in Derbyshire this year and has qualified at Elementary level for the NSEA championships in December. She always scores around 70% in both Eventing and pure Dressage.

Eventing is our main love so whilst we have owned her for 3 ½ years, Dilly has only competed at a few BD events. Her low points mean that she is an outstanding horse for anyone who wants to be taken from Prelim right the way through to Advanced Medium, but is also ready to be competed at this level now.

Dilly loves her work, she is an intelligent mare who wants to win and thrives when out competing where she behaves impeccably. She is obviously good with Farrier etc and viceless.

A much loved member of our family who we owe many happy successful years of riding to and who will only be sold to the right home. We feel that 3'3ft is the height where she is most comfortable in SJ and XC and as such she is not for sale as an Intermediate Eventing/SJ horse. Very sadly for sale as daughter moving onto a bigger horse.

Karen Wood 01794 323919/07796950805

**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 & mark date on back of cheque.)

I enclose £20 for Flatwork Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at 6.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name ..... Tel No .....

I enclose £22 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10.30am on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name ..... Tel No .....

I enclose £20 for Flatwork Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at 2pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name ..... Tel No .....

I enclose £25 for Show Jumping Instruction with Rosie Moss at 6.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

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I enclose £20 for Flatwork Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at 6.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

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Name ..... Tel No .....

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Name ..... Tel No .....

I enclose £25 for Show Jumping Instruction with Rosie Moss at 6.30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name ..... Tel No .....

I enclose £22 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10.30am on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name ..... Tel No .....

PLEASE RETURN REPLY SLIP TO Sandra Groves, 58 Hedge End Road, Andover, Hants SP10 2DJ or email [sandra.groves47@ntlworld.com](mailto:sandra.groves47@ntlworld.com) by MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

BVRC Pre- AGM Supper - Tuesday 9th November. Name: .....

I would like to order the following jacket potatoes with fillings as indicated below. (Cost £2.50 per potato payable on 9th November)

- Baked Jacket Potatoes
- Chicken & Bacon
- Tuna Mayonnaise
- Prawns with marie rose sauce
- Coleslaw & cheese
- Cheese & beans