

# Bourne Valley Riding Club

*(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)*

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## NEWSLETTER

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Hello! Hello! So, you did pay your membership fees after all. It would appear that the dire threat of a daily newsletter has worked. Everybody suddenly paid their subscriptions. (Except for the family who apparently left the area, but I really don't think that was my fault. It is a bit strange that they would not leave a forwarding address mind you.) Anyway to proceed.

### 1995 Annual Quiz

For those of you who missed it, or for that matter, for those of you who came and have totally forgotten it, this is a round up of our first event of the year - the annual quiz. We packed eight teams into the Red Lion for this brain tickling event and just in case anyone was still suffering from Christmas blues, Lindsay Kemble, our resident questionmistress was there to do the honours. Teams were asked to select their own names. This appeared to startle the little grey cells pretty early on as the following came up for view:- East Anton Equines, RA Puddle Jumpers, The Ignorami, Stewards Enquiry, Crafty Cricketers, The Dimwits, Sams Super Squad and the Dum Dums.

If I let you know straight away that the Dimwits came second to last and the Dum Dums, represented by June Bush, Caroline Stevens, Sue Stevens and Penny Wilkins were last, then apart from accusing the scorer, (me) of cheating, which I hurriedly point out I did not, you may be forgiven for thinking that the team name does seem to have something to do with the result.

However, I am not sure how this works at the top of the scale, as our runners up were the Crafty Cricketers, represented by Jill & Margaret Vallis, Louise Heaton and friends. But our winners were The Ignorami, a grand team of Sue McGrath, Shelagh Forder, Clare Heald and Peter Hills. They got 80% of the answers correct and a bottle of wine each to celebrate with. For anybody that wishes to join in next year, I understand, from the rumours circulating, that the lady to get into a team with is Sue McGrath. It worked for Peter this year, so I suggest that you book early. I'm sure that Sue will be available for a small fee!

### Dressage to Music Lecture Evening 1st March, 1995

We have managed to get Gaynor Colbourn to come to the Red Lion at Clanville on the 1st March, 1995 to give us a lecture, including videos and live entertainment! on Dressage to Music. Gaynor is a trained classical pianist and also works within a recording studio. The evening will last between one and a half to two hours depending on questions and Gaynor will be using videos and bringing along her own instruments (definitely a keyboard) to show how the music can be adapted. Gaynor describes the evening as informal and hopes that people will join in as much as possible with questions and comments. It sounds like it could be good fun. Tickets will be available at £3.50 for members and £4.50 for non-members. Children over 12 £2.50 a ticket. Anybody interested should ring Lindsay Hills on 01264 772388 or Monica Tomkins on 01264 366407.

### Hunting

A couple of people have already taken advantage of the option to go hunting with the club. I understand that for some meets there is a disclaimer to be signed so that if you get blown up you cannot blame the military. DO NOT WORRY. I am assured that nobody has been blown up yet. Well, not anybody they could identify anyway. As of 8th March, 1995 all of the meets will be starting at 12.00 noon. Give Sam Hart a call on 01980 843378 if you have any queries.

## Dressage at Hoplands, King Somborne

This, our first horsey competition of the year, was held on February 5th at Hoplands. It is the first time we have used Hoplands since the new owners have arrived and they worked hard to make us feel welcome. The event was eventually well attended, although most of the entries arrived on the day before the closing date. (Actually, we did this on purpose to keep Caroline (our organiser) on her toes.) We were lucky with the weather, although overcast, the rain kept away and generally the day seemed to go very well. Many thanks to Caroline and her hardworking band of helpers.

There were some adverse comments made about the indoor facility for warming up. Apparently, in the afternoon this got busy, creating difficulties for everybody to warm up within the available space. We appreciate this was not helped by the boggy area on one side of the arena, but have taken note of the comments and will make inroads to try to improve the warming up routine. Also, at the next event, we will sign the car parking to try to get over the problem of people riding or driving down the side of the arena as people are actually doing their tests. We are grateful for any comments made as it is only if people point out these things to the organisers that they can be remedied. After all, our aim is that you will all return to the next event and this will obviously not happen if you are unhappy. So, if you have a constructive comment to make then please do not hesitate to call Lindsay Hills on 01264 772388.

Here are the results for the day:-

### Class 1 Preliminary 6

1st	Rebecca Hamilton-Fletcher	Touchwood	139	
2nd	Lucinda Burtenshaw	Iwerdine	136	
3rd	Gemma Chilcott	Flashman II	129	Best BV
4th	Ian Broomfield	Woody	127	
5th	Deborah Lucas	About Time Too	125	
6th	Steph Godfrey Davies	Merlin	122	

### Class 2 Preliminary 14

1st	Pat Sarsfield Hall	Diablo	151	Best BV
2nd	Pat Robinson	Another Prairie	146	
3rd	Claire Rowell	Souden Bells	137	
4th	Sofia Woyka	Ginger	135	
5th	Diana Fitzsimmons	Scaramouche	132	
6th=	Deborah Lucas	About Time Too	128	
6th=	Lucinda Burtenshaw	Iwerdine	128	

### Class 3 Novice 21

1st	Jane Moss	Delamere	142	Best BV
2nd	Pat Robinson	Another Prairie	140	
3rd	Ian Broomfield	Harry	136	
4th	Sofia Woyka	Ginger	128	
5th	Alison Mitchell	Lafayette	125	
6th	Clare Farrington	Prowess	123	

### Class 4 Novice 27

1st	Alison Mitchell	Lafayette	142	Best BV
2nd	Clare Farrington	Prowess	139	
3rd	Sofia Woyka	Ginger	135	
4th	Jane Moss	Delamere	127	
5th	Roseanne Fitzgerald	Damson Diplomat	125	
6th	Sarah Loveday Lovell	The Doodle Bug	121	

## Riding Club YearBook

Anybody who has not already been handed their Riding Club Yearbook, should receive it with this newsletter. If for any reason, you have not received the booklet, then please ring Lindsay Hills on 01264 772388. May we draw your attention specifically to two particular areas, covered by the Yearbook. The first, on page 51, covers an issue we raised in the last newsletter, the Equine Influenza Certificates. This reiterates the point that, if the certificate does not fall within the stated rules, then the horse will not be allowed to compete. Section 7 page 52 seems to say it all. 'The question to ask is "Will this passport and influenza vaccination record comply with the Jockey Club Rules?" not "is my horse vaccinated against Equine Influenza?". If the horse is not vaccinated within the rules laid down, it will not be able to compete. There are no exceptions. Generally, Certificates are only required for Riding Club Area & Championship competitions and not other unaffiliated shows, but do check all schedules.

The second, which follows straight on in the year book on page 53, is the question of permitted tack. There are separate rules for tack for each individual discipline. Probably the most abused area is dressage. Please be aware that you not allowed to use a grackle noseband for pure Dressage. A flash or drop is acceptable, but a grackle is not. However, for the dressage section of Horse Trials, a grackle is permissible.

Also, for all dressage other than the Riding Test, you are not allowed to enter the arena with the horse wearing boots or bandages. These must be removed before you start your test. Also, no bitguards or martingales are allowed. (Bitguards are allowable for the Riding Test.)

The other disciplines need reviewing to check the length of whip that you carry, for most of them it must be between 45 cms and 75 cms, the length of spur allowable, 3 cms for show jumping, 3.5 cms for horse trials and the type of martingale allowable.

### Hot Cross Bun Ride - 14th April, 1995

Sue Kerrison and Maureen Burford are kindly organising a Hot Cross Bun Ride across Salisbury Plain starting from Shipton Bellinger on the 14th April, 1995 at 2pm. This is open to all members, families and friends (16 years old or over). However, a nominal charge of £2.00 will be made to all non-members. Anybody who wishes to eat buns on the plain, should contact Sue on 01264 710370 or Maureen on 01264 781499 who will confirm starting times and meeting points. This sounds like a good opportunity to blow away the cobwebs ready for Easter and build up a healthy appetite for chocolate eggs.

### Instruction

Rumour has it that the Bourne Valley Instruction sessions are responsible for the current wet weather. Either that, or the skies think that if it rains while we are taught it will clean the mind of all those impure thoughts which come along when your horse decides that todays session should only last two minutes and hangs its shoes up for the rest of the instruction. Hopefully, the duck (pun!) will be lifted at the next session on the 5th March, 1995 with Shena. This is General Instruction at Bluebell Farm (reply slip enclosed). There is also General Instruction on the 12th March, 1995 with Diana Fitzsimmons at Bluebell and the Cross Country Instruction at Hoplands scheduled for the 25th March, 1995 is fast filling up, so, if you are interested please do not leave filling in your reply slips to the last minute.

Lindsay H. has arranged two more instruction sessions for April. The first is a Show Jumping instruction session at Hoplands with Shena. This is on Saturday 8th April, 1995 and will be run on the large sand arena, weather permitting. The second is a General Instruction session, again with Shena, this time at Bluebell Farm Penton. As a reminder, the General Instruction sessions are mainly flatwork, however, they do tend to have either an optional small grid session or jumping session at the end. So our outstanding tally to date is:-

#### General Instruction

Sunday 5th March 1.30-4.30pm (2 sessions) Shena Kozuba Kozubska £12 (4-6 Sharing)

Sunday 12th March 1.30-4.30pm (2 sessions) Diana Fitzsimmons £9 (4-6 Sharing)

#### Cross Country Instruction

Saturday 25th March 2-5pm (2 sessions) Shena Kozuba Kozubska £14 (4-6 Sharing)

#### Show Jumping Instruction

Saturday 8th April 2-5 pm (2 sessions) Shena Kozuba Kozubska £12 (4-6 Sharing)

#### General Instruction

Saturday 29th April 2-5 pm (2 sessions) Shena Kozuba Kozubska £12 (4-6 Sharing)

## **Dressage at Larkhill on 23rd April, 1995**

The schedule for this event is enclosed with the newsletter. There is a lot of space at Larkhill but as Dressage has become increasingly popular, necessitating larger classes and therefore more people warming up at the same time, it may be a relevant time to remind people of the customary code of conduct for warming up.

1. Do pass left hand to left hand when meeting another rider coming in the opposite direction unless he/she is in counter canter in which case you should give way by circling.
2. Do make tack adjustments outside the arena (or warm up area) if possible or near the middle of the arena but without obstructing the diagonal or centre lines.
3. Do announce that you intend to enter an indoor practice area to avoid an accident.
4. Do ensure your whip is not so long that it could upset a passing horse.
5. Do not halt or walk in the outside track but always leave room for other riders to pass.
6. Do not lunge in practice areas without the permission of the Organiser and only if there is sufficient room so as not to cause inconvenience to other riders.
7. Do not gallop horses in the vicinity of the collecting or test arenas.
8. Do move away from the arena once you have completed your test. Loud congratulations or sobs can be very distracting for the next competitor.

It all appears to be incredibly easy, however, when the tension of competition piles on, it is easy to forget what is happening around you. So please look out and if someone does constantly cut you up, or does not seem to know the code, then get hold of the show organiser or a steward and ask them to explain. It just may be that they have not competed before and therefore do not know the form.

## **Highland Fling Cup**

It has been suggested by our president, Sam Hart, that we should tell members about some of the cups that we present at our shows.

At the Dressage at Larkhill we see the presentation of the Highland Fling Cup. Fling, as he is affectionately known, is now 34 years old and semi retired. He had an active life as a riding club representative, under the capable hands of Lindsay Hills, our chairman, and Sylvia Hart his owner, representing the club every year between 1969 and 1978 in dressage and Prix Caprilli, as well as partaking in all other club activities during this period.

In 1969, he qualified as an individual at the Area Dressage in Brockenhurst, judged by Jennie Loriston-Clarke, and proceeded to the National Championship, as the first ever BVRC representative.

In 1978, aged 17 years, he was ridden by Sue Hassell and placed first in his arena at the Area Dressage. With his stable companion Summertime Jesta, ridden by Lindsay, qualified in the Pairs Dressage and they finished second at the National Championships.

Obviously, a career such as this deserves to be remembered in some way, and the presentation of a cup in his name must certainly give pride to all who are concerned with him.

## **Riding Club Teams**

The time will soon be upon us, when we will require teams to enter into the Riding Club area competitions. Diane Symes has the particularly daunting task of putting the teams together and should you feel the need to display your endless talents in public, then you should contact her on 01980 652272. Do I hear the faint mutterings of 'of I'm not good enough, I couldn't do that'. Well, that's what everybody says, but usually it is not true. All of the area qualifiers are relatively local this year, Penton, Larkhill and Tweseldown, so transport should not be a major problem, even if you have not competed away from home much. Being part of a team means that there will be other people in the same position as you, so if you would like to have a go, either at the one day event, show jumping or dressage then get in touch with Diane and have a chat to her about it.

## Show Jumping 19th February, 1995

Well, is this hot off the press or what! Here are the results of last weekends show jumping. You will recognise all of the riders in the second class onwards, by the fact that they have probably all shrunk about two inches from the constant washing received from our lovely British weather. I hear a rumour that it has rained everyday since January 1st somewhere in the UK. I can well believe it. However, I wonder how long it will be before we hear about a hosepipe ban. June, July perhaps. Anyway, to proceed:-

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

1st	Clare Heald	Grange Saga Lass	Best BV
2nd	Jenny Little	Merandi Special	
3rd	R Ward	Folly	
4th	Vicky Dunn	Longnewton Solo	
5th	Lucinda Burtenshaw	Iwerdine	
6th	Maggie Miller	BB Dominique	

### Class 2 2'9"

1st	Lucy Mason	Rascal	Best BV
2nd	R Ward	Folly	
3rd	Linda Kerrison	Sigh	
4th	Lindsay Hills	Catalin	
5th	Sally Colley	Mr Chips	
6th	Vicky Dunn	Longnewton Solo	

### Class 3 3'0"

1st	Caroline Stevens	Relza	Best BV
2nd	Moira Willis	Gardo	
3rd	Nicky Epps	Longstock Royal Crusade	
4th	Caroline Primrose	Just Nellie	
5th	Lucinda Burtenshaw	Silver Clay	
6th	Moria Willis	Mouse	

### Class 4 3'3"

1st	Moira Willis	Gardo	
2nd	Caroline Primrose	Just Nellie	Best BV
3rd	Diana Fitzsimmons	Scarramouche	
4th	Moira Willis	Mouse	
5th	Lucinda Burtenshaw	Silver Clay	
6th	Julie Newman	Pepsi	

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### Wanted

Sara Peacock would like a lift to any of the club activities for her and her horse. She lives at South Wonston and would be happy to contribute to petrol costs. Please contact her on 01962 882151.

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### Wanted

15.2 hh to 16.2 hh Quality riding horse. 6 - 11 years , quiet, sensible (but forward going), for riding club events - particularly jumping.

Maximum price £2500.

Please contact Sarah March 01264 735465.

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## Diary Dates

### March

- 01.03.95 Dressage to Music Evening - Red Lion at Clanville  
Tickets from Lindsay Hills (01264 772388)
- 05.03.95 General Instruction - Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.  
Return reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 12.03.95 General Instruction - Diana Fitzsimmons at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.  
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- 25.03.95 Cross Country Schooling - Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Hoplands, Kings Somborne.  
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### April

- 02.04.95 North Hampshire Show (formerly Danebury RC Spring Show) at Newbury Show Ground.  
Sae: Susie Little, The Tower House, Micheldever Station, Winchester, SO21 3AL
- 06.04.95 RAPC illustrated talk - 'Circling the World by Horse' by James Greenwood.  
Shipton Bellinger Village Centre 7pm. Tickets Mrs Maclay (01264) 738229.
- 08.04.95 Show Jumping Instruction - Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Hoplands, Kings Somborne.  
Return reply slip to Lindsay Hills
- 14.04.95 Hot Cross Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain  
Organiser: Sue Kerrison 01264 710370 / Maureen Burford 01264 781499
- 23.04.95 Dressage at Larkhill (schedule enclosed)  
Organiser: Diane Symes (01980) 652272
- 29.04.95 General Instruction - Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.  
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### May

- 14.05.95 Combined Training at Larkhill.  
Organiser: Julie Newman (01264) 889721

### June

- 04.06.95 One Day Event including Novice & Open Area Qualifiers at Larkhill  
Organiser: Lindsay Hills (01264) 772388
- 25.05.95 Area Show Jumping Qualifier at Tweseldown  
Organiser: Hampshire Rural Riding Club

### July

- 09.07.95 Area Dressage Qualifier at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.  
Organiser: Danebury Riding Club
- 16.07.95 Show Jumping at Hoplands, Kings Somborne.  
Organiser: Sue Fentiman (01264) 350236

### October

- 29.10.95 Hunter Trial at Larkhill  
Organiser: Lindsay Hills (01264) 772388

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REPLY SLIP to be returned to Mrs L Hills, The Ridings, Dauntsey Lane, Weyhill, Andover, Hants SP11 8EB

I would like to attend the instruction with Shena Kozuba Kozubska on Saturday 29th April and enclose a cheque for £12 (made payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club)  
Sessions 1 hour 30 mins based on 4-6 sharing

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