

Bourne Valley Riding Club

incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)



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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2001

Wishing you all a happy and successful year for 2001.

This newsletter must have had one of the longest gestation periods on record. It may have something to do with my desire to hibernate as rain and gales were followed by more rain and gales and then by snow and gales. My lorry has summer and winter quarters. In the summer it is driven across the lawn and turned around in the field at the end of the garden. In the winter it has to be reversed up the drive. After the Hunter Trial at the end of October, where the lorry was used at the Start, it was driven up the drive, positioned on the lawn ready to be driven into the field to be unloaded and turned around ready for its next outing, as soon as conditions allowed. It is still sitting in the middle of the lawn! I guess this is a minor problem compared to what some people have suffered.

Weather conditions didn't deter those wanting instruction. Diana did three sessions on one Thursday and two on another because of numbers wanting to partake. Only the really hardy braved the gales and floods to join Roy's Pre-Christmas ride. Reports of water pouring over the trailer floor on the journey to the Bustard were soon forgotten once the riders were out on their ride. Horizontal rain, icy hailstones, and strong winds hit them for a short period, but it was still an excellent ride with superb going.

Plans for 2001 are afoot. The Diary dates pages indicate the major dates for the season. Additions will be slotted in as required. So, please keep your eyes open. 2001 should be an exciting year. Our Novice and Open Hunter Trial teams have already qualified for the National RC Championships Hunter Trial Championships at Grange Farm, Peterborough in May.

LKH.

After the changeover at 2000's Annual General Meeting your Committee for 2000/2001 are :-

Chairman	Lindsay Hills	01264 772388
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Secretary	Sandra Groves	01264 395277
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Newsletter and E-mail addresses.

This will be our first attempt to E-mail Newsletters, so fingers crossed.

If you have an E-mail address and would like information E-mailed to you, or change your existing E-mail address, please let Sandra know. Make sure the address given is accurate in terms of upper and lower case, dots, dashes and hyphens etc. If your E-mail address is a work one, make sure this is okay with your employers.

Membership cards and BVRC Club Badges.

For those who have paid their subscriptions, membership cards are enclosed with Newsletter or posted separately for E-mailed letter.

New BVRC Club Badges are enclosed for members who have joined within the last 2 or 3 years. Long term members should have received badges already, but if they didn't ever receive one, or have mislaid the original and would like one now, please ring Sandra.

We hope you like the Club Badges and will wear them with pride.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions were due for renewal on 1st November. Club subscription is being kept at the same level and is still great value at **£17** Riding Members / **£12** Non Riding Members, **£15** for second and subsequent members of the same household.

For those who have not yet paid their subscriptions please complete and return the membership form (enclosed with the last Newsletter) to Sandra Groves (address on form). If you are unable to find the form please ring Sandra. There are lots of good things happening so do rejoin soon.

Newsletter

If you have any gossip you wish to share with us all through the Newsletter you can send information to Jemma via fax: 01722 426051 (please mark clearly for her attention), E-mail on jemma.lowe@btcellnet.co.uk, or by good old fashioned post: 670 Netheravon Road, Durrington, Nr Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 8AX.

Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at HMS Dryad, Nr Fareham on Sunday 4th February 2001.

This is the first of the Area 17 qualifying competitions for 2001. Teams of four compete over two rounds with jumps 2'6" and 2'9" in each round, the best three scores count. The competition is at HMS Dryad.

If you are interested in being part of a team ring Sam Mawer (01264) 771215 or Lindsay (01264) 772388 **IMMEDIATELY**. Please remember that you will need to have paid your subscription, have a fully up to date flu certificate (for your horse) and a hat to the standard PAS015 or EN1384.

Annual Quiz at the Red Lion , Clanville, Nr Weyhill, on Tuesday 6th February 2001 at 7.30-8pm.

Come to our popular annual quiz. Bring as many people as you like. The questions are non horsey as well as horsey, so families won't be left out. Four or five people can make up a team, or if you want to come on your own then just turn up. Under 16's are welcome at our socials, so there's no reason to leave them home. The cost is **£2.50** each for the quiz.

Come early, order a drink and some food for the interval, ready for the quiz to start at 8pm.

Ride at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch on Sunday 18th February 2001 meet at 10am.

Following the success of our pre-Christmas visit to Firgo Farm where, despite weeks of torrential rain, the going was superb, we have arranged another visit to the Cross country course at Firgo Farm on the 18th February at 10am. Being a former UK Chasers course, there are lots of jumps of varying heights, none of which you have to jump if you don't want to. It does however, give you a chance to go round a course in a group. The ride is open to members and non-members (over 16 years of age). Cost Members £6 / Non Members £8. If you would like to come please return attached reply slip or ring (01264) 772388.

Directions:- Firgo Farm is situated on the A34 about 1 mile North (towards Newbury) of the A34/A303 junction at Bullington Cross. The signs for the farm aren't very big so please drive slowly so that you don't miss the turning.

Hunting

A club subscription to the RA Hunt has been taken out again this year. This will enable club members to hunt up to 6 times during the season (from the end October to April) for a reduced cap (£15 per day (this is £40 for non-subscribers)). The Hunt meets on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 11am. Ring Sam Hart (01980) 843378 / Sarah March (01722) 782722 / Nick Hornby (01380) 848117 for details of meets, parking, dress, protocol etc. Don't forget to take your membership card + £1 for the box watcher. Hunt Secretary: Nick Hornby, Paddocks, The Cartway, Wedhampton, Nr Devizes, Wilts. Tel: 01380 848117

AGM Report by LKH.

After eight years in the job, chairing the AGM was more akin to have a chat with old friends than the expected formality of an Annual General Meeting. I made the comment that there are only another five years to go before I equal my father's record as Chairman. It is also becoming increasingly difficult to find anything different to say and there is a temptation to produce a standard form with blanks to be filled in each year.

It was an excellent year. Membership reached 237 at the end of August, and with new recruits since then, membership at AGM was 260. A welcome addition to the already packed competition calendar was the Novice Show, which was extremely well received by the members. Many of whom have expressed a desire for it to be repeated for many years to come. At the request of XC course builder at Larkhill the dates for the Combined Training and One Day Event were swapped around. Generally numbers of entries for the competitions were as expected although ODE and Hunter Trial entries were considerably lower than previously. The lack of phone calls leading up to the two events made it apparent something was amiss. A first this year was the inclusion of a Medium Dressage class at each of our two Dressage Shows. Despite my fears, it proved worthwhile as numbers were as good for Elementary tests. Throughout the year we managed to maintain our reputation for professionally run events whilst keeping a friendly / helpful / relaxed atmosphere. There was plenty of help available, with members ringing to volunteer and responding favourably when asked. At the Hunter Trial we were in an unheard of situation with too many fences judges. I am certain this will never happen again!

We were well represented in the Area 17 team competitions in all disciplines. Five teams were entered in the Area Horse Trials which was something of a record, although one team fell by the wayside prior to the competition. Having been involved in the preparation for Area Horse Trials, doing times, running order lists, scoreboards etc. and providing the XC start team for the day, I was also seconded to do the scoring for the day which meant I missed the performance of all our team members. There was compensation in the shape of a share in the day's profits, amounting to an unexpected additional £400 for the club.

Performances were excellent throughout the competitions with several just missing Championship qualification. The Novice Horse Trials team qualified for the Championships at Offchurch Bury, and Gail Perren qualified as an Individual for the Riding Test Championships.

The Horse Trials Championships was an experience for all concerned, the Open HT was a 3 day event, and the Novice a 2 day event, extended from 2 and 1 day events to mark the millennium.

Most people don't appreciate how much work goes on behind the scenes to do entries and get a full contingent of Team members in the right place at the right time, together with valid flu vaccination certificates. It can present a problem if members say they are interested in having a team place and then enter a competition elsewhere making themselves unavailable, or give little notice of their unavailability.

Instruction was busy all year with a turnover of nearly £4000. Instructors Diana Burgess, Sorrel Warwick and Elizabeth Peerless offered excellent tuition, averaging 3 sessions per fortnight between them. General Instruction was supplemented with visits to Tweseldown, Rockbourne and Dene Farm for XC schooling.

Social Rides included Pre-Christmas and Hot X Bun rides on Salisbury Plain, and trips to Firgo Farm and Inkpen.

Non-Riding Socials included our annual quiz, talk from a Horse Dentist, Skittles evening, Stable management talks with Nicky Winham, and excellent visit to Gary Witheford establishment to watch him work with horses under his care – an enthralling afternoon which we hope to repeat this year, and an invitation from the RA Hunt to a Pre Season Hunting Talk.

The Newsletter is still the bane of my life despite Jemma doing the majority of donkey work. The task is not helped when the photocopier dies and the bloke undertaking the maintenance does a runner. A new maintenance agreement resolved the problem and we have been happily reproducing ever since. On the whole we were much better organised this year, but we ran out of steam mid season leaving a big gap in Newsletter production between April and July.

The committee worked extremely hard again this year. Many thanks to all the committee members, without whom we would be unable to sustain the level of events undertaken.

Financially it was a successful year too. The vast majority of shows made a profit, some of them substantial. The total turnover for the year reached £20,000 on increase of 20% on last year.

It was decided to increase subscription to £18 for the year 2001/2002 whilst maintaining a discount for early payers and members of the same household.

Nicky Winham has moved out of the area and Sue Hodgson has too many commitments to fulfil committee duties so both leave the committee this year. June Verity, Paula Mitchell and Susie Pool were elected to replace them.

Lindsay Hills and Brenda Harman stood down as Chairman and Treasurer after a 2 year stint. Both were re-elected unopposed to serve for a further 2 years.

Discussions ensued about the Inter Club competitions. Fears were expressed about the proposal for the Horse Trials Championships to become 3 day for the Open and 2 day for the Novice. The Open is of particular concern. In order to do a BHTA Novice 3 day event it is necessary to have completed several Novice & an Intermediate 1 day event. For the Riding Clubs Championships, with the ability to use reserves, it is not even a pre-requisite to ride at Area level, let alone complete the course. For the Novice 2 day, horses may either be very young, or semi-retired, in neither case is it desirable to thrash around roads and tracks & steeplechase course as well as 1.5 miles of Cross country. From a club point of view, although it is an honour and a great experience to go to championships, the cost which includes entry fees, travel and stabling for 2 or 3 nights at £20 per horse, may be prohibitive. For the riders, many work fulltime, or have families or both, the extra time needed to get the horses fit enough is just not available.

Questions arose as to what level of horse and rider the competitions were aimed at. There is a huge difference in the Novice (2'6"-2'9") and Open (3'3"-3'6") jumping disciplines, and to be competitive in Dressage and Riding Test, necessitates a horse doing affiliated Dressage. This situation will be alleviated next year with the introduction of a "novice" Team Dressage competition which will be for non-affiliated horses.

The new, 3 phase, "Le Trec" competition was discussed, and it was agreed to investigate further to see if it was possible to organise such an event. This was with some trepidation as several old club members are thought to be still roaming Collingbourne Woods after an orienteering competition about 12 years ago.

The AGM was rounded off with the presentation of Be Fair and Caballine awards for the year, by the president Sam Hart. It was disappointing that more recipients were not present, but congratulations were passed on to those who were.

Rule Reminder

The club doesn't have too many rules, but just as a general reminder to keep everyone on the straight and narrow. Here are details of the ones that seem to cause most problems.

BVRC membership is open to people 17 years old or older (with no upper age limit). 16 year olds may compete in competitions and attend any riding event as a member's guest, (with permission of the organiser) but BVRC does not allow under 16's to ride at their events. They do however, welcome guests of any age at their socials.

Anyone riding at our events **MUST** wear correct approved headgear. The current standard is **at least to the recommended standards PAS015 or EN1384; hats prefixed SEI/ASTM are permissible (ASTM is not valid on its own, it must have the SEI prefix)**. Hats shall have a chin strap which has a non-detachable retaining harness secured to the shell at more than two points. Such headgear shall be worn properly adjusted and fastened at all times when mounted. Bit unflattering perhaps, but we are not insured if we allow people to ride in incorrect headgear, so please be aware before you turn up and bring the right hat with you.

Body protectors shall be worn for any event involving cross country jumping.

Otherwise there is no particular dress code, it is sufficient just to be "clean and tidy". Correct footwear (i.e. no Muckers) is a good idea. Jewellery lovers please note, for safety reasons it is not permissible to wear earrings whilst competing. Not even studs. Full details of the rules are shown in the club's constitution (sounds dreadfully painful doesn't it). Copies can be obtained from Lindsay 01264 772388.

Instruction

Evening and Weekend Instruction sessions have been arranged Sorrel Warwick, at Cholderton House EC indoor school, weekday instruction with Diana at Castle Farm, Over Wallop, and weekend sessions with Elizabeth Peerless, also at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

The dates with Sorrel are as follows:

Cost £10	Thursday	25 th January	6.45pm
	Thursday	8 th February	6.45pm
	Thursday	22 nd February	6.45pm
	Thursday	1 st March	6.45pm
	Thursday	15 th March	6.45pm
	Thursday	29 th March	6.45pm

The dates with Elizabeth are as follows:

Cost £13	Sunday	4 th February	2pm
	Sunday	11 th February	2pm
	Sunday	25 th February	2pm
	Sunday	11 th March	2pm

Dates with Diana at Castle Farm, Over Wallop:-

2 groups	Cost £13	Thursday	1 st February	10am/11.30am
		Thursday	15 th February	10am/11.30am
		Thursday	22 nd February	10am/11.30am
		Thursday	8 th March	10am/11.30am
		Thursday	22 nd March	10am/11.30am

XC schooling with Diana at Tweseldown

2 groups	Cost £28	Saturday	10 th February	10am/12pm	Body protectors must be worn.
		Thursday	1 st March	10am/12pm	

The instruction is aimed at all levels of horse and rider - so 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 one group, please ring 2 days beforehand to find out to which group you have been allocated.

Diary Dates 2001

JANUARY 2001

25th January

BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm

FEBRUARY 2001

1st February

BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Castle Farm, Over Wallop 10am/11.30am.

4th February

Area Indoor Novice Show Jumping at HMS Dryad

Organiser: Meon RC

4th February

BVRC General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, Over Wallop at 2pm

6th February

BVRC Annual Quiz Night at Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill 7.30-8pm

8th February

BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm

10st February

BVRC XC Instruction with Diana Burgess at Tweseldown 10am/12am.

11th February

BVRC General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, Over Wallop at 2pm

15st February

BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Castle Farm, Over Wallop 10am/11.30am.

18th February

BVRC Firgo Farm Ride, Nr Whitchurch, 10am.

22nd February

BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Castle Farm, Over Wallop 10am/11.30am.

22nd February

BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm

25th February

BVRC General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, Over Wallop at 2pm

25th February

Clear Round Cross Country at Knighton Down, Larkhill.

Tel: Louise Milligan 01980 595815

MARCH 2001

1st March

BVRC XC Instruction with Diana Burgess at Tweseldown 10am/12am.

1st March

BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm

Early March

BVRC Winter Dressage

8th March

BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Castle Farm, Over Wallop 10am/11.30am.

11th March

BVRC General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, Over Wallop at 2pm

15th March

BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm

22nd March

BVRC General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Castle Farm, Over Wallop 10am/11.30am.

29th March

BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm

End March

BVRC Show Jumping at ????????

APRIL 2001

13th April

BVRC Hot X Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain.

22nd April

BVRC Dressage at Knighton Down, Larkhill

MAY 2001

6th May

Area 17 Dressage to Music Qualifier at Cedar Stables, Medstead.

Organiser: Hampshire Rural RC.

13th May

National RC Novice & Open Team Hunter Trial Championships at Grange Farm, Peterborough

20th May

BVRC Combined Training at Knighton Down, Larkhill

TBA

BVRC Novice Show

JUNE 2001

3rd June

BVRC One Day Event, at Larkhill

17th June

Area 17 Team & Individual Dressage Qualifier at Isle of Wight

Organiser: IOW / Vectis RC

JULY 2001

1st July

Area 17 Novice & Open Horse Trials Qualifier at Knighton Down, Larkhill

Organiser: BVRC

TBA

BVRC Dressage at West Woodhay

TBA

BVRC Show Jumping at Over Wallop

29th July

Area 17 Novice & Open Team Show Jumping Qualifier at Langford Farm, Soton

Organiser: New Forest RC

SEPT 2001

TBA

BVRC Dressage and Show Jumping at Over Wallop

NOV 2001

4th November

BVRC Hunter Trials at Larkhill

Adverts

Need Transport? Horsebox for hire. Takes 4 horses. Driver must be over 25 with clean licence. £25.00 + Diesel.
Phone Sue Fentiman on 01264 391550

What do you want him to be?

16.1hh Hungarian Warmblood 12years old. National Novice Driving Champion in 1996.
Beautiful paces so catches the eye in ridden Dressage. Been Placed high many times. Jumps well. Hunts, with perfect manners.
We have owned him for seven years, sadly a youngster is taking his place. Perfect new home imperative. £3000.
Please contact Nicola Cooper, Lyvers Farm, East Grinstead, Salisbury, Wilts. Tel: 01722 712709.

UK Chasers Course No 5 at Headbourne Worthy, Nr Winchester.

Established since 1990, the course has been recently improved and certified.
The course now comprises 30 professionally built jumps which vary in height between 2' and 3'3" offering a wide variety.
Course fee £10 Call Simon Browne 01962 885354.

Larkhill (Wilts) - Sunday 25th February 2001 Clear Round Cross Country and Show Jumping

Cross Country Courses: 09:30 approx 3' £12 (£17 on day) Cross Country numbers limited.
14:00 approx 3'6" No Cloths £5 deposit Start times available Friday 23rd 18:00-21:00
Show Jumping Courses: 09:30 2'6", 3', 3'6" £4 pay on the day
To enter call Louise Milligan 01980 595815 (leave message giving Class, Rider and Horse)

Warminster Saddle Club January until December

Full Competition programme - Dressage, Show Jumping, Hunter Trials, Horse Trials and Summer Show, Le Trec
Various Courses

Further Details: Warminster Saddle Club, Oxendene, Warminster, Wilts BA12 0DZ Tel: 01985 213925

**INSTRUCTION REPLY SLIPS to be returned to Mrs L Hills, The Ridings, Dauntsey Lane, Weyhill, Andover, Hants SP11 8EB.
Make cheques payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club.** (Separate cheques for each session & mark time preference where applicable).

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I would like to attend the Firgo Farm Ride at 10am on Sunday 18th February and enclose a cheque.
(Cost £6 members, £8 non-members)

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