

Bourne Valley Riding Club

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(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2001

Nobody has much heard of the Bourne Valley, never mind knows where it is located. The origins of the Club name were based around the two Bourne rivers, the first running through St Mary Bourne, Hurstbourne and the other, Collingbourne, Tidworth, Shipton Bellinger, Cholderton and on to Salisbury. For three quarters of the year no water is in evidence. This winter the "Bourne" has leapt to prominence (notoriety) by bursting its banks, cutting off villages and being frequently mentioned on the flood alert list, so now, nobody should be in any doubt about our whereabouts.

In view of the current "Foot and Mouth" situation, the Dressage competition at Hoplands on 11th March was cancelled. Plans for Show Jumping on the 25th March have been abandoned. All club activities including Instruction have been suspended until further notice. Please keep a note of all dates on the Diary Dates page. Obviously all events are subject to confirmation. Normal service will be resumed as soon as it is safe to do so.

We have finalised the competition dates for the season (see Diary dates) and it looked an exciting prospect. The Riding Club horse competition will not be run with the Combined Training, but as a separate entity, the date of this is still to be fixed. A Le Trec , competition is still under investigation, and if we proceed it will probably be mid to end of September.

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Foot and Mouth Disease

The British Horse Society is being inundated with calls from horse owners who are being told that their horses would have to be slaughtered if the farm on which they were kept got foot and mouth. Even the MAFF helpline has been saying this. IT IS NOT TRUE. Please do what you can to get the message out.

BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY ADVICE TO HORSE OWNERS ON FOOT AND MOUTH

Horses cannot get the disease, and they are not "carriers" of the disease in the medical sense.

Horses would NOT have to be slaughtered on an infected farm. This has been confirmed to the BHS by MAFF Animal Health Advisers.

However, they would probably have to be confined for several months, because they can transmit it via their hooves, just as humans can on their boots or cars on their tyres.

PRECAUTIONS HORSE OWNERS CAN TAKE

The BHS is advising horse owners not to hack out on bridleways, common land, or moorland, and to stay away from roads in rural areas.

Although the movement order does not apply to horses, the BHS advise that horse owners should not transport their horses anywhere at the moment.

The BHS is also asking those holding events to postpone them until the situation is more stable.

There is no reason why farriers and feed merchants cannot visit yards that only have horses on site.

The situation concerning foot and mouth is very fluid at the moment, and we should all be taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease. Once the outbreak is contained, and we can be certain which areas are free of it, then we may reconsider this advice.

Nichola Gregory, BHS Press Office, British Horse Society, Stoneleigh Deer Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XZ
Direct line: 08701 20 88 80 out of hours: 01926 491934

Spring Dressage at Knighton Down, Larkhill on the 22nd April

If we are able to run this competition, schedules will be despatched by the beginning of April.

Ticket Offer for Equus 2001 – The Horse Event, April 19 – 22, ExCel, London

Equus 2001 will be held at ExCel, London's newest venue in The Royal Docks and will encompass everything in the horse world from clothing to tack, colleges to holidays. Aside from the trade stands there is a main arena which will play host to a number of exciting demonstrations such as a taster from The Spanish Riding School of Vienna, The King's Troop, The Lassetters, John Whitaker, Michael Peace, plus many more.

Tickets are priced at £8 for adults and £4 for children under 16, £20 families (2 adults+2 children). Groups of 10 or more are entitled to 1 free ticket.

Ticket Hotline 0870 739 6500, or on-line www.equusevent.co.uk

A List of Qualities of Equine Breeding –

A Good Horse Should Have These

<i>3 of a man</i>	-	<i>Bold, proud and hardy</i>
<i>3 of a woman</i>	-	<i>A broad breast, round hips and a long mane</i>
<i>3 of a lion</i>	-	<i>Countenance, courage and fire</i>
<i>3 of a bullock</i>	-	<i>The eye, the nostril and the joints</i>
<i>3 of a sheep</i>	-	<i>The nose, gentleness and patience</i>
<i>3 of a mule</i>	-	<i>Strength, consistency and foot</i>
<i>3 of a deer</i>	-	<i>Head, legs and short hair</i>
<i>3 of a wolf</i>	-	<i>Throat, neck and hearing</i>
<i>3 of a serpent</i>	-	<i>Memory, sight and turning</i>
<i>3 of a Hare</i>	-	<i>Running, walking and suppleness</i>

Extra's

<i>3 of a woman</i>	-	<i>Expensive to keep, difficult to mount and often has to be bought new shoes</i>
<i>3 of a school boy</i>	-	<i>Whistles, has chestnuts and a tendency to crib</i>
<i>3 of a flea</i>	-	<i>Jumps suddenly, bites and won't box</i>
<i>3 of a crab</i>	-	<i>Sidles, has eyes on stalks and is hard mouthed</i>
<i>3 of an ostrich</i>	-	<i>Kicks, has a swan neck and cannot be caught</i>
<i>3 of a life peer</i>	-	<i>Has hairy heels, coronets and is of unknown breeding</i>

Area 17 Inter Club Team / Individual Competitions

Although, at the moment, nobody feels much like making any plans for the future, the first of the Area competitions will soon be upon us. As the Area Dressage is being hosted by the Isle of Wight & Vectis Riding Clubs, at Godshell, on the IOW, we need to be organised early in order to book ferries etc. Details of all competitions are shown on the next page. The club pays all Entry Fees to Area competitions and will contribute £10 per competitor for anyone wishing to travel to the IOW.

Details of IOW travel are shown below. We will do our best to co-ordinate box sharing and travel details for those wishing to cross the water.

Iow Ferry Crossings

WightLink

Lymington-Yarmouth (approx 35 mins to showfield)

Portsmouth-Fishbourne (approx 20 mins to showfield)

Crossings times approx 35 mins+10 mins loading / unloading

Equestrian Special from Mainland

Motorised Horseboxes up to 10 metres, including driver + 3 passengers, return @ £84.50

Red Funnel

Southampton-Cowes (approx 25mins to showfield)

Crossing time approx 1 hour + 10 mins loading / unloading (cooked breakfast available)

Special Rate 17th June only

Car up to 6 metres with towed vehicle and horseboxes up to 8 metres, including driver + 3 passengers @ £60
(£7.70 each additional ½ metre.)

Sam Mawer (01264 771215) is acting as Team Manager again this year

Inter Club Teams Competitions

Our club is one of twenty designated to British Riding Clubs Area 17. Geographically the area covers the central south of England, stretching from Petersfield in the East to Blandford and Purbeck in the West & includes the Isle of Wight. Our club sits on the northern edge of the area.

Each year inter club team competitions are organised in Show Jumping, Horse Trials and Dressage. The winning teams and individuals from these competitions and from all other Areas around Great Britain go forward to National Riding Club Championships at the end of the summer.

The Area team Qualifying competitions this year are as follows:

6th May at Cedars, Medstead organised by Hampshire Rural Riding Club
Individual Dressage to Music

10th June at Mayhill Stud, Droxford organised by Meon Riding Club
Novice Team Dressage each team member rides a different test (Prelim 2, 6 & 10, Novice 21)

17th June at Godshill, IOW organised by Vectis & IOW Riding Clubs.
Team Dressage each team member rides a different test (Prelim 6, Novice 21 & 24 & Elementary 44)
Individual Medium Dressage competition (Medium 65)
Pairs Dressage
Riding Test team (2 members to ride RT4 and 2 members to ride RT5)

1st July at Knighton Down, Larkhill organised by BVRC with help from New Forest Pony Enthusiasts and Chilworth RC
Novice Team Horse Trials Show Jumping 2'9" & Cross Country 2'6"-2'9"
Open Team Horse Trials Show Jumping 3'7" & Cross Country 3'4"-3'7"

29th July at Langford Farm, Nr Soton organised by the New Forest Riding Club
Novice Team Show Jumping A two round competition with the first round at 2'6" & the second round at 2'9"
Open Team Show Jumping A two round competition with the first round at 3'3" & the second round at 3'6"
Equitation Jumping One round at 3'0"

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

There are two main requirements for members wishing to take part in the above competitions.

1. The horse must be owned by a club member or a documented long term lease agreement be in existence.
2. The horse must have valid up to date Flu Vaccination Certificate which must comply in every respect to the rules shown below.

There are some restrictions in the eligibility of horses and riders for the various competitions, so its that dreaded time again. If you wish to be considered for a team place in any of the competition please fill in and return the attached Team forms to Sam, together with a photocopy of the horse's Flu vacc certificate (one copy for each competition for you would like to be considered). There are two forms, the first for all the Dressage Competitions to be returned by **5th April**, and the second for Show Jumping and Horse Trials teams to be returned by **24th May**.

The team selection policy is as follows:

On the basis of the response of the Team forms, a decision is made about how many teams are entered. 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 a team place.

If you think you would like to have a go but are not sure then ring Sam for a chat. Otherwise, even if you stated on your membership application that you were interested in teams, please fill in and return your forms.

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 injection 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.

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

Eight horses, 7 riders and numerous supporters braved the wind and the rain and drove towards Portsmouth for the Area Novice Teams Indoor Qualifiers at HMS Dryad. We were all very glad that it was indoors, although the rain did stop for a while in the afternoon. Bourne Valley had entered 2 teams for this qualifier, although "Team Southey" provided half of the competitors! With very few poles falling in the first round at 2'6", there was everything to ride for in the second. However the increased height to 2'9" and a change of course with some dubious distances made a big difference; poles and planks dropped like ninepins to make a real competition of it. Gill Young with Heathfield Teal did 2 very good rounds for the A Team, albeit with a few faults, in spite of not having jumped since the outdoor show jumping qualifiers in July and not having even been out of walk since November due to major saddle fitting problems. A new saddle arrived at the eleventh hour (well Friday afternoon) allowing them to have a quick recap over a few poles less than 48 hours before the competition. When Roy Southey heard about the preparation (or lack of) said, "Just imagine how good it would have been with 2 rehearsals!" Another pair in the A Team were Sue Hodgson and Ballinrobe Days, who having jumped a horrid looking blue filler in the first round, decided in the second that it was far too dangerous to go anywhere near when it was even bigger. Sue did well to stay with his tantrums and he obligingly sailed cleanly over a fence on the way out! The fourth member of the A Team was club newcomer Nicola Bruce, and her faithful Irishman Murphy. Having only just joined the club she was somewhat coerced into joining the team by the others in the Wexland Farm yard – and no we did not hi-jack Murphy into the lorry and kidnap Nicola, she came entirely voluntarily! In spite of much nervousness, no sleep the night before and a packet of cigarettes en route, Nicola and Murphy completed 2 immaculate clear rounds in perfect style, enabling the A Team to finish in 8th place. The B Team of Roy and Mads Southey (Oliver Twist and Morello), Shani Jukhental with Tinsley Topnotch and team stalwart Kay Bugden with Lady Guinevere did even better to finish in 5th place although sadly neither team qualified for the finals.

A good day was had by all, and many thanks to Meon RC for their excellent organisation and to HMS Dryad for the use of their wonderful facilities. We all also thank Lindsay Hills for her usual excellent support, standing in for Sam Mawer as Chef d'Equipe and for sweet talking the officials into not eliminating the B Team when Roy failed to turn up on time and jumped out of order (nothing new there then!).

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Final results:

A Team		3	11	14 faults	8th
Sue Hodgson	Ballinrobe Days	0	E		
Nicola Bruce	Murphy	0	0		
Roy Southey	Ballydante	8	4		
Gill Young	Heathfield Teal	3	7		
B Team		0	8	8 faults	5th
Roy Southey	Oliver Twist	0	4		
Mads Southey	Morello	4	0		
Shani Jukhental	Tinsley Topnotch	0	8		
Kay Bugden	Lady Guinevere	0	4		

Newsletter and E-mail addresses.

Emailing the last Newsletter proved very successful with 40% of members receiving information in this way. Imagine the saving of effort in photocopying, collating, folding, stapling, stuffing, labelling and stamping.

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.

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.

Tracey & Tony Fleming have now moved away from the BVRC area to Blackpool and would to send their regards and thanks to all at BVRC. We have fond memories of our time there and wish you all well for the future.

Anyone visiting the area is welcome to visit. We are now at:

International League for the Protection of Horses

C/O Tony Fleming, Farm Manager

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Diary Dates 2001

APRIL 2001

- 12th April RAPC Hunter Trials at Knighton Down, Larkhill (adult classes)
Sae: Mrs Pippa Grob, Kents Farmhouse, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge, Hants, SO20 8EQ.
- 13th April **BVRC Hot X Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain.**
Ring Lindsay (01264) 772388 to see if this event is being held.
- 22nd April **BVRC Dressage** at Knighton Down, Larkhill
- 29th April Larkhill Horse Show
Sae: Alison Harrington, 10 Fargo Road, Larkhill, Nr Salisbury, Wilts, SP4 8LN
- 29th April North Hants Horse Show, Newbury Showground
Sae: Mandy Poulton, 7 Alexandra Rd, Andover, Hants, SP10 3AE.
- 29th April Tedworth Spring Ride at Mount Orleans, Nr Collingbourne Ducis, Wilts
Sae: Mrs Lesley Dale, Tangley Farm, Tangley, Andover, Hants SP11 0RZ, Tel: 01264 730752

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
- 28th May RAPC Combined Training at Knighton Down, Larkhill (adult classes)
Sae: Mrs Pippa Grob, Kents Farmhouse, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge, Hants, SO20 8EQ.

JUNE 2001

- 3rd June **BVRC One Day Event**, at Larkhill
- 10th June Area 17 "Novice" Team Dressage Qualifier at Mayhill Stud, Droxford
Organiser: Meon RC
- 17th June Area 17 Team & Individual Dressage Qualifier at Isle of Wight
Organiser: IOW / Vectis RC
- 24th June **BVRC Dressage** at West Woodhay, Nr Newbury

JULY 2001

- 1st July Area 17 Novice & Open Horse Trials Qualifier at Knighton Down, Larkhill
Organiser: BVRC
- 22nd July **BVRC Show Jumping** at Over Wallop
- 29th July Area 17 Novice & Open Team Show Jumping Qualifier at Langford Farm, Soton
Organiser: New Forest RC

AUG 2001

- 4th August **BVRC Novice Show**
- 22nd August RAPC Horse Trials at Knighton Down, Larkhill (Adult Classes)
Sae: Mrs Pippa Grob, Kents Farmhouse, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge, Hants, SO20 8EQ.

SEPT 2001

- 2nd September **BVRC Dressage and Show Jumping** at Over Wallop

NOV 2001

- 4th November **BVRC Hunter Trials** at Knighton Down, Larkhill

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