

Newsletter October 2004

Bourne Valley Riding Club incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)



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The end of October and change of the clocks marks the end of the club year. It has been an eventful and action packed year. It was therefore disappointing to have to cancel our final event, the Hunter Trial. Torrential October rain rendered the course and adjoining land too wet to contemplate the arrival of 80 helpers in addition to the 200 horses and riders and associated vehicles. The decision was made more difficult because, after a slow start, entries came flooding in (unfortunate expression), and there were loads of offers of help which was extremely heartening. The club cannot function without the help and support of the members and it's a big help and very encouraging when people volunteer help rather than being press-ganged.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in whatever capacity throughout the year.

We are hopeful that 2004-2005 will be as successful as this year and are starting the autumn season with a full programme including some non-riding socials and pleasure rides. We hope to see you at some or all of these events or taking advantage of the excellent instruction that is on offer.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due for renewal on 1st November. Rates were set at the last year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the current year and it was agreed to increase subscriptions, for the year 2004-2005, by £2. An increase in the levy to be paid to the British Riding Clubs (BRC) office of 50p or £1, to the current £7.50 per head, is under review by the BRC Executive committee. As a consequence, part of the subscription increase this year will be used to cover the additional affiliation costs.

Subscriptions have been set at £22 for Riding Members and £12 for Non Riding Members. We are offering a discount of £4 to £18, for riding members if the subs are paid before 31st December 2004. The reduced rate of £18 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.

Please fill and return the enclosed membership renewal form to Sandra Groves (address on form). There are lots of good things happening so do rejoin soon so that you may take part. You will need a new membership card to take advantage of the RA Hunt subscription (information below).

Forthcoming Events



British Riding Clubs National Conference on Sunday 7th November 2004, at Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire.

The Conference will see the usual reports from the BRC sub committees, and the main topic for the day will be membership, and how the office deals with the processing of information within BRC. The conference is open to all members of affiliated clubs and is the opportunity for your members to have their voices heard. The cost will be £10 per person which includes lunch. Anyone wishing to attend or with any burning issues they would like aired should contact Sandra (01264) 395277.



AGM on Friday 12th November, 2004 at the Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill at 7.30-8pm

This is an opportunity to review the year's events, discuss the future, and air 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.

Lindsay & Rosie (Mathias) are standing down as Chairman & Treasurer respectively, after yet another 2 year term so the jobs are up for grabs. Five committee members are standing down this time for a variety of reasons. They are Lindsay Devine, Eryl Jures, Paula Mitchell, Carrie Ryan & June Verity. Thanks go to all of them for hard work they have put in in your behalf.

At the AGM we have to elect a Chairman, Treasurer and five 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 a proposer and seconder. Any nominations should be received before the 10th November and given to Sandra Groves, 47, Barnfield Rise, Andover, Hants, SP10 2UQ, Tel: 01264 395277 or Email: secretary@bvrc.co.uk.

We have an active hard working committee who work as a team to put events for 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 useful jobs that could be undertaken by someone not wishing or able to join the committee. These include:

- booking Dressage judges for the year (maybe could be taken on by 2 people working together)
- booking First Aid for the year
- distribution of schedules to local saddlers / riding establishments
- organising caravan / trailer towing for events.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above jobs or have any other ideas of how you can help then please contact Sandra.

We are currently working hard to compile the results for the Be Fair & Caballine points competition. The list will be passed on to you shortly.

At the AGM there will be a presentation for the Be Fair and Caballine points competition. In addition to the Be Fair Cup, Caballine Trophy and Rosebowl, there will be rosettes to tenth place. It was decided that too many committee members took the Caballine rosettes, so this year only four rosettes will be awarded to committee members, and ten rosettes will be presented to the top ten non-committee. If your name does appear on the results list please make a big effort to come and receive your rosette, and if not please come to congratulate those who have been successful.



Visit to Toby Balding's Racing Yard – Saturday 27th November 2004 at 9am.

Come and see what goes on at a top racing yard – Toby Balding has held a licence since 1956, during which time he has trained around two thousand winners both Flat and National Hunt. For most of his training career he has been based in the Andover area and his new purpose built yard, located on the road between Kimpton and Shipton Bellinger, opened earlier this year. Bring your family and friends (children welcome too).

Meet at the yard at 9.00am ready to watch second lot work on the gallop at 9.15am. This will be followed by a tour of the yard's facilities with brunch to finish.

The cost is £5.00 for members and £6.00 for non-members. Complete the reply slip and send payment to Sandra Groves, 47 Barnfield Rise, Andover, SP10 2UQ, **by 22nd November 2004**. Telephone Sandra (01264 395277) if you need further information or directions.



Christmas Ride – Sunday 28th November 2004 at 10am.

This hugely, popular bracing ride over the Plain will this year start from Rookery Farm, Orcheston. There will be two rides, a slow ride (slow meaning slow and consisting of mostly walk and trot work) and a faster ride, which will canter about a bit more. Meet at 10am ready to ride by 10.15am. There will be mince pies and mulled wine at the end of the ride. Arctic clothing essential! The ride is FREE to members £3 to non-members (16 years or older).

Please let Roy Southey know (01980 621068 leave a message on the answer phone) if you intend to come.

Directions: From the A303, turn towards Devizes at the Stonehenge ring. Proceed through Shrewton staying on the road to Devizes and, once out of the village by about 500m, at the top of the hill turn right signed to Orcheston. Follow the road down to the end, carrying on past the dead-end sign. Rookery Farm is at the end of the road.



Skittles Evening – The Crook & Shears, Upper Clatford, Nr Andover - Tuesday 30th November 2004 at 7.30-7.45pm.

A skittles evening has been arranged so come along and have some fun. Bring your family and friends (children too) and meet other club members and their friends. Meet at the pub 7.30-7.45pm. There will be food provided – choose from Scampi & Chips, Sausage & Chips, Chicken & Chips or Vegetable Kievs & Chips. Cost is £4.75 each.

Please complete the reply slip and send payment to Sandra Groves, 27 Barnfield Rise, Andover, SP10 2UQ **by Friday 26th November 2004**.



Firgo Farm XC Ride Sunday 12th December 2004 at 10am.

Following the success of previous visits to Firgo Farm, where the going is always superb, we have arranged another visit on Sunday 12th December at 10am. Being a former UK Chasers course, there are 37 jumps of varying heights (none of which you have to jump if you don't want to) covering a distance of 6 miles. The ride is open to members and non-members (16 years of age or over). Back protectors are mandatory, and please ride with a companion. If you have not arranged to ride with someone prior to the day, you can be partnered on arrival.

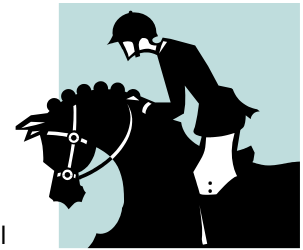
Cost Members £6 / Non Members £8. If you would like to come please return attached reply slip or ring Lindsay (01264) 772388.

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.

Instruction

Here's instruction to suit everyone's busy schedule – you can choose from:

- Weekday instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, Over Wallop
- Evenings with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC
- Weekend sessions with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC
- Cross Country at Downlands EC, Tytherington, Nr Warminster with Elizabeth (weekday) .
- Cross Country at Dene Farm, Nether Wallop with Diana Burgess (weekday & weekend).



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

Cross country instruction has been organised at Downlands EC, Tytherington, Heytsbury, Nr Warminster & Dene Farm, Nether Wallop. Sessions will also last for 1½-2 hours. Body protectors are compulsory.

For anyone attending the XC session at Downlands please note that a disclaimer must be signed before accessing the XC Course. Venue directions are available on request. Please abide by the 10mph speed limit approaching the EC.

Dates for Instruction are:

Elizabeth Peerless

Castle Farm, Over
Wallop (£14)
2 groups, 9.30am or
11am

Thursdays
4th & 18th November
2nd & 9th December

Downlands EC,
Tytherington (£32)
2 groups, 10.30am or
12pm

Thursday
11th November

Sorrel Warwick

Cholderton House
EC
(£14)

Wednesdays at
6.30pm
10th & 24th November
8th December

Saturdays at 2.30pm
6th & 20th November
4th December

Diana Burgess

Dene Farm,
Nether Wallop
(£25)
2 groups, 10am or
12pm

Wednesday 1st
December
Saturday 4th
December

The instruction sessions are aimed at all levels of horse and rider - do come and have a go. If you wish to attend, please send the attached reply slip to Lindsay Hills **AT LEAST 3 DAYS BEFORE** the due date (separate cheques for each session with date marked on the back of the cheque please). If there is more than 1 group, please ring 2 days beforehand to find out to which group you have been allocated.

Novice Show – Amport Riding Centre – 25th September 2004

Following the success of the first Novice Show in April, another was held at Amport, with the addition of the Riding Club Horse Competition judged by club member Fiona Lyon. She put them through their paces in true showing style, removing saddles and trotting their horses up. Combined with a dressage test they had previously undertaken (judged by Prue Boyd) the overall winner was decided. Thanks to all those that helped on the day.

Sandra Groves

Class 1 – Prelim 4 – Novice Rider

1 st	Cath Wheeler	It takes 2 to Tango	133	BV
2 nd	Jan Miles	Iona	126	BV
3 rd	Leah Stanford	Liberty Belle	114	BV
4 th	Annie Beattie	Hullabalou	96	
5 th	Anne Burnham	Basil	89	

Class 2 – Prelim 4 – Novice Horse

1 st	Josie Coleman	Carnaval Upstart	132	BV
2 nd	Vicky de Candole	Damysus	121	BV
3 rd	Leah Stanford	Liberty Belle	115	BV

Class 3 – Prelim 10 – Novice Rider

1 st	Jan Miles	Iona	141	BV
2 nd	Jo Booth	Rua Haku	130	
3 rd	Cath Wheeler	It takes 2 to Tango	127	BV
4 th	Gail Booker	Rusty Light	120	
5 th	Sarah White	Rua Haku	115	

Class 6 – 2'0" – 2'3" Show Jumping – Novice Horse

1 st	Lucy Hepworth	Lakashan		BV
2 nd	Lucinda Cross	Kingstream		
3 rd	Karen Fieldsend	Charlie		BV
4 th	Liz Derbyshire	Blue		BV

Class 7 – 2'3" – 2'6" Show Jumping – Novice Rider

1 st	Lucy Hepworth	Lakashan		BV
2 nd	Charlotte Sutcliffe	Benny		BV

Class 8 – 2'3" – 2'6" Show Jumping – Novice Horse

1 st	Liz Derbyshire	Blue		BV
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Class 9 – Riding Club Horse – Prelim 18 Dressage Test

1 st	Susie Pool	Hot Socks	177	BV
2 nd	Carole Glover	Welsh Gold	167	BV
3 rd	Pip Crosby	Jacquie	147	BV
4 th	Karen Nicholson	Khalid	138	BV

Class 9 – Riding Club Horse – (showing and dressage)

1 st	Susie Pool	Hot Socks		BV
2 nd	Pip Crosby	Jacquie		BV
3 rd	Karen Nicholson	Khalid		BV

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 £50 for non-subscribers)). Ring Nick Hornby (01380) 848117 for details of meets, times, parking, dress, protocol etc 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

British Riding Clubs Area 17 Winter League (schedule enclosed)

BRC Area 17 Winter League will be running again this winter season at Sparsholt College, near Winchester. The competitions are open to members of affiliated Riding Clubs who have registered to take part (which the BVRC has). Flu certificates must accompany the horse to the event for spot checks. No entries taken on the day. Please read the rules carefully to avoid disappointment!

These are very good competitions against members from other riding clubs in the area. The shows are well organised with limited entries – so there is no hanging around for hours between classes. Points are accrued for the club from members placed in each class and for themselves. At the end of the series there is a prize for the club with the most points, and the individual with the most points who has taken part in both dressage & show jumping (but not necessarily places in both). For the last two years the Chilworth & New Forest RC have divided the spoils between them, so it's time BVRC showed what they are made of! We have enclosed a copy of the schedule to make things easy for you. Do come and give it a go.

Dates are as follows:

November 20th – Show Jumping

January 15th – Show Jumping

December 18th – Dressage

March 12th – Dressage

Any enquiries can be made to the entries secretary Mr P Buist, Silverlea, New Road, Timsbury, Romsey, Hants SO51 0NL (01794 368061).

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(due to retirement of much loved horse after 15 years of fun)

approx 16.2hh up to weight mare or gelding for hacking, hunting and riding club activities.

5/6 years. Must be safe, sane and sensible.

Good to box, shoe, traffic and happy to hack alone.

Home for life for the right horse.

Tel: Sally on 01794 884546 or mobile 0790 537 5219

(email: covesfield@aol.com)

FOR SALE

Very Pretty TB Mare

5yrs old 16hh (approx)

Nice straight paces, working sweetly on the flat.

Just started jumping, proving to be bold and careful.

100% Traffic etc. Easy Ride.

Super prospect for lady/teenager for next season.

Easy to do in every way, a temperament to die for.

£2750 ono.

For more information or any questions call Sarah

01672 540110/541032 or 07885 154231.

APPALOOSA

Few Spot x Shire, 16.2hh, 3yo gelding, lunging well, has been ridden on the lunge, gentle kind chap could make excellent dressage horse,

very sad sale, £4000 ono inc. rugs.

01722 711124 or 07714 490948

WANTED

3.5 tonne horse box

to carry a minimum of 1 x 16.1 hh horse.

Preferably diesel. Must have long MOT and PAS.

Budget £2-3000.

Please ring Clare on 07776 467283.

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age not over 15 years nor a youngster.

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Tel: 01725 518493

2004 CHARITY RIDE at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne

in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care & The Toby Mann Fund

Sunday 7th November 9am-2.30pm

7 miles of safe downland riding with optional jumps 2'6"-3'6". Steps, Coffin, Ditches, Hedges, Trakhener, Water Complex etc. Fun for hacking & schooling practice with all facilities.

Enquiries Rob & Ailsa McLeod Tel: 01725 518297

CHRISTMAS FUN RIDE

Sunday 5th December

at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch

3 miles with 24 optional fences at 2'3"-3'

large variety of jumps

Rosettes to all finishers

Cost £14, BVRC Members £12

Enquiries call Alison 07900 564124.

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Spacious stables, good turn out,

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For more information or to arrange a visit contact:

Sarah on 01264 861231 or 07939 076088

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NOVEMBER

- 4th BVRC General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, 9.30/11am** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 6th BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick, Cholderton House EC 2.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 7th BRC National Annual Conference, Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire** *Sandra Groves 01264 395277*
- 7th Sparsholt EC Unaffiliated SJ 2'-2'9"** *Event Sec: 01962 776895*
- 7th The Rockbourne Ride, 2004 Charity Ride, at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne** *Rob McLeod 01725 518297*
- 10th BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick, Cholderton House EC 6.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 11th BVRC XC Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Downlands EC, Tytherington 10.30am/12pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 12th BVRC AGM at Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill at 7.30-8pm** *Sandra Groves 01264 395277*
- 13th Sparsholt Unaffiliated Dressage** *Mary Johnston 07801 089691*
- 18th BVRC General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, 9.30/11am** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 20th BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick, Cholderton House EC 2.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 20th BRC Area 17 Winter League Show Jumping at Sparsholt EC** *Mr P Buist, Silverlea, New Road, Timsbury, Romsey, Hants SO51 ONL*
- 21st Winchester RC Dressage at Sparsholt EC** *Sue Knight-Jones 01962 774064*
- 24th BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick, Cholderton House EC 6.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 27th BVRC Visit to Toby Balding's racing yard, Kimpton at 9am.** *Sandra Groves 01264 395277*
- 28th BVRC Pre-Christmas Ride on Salisbury Plain from Orcheston at 10am.** *Roy Southey 01980 621068*
- 30th BVRC Skittles evening, Crook & Shears, Upper Clatford at 7.30pm.** *Sandra Groves 01264 395277*

DECEMBER

- 1st BVRC XC Instruction at Dene Farm with Diana Burgess 10am/12pm.** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 2nd BVRC General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, 9.30/11am** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 4th BVRC XC Instruction at Dene Farm with Diana Burgess 10am/12pm.** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 4th BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick, Cholderton House EC 2.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 4th Sparsholt EC Unaffiliated SJ 26"-3'3"** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 5th Christmas Fun Ride at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch** *Alison Cameron 07900 564124.*
- 5th Meon RC Open Indoor SJ, Quob Stables, Durley 2'3"-3'3"** *Branda King 01730 264178*
- 8th BVRC General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick, Cholderton House EC 6.30pm** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 9th BVRC General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, 9.30/11am** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 12th BVRC Ride at Firgo Farm, Whitchurch at 10am.** *Lindsay Hills 01264 772388*
- 12th Sparsholt EC Unaffiliated Dressage** *Mary Johnston 07801 089691*
- 18th BRC Area 17 Winter League Dressage at Sparsholt EC** *Mr P Buist, Silverlea, New Road, Timsbury, Romsey, Hants SO51 ONL*
- 19th Winchester RC Christmas SJ Show at Sparsholt EC** *Sue Knight-Jones 01962 774064*
- 29th Sparsholt EC Unaffiliated Dressage** *Mary Johnston 07801 089691*

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Please make cheques payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club. (Separate cheques for each session & circle preferred times where appropriate)

I enclose £6 / £8 for the Firgo Farm XC ride on Sunday 12th December starting at 10 a.m.

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at 9.30am or 11am (*please delete*) on Thursday 9th December at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

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I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at 2.30pm on Saturday 4th December at Cholderton House EC.

Name Tel No

I enclose £25 for Cross Country Instruction with Diana Burgess 10am or 12pm (*please delete*) on Wednesday 4th December at Dene Farm, Nether Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at 9.30am or 11am (*please delete*) on Thursday 2nd December at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £25 for Cross Country Instruction with Diana Burgess 10am or 12pm (*please delete*) on Wednesday 1st December at Dene Farm, Nether Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at 6.30pm on Wednesday 24th November at Cholderton House EC.

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at 2.30pm on Saturday 20th November at Cholderton House EC.

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at 9.30am or 11am (*please delete*) on Thursday 18th November at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £32 for Cross Country Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless 10.30am or 12pm (*please delete*) on Thursday 11th November at Downlands EC, Tytherington, Nr Warminster.

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at 6.30pm on Wednesday 10th November at Cholderton House EC.

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at 2.30pm on Saturday 6th November at Cholderton House EC.

Name Tel No

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Skittles Evening – Tuesday 30th Nov. PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO SANDRA GROVES BY 26th NOV.

Please indicate what food selection: Scampi&Chips:Sausage&Chips:Chicken&Chips:Veg Kievs&Chips

I enclose a cheque for £..... (.....people @ £4.75 per head).

Racing Yard Visit – Saturday 27th Nov. PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP BY 22nd NOV.

I enclose a cheque for £..... as payment formembers @ £5 and non-members @ £6.