

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2003



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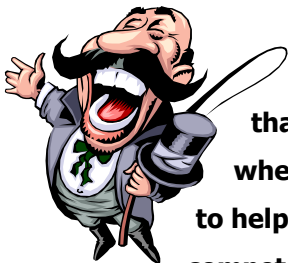
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Hello everyone,

It's been a very busy summer for us all, whether competing, organising or both, with fine weather and long summer evenings encouraging us to make the most of our riding opportunities. Results in this newsletter from the Larkhill One Day Event held on 1st June, Show Jumping on 22nd June, West Woodhay Dressage on 6th July and Dressage/SJ at Larkhill on 7th September.

The BVRC teams were busy, too, taking part in the Area Horse Trials at West Wilts EC, the National Horse Trial Championships at Offchurch Bury, Area Dressage at Folds Farm in the New Forest and Show Jumping at the Dorset Showground, West Stour. Read on for reports and results.

We are looking forward to the autumn events, with the ever-popular Hunter Trial at Dene Farm, Nether Wallop, at the beginning of November. The AGM is set for 12th November, 7.30pm for 8pm when subscriptions will be due. Look in the Diary Dates for confirmation of these and other forthcoming activities. If you would like any social events to be included, please let us know.



Congratulations to all those who took part in events over the summer. Special thanks go to members who took further part by helping to organise the events, whether on the day or in preparation. Special thanks also to everyone who turned out to help at Area competitions without whom the teams would not have been allowed to compete. It couldn't happen without you!

Next Event: BVRC Hunter Trial 2nd November – Dene Farm Nether Wallop. (Schedule enclosed.)

Our annual Hunter Trial is moving to Dene Farm for the first time this autumn. The change of venue will present a new set of challenges to us all. There will be three courses, 2'3", 2'9" and 3'-3'3" with individual and pairs classes. As normal when we run any event involving cross country, we need plenty of helpers. For safety reasons we need to have two people per fence to judge. If you are not riding please come and help. Even if you can only manage half a day then we would be pleased to hear from you. Jill Vallis is supplying excellent refreshments as usual. It has been said that some only come to help for the refreshments! Please either fill in the attached reply slip or ring Lindsay 01264 772388.

Results!

Show Jumping at Lains Farm, Quarley 22nd June

This event saw the new jumps tried out for the first time, although there were not as many entries as anticipated. There was a threat of thunderstorms, but thankfully they remained just that. The ground was hard but had good cover. Results were:

Dressage at West Woodhay – 6th July 2003

The dressage at West Woodhay attracted a fair amount of entries. A photographer was on site to capture those magic moments and was also persuaded to take portraits, which proved a popular sideline. The weather was perfect, with warm sunshine and a slight breeze to cool those fevered brows of competitors and organisers alike. The flies were not as troublesome as in previous years thankfully. Results were:

Class 1

1 st	Emma Kemble	William	
2 nd	Lorraine Storer	Luka	BVRC
3 rd	Heli Cole	Curry	
4 th	June Verity	Flame	BVRC
5 th	Lucinda Burtenshaw	Macaroni	BVRC
6 th	Karen Nicholson	Khallid	BVRC

Class 2

1 st	Janet Burnett	Flashlight	BVRC
2 nd	Sam Shepherd	Skippy Daze	BVRC
3 rd	Lorrain Storer	Luka	BVRC
4 th	Heli Cole	Curry	
5 th	Tracy Phipps	Pody	

Class 3

1 st	Jessica Kingsley-Jones	Just Nutmeg	BVRC
2 nd	Karen Fieldsend	Fleetwater Sea Breeze	BVRC
3 rd	Kay Bugden	Lady Guinevere	BVRC

Class 4

1 st	Stephanie Wilton	Straight Eight	BVRC
2 nd	Debbie Kingcott	Master Drum	BVRC
3 rd	Helen James	Squid	BVRC

Class 5

1 st	Howard Kirby	Ronnie	BVRC
2 nd	Howard Kirby	Jack	BVRC
3 rd	Lorraine Storer	As Good As Gold	BVRC
4 th	Stephanie Wilton	Straight Eight	BVRC

Class 1A – Prelim 4

1st	Kerry Wilson	Fox Bay	BVRC
2nd	Jen Herbert	Highlander	
3rd	Debbie Piper	Sticky	
4th	Vicky Jones	George	
4th	Anne Norman	Satin	
6th	Alison Ainsworth	Bey D'Ao	BVRC

Class 1B – Prelim 4

1st	Charlotte Opperman	Marble	BVRC
2nd	Mary Wyatt	Seamus	BVRC
3rd	Rachel Waite	April Snowman	BVRC

Class 2 – Prelim 7

1st	Charlotte Opperman	Marble	BVRC
2nd	Claire Harper	Mabel	BVRC
2nd	Louise du Boulay	Right Decision	BVRC
4th	Ilona Lang	Miss Parker	BVRC

5th	Mary Wyatt	Seamus	BVRC
6th	Liz Potter		BVRC

Class 3 – Prelim 17

1st	Aby Latham	Odysseus	
2nd	Lindsay Hills	Catalin	BVRC
3rd	Rosie Mathias	Leoline	BVRC
4th	Liz Potter		BVRC
5th	Sam Smith	Rizzle	
6th	Anne Young	Grenville Holly	BVRC

Class 4 – Prelim 10

1st	Louise du Boulay	Right Decision	BVRC
2nd	Ruth Vienot	Monmajic	
3rd	Carol dunford	Chalice	BVRC
4th	Rosie Mathias	Leoline	BVRC
5th	Aby Latham	Odysseus	
6th	Andrea Baxter	Henry V	BVRC

Class 5 – Novice 24

1st	Sian Shephard	Morning Glory	
2nd	Carol Dunford	Chalice	BVRC
3rd	Ruth Vienot	Moonmajic	
4th	Sam Bradley	Ellie's Dream	BVRC
5th	Andrea Baxter	Henry V	BVRC
6th	Lindsay Hills	Catalin	BVRC

Class 6 – Novice 29

1st	Jo Farrington	Oz	BVRC
2nd	Sian Shephard	Morning Glory	
3rd	Sarah Ward		
4th	Sam Bradley	Ellie's Dream	BVRC
5th	Lindsay Hills	Catalin	BVRC

Class 8 – Elem 41

1st	Sarah Ward		
2nd	Laura Gillespie	Nibeley Graffiti	BVRC
3rd	Birgitta Bertsten	North Light	BVRC
4th	Elizabeth Peerless	Good As Gold	BVRC
5th	Julie Josephs	Fare Jasmine	BVRC

Class 9 – Medium 61

1st	Laura Gillespie	Nibeley Graffiti	BVRC
2nd	Elizabeth Peerless	Good As Gold	BVRC
3rd	Julie Josephs	Fare Jasmine	BVRC

One Day Event 1st June

It must rate as our most popular event ever. Over 200 entries were received of which very few were turned away. At least 10 entries came after the closing date, the majority from club members and for various reasons it was politic to squeeze them in and not turn them away. The net result was that I probably had ten more entries than was desirable. With over 100 entries in the Intermediate and 80+ in the Novice each class was split into three sections, the 25 Open contestants were accommodated in one section. It was going to be a busy day. Setting up on last day of May was indicative of the hot summer to come. The humidity made it uncomfortable but was still preferable to the torrential rain we had endured whilst setting up for the Combined Training a fortnight earlier. Louise's request that the competition day was not as hot and humid was answered with a terrific downpour which lasted a couple of hours, drenching everyone caught it in – not Louise herself who rode later in the day, after it dried up! The plan to accommodate the vast numbers of entries and not be there till dusk came slightly unstuck. The minimal time between phases would not have been a problem if the Show Jumping was able to run to time. It became apparent that it was physically impossible to stick to 2 minutes per competitor over a ten fence course, where the start & finish were not sited adjacent to the entrance/exit – a lesson to be learnt for next year. The Cross Country kept trying to catch up on time but couldn't manage it without any competitors.

We met a further problem in last class. The last competitor of the day was riding two horses in the Open, and because there weren't very many entries in the class, she had limited time to change horses. Her family were geared up to relieve her of the first horse as soon as she galloped through the finish and transport her by car to collect her second ride from the lorry. Their plan was thwarted so by an officious Army Officer, who was driving up and down, intercepting any unauthorised vehicle that dared to venture outside of the lorry park enclosure. This was all in the name of English Nature to protect the grass! The competitor was grateful that we all waited for her to ride because she was placed third in the class, and as the best BVRC member and took home the magnificent "Doorsteps" trophy.

It all sounds like it was a really bad day. It was an extremely good day and most people were oblivious to the technical hitches. It is the sign of a good day when there is not much radio traffic on the Cross Country and little intervention is needed from me. Happily the doctor, ambulance crew and vet had an easy day.

Club members rode eighty of the horses entered and completely filled one Intermediate and one Novice section. Several competitors expressed their thanks after having a wonderful day and asked for the message to be passed on to all concerned.

A big thank you must go to all the helpers. We would not be able to run an event of this magnitude without them freely giving up their valuable time. I apologise again for keeping everyone so late. Rest assured that it will not happen again!

LKH.

Results

* Denotes BVRC member

Class 2A				NOVICE 2'3"-2'6"		Dr, Sj, Xc, Xc Time		Total	Class 2B				NOVICE 2'3"-2'6"		Dr, Sj, Xc, Xc Time		Total	
1 st	Carrie Ryan	Drimcong River	*	38.2	0, 0, 0	38.2	1 st	Jane Place	Avons	33.2	0, 0, 0.4	33.6	2 nd	Zoe Gregory	Theodore	34.6	4, 0, 0	38.6
2 nd	Karen Grant	Leo	*	39.6	0, 0, 1.2	40.8	3 rd	Amy Ryan	Christopher	40.0	0, 0, 0	40.0	4 th	Lucy Taylor	Fred	41.4	0, 0, 0	41.4
3 rd	Many Atkinson-Willes	Tilley	*	45.5	0, 0, 1.6	47.1	5 th	Karen Begley	Mr Gentleman Jim	39.1	0, 0, 4.4	43.5	6 th	Wendy Coombes	Bob-a-long	47.3	0, 0, 0	47.3
4 th	Lucy Broadbridge	Beaufort	*	42.3	4, 0, 12.4	58.7	7 th	Jackie Woodford	Fawnwood Frolic	39.1	0, 0, 12	51.1	8 th	Tamar Payne	Kilton	51.4	0, 0, 0	51.4
5 th	Alex Hough	Man-U-Mission	*	35.9	12, 0, 12.8	60.7	9 th	Sharon Paul	Jasper Carrot	40.5	0, 0, 11.6	52.1	10 th	Caroline Branfoot	Flight Path	45.0	0, 0, 9.6	54.6
6 th	Kay Bugden	Poppy Appeal	*	43.2	4, 0, 13.6	60.8												
7 th	Emma Heard	Marvellous Milo	*	44.6	0, 0, 16.8	61.4												
8 th	Louise du Boulay	Right Decision	*	41.4	0, 0, 27.2	68.6												
9 th	Gail Booker	Rusty Light	*	47.7	4, 0, 39.6	91.3												
10 th	Julie Newman	Annie	*	45.5	4, 20, 37.2	106.7												
Class 1A				INTER 2'9"-3'		Dr, Sj, Xc, Xc Time		Total	Class 2C				NOVICE 2'3"-2'6"		Dr, Sj, Xc, Xc Time		Total	
1 st	Shuna Cameron	K.T.	*	33.6	0, 0, 0	33.6	1 st	Karen Evans	Byron	27.7	0, 0, 3.2	30.9	2 nd	Sam Atter	Dauntsey	31.4	0, 0, 0	31.4
2 nd	Jacky James		*	38.2	0, 0, 1.6	39.8	3 rd	Paula Godfrey	Haddon Roll Call	35.0	0, 0, 0	35.0	4 th	Emma Howarth	Max	28.2	0, 0, 7.6	35.8
3 rd	Paul Janaway	The Muffin Man	*	35.0	8, 0, 0	43.0	5 th	Sue Sheppard	Crescendo	40.9	0, 0, 0	40.9	6 th	Sarah Osborne	Headmore	30.5	8, 0, 11.2	49.7
4 th	Roy Southey	Connie	*	34.6	0, 0, 11.6	46.2	7 th	Ben Tillet	McKenzies's Folly	40.5	4, 0, 5.6	50.1	8 th	Alec Saxon	Gaisdale	46.4	4, 0, 0	50.4
5 th	Tamara Weal	Chance Bid	*	33.2	0, 0, 15.6	48.8	9 th	Gemma Morris	Rory	45.0	4, 0, 4.4	53.4	10 th	Penny Dumelow	Fair Dinkum	36.8	4, 0, 14.4	55.2
6 th	Tamara Weal	Nelly	*	38.6	4, 0, 8.8	51.4												
7 th	Sarah Neville	Head & Shoulders	*	42.7	0, 0, 9.2	51.9												
8 th	Shuna Cameron	Billy Beetroot	*	40.9	4, 0, 7.2	52.1												
9 th	Gemma Morris	Rory	*	45.0	4, 0, 4.4	53.4												
10 th	Justin Clubley	Winnower	*	46.8	4, 0, 5.2	56.0												
Class 1B				INTER 2'9"-3'		Dr, Sj, Xc, Xc Time		Total	Class 1C				INTER 2'9"-3'		Dr, Sj, Xc, Xc Time		Total	
1 st	Karen Begley	Four Seasons II		37.3	0, 0, 0	37.3	1 st	Claire Parfitt	Woody	34.6	5, 0, 2	41.6	2 nd	Rick Mellors	Orinoco Flo II	46.4	, 0, 00	48.4
2 nd	Rupert Williams	Aussie		36.8	0, 0, 7.2	44.0	3 rd	Kirstin Young	Cobblers Choice	40.9	0, 00, 10.0	50.9	4 th	Anoinette	Choice Decision	52.3	0, 0, 0	52.3
3 rd	Sue Cecil	Gameful		33.6	0, 0, 10.4	44.0	5 th	Denham-Harding	Connolly's Law	52.7	0, 0, 0	52.7	6 th	Kirstie	Perfectly Frank	50.9	00, 0, 5.9	56.1
4 th	Linda Thompson	Lo-lo		35	0, 0, 9.6	44.6	7 th	Woodhouse	Beacon Piers	43.6	4, 0, 13.2	60.8	8 th	Helen Black	Finch	49.4	4, 0, 10.8	64.4
4 th	Sally Brine	Lady Normandie		35	0, 0, 9.6	44.6	9 th	Kate Lock	Dai	50.0	8, 0, 7.2	65.2	10 th	Rhian Evans	Morton Lad	56.4	0, 0, 10.8	67.2
6 th	Denise Bolam	Spice		33.6	8, 0, 5.2	46.8	6 th	Victoria Taylor	Rosehill Panache	38.8	8, 0, 3.20	50.0	7 th	Nikki Randal	Fiddler	40.8	4, 0, 6.4	51.2
7 th	Michaela Brunning	Tangram		40	0, 0, 7.2	47.2	8 th	Gemma Crosbie-Dawson	Tribal Prophecy	40.8	0, 0, 10.8	51.6	9 th	Hannah Whitney	Hot Socks	* 44.2	8, 0, 0	52.2
8 th	Caroline Ward	Toby		34.1	0, 0, 14.4	48.5	10 th	Howard Kirby	Man on a Mission	* 45.4	4, 0, 2.8	52.2						
9 th	Lindsey Miles	Tadpole		45.4	4, 0, 0	49.5												
10 th	David Thompson	Guinness		35.0	8, 0, 9.6	52.6												
Class 3				OPEN 3'3"-3'6"		Dr, Sj, Xc, Xc Time		Total									Total	
1 st	Helen Vernon	Kreisham		37.1	0, 0, 0	37.1												
2 nd	Lawrence Close	Rebel IV		35.8	0, 0, 5.2	41.0												
3 rd	Sarah Peerless	Macadee	*	41.7	0, 0, 4.0	45.7												
4 th	Howard Kirby	Mission Control	*	42.5	4, 0, 0	46.5												
5 th	Samantha Bradley	Whisper	*	42.1	0, 0, 7.2	49.3												

Dressage and Showjumping at Larkhill 7th September

A gorgeous day enjoyed by all, especially after the forecast for heavy rain and stormy conditions.

Dressage Results:

Show Jumping Results:

Class 1 Prelim 4				Class 6: 2'3"			
1 st	Sara Hewlett	Top Gun V		1 st	Laura Williamson	Harvey Wallbanger	
2 nd	Emma Smith	Tonto	BVRC	2 nd	Roy Southey	Ballybante	BVRC
3 rd	Tamara Weal	Jazztime	BVRC	3 rd	Joanna Parsons	William	BVRC
4 th	Elizabeth Potter	Folkin Clarity	BVRC	4 th	Charlotte Opperman	Marble	BVRC
5 th	Bridget Storer	Luka	BVRC	5 th	Gill Young	Teal	BVRC
6 th	Sandra Groves	Scrumpty	BVRC	6 th	Mads Southey	Eric	BVRC
Class 2 Prelim 10				Class 7: 2'6"			
1 st	Sally Bugler	Grateley Ted		1 st	Mads Southey	Eric	BVRC
2 nd	Debbie Kingcott	Master Drum	BVRC	2 nd	Laura Williamson	Harvey Wallbanger	
3 rd	Alison Morgan	Sailor	BVRC	3 rd	Selina Kirkbride	Our Dawny	
4 th	Bridget Storer	Luka	BVRC	4 th	James Curly	Rhys	
5 th	Emma Smith	Tonto	BVRC	5 th	Gill Young	Teal	BVRC
6 th	Tamara Weal	Water Mark	BVRC	6 th	Emma Smith	Tonto	BVRC
Class 3 Prelim 18				Class 8: 2'9"			
1 st	Debbie Kingcott	Master Drum	BVRC	1 st	Lucy Gildart	Fred	
2 nd	Carrie Ryan	Drimcong River	BVRC	2 nd	Lorraine Storer	Luka	BVRC
3 rd	Sally Moore	Tia		3 rd	Diana Burgess	Lucky Answer	BVRC
4 th	Jenna Plank	Hamewith Callum	BVRC	4 th	Georgia Howard	Rupert	BVRC
5 th	Jill Vallis	Mister Moonlight	BVRC	5 th	Roy Southey	Connie	BVRC
6 th	Carole Perren	Charlie	BVRC	6 th	Karen Fieldsend	Bubbly	BVRC
Class 4 Novice 21				Class 10: 3'3"			
1 st	Sarah Payne	George		1 st	Carrie Ryan	Drimcong River	BVRC
2 nd	Alison Russell	Celtic Prince		2 nd	Kay Bugden	Lady Guinevere	BVRC
3 rd	Gail Perren	Oliver	BVRC	3 rd	Roya Southey	Herbie	BVRC
4 th	Jill Vallis	Mister Moonlight	BVRC	4 th	Andrew Parsons	William	BVRC
5 th	Julie Knight	Mistress Boleyn		5 th	Roy Southey	Connie	BVRC
6 th	Tracey Smallbow	Longstock Goldsmith	BVRC	6 th	Lorraine Storer	As Good As Gold	BVRC
Class 5 – Novice 32							
1 st	Julie Knight	Mistress Boleyn					
2 nd	Gail Perren	Oliver	BVRC				
3 rd	Alison Russell	Celtic Prince					
4 th	Tracey Smallbow	Longstock Goldsmith	BVRC				
5 th	Alison Morgan	Flabianne	BVRC				
6 th	Jill Vallis	Mister Moonlight	BVRC				

Area 17 Inter Club Team Events Report

Area 17 Novice & Open Team Horse Trials Qualifier on 13th July

The temperature rose several notches for this event at West Wilts EC, Nr Melksham. BVRC were out in force fielding four teams, three Novice and one Open. The riders were supported by a band of helpers, complying with the condition of entry to provide two per team. It turned out to be a great day, if not a little tiring for the foot followers trying to see each rider in all three phases. It was unfortunate that Ben's horse Alice was found to have colic on arrival at the event. Happily she recovered fully by the end of the day. Carol Glover & Lindsay Devine were called in to write for Dressage judges. The BVRC Cross Country start team took their normal place at Area Horse Trials ensuring that the Cross Country ran with accustomed efficiency with them at the helm.

It was a very exciting day watching BVRC members putting in excellent performances against stiff opposition. Sixteen teams contested the Novice competition vying for a place at the Riding Clubs National Horse Trials Championships. As the day progressed, if the commentator were to be believed, one of our teams was lying in third place and potentially in a qualifying position. Not one to count chickens, it was a while before the results were posted. We discovered to our delight that the team was actually in second and a qualifying place. Carrie Ryan and Diana Burgess were in fourth and fifth places in their arenas, but the performance of the day was from Andrea Baxter and Henry who won in their arena. It is no mean feat to win a Horse Trials, but even more commendable to win at an Area competition. Another BVRC team finished in fifth place.

It was great to have an Open team in contention too. We were misled by the commentator into believing that we were leading this competition, only to discover that he had omitted some Show Jumping penalties from the final team score. The team's second place reflected the excellent performances from all riders particularly on the Cross Country.

Novice Teams

Carrie Ryan	Drimcong River
Suzanne Keevil	Icon
Paul Janaway	The Muffin Man
Diana Burgess	Luna Riffikki

Andrea Baxter	Henry
Katie Laughton	Kilmsfort James
Ben Keevil	Alice
Jess Kingsley-Jones	Just Nutmeg

Open Team

Sarah Butler	Annagh Trendy Velvet
Hannah Whitney	Hot Socks
Lorraine Storer	As Good as Gold
Samantha Bradley	Ellie's Dream

Carol Perren	Charlie
Sarah Neville	Ulysses of Rushall
Vanessa Boakes	Sweet Charity
Debbie Kingcott	Master Drum

Area 17 Open & Novice Team Dressage at Folds Farm, Gorley on 27th July

The intense heat abated slightly for this day and the forest flies, a huge problem last year, mainly stayed away. An excellent performance by Angela Cardiff & Ascension Day who won the Elementary test with over 72%, helped the Open team to sixth place from eighteen teams. Liz Potter excelled to take 2nd place in the Medium Dressage on home bred and trained 14.2hh Folkin Philomel. The Novice teams didn't fare quite so well, despite the arena winning performance from Louise du Boulay & Right Decision. Sam Bradley & Whisper also performed well to finish fifth in her arena.

Open Team

Angel Cardiff	Ascension Day	E41
Diana Burgess	Sailor	N29
Carol Dunford	Chalice	N24
Sarah Neville	Ulysess Of Rushall	P7

Individual Medium

Liz Potter	Folkin Philomel	M61
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Novice Team

Suzanne Keevil	Icon	N24	Samantha Bradley	Ellie's Dream	N24
Jill Vallis	Mr Moonlight	P10	Jenna Plank	Hamewith Callum	P10
Charlotte Opperman	Marble	P7	Kerry Wilson	Fox Bay	P7
Louise du Boulay	Right Decision	P4	Katie Laughton	Kilmsfort James	P4

Area 17 Novice & Open Team Show Jumping at Dorset Showground on 17th August.

This was our first visit to the lovely Dorset Showground, just west of Shaftesbury. Despite the prolonged dry period, the well maintained arenas, with good grass covering, provided excellent going. With five horses going lame in the run up to the competition it was a miracle that we managed to arrive with two Novice and one Open team even if one team only had three members.

With poles flying in all directions only the Shillingstone team managed to finish the Novice competition on a zero score. Two teams on 8 faults jumped off for the second qualifying place. Excellent performances from Paula Mitchell and Sarah Neville who each finished their two rounds with 4 faults.

The Open team faced two substantial rounds. Carol Dunford & Chalice were one of two riders to jump off for individual honours, finishing in an excellent second place.

Novice Teams

Andrea Baxter	Henry	Lindsay Hills	Catalin
Janet Burnett	Flashlight	Lindsay Devine	Penarth Pink Champagne
Sarah Neville	Head & Shoulders	Paula Mitchell	Teddy
Diana Burgess	Sailor		

Open Team

Sarah Butler	Annagh Trendy Velvet
Hannah Whitney	Hot Socks
Justin Clubley	Winnower
Carol Dunford	Chalice

Instruction

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

- Weekday instruction with Diana Burgess at Castle Farm, Over Wallop;
- Weekend sessions with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm;
- Evening sessions with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC.



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.

Dates for General Instruction are:

Elizabeth Peerless (£14)

Castle Farm, Over Wallop
1.30pm Usually Saturdays
Dates to be advised

Sorrel Warwick (£12)

Cholderton House EC
6.45pm Usually Tuesdays
Dates to be advised after the clocks
change

Diana Burgess (£14)

Castle Farm, Over Wallop
10am and 11.30am Thursdays
2nd, 16th and 30th October
13th, 20th November, 4th & 11th December

Two Cross Country instruction sessions have been arranged with Diana at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne for Thursday 23rd and Sunday 26th October (just in time for the BVRC Hunter Trial!!!!). Back protectors must be worn, please. Cost £26 per two-hour session, exact timings will be dependent upon numbers and advised two days beforehand.

*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.*

Horse Trials Championships – Offchurch Bury 9th/10th August 2003

Novice Team:

Carrie Ryan (Drimcong River)

Jessica Kingsley-Jones (Just
Nutmeg)

Kati Laughton (Kilmfort James)

Paul Janaway (Muffin Man) – W/D

Novice Individual: Andrea

Baxter (Henry)

Two very early mornings were well rewarded with a fantastic experience at the Horse Trials Championships – and I wasn't even riding! Lindsay Hills and I travelled up each day to Offchurch Bury, just outside Leamington Spa, to watch and help our riders on what proved to be the hottest weekend of the year. Carrie, Andrea, Paul, Lindsay and myself met a few days before the weekend and the sheer scale of the event became apparent to me for this two day competition – a very different and enormous step up from the one day qualifier, with the addition of steeplechase and roads and tracks phases. There was a lot of planning and preparation needed by the riders, especially those that hadn't taken part in a two day event before and tips and advice were being passed on, along with the deliberations such as, was it necessary to take two cross country watches in case one should stop? As it happened, Andrea only took one and it *did* stop whilst she was on the course! Paul had put in a lot of practice on the timing of the roads and tracks phases in his field at home but unfortunately his lorry engine blew up on the Thursday before the event and after spending five hours on the hard shoulder, he decided that he couldn't travel to Offchurch. We were sorry to hear this news as we knew Paul was enthusiastic to take part and would have had a great weekend.

The setting at Offchurch was brilliant and as we drove in, amazing parkland spread out before us with a small but grand looking house set within it. Everything was pretty close at hand next to the house but the

dressage arenas were a short walk away on the Polo field (a short walk that proved to be quite tiring in our dashes to and from the dressage and show jumping). In the lorry park the remnants of the night before – small tents pitched anywhere, BBQ's and casual tables and chairs – provided inklings of a great atmosphere. Our early starts were down to Andrea, riding at 9.06am on Saturday and 9.20am on Sunday and after dashing around trying to find flu vac certificates, declaring the team and helping Andrea to get ready (who was being ably, if not a bit anxiously, helped by her husband Steve) Lindsay and I were ready to watch Andrea's test. A well-ridden test provided her with a good start; a score of 36. Carrie had decided not to stable overnight and had an early start from home as well (with children Angus and Emily in tow), which unaffected her lovely grey who performed an excellent dressage test, to score 26. Show Jumping next and the course was big but flowing, with perhaps one nasty line to the last, which seemed to be the bogey fence catching several riders out. Andrea had two fences down and Carrie rode clear. Back at the dressage, we watched Kati, riding her youngster, perform a good test to score 45 (Kati was being helped by her friend Lucy – ex-groom to Michael Whittaker no less!). A lull in the team performances gave us time to walk the cross-country course with Carrie and her family. The course was quite big, with well-built fences and certainly more technical than the qualifying competition. The River Leam running through the estate provided two water jumps, where you could only reach the other side of the second water fence by wading through the river, which cooled us down a bit in the sweltering heat. Part way round, we were most amused, when Angus (8) declared that all this walking really wasn't 'his cup of tea'. When asked what was, he said he would rather be playing on his gameboy or watching TV!! After walking the course, we were able to watch Jessica's dressage

test which was relatively calm for Nutmeg, then her and Kati's show jumping. Jess had a score of 35 in the dressage and had a very fast but clear show jumping round. Kati had two fences down in the show jumping.

Our day wasn't over though and Lindsay and I spent the afternoon fence judging for the Open competition (a three day event at Championship level). We thought we'd landed an easy fence in the shade, however, about three horses into our stint, we had a rider fall, as his horse buckled at the bottom of the downhill steps and he landed in a heap. We headed home after our fence-judging task, whilst our riders transferred to Warwick Racecourse to stable overnight. Unfortunately, the facilities were less than brilliant with no showers on offer and the allocation of stables a little disorganised. All in all a good first day – Carrie was lying second in her arena and team wise only 40 penalties separated the 45 teams taking part.

The second day was a real eye-opener for me, with two roads and tracks phases with the steeplechase in between them, then the cross-country. From start to finish, including the 10-minute box before the cross-country phase, horse and rider were on the go for almost an hour. The sweltering heat the day before had been replaced with a humid day with showers and thunder and lightning, causing us to get drenched twice in the morning, each time 'steaming' dry. On the way to the start of the roads and tracks, we passed the Open competitors trotting their horses up for the vet inspection, each rider dressed smartly for the officials who were equally well attired. The scene was fantastic as each beautifully turned out horse trotted down a path within a small 'orchard' setting in front of the house – it gave a real sense of occasion. The roads and tracks phases didn't present any problems for our riders nor did the steeplechase, which was quite dramatic to watch, as each horse undertook two laps of a field jumping three steeplechase type

fences per lap, at what seemed great speed. Another new experience for me was the 10 minute box – the ten minutes ‘rest’ before the cross country when the horse is checked by the vet, washed down, studs checked and tack loosened. It is important for the rider to have help at this time and the experience of Jessica and Mum Jennifer aided the less experienced of us as we were each allocated a job, in theory, giving the rider a complete rest before the next phase. The 10-minute area was busy with teams of helpers coming and going hearing riders tales of how they thought they were doing so far, all right next to the start and finish of the cross country, adding to the sense of occasion and

atmosphere. The layout of the course enabled us to see a fair amount of jumps and we worked out that once the rider had gone into the start area, we could sprint (well run!) to fence four in the woods and watch, then out into the open to watch them around the open fields and through the second water, then across to the far edge of the course and then walk back to the start. After four horses we were either expert or exhausted (probably the latter!).

Andrea had a run out and picked up some time penalties, Carrie jumped clear and although going a fair pace incurred a few time penalties, unfortunately, Kati’s youngster didn’t like the water and was eliminated at the first water jump

and Jessica jumped clear but had time penalties. As a team of three, we were eliminated; however, Jessica finished 13th in her arena and Carrie finished 4th in hers – the same arena as the overall individual champion. Kati was thrilled to have been given the opportunity to compete, as she wasn’t actually in the original qualifying team at West Wilts. Andrea did extremely well considering she was up against those best in each Area, and although a little disappointed on the day, it was a great experience for her. Well done to those that rode and supported, it was a great weekend.

Stop Press: Forthcoming Events

Look out for more details in the next newsletter for:



BVRC AGM – 12th November with a 7.30 for 8pm start at The Red Lion, Clanville.



Farm XC Ride

There will be a relaxed DIY cross country session booked at Firgo Farm at the end of November.



Christmas Ride

Date will be set for late November/early December for this hugely popular bracing ride over the plain, starting from Orcheston.



Contacts

Don't forget that you can contact the BVRC on their website (as above) and download schedules, entry forms and maps for all our events. There are links to key committee members and to the teams organiser Paula Mitchell for any queries and comments you may have

Newsletter and Email addresses.

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.

If you have any gossip you wish to share with us all through the Newsletter you can send information to Lindsay Devine 01980 863166 Lindsaydevine56@aol.com or Email news@bvrc.co.uk, fax: 01264 353853 or ring or write to Lindsay or Sandra (details above).

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 Treasurer: Nick Hornby, Paddocks, The Cartway, Wedhampton, Nr Devizes, Wilts. Tel: 01380 848117.

The Opening Meet will be held on 25th October.

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OCTOBER

- 2nd General Instruction with Diana, Castle Farm, Over Wallop
16th General Instruction with Diana, Castle Farm, Over Wallop
23rd XC Instruction with Diana, Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne
25th Opening Meet RA Hunt
26th XC Instruction with Diana, Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne
26th Dressage Series, Sparsholt EC
30th General Instruction with Diana, Castle Farm, Over Wallop

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Nr Devizes, Wilts. Tel: 01380 848117

Schedule from Mrs S Knight-Jones, The Beeches, Duke
Street, Micheldever, Winchester SO21 3DF

NOVEMBER

- 2nd **BVRC Hunter Trial** at Dene Farm, Nether Wallop
12th **BVRC AGM** at Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill
13th General Instruction with Diana, Castle Farm, Over Wallop
20th General Instruction with Diana, Castle Farm, Over Wallop
30th Dressage Series, Sparsholt EC
Late BVRC Relaxed XC Ride Firgo Farm

Organiser Lindsay Hills 01264 772388

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DECEMBER

- Early BVRC Christmas Ride** from Orcheston
4th General Instruction with Diana, Castle Farm, Over Wallop
11th General Instruction with Diana, Castle Farm, Over Wallop
14th Christmas Show Jumping Show, Sparshot EC

Organiser Lindsay Hills 01264 772388

Schedules from Mrs T Attwood, 20 Templecombe
Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, SO50 8QL

For Sale

15 hh 17 year old gelding – Ziggy

Good at everything, lovely nature, does RDA
Suit lightweight mother to ride out with child or RC
member

Owner now graduated and working away from home
Good home essential for this much loved horse
Jane Wilson 01264 352999

FOR LOAN – Flavianne 15.1hh Dark Brown Welsh / TB Gelding

A very young at heart 19 year old.

Sensible, safe but fun hack alone or in company, first or last and a superb nanny for ponies.

Good dressage schoolmaster - regularly competed and placed unaffiliated novice dressage.

Keen forward going jumper.

Lovely kind gentle nature, sound with no vices. Good traffic, shoe, box, clip etc

Flavianne is looking for a loving new loan home due to his owner's lack of time and through no fault of his own.

All tack and rugs available.

Please contact Ali Morgan in the first instance on 07788417103 or 01635 254170

For Sale - Stüben Siegfried all-purpose saddle -

171/2", 29cm (medium to narrow?)

I bought it second-hand, but virtually un-used, to
use as a second saddle and have like-wise hardly
used it. Unfortunately, it does not fit my latest
horse at all. £450. Tel: Louise du Boulay 01722 -
710326 (Answer phone)

Vale Farm, Longparish

Full/DIY or Part Livery on small family-run farm
All year turnout; barn-style stables with covered yard
24 hr supervision

Outdoor school scheduled for winter 2003

Good hacking, 10 mins from Hurstbourne Equestrian and
next door to XC Course. Easy access to A34/A303
Phone Carol Dunford 07986 126764 or 01264 720227

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British Riding Clubs Membership Discounts

5% discount from Rugwash – 01926 651286

10% at BHS Bookshop – 01926 707762

5% discount at Crewe Gardens Animal Feeds – 01926 852939

BE discounts Day tickets £12.50 No joining fee, Horse
registration £1

Instruction Reply Slips

FOR INSTRUCTION PLEASE RETURN ATTACHED REPLY SLIP TO Lindsay Hills, The Ridings, Dautsey Lane, Weyhill, Andover, Hants SP11 8EB. (Please circle preferred times where appropriate).

Please make cheques payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club. (Separate cheques for each session.)

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10am or 11.30am on Thursday 2nd October 2003 at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10am or 11.30am on Thursday 16th October 2003 at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £26 for Cross Country Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10am or 12 noon on Thursday 23rd October 2003 at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne

Name Tel No

I enclose £26 for Cross Country Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10am or 12 noon on Sunday 26th October 2003 at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10am or 11.30am on Thursday 30th October 2003 at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10am or 11.30am on Thursday 13th November 2003 at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10am or 11.30am on Thursday 20th November 2003 at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10am or 11.30am on Thursday 4th December 2003 at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I enclose £14 for General Instruction with Diana Burgess at 10am or 11.30am on Thursday 11th December 2003 at Castle Farm, Over Wallop.

Name Tel No

I would love to fence judge at the Hunter Trial at Dene Farm, Nether Wallop on **Sunday 2nd November**.

I will be available **8.45am-12.45 pm / 12.15pm-4pm / all day.** **Please Reply by Wednesday 22nd October**

I will / will not bring an assistant.

Name Tel No

