

Newsletter January 2024



Bourne Valley Riding Club

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

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Finally, it is time to end my, 31 year, tenure as BVRC Chairman and hand over responsibilities to someone else.

Initially, I didn't think about how long I would stay in the role. After 10 years, I wanted to exceed the duration of my father, Sam Hart's, Chairmanship which I was told was 13 years (it was in fact 10 years). Somewhere along the line, as the years rolled on, I must have got the digits confused and hence the 31 years.

I embraced the role which encompassed my own riding aspirations and involvement in club activities.

Sam had laid the foundations, structure, principles and ethos for me to follow.

It has been an experience, an adventure, testing but also a privilege to serve this great club of which I am immensely proud.

As both team participant and supporter, I have been afforded the opportunity to visit locations in Hampshire, Wiltshire, Dorset. BRC Championships have taken me to Aston le Walls (Oxon), Everdon (Northants), Hampton on the Hill (Warks), Hartpury (Glos), Keysoe (Beds), Lincoln, Malvern, Offchurch Bury (Leamington Spa), Onley (Rugby), Peterborough, Slapton (Bucks), Stoneleigh, Swalcliffe (Oxon) – parts of the country that would have remained unexplored and undiscovered.

I have met many lovely people and horses and witnessed some amazing performances. Achievement at the highest level is always applauded, but I have experienced the most satisfaction watching members, overcome nerves, anxiety and inexperience, gaining confidence and achieving performances that they never dreamed possible.

I would like to thank everyone who has joined me on my journey and eased the path. I have often received thanks and plaudits when, in practise, every thing has been a team effort. I couldn't have done this on my own.

I can't name everybody who has helped but I owe special mention and gratitude to Sandra who has been my mainstay for a long time, always supportive and willingly offering help and assistance.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution that Pete, my husband, has made. Over the years he has undertaken responsibility for sourcing, acquiring, maintaining and building BVRC equipment, always ensuring it was in good working order when required. He has been my rock, supporter and devil's advocate. I thank him for his forbearance.

At the AGM, after a wonderful tribute read by Susie, I was showered with many gifts and I was delighted to be awarded lifetime honorary membership of BVRC.

I wish my successors, Fiona & Susan, best wishes and good luck in moving BVRC forward into a new era.

Signing off for the final time.

LKH.



Below are reports of the Hunter Trial and BVRC events held in November and December.

[BVRC AGM 17th January at the Lion, Clanville](#)

Minutes of AGM can be found by clicking [here](#).

A copy of BVRC accounts is available, upon request to Chris Webb email: bank@bvrc.co.uk.

President, Lucinda Green, presented rosettes and trophies to Be Fair and Caballine award winners. The full table of results can be seen below.

Following elections, BVRC Officials for 2024 are shown:

BVRC Officials for 2024

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| President | Lucinda Green MBE |
| Vice-President | June Bush |
| Co-Chair | Fiona Webb |
| Co-Chair | Susan Wheatley |
| Secretary | Louise Makepeace |
| Treasurer | Chris Webb |
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| Committee | Hamish Mathews |
| | Ian Spalding |
| | Leah Burgin |
| | Jenny Allan |
| | Julia Croombs |
| | Ruth Spooner |
| | Sue Baker |
| | Val Goode |

CHANGE IN BODY PROTECTOR STANDARDS for 2024

From 1 Jan 2024, the BETA 2009 Purple Label will no longer be accepted.

The ONLY exception is that the Exo Body Cages will continue to be accepted, provided they have a BETA Level 3 Purple 2000 Label. A body protector is obligatory in all cross-country events (competitions or schooling) and is strongly recommended when show jumping. **A BETA Level 3 displaying Blue 2018 Label must be worn where a body protector is obligatory.**

Full details of BRC Body protector Rules can be found in BRC Handbook 2024 by clicking [here](#). (G22.3 page 33)

BVRC Clinics/Instruction

Clinic dates are constantly being booked with instructors Antoinette Mckeowen, Elizabeth Peerless, Hector Payne, Jo Roberts & Robert Pickles. Full details of disciplines, venues & costs are emailed to you regularly and details are also on the BVRC website www.bvrc.co.uk/members/instruction/. If you need more information please email or call Louise.

Forthcoming Events



[BVRC Area 17 Winter Novice & Intermediate SJ Qualifiers for Teams and Individuals on Sunday 18 February 2024, Crofton Manor EC](#) organised by NFRC

Qualifiers for the

Novice Championships: Arena UK, Grantham, 6-7 April 2024

Intermediate Championships: Arena UK, Grantham, 27-28 April 2024

Classes at 70cm, 80cm, 90cm, 100cm and 105cm

We hope to have entrants in many of the classes.

Details of participants, classes and times they are due to ride will be available a couple of days before 18th.

Why not come to Crofton to support BVRC members, get an insight into what goes on, and join in the experience and fun.

Contact Susie (email: susie_pool@btinternet.com / 07787 573808) if you want any more information.



[BVRC Winter Dressage on Sunday 25 February at The Pembroke Centre, RDA Wilton](#)

The schedule includes a Walk & Trot, two Prelims, one Novice test & a PYO class with a choice of Novice, Elementary or Medium tests - or all 3 if you want! There should be something to please everyone, so we look forward to receiving your entries. The closing date for entries is Saturday 17 February. Details of BVRC competitions can be found via our [website](#)

Entries for this event can be done online via [myridinglife](#).

or using

[Schedule](#)

[Entry form](#).

If you aren't intending to ride, Jenny Allan would love to hear from Dressage writers, stewards or scorers willing to help out on the day. Please contact Jenny on 07745 236126 or by email jeallan@hotmail.co.uk).



[BVRC Winter Show Jumping on Sunday 17 March at Tedworth EC](#)

The schedule will be available shortly.



[BVRC Residential Camp at Stockland Lovell, Somerset, Monday 22nd April – Thursday 25th April 2024](#)

Requested dates for camp at Stockland Lovell have been pencilled into their diary. Confirmation of booking should be received later in the year.

As a taster of what to expect, read on.

Arrival will be on Monday 22nd April between 12-1pm and departure after lunch on Thursday 25th April.

Accommodation consists of furnished heated log cabins/barns of various sizes, containing 3-6 bunk beds, divans, mirror, chairs and hooks for clothing. Residents will need to take their own bedding including pillows. Shower block, loos, dining room and lounge are available on the premises.

Full catering will be provided and includes English breakfast, cold lunch, afternoon cakes and 2 course evening meal.

Stabling will be in an American style barn with hay and straw included. Hard food will not be supplied, so we will need to take our own.

The facilities at Stockland Lovell include

- an extensive cross country course with in excess of 100 fences from 1'6" to 3'9",
- two all weather arenas (one for flatwork and one with show jumps),
- marked routes for hacking around the farm
- saddlery shop.

The plan is to have six riding sessions, Monday afternoon, 2 each on Tuesday and Wednesday and one on Thursday morning.

All horse must have a current flu vaccination certificate. Certificates will be checked on arrival.

Forget the chores, come and have a holiday with your horse.

More camp information and booking form, sent out in January, can be found [here](#).

Reports

BVRC Table Top Tack Sale Saturday 4th November 2023, Weyhill Fairground Hall

After the success of 2022 sale, we hoped for a repeat performance in November. The change of venue to Weyhill Fairground Hall proved very successful. The hall provided much more space and more tables. Better parking facilities and greater accessibility were appreciated by both sellers and buyers.

In addition to the opportunity to sell surplus items, it was a lovely social occasion with everyone enjoying the coffee & cakes. Thank you Val for organising the event and Fiona, Sue and Susan providing such delicious cake.

BVRC Longleat Ride – 18th November

Jenny and I escorted 6 riders, who enjoyed a cool, but sunny day in Longleat Forest, heading out from Ludlow Equestrian late morning. Susie took the opportunity to exercise both her horses at the same time, with Lynn Mead riding Dubai. The horses and ponies were quite happy to plod along together, enabling us to chat and enjoy the view, then gave us sensible, steady trots through the pines. Even a herd of horses cantering up to the field edge we went along didn't phase any of them particularly, so we all arrived back safely to enjoy hot drinks and biscuits back in the farm. Thanks to Jenny Allen for organising.



BVRC Horse Simulator – 25th November

6 of us attended the clinic at Tilefield Equestrian in Brockenhurst, 3 had been before in March working on the pelvis. This time the focus was more on the shoulders and ensuring we were moving through our backs well to enable our horses to use their backs correctly. It was very helpful watching other people's sessions. Various strategically placed balls, bands and a well behaved horse moving consistently really helped us to focus on our own bodies and become aware of how to move more freely.

BVRC Christmas Meal at The Mughal – 5th December

We headed to Ludgershall this year for a very tasty curry at The Mughal, recommended by Louise Makepeace. (It might have just been a coincidence to be within walking distance of her house.....!) 17 people enjoyed the restaurant pretty much to ourselves, so service was slick, helped by pre-ordering. Good company, good food, a good time. Won't be long before the next one...!!

Fiona Webb

BVRC Pre-Christmas Ride – Sunday 17th December



After a long gap, at last we were able to start the annual BVRC Christmas Ride from Larkhill Racecourse again. Thanks go to the Clerk of the Course for allowing us to park there. 14 intrepid riders turned up to join Helen Nash-Steer (fast ride) or Susie Pool (slow ride) to go for a brisk ride or sedate hack & chat around Salisbury Plain. The weather was kind to us and everyone returned to the lorry park with smiles on their faces. All had worked up a suitable appetite to do justice to the mince pies, kindly collected from the marvellous Burbidge's Bakers, and delivered by Lindsay Hills, ably assisted by Sandra Groves. Thank you to everyone who enabled this to happen.

[BVRC Hunter Trial Sunday 29th October 2023, Point-to-Point Racecourse Larkhill](#)

BVRC rounded off the year with another successful Hunter Trial. This was thanks to many volunteers generously giving their time to help. I cannot express just how grateful we are.

The number of entries was overwhelming and many were turned away.

At 6pm on Friday the number of entries stood at 160, with the limit at 180-185.

Prior to that, the maximum received on any one day had been 16. 24 hours later the number had increased to 200 rounds. Entries were closed immediately, before the published closing date. Some of those who had entered were put on a waiting list. On Sunday, 20 emails arrived from people trying to enter, only to find entries closed. A further number arrived on Monday, pleading for a space.

At this stage, helpers were in short supply. I was beginning to wonder if we would need to cancel because of a shortage of fence judges. A further series of emails and phone calls resolved the situation, much to my relief.

Everyone arrived bright and early on Sunday morning and, having been briefed, dispersed to all corners of the course. We were all ready to start. Pre-start radio checks revealed a communication issue, the problem compounded by insistent drizzle. It took time to find a solution. By positioning XC control on the hillside, in the centre of the course, visibility of all fences was established. It was then safe to proceed. Unusually, we were late starting but starter, Simon, soon caught up time.

Prior to the event, all the radios had been checked and new batteries fitted. It later transpired that the issue was caused by a 4x4 off road group who were using & blocking our chosen radio channel. They moved on later in the day and order was restored. Thank you to everyone for your patience and bearing with us while we attempted to resolve the problem.

Once underway, the day ran smoothly. The vet was undisturbed all day. Despite wet & slippery conditions, only a couple of minor falls occurred. We were on target to finish on schedule but a fence repair needed towards the end delayed us by 5 or 10 minutes.

It was disappointing that so many withdrew or didn't show up for the later classes – several others would have loved the opportunity to ride.

We finished and packed up just as dusk was arriving but were clear of the site by 4.50pm.

All in all, it was a great day. Thank you again to everyone for making it possible.

LKH

Time shown is in SECONDS from optimum time.

(-) means time was too fast

| Class 1 – INTRO – 60-70cm | | Optimum Time: 5 mins 9 secs | BV | XC Penalties | Time in seconds +/- optimum |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Kathy Emery | Rocky | | 0 | -3 |
| 2 | Steph Davies | Farriers Tom Foolery | | 0 | 8 |
| 3 | Sharon Brown | Rosie | Best BV | 0 | -12 |
| 4 | Litt Twining | Johnny Tivio | * | 0 | 22 |
| 5 | Lia Simpson | Brightlands King | | 0 | 29 |
| 6 | Kay Pogson | Something Special | * | 0 | 30 |
| 7 | Keri Rockingham-Smith | Ballinacarra Cailin | | 0 | 53 |
| 8 | Charlotte Head | Summer breeze | | 0 | 64 |
| 9 | Amy Scrivener | Fredricks Illusion | | 0 | 68 |
| 10 | Frances Hall | Bellindene Magnum | * | 0 | 74 |
| <i>Rosette for the best BVRC member awarded to Sharon Brown</i> | | | | | |

| Class 2 – INTRO PAIRS – 60-70cm | | Optimum Time: 5 mins 9 secs | BV | XC Penalties | Time in seconds +/- optimum |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Arabella Raymond | Pumpkin | | | |
| 1 | Harriet Raymond | Rose | | 0 | -9 |
| | Amelia Ward | Haywards Pied Piper | | | |
| 2 | Harry Armstrong | Haywards Juliette | | 0 | 18 |
| | Amy Farwell | Lambrigg Prospero | | | |
| 3 | Izzie Ballantine Dykes | Milo | | 0 | 24 |
| | Emily Warren | Donnie | | | |
| 4 | Katie Warren | Knight of the Round Table | | 0 | 65 |
| | Gudrun Dean | Mouse | * | | |
| 5 | Charlotte Opperman | Lily | * | 0 | 81 |
| | Ian Spalding | Bamba's first | * | | |
| 6 | Susie Pool | Dubai | * | 20 | 25 |
| | Liz Chamberlin | Hilary | | | |
| 7 | Rachel Butler | Battlestown Boo | | 20 | 33 |
| | Isobelle Long | Wisdom | | | |
| 8 | Rachel Norgate | Maverick | | 20 | 40 |

| Class 3 – NOVICE - 80cm | | Optimum Time: 5 mins 25 secs | BV | XC Penalties | Time in seconds +/- optimum |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1= | Abigail Boynes-Butler | Elsa | | 0 | 0 |
| 1= | Harriet Raymond | Rose | | 0 | 0 |
| 3= | Emma Hewlett | On The Bounce | | 0 | 1 |
| 3= | Graham Marshall | Blizzard | | 0 | 1 |
| 3= | Karen Prentice-Lawson | Menkas Revenge | | 0 | 1 |
| 6 | Gary Emery | CC | | 0 | 4 |
| 7 | Steven Lawrence | Gibraltar | | 0 | 5 |
| 8= | Helen Gripton | Hercules Aprique | | 0 | -6 |
| 8= | Rebecca Copper | Denzel | | 0 | 6 |
| 10 | Sharon Brown | Regal | Best BV | 0 | -8 |
| <i>The BVRC Novice Hunter Trial cup for the best BVRC member awarded to Sharon Brown</i> | | | | | |

| Class 4 – NOVICE PAIRS – 80cm | | Optimum Time: 5 mins 25 secs | BV | XC Penalties | Time in seconds +/- optimum |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Eleanor Garratt-Smith | Ricky | | | |
| 1 | Megan Breslin | Bubb | | 0 | 4 |
| | Sarah Perry | It Is I | | | |
| 2 | Tammy Laycock | Carole's Lord | | 0 | -9 |
| | Felicia Kempster | Irish | | | |
| 3 | Lydia Madgwick | Olive | | 0 | 10 |
| | Alice Tollworthy | Our Dolphin Star | | | |
| 4 | Maisie Bush | Joe | | 0 | -11 |
| | Anna Louise Mackinnen | Pepsi | | | |
| 5 | Dan Jocelyn | Freelance Z | | 0 | 17 |
| | Josie Miller | Clyde | | | |
| 6 | Maisy Miller | Froggy | | 0 | 19 |
| | Laura Woodall | Hunter | | | |
| 7 | Vicky Heal | Jack | | 0 | 22 |
| | Molly Griffiths | Charlie | | | |
| 8 | Rachael Foy | Little Respect II | | 0 | 34 |
| | Kayleigh Perry | Lovelyhill fieldmaster | | | |
| 9 | Nicola Burgess | Cocoa | | 0 | -41 |
| | Bethan Huband | Larry | | | |
| 10 | Greta Mason | Lucky | | 0 | 90+ |

| Class 5 – INTERMEDIATE – 90cm | | Optimum Time: 5 mins 7 secs | BV | XC Penalties | Time in seconds +/- optimum |
|--|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Helen Carpenter | Harry | Best BV | 0 | -2 |
| 2 | Pippa Glover | Ralphie | | 0 | 7 |
| 3 | Mae Jackson | Sweet Riot | | 0 | -9 |
| 4 | Alison Coleman | Graigue Hero | * | 0 | 11 |
| 5 | Caroline Harris | Chip | | 0 | 15 |
| 6 | Helen Martin | Bali | | 0 | 58 |
| 7 | Alice Pettitt | Little Star VII | | 0 | 82 |
| | Bethan Huband | Gift from God | | 20 | 16 |
| | Lynette Buckland | Connie | | 20 | 17 |
| | Ciara Bennett | Bredero | | 20 | 20 |
| | Emma Cole | Lios na Tulcha Danny | | 60 | 53 |
| <i>The Romance Challenge Cup for the best BVRC member awarded to Helen Carpenter</i> | | | | | |

| Class 6 – OPEN – 100cm | | Optimum Time: 4 mins 53 secs | BV | XC Penalties | Time in seconds +/- optimum |
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| 1 | Louisa Lockwood | Arnie | | 0 | 2 |
| 2 | Ava Brass | Oakford Rodney | | 0 | 7 |
| 3 | Benjamin Plunket | Winston | | 0 | 9 |
| 4 | Hayley Parker | Lodewijk | | 0 | 10 |
| 5 | Lise Wood | Emma's Secrets | | 0 | 11 |
| 6= | Olivia Fforde | Panther | | 0 | 16 |
| 6= | Jennifer Jacques | Penton Gauvain | | 0 | 16 |
| 8 | Pippa Glover | Meadow Eli | | 0 | -20 |
| 9 | Helen Martin | Belle | | 0 | 36 |
| 10 | Caroline Harris | Elixir du Soleil | | 0 | 37 |

BVRC Be Fair (Competiton) & Caballine (Helpers) points at end of year 2023 (30th November 2023)

Be Fair points are awarded to the 6 highest placed BV members in every competition regardless of their overall places (they may be 10th in the class but 2nd best BV member). Riders are only eligible for points on one horse on any particular day.

Members who compete in teams on behalf of the BVRC will receive three points per day.

The Caballine Trophy points are awarded on a point for each hour or part hour worked at a show or setting up the day before a show. Committee members who organise the events only get points on this basis and not for other committee duties. Even so, the top places do seem to be filled by them. A rose bowl is awarded to the highest placed non-committee member.

In addition to the trophies, rosettes are presented to the top ten places in each competition.

Each Trophy winner is awarded free membership for the following year.

Be Fair

Congratulations to Kay Pogson, club stalwart, who won the 2023 Be Fair competition. Kay attended the majority of BVRC competitions, in all disciplines, and accrued many points throughout the year.

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| 1 | Kay Pogson | 88 |
| 2 | Susie Pool | 83 |
| 3 | Kim Male | 75 |
| 4 | Juliette Gerrard | 62 |
| 5 | Lesley Dale | 36 |
| 6 | Ruth Spooner | 35 |
| 7= | Antoinette Mckeowen | 30 |
| 7= | Ian Spalding | 30 |
| 7= | Rosanna Fiddes | 30 |
| 10 | Fiona Webb | 27 |
| | Lily Stiff | 25 |
| | Sharon Brown | 25 |

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| | Rachel Lambert | 24 |
| | Julia Croombs | 23 |
| | Janet Burnett | 18 |
| | Suzanne Lindsley | 17 |
| | Katey Cuthbertson | 15 |
| | Hayley Elam | 13 |
| | Liz Brook | 13 |
| | Karen Duggleby | 12 |
| | Montina Munday | 12 |
| | Sandra Wheeler | 12 |
| | Gill Young | 10 |
| | Helen Carpenter | 10 |

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| | Louise Makepeace | 9 |
| | Susan Wheatley | 9 |
| | Alison Coleman | 7 |
| | Gareth Hall | 7 |
| | Litt Twining | 7 |
| | Tessa Broadhead | 7 |
| | Catherine James | 6 |
| | Francesca Driscoll | 6 |
| | Juanita Coulson | 6 |
| | Melinda Veal | 6 |
| | Vanessa Martin | 6 |
| | Charlotte Opperman | 5 |

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| | Philippa Moon | 5 |
| | Rhonda Smith | 5 |
| | Tommie Gross | 5 |
| | Ella Birch | 3 |
| | Jenny Allan | 3 |
| | Jo White | 3 |
| | Nicola O'Mahony | 3 |
| | Stephen Coulson | 3 |
| | Nicola Scivier | 2 |
| | Ann McLean | 1 |
| | Katie Rossiter | 1 |

Caballine

Well done and thank you to everyone who helped at BVRC events in 2023. We couldn't operate without you.

Ross Tully is awarded the Caballine Trophy after embracing the challenge of many new jobs. Dee Hodson is awarded the Caballine Rose Bowl, yet again, after cheerfully helping on many occasions, happily undertaking any role deemed necessary.

| | COMMITTEE | |
|---|------------------|----|
| 1 | Ross Tully | 41 |
| 2 | Sue Baker | 39 |
| 3 | Hamish Mathews | 37 |
| 4 | Val Goode | 34 |
| | Leah Burgin | 31 |
| | Chris Webb | 29 |
| | Susan Wheatley | 24 |
| | Jenny Allan | 15 |
| | Ian Spalding | 13 |
| | Hayley Elam | 7 |
| | Louise Makepeace | 7 |

| | NON-COMMITTEE | |
|----|----------------------|----|
| 1 | Dee Hodson | 40 |
| 2 | Sandra Groves | 31 |
| 3= | Jemma Manders | 25 |
| 3= | Meredith Baker | 25 |
| 5 | Susie Pool | 24 |
| 6 | Dominic Mathews | 18 |
| 7 | Louise Hall | 17 |
| 8 | Rosie Mathias | 16 |
| 9 | Alison Bennett | 14 |
| 10 | Gareth Hall | 12 |
| | Rosalind Kershaw | 10 |

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| | Frances Hall | 9 |
| | Lynn Mead | 8 |
| | Rhonda Smith | 6 |
| | Sam Shepherd | 6 |
| | Danielle Storer | 5 |
| | Grace Wilkinson | 5 |
| | Maddy Borrill | 5 |
| | Tor Bass | 5 |
| | Ann McLean | 4 |
| | Janet Burnett | 4 |
| | Juliette Gerrard | 4 |
| | Michelle Haley | 4 |

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| | Vanessa Martin | 4 |
| | Annie Rae | 3 |
| | Brenda Harman | 3 |
| | Catherine James | 3 |
| | Melinda Veal | 3 |
| | Rachel Lambert | 3 |
| | Zandra Letts | 3 |
| | Lesley Dale | 3 |
| | Tommie Gross | 3 |
| | Montina Munday | 2 |
| | Ruth Spooner | 2 |
| | Francesca Driscoll | 1 |