

# Old Berkeley Riding Club

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## February

## Newsletter

## 2023

### Welcome to the February Newsletter

The year is just getting started with monthly training clinics, the third online dressage competition February – March. Summer evening dressage series will start in May plus plenty of area 6 competition qualifiers coming up over the year that are open to members.

Full details of training clinics and competitions including schedules are on the website.

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### Recent Clinics

We organised a show jumping clinic on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February at Cotton Spring Farm, Markyate. This was very popular with ten members attending and enjoying the course challenges with instruction from Georgie Dalton.



## Old Berkeley Riding Club



Welcome riders 18 years & over

We are a friendly & supportive club  
Offering training clinics: Dr, poles, SJ, XC  
Talks and demonstrations

**Details on how to join us**

Visit our website: [www.obrc.org.uk](http://www.obrc.org.uk)

### Winter Online Dressage Series

We have our third competition for February – March, with test classes: intro B, prelim 1, prelim 18, novice 27, novice 28. PYO: elementary 44, medium 63, advanced med 90.

This competition is open to OBRC members only and is part of the series of three winter competitions.

Always a good opportunity to practice riding different tests and receiving valuable feedback from a BD dressage judge.

See the **competition page** of our website for the current schedule.

### OBRC AGM, Awards, Presentations & Social Evening

This was a very good evening in person on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at Bellingdon village hall, Chesham.

We had a fantastic attendance with thirty members and honorary members who came to celebrate the club and enjoyed an excellent buffet supper.

The evening started with reports from the chairman, treasurer and area team managers on the successes of 2022.

The chairman announced that the committee had awarded Sue Sawyer an Honorary membership for her long standing support of the club, sponsoring club competitions and dressage championships over the years.

### Thank you for members and friends of Old Berkeley RC for helping.

When organising club clinics, competitions and members competing at area competitions we require help and assistance from a variety of members and friends.

Thank you must go the Anne Coney for letting the club use her excellent facilities at Flamstead Yard. Georgie Dalton for having us at her home and arena, Markyate.

Deborah Sanders for allowing the club to hire Fullers Hill Farm for the summer evening dressage series.

### **Summer Dressage**

A big thank you to those helping for evening dressage with writers, scorers, stewarding, collecting sheets, test callers & videoing.

Scilla Lown, Liz O'Donnell, Lindsay Rose, Jillie Luff, Elaine Browne, Julia Coney, Liz Rollinson, Louise Riley.

### **Area 6 volunteers**

We have to offer a helper at every area 6 qualifier when we a team competing.

Thank you to Jillie Luff, Liz Rollinson, Sally Mawer, Julie Fleming, Tamsin Morris, Alison Moody, and Leah Upton.

The chairman thanked the committee who have a vital role to play in the club's organisation: Lorna Roberson, Jane Rickett, Liz Rollinson, Anka Taylor, Leah Upton, Jane Bancroft.

A special thank you to Sally Mawer who retired from the committee after four years. Sally was the leading force in making the jumping & XC clinics popular and encouraging members to enter and compete at the area 6 jumping qualifiers.



### **Presentations of Challenge Trophies and special awards**

#### **One Day Event Cup – Area 6 horse Trials**

**Winner:** Anka Taylor and Ella won the 90cm class at Solihull, qualified for BRC horse trials championships at Swalcliffe, Banbury and came 9<sup>th</sup> in their arena.

#### **Deerhunter Dressage Trophy – Area tests: Intro, prelim, novice.**

**Winner:** Jane Bancroft and Candy had a very successful outing at the summer dressage. Qualified for the riding test and Novice 24 & then competed at the BRC National Championships at Lincoln with a place in both championships classes.

#### **Maurice Essex Dressage Trophy – Area tests: elementary, medium, adv medium.**

**Winner:** Jillie Luff and Corby won the medium test at summer dressage, qualifying & competing at the BRC national championship, Lincoln.

Jillie won the medium championship test and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in PYO against other riding club riders from the UK.

This was a fantastic achievement for the Jillie and Corby.

#### **Ian Crippen Shield – Area Show Jumping 70cm / 80cm**

**Winner:** Sally Symington and Mabel competed in two team classes at the winter SJ at 70cm & 80cm finishing with double clears – 9<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> position in big classes.

#### **Rosslare Show Jumping Trophy – Area 90cm / 100cm**

**Winner:** Anka Taylor and Ella –Jumped in the 90cm team with clear & just 4faults at winter SJ. Also competed as part of our RC team at the Rockingham horse trials – SJ competition. Jumping two good rounds and getting a place individually.

#### **Coney Spurs Trophy – Dressage to music**

**Winner:** Elizabeth Etchells and Maurice competed in the BRC area 6 DTM qualifier for the first time & were well placed.

#### **Heather Edwards Trophy – Combined training/ combined challenge / arena eventing.**

**Winner:** Leah Upton and Fred competed in all three events.

4<sup>th</sup> in combined training & competed at championships.

Jumped two good rounds in SJ & XC phase of combined challenge.

Double clear round in the 80cm class of arena eventing.

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#### **Best Area team Awards 2022**

##### **Summer senior open dressage team at Hambleton.**

Team members finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place against 8 other teams.

Elizabeth Etchells, Janine Modder, Anka Taylor, Jane Bancroft.

##### **Winter senior 80cm show Jumping team at BCA.**

Team members finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place against 10 teams who competed

Anna Smallwood, Sally Symington, Janine Modder, Sally Mawer.

All team members were awarded training vouchers.

**Special awards given to members for attending & supporting training and competitions organised by the club.**

**Jumping improvement**

**Awarded to:** Liz Rollinson and Ringo  
They have been improving and gaining confidence, tackling the SJ, XC and XC style jump training with enthusiasm.

**Newcomer's Awards**

These awards are for two new members in 2022.  
**Julie Fleming and Clover** have joined in SJ, XC, dressage clinics and Summer evening dressage.

**Andrea Napier and Simba** joined the club in early July, attended the pole clinic, and competed in the summer evening dressage & online winter dressage.

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**Valhalla Cup** – Overall points won at the open summer evening dressage series 2022.

**RC award:** Samantha Pringle and Elwin finished with 41 points.

**Winner:** Gina Elliott and Little lost soul finished with 57 points.

**Horse Head Trophy** – Horse or pony who has been active throughout the year.

**Winner:** Lilly ( Anne Jerney)  
Lilly and Anne are very active supporters of all the club's events and clinics.

**Danesbrook Dragonfly Trophy** – improved combination

**Winner:** Samantha Pringle and Elwin have really progressed from introducing Elwin to dressage at intro level to competing confidently in the club dressage summer series and making a big step up to competing in the Area intro qualifiers in August.

**Winter's Tale Trophy** – Awarded to Elaine Browne and her big horse Jay who have been progressing well in 2022 after a break. Gaining confidence at the summer dressage competitions. Setting them selves a challenge to compete in the teams at intermediate and novice area 6 winter dressage qualifiers at Wellington.

They finished in good positions against strong scores from other club's competitors.

**Portwin Cup** – For supporting & helping at club events or activities.

**Winner:** Scilla Lown has helped the club by offering to Judge & instruct at the dressage test riding clinic.

Shared her dressage experiences as a former BD judge – giving an interesting talk for our members.

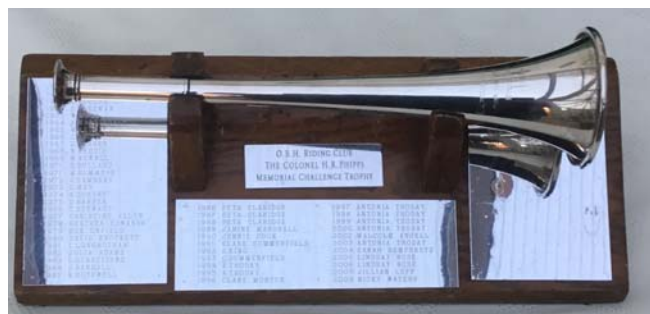
**The Phipps Trophy** – Awarded on points gained by attending training, club organised competitions and HKC talks.

**RC award:** Liz Rollinson and Ringo with 29 points.

**Winner:** Paula Wynn and Puzzle with 30 points.

**Chairman's Cup**

**Winner:** Lorna Roberson who has a nasty accident in February 2022 and was unable to ride until September. Joining clinics again in November. Showed determination throughout her recovery and we hope to see Lorna out competing again this year.



### Upcoming Training Clinics

Flatwork & pole exercises with instructor Michaela Burke at Flamstead Yard arena, Ashley Green on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

This is open to all riding levels to book a place. Individuals and small group sessions are available. There is hard standing parking with clinic on a surfaced fenced arena.

See the **training page** on [www.obrc.org.uk](http://www.obrc.org.uk) for details on booking and payments.



### XC Clinic at Milton Keynes Equestrian Centre

Hanslope MK19 7HQ with instructor Michaela Pulman-Ryde on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

See training page for full details and costs on website: [www.obrc.org.uk](http://www.obrc.org.uk)

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### Horse Knowledge Club Talk

**Date:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm

**Guest speaker:** Mylene Baxter  
Equestrian psychology coach and BD dressage judge.

**Virtual talk:** Learn how to cope with competition nerves to your advantage!

Improve riding confidence before and during competitions.

**Book a place:** email [lorna\\_d\\_roberson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lorna_d_roberson@yahoo.co.uk)

