

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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Newsletter

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Welcome to the January Newsletter

We have a busy programme of training, competitions coming up the next couple of months, and our AGM with annual presentation of awards.

Old Berkeley Riding Club celebrates its 75th anniversary this year and is one of the oldest BRC affiliated riding clubs in the country. We hoping to organise a special event to mark the occasion.

Keep in touch with the club through the regular OB Riding Club E-News emails & Old Berkeley Riding Club member's group facebook page.

Winter Training Clinics

This popular new clinic was a XC style jumping training clinic with Georgie Dalton on Sunday 8th January at her arena near Markyate. Nine members attended this clinic.

Georgie set up interesting fences in twisty lines with skinny brush doubles, walls, corner style fence to encourage horse and rider to think and work out how to approach the fences.



Show Jumping Clinic

Sunday 12th February at Cotton Spring Farm, Markyate with instructor Georgie Dalton.

See the Training page on the website for all booking and payment details.



Mechanical Horse Sessions 22nd January

New indoor training opportunity was organised with time slots for six members to have a 30 minute session on the mechanical horse under the instruction of Victoria Phillips, Movement & Mindfulness Equestrian.

This proved to be very helpful and gave members the chance to look at their position, balance, contact and leg positions. Victoria gave everyone tips and exercises to practice when riding their own horses.

We will be booking another weekend date in the next few months.



Horse Knowledge Club

We arrange bi-monthly winter talks on equine related subject via zoom.

Virtual talk on zoom about the importance of riding the bridleways.

This took place on Wednesday evening 25th January.

Guest speaker was one of our club member's Laura Frey who is a BHS access and bridleways officer. BHS are very keen that riders take the new law of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 serious. Many historic routes used by horse riders will be lost as of 1st January 2026 if action isn't taken.

Riders need to check that the bridleways they use are marked on OS maps in their areas. Then ride these bridleways to make sure they are still there and sign posted bridleways (BW) and ride the full length of the path as marked on the map.

Very important to report to the [BHS – email: access@bhs.org.uk](mailto:access@bhs.org.uk) if the BW is missing the sign post, blocked by fallen trees, overgrown hedges or there is a lock gate blocking the path.

Landowners can't just put a gate in without proper permission from the council.

Laura Frey is happy to advice on the best to proceed if any one has problems with their bridleways.

Her email: laura@frey.co.uk



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



OBRC AGM, Awards, Presentations & Social Evening

Wednesday evening 8th February at Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall, Chesham road, Bellingdon, HP5 2XS.

Club members are invited to come and celebrate 2022 and look ahead to an exciting 2023 year.

2023 is the club's 75th anniversary year.

We have 14 challenge trophies to present and some special awards.

Buffet supper will be provided and there will be time to meet up with friends, committee members and enjoy a relaxed evening.



BRC Area 6 Qualifiers

Combined training competition is on Saturday 25th February at Cherwell Competition Centre, Oxford. Open to teams of four riders and individual riders.

Team – Two riders compete in two different prelim dressage tests and jump a course at 75cm. Two riders compete in two different novice test and jump a course at 85cm.

Both dressage and show jumping are ridden on surfaced arenas.

Contact Jumping team manager: Anka Taylor to find out more and enter. ankataylor@hotmail.com

