

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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Newsletter

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Summer Newsletter

Welcome to our latest Newsletter.

Training Clinics

Dressage test riding on grass arenas on Saturday 17th May at Rose Cottage Farm, Dagnall. This was a good opportunity to warm up and ride a test in open space on a good grass field. Our judge was Scilla Lown who an expert in both competing up to is advanced medium, riding a young horse at prelim level and an experienced dressage judge.

We had four club members who booked places: Leah Upton, Louise Bennett, Carina Vials & Louise Pusey. Everyone had a 45 minute time slot with time to ride their chosen test, received help and advice from Scilla on how to improve marks and then rode the test again.



Jumping Clinic

Jumping clinic on May 31st at Markyate with Georgie Dalton. Six members attended and worked on course jumping technics. More clinic dates to follow soon.

Summer Evening Dressage Series

The summer Thursday evening dressage competitions are open to club members and non- members of all ages, riding abilities from those just starting out in dressage, bringing young horses or ponies on up to those more experienced combinations. We are grateful to Deborah Sanders for allowing the club to hire Fullers Hill Farm which offers excellent facilities with a fenced test arena, large warm up arena, hard standing parking. Light refreshments have been provided at Leah's charity stall with cakes and drinks. We also had Sasha Purser photographer (www.sashapurserphotos.mypixieset.com) taking photos at the June & July dates. Charlotte Bury photography (www.charlotteburyphotography.co.uk) will be on site for the August 7th competition.



We have been lucky to have good entries for 1st May, 5th June & 3rd July competitions. Our last competition of the summer series is Thursday 7th August – for entries see Competition page: www.obrc.org.uk Entries close on Sunday 3rd August. Enter, come & enjoy competing among friends.

The first 18 horses or ponies to enter the competition will receive a Honey Chop horse feeds goodie bag with sample, voucher & pen.



Summer dressage points championship

There are four separate points championships for OBRC members: Class 1 Intro Class 2: Prelim Class 3 prelim Class 4: Novice Plus non- members riders 18 years & over for horse / pony combinations winning overall points.

Special Championships for non- OBRC riders under 18 years & horse / pony combinations winning overall points. There will be sashes, amazing rosettes for the champion & reserve champion in each class for club members and for the overall non- members groups. Plus special awards for 3rd place point's winners. With prizes in kind for everyone.

Championship rosettes and sashes have kindly been sponsored by Sue Sawyer of Pednor Equestrian & Rug Clean. Pednor Vale, Chesham, HP5 2ST 01494 784040 www.pednor-rugs.co.uk Stockists Omega supplements, simple system, pure feeds. Pednor Rug Clean is a washing service for all types of rugs which are washed individually. Reproofing and repairs service available.



BRC National Championships

For the first time for many years we had two members competing in the Arena Eventing championships at Aston Le Walls in late May. Our club area team manager Anka Taylor rode in the 90cm and Alexa Iona-Smith in the 100cm classes. Both jumped double clears over a tricky course of show jumps and XC fences with a gallop through water. The classes were big with Anka finishing 26th out of 125 riders and Alexa finished 19th out of 64 riders.

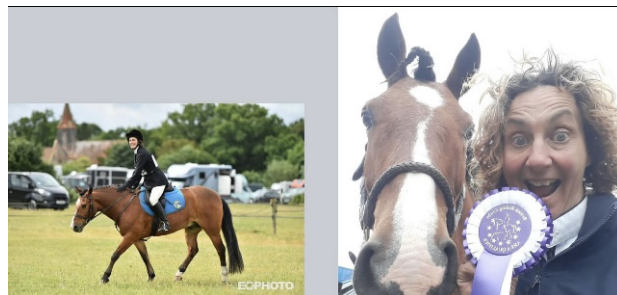


BRC Area 6 Competition Qualifiers

Horse trials at Munstead on 7th June

We had two members competing this year with Elizabeth Etchells and her horse Maurice competing in their very first ODE at 70cm. They produced a good dressage test and jumping clear in the SJ and XC rounds to finish in 3rd place.

Leah Upton and Fred compete in the 80cm class finishing in 5th place with a really good dressage score & double clears in SJ & XC



Summer Dressage 15th June

Eight members competed at Berkshire College on Sunday 15th. All the tests were ridden on grass arenas which were harder this year due to lack of rain. The senior prelim team finished in 4th place: Paula Wynn, Ellie Rose, Joanne Birt, Louise Pusey.

Senior open team finished in 3rd place: Janine Modder, Kirsty Scott, Tamsin Morris.

Individual entries were: Louise Pusey who competed her younger horse in prelim 2 & prelim 3 finishing in 6th place for both tests. Anne Jerney rode as an individual in prelim 1 & finished just outside the placings. Kirsty finished in 5th place in the elementary class. Tamsin won the PYO Medium test. A huge thank you to Julie Fleming and Jillie Luff for being club volunteers.



Combined Training on 28th June

We had three teams and two individuals competing in the combined training at BCA this year. The challenge was to ride the dressage tests on the slippery hard grass arenas and then jump the tricky show jumping course in the arena. The novice level was prelim & novice dressage tests with 60cm & 70 cm SJ rounds.

Novice Gold team did very well to win with Elaine Browne, Louise Pusey, Ellie Rose & Elizabeth Etchells. Novice Blue team were 2nd with Gina Elliott, Lynne Priest, Julie Fleming, Kirsty Scott.

Open team won with Stephanie Brookfield, Leah Upton, and Rebecca Taylor.

Individual riders were Anna Collins 5th and Alexa Iona-Smith 1st.

Thank you very much to Laura Newton and Moira Bishop for volunteering as the club's helpers.



Upcoming BRC Summer championships

The very best of luck to Elizabeth Etchells and her highland Dunedin Maurice who are competing at the BRC National Horse Trials Championships in the 70cm class at Swalcliffe, Banbury Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd August.



BRC Five Star National Championship at Lincoln is on 30-31st August.

We have a 70cm team & one individual in 60cm competing in the show Jumping championships and one rider in the PYO dressage championships.

NEW – BRC Competition Passes

Starting for the 2025 winter season and 2026 season British Riding Clubs are replacing the pre-entry fees with a new competition pass system. This will start from September ready for the winter dressage in Oct and December. The cost is £30 per member covers up to 2 horses and will be valid for 12 months. This will allow club members to enter multiple Area 6 qualifiers with no limits on classes. Members will still need to pay for their own main entry fees via the OBRC in advance and our two team managers Anka Taylor & Jane Bancroft will still manage the entries.

To help members with the overall costs OBRC will purchase a number of Competition Passes and allocate these out to members wishing to enter Area 6 qualifiers.

The club will continue contributing to the BRC championship entry fees, but may cover a percentage rather than 100% to maintain financial stability. The club committee are committed to support as many members as possible, at all levels – from those starting out to those aiming for BRC national qualifiers.

Easy Way to Fund-raise for OBRC

Easy fund raising App – we would really like to encourage more members and family members to sign up and raise money for the club for free.

- > Search “Old Berkeley Riding Club easyfundraising”
- > Click the Mobile App
- > Join our OBRC group >



Enable the **Donation Reminder**, and when you shop on line (For just about anything) retailers donate a small percentage to our club.

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