



Old Berkeley Riding Club

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OBRC

Newsletter

Xmas 2024

Christmas & new Year Newsletter

The committee would like to wish members and friends a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

Thank you to everyone who joined the club this year, supported club events, socials, represented the club at BRC area 6 competitions and given their time to help out at our club competitions and BRC 6 area or championships.

Memberships for 2025

Old Berkeley riding club has had a very busy year during 2024 with training clinics, club run competitions and social events. Encouraging members competing in teams & as individuals at area 6 competitions in all the different dressage and jumping disciplines. Quite a few members having the opportunity to ride at the various BRC championships.

With all these opportunities – the committee hopes that members will continue to support Old Berkeley RC for another year. Our membership secretary Liz Rollinson will send out an email just as a reminder about joining us again for the next 12 months. Membership fees will stay the same at £36.00 + sport: 80 transfer fee @ £1.50 -£1.75.

We welcome new members to join us too. Details on how to work through the sport: 80 platform to re-join can be found on the Membership page of www.obrc.org.uk



AGM, Awards and Social Evening

Save the date for our annual AGM on Wednesday 29th January at Bellingdon Village hall, Chesham Road, Bellingdon, HP5 2XU Doors will open at 7.15pm and the meeting part will start at 7.45pm.

Followed by the presentation of challenge cups and special awards.

This year we have 15 challenge trophies & cups to award members for all sorts of reasons.

This includes a new award – The Galway Rose Cup kindly donated by Anique Hobden.

Plus several newcomers special awards, an improved jumping award and the Best Team awards

Lots to get excited about, so we hope members and honorary members will come and celebrate the success of the club's year and members achievements over 2024.

There will be buffet and raffle – plenty of time during the evening to meet up with friends.



Recent Training Clinics

We had an excellent clinic with seven members attending and benefiting from instructor Georgie Dalton knowledge at her arena, at Cotton Spring Farm near Markyate.

Some members had a lesson working over poles, while other worked on exercises within the course of jumps.
More clinics dates will be arranged for the New Year.

Christmas Social Evening

We had a brilliant evening out on Wednesday 6th December at the King Charles Pub, Ashley Green, near Chesham.

With 19 members and friends enjoying a relaxing evening in good company.

We will organise another date in the spring.



Winter Online Dressage Competitions

This our regular winter series of three competitions open just to OBRC members.

*October – November *December – January * February – March

Dressage tests are all the new BD tests ridden in short arenas with intro, prelim, novice, elementary, medium.

Brilliant chance to practice riding the different tests through the winter months and receive feedback from BD judges on how to ride better tests and improve marks. Also gives purpose to winter training sessions.

Entry fee: £13 per test - score sheet & place rosette.

Entry fee: £11 per test just score sheet.

The winner of each class receives a £3.00 voucher towards the next online entry.

Schedules December – January and February – March competitions are on the OBRC website:

www.obrc.org.uk



October – November Dressage Competition

Thank you all the members who entered and supported this competition.

We had twenty entries over the five classes which was brilliant. Full results on Competition page.

Thank you to BD judge Julia Catling for watching and judging all the videos.

The next competition is December – January with entries closing on 10th January.

Winter Online Dressage Series Points Championships

OBRC competitors win points for the percentages gained in their tests.

There are separate point levels: * Intro *Prelim * Novice * PYO tests.

Winter Championships is kindly sponsored by OBRC & Sue Sawyer of Pednor Equestrian & Rug Wash. Wychelm Farm, Pednor Vale, Chesham, HP5 2ST. Tel: 01494 784040

Pednor Equestrian has good selection of rugs. Main stockist for Omega supplements. Simple System Feeds and Pure Feeds. Also offers an excellent service on washing horse's rugs individually and rug repairs service.

www.pednor-rugs.co.uk



Area 6 Intermediate Dressage Qualifiers

We had a brilliant outing to Wellington Riding on Sunday 15th December with two OBRC teams competing this year.

Each team member rode a different test with one prelim, two novice & one elementary. Blue team finished in 2nd place with individual placing: Jane Bancroft (3rd) Janine Modder (5th) Charlotte Rollinson (11th), Kirsty Scott (2nd)

Gold team finished in 6th place with Carol Fletcher (11th), Tessa Holderness (17th), Elizabeth Etchells (6th) Tamsin Morris (4th) Individual placings: Elizabeth Etchells 1st in Novice 2. Tamsin 2nd & Kirsty Scott 5th in Novice 3.

Louise Riley 4th in medium & 1st in advanced medium section of PYO class.

Thank you very much to Katie Penn and Jillie Luff for volunteering to be club helpers on the day and to Jane Bancroft for organising the entries and times as dressage team manager.



BRC Arena Event Championships

Congratulations to Anka Taylor who won the 90cm class and Alexa Iona-Smith who finished 4th place in the 100cm class at the area 6 qualifier in September. Both have qualified to compete at the BRC National Arena Eventing championships at Aston le walls end of May 2025.



Easy Way to Fund-raise for OBRC

Old Berkeley RC now has an account for club members, families and friends to sign up to and join in raising extra funds for free for the club, without costing anything.

The money we raise will go towards subsidising training clinics and events. Anyone interested in supporting the cause please follow the link to sign up to the app: <https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/old-berkeley-riding-club>



Diary Dates

OBRC events, training & Area 6 diary dates:

* OBRC Online dressage: 1st December – 10th January

* Area 6 DTM at BCA – 18th January

* OBRC AGM & awards on 29th January

* OBRC Online dressage: 1st February - March

* Area 6 winter show Jumping BCA 8th March

* Area 6 Summer Show Jumping BCA 11th May

More training dates to follow soon.

See training page on website for booking details.

All schedules for online dressage series will be on the competition page of website.

BRC Area 6 competition qualifiers for teams & individuals will be on the AREA 6 page.

Schedules will be emailed out as available.

Keep in Touch

Website: www.obrc.org.uk

Members are welcome to join the OB members' only group facebook

Open Old Berkeley Riding Club FB.

The committee members are always happy to help, answer questions or advice on training or events.

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