

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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OBRC

Newsletter

Summer 2026

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter

Welcome to the latest Newsletter covering the various events and competitions that members have attended over the last few months.

Training Clinics

Leah Upton (our training co-ordinator) set up four dates in late June and through July with Georgie Dalton at her arena between Flamstead and Markyate.

This included Monday 29th June and 6th July, plus Saturday 11th & Sunday 19th July. Although there were only a few members attending each clinic it offered the chance to work on flatwork, pole exercises or combine with jumping practice. Georgie Dalton is a very experienced instructor and is happy to instruct at all levels.



Autumn - winters dates will follow soon.

Open Dressage Evening Series

We were excited to have the opportunity to organise our summer dressage series at Windmill Farm at Chalfont St Giles, by kind permission of Katie Faust. Windmill offers two excellent arenas. Plenty of good, easy parking,

club house and somewhere to sit and watch riders working in and competing.

With schedules and entries on the website and MRL- we were all set to have three brilliant Thursday evening competitions with dates 28th May, 25th June, and 23rd July.

May competition went well with a good of set entries from club members and non- members. Unfortunately as we approach the week leading up to Thursday June 25th the weather forecast was going to be far too hot at 35c for horses and riders to travel & compete, so we cancelled.

Instead setting up an online dressage competition for OBRC members only which was well supported with nine members competing.

Luckily the July competition went ahead and we had 26 entries with club members and non-members competing in five classes and there was a really friendly atmosphere throughout the evening.

Leah set up her charity refreshment stall on the evening and raised £127 for Bowel Cancer.



Spillers horse feeds very kindly sponsored sample bags of their Perform and Restore Mash which is brilliant for hydrating horses after training or competitions and £5 voucher were given out to every competitor.



Thank you to Katie Faust for allowing OBRC to hire the super facilities at Windmill Farm.

To our three dressage judges: Julia Catling, Kathy Marsden, Mylene Baxter.

A very special thank you to all the ladies who helped at the competitions: Lindsay Rose, Moira Bishop, Liz O'Donnell, Teresa Carnt, Julie Fleming.

Thank you to members who helped set up the arena and clear away everything at the end of the evenings.

Summer Dressage Points Championships



Congratulations to all the combinations who gained points over the 3 competitions in the series.

OBRC members had four separate championships.

* class 1: intro * class 2: prelim * class 3: prelim * class 4: novice

Separate Non- senior members and non-members Junior won points in the tests overall.

OBRC Championship Points Winners

Class 1: Intro

Champion: Elizabeth Etchells & Moonpenny

Ganymede 16 pts

Reserve: Gina Elliott & Maesrons Diamond Delta 9 pts

Class 2: Prelim

Champion: Alison Dippenaar & Cheeky 24 pts

Reserve: Elizabeth Etchells & Moonpenny

Ganymede 15 pts

Special: Carina Vials & Ted 7 pts

Class 3: Prelim

Champion: Alison Dippenaar & Cheeky 27 pts

Reserve: Liz Rollinson & Rebel (66.45%) 6 pts

Special: Anka Taylor & Acrobat (66.30%) 6 pts

Class 4: Novice

Champion: Jane Bancroft & Cavalier Katniss 32 pts

Reserve: Charlotte Rollinson & Rebel 25 pts

Special: Paula Wynn & Puzzle 8 pts

Non- member overall points Senior.

Champion: Wendy Gould & Holly Hill Star 29 pts

Reserve: Sarah Verdon & Bernard 11 pts

Non- members –overall points Junior

Champion: Jessica Scott & Charlie 16 pts

Reserve: Faith Dippenaar & Apache's Indian Summer 11 pts

The amazing rosettes and sashes were kindly sponsored by Sue Sawyer of Pednor Rugs Clean.



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OBRC, RB Equestrian & TC Feeds kindly sponsored the prizes in the fun goody bags.



Congratulations to our eight members who represented the club.

The novice team of four members comprised of Anna Collins, Lizzy Baxter, Alison Dippenaar & Jane Bancroft. All rode good tests and jumped well over a twisty course.

The team finished in 1st place. With Jane & Katie gaining the lowest dressage score of day with a score of 18 marks (81%).

The open team of Ellie Rose, Leah Upton, Alexa Iona-Smith, Anka Taylor all gained good marks in their dressage tests and jumped well with few faults to finish in 1st place.

Thank you to our fabulous helpers Julie Fleming and Fiona MacEwan.

The novice team and an open rider Ellie Rose are off to BRC combined training championships at Aston Le Walls the weekend of 26th & 27th September.

Summer Show Jumping competition was on Saturday 24th May at BCA.

Reports on recent BRC Area 6 Qualifiers

The Combined Training competition was held at Snowball Farm, Burnham Beeches on 17th May. Snowball Farm organisers did a brilliant job of watering the grass dressage arenas and the show jumping arena.



We only had two members competing in the 80- 85cm class. Leah & Fred jumped a good double round, but just had an unfortunate pole. Alexa & Callie jumped a fast double clear round and finished in 3rd place.

Horse Trials took place at Munstead, Surrey on Saturday 20th June. Gina Elliott and Buddy rode a brilliant dressage test and jumped clear in the show jumping and XC rounds to finish in 3rd place. Leah and Fred did a another good dressage test and then jump clear in the show jumping and XC – just finished outside the placing.



Summer dressage should have been at BCA with all tests ridden on arenas as the ground was far too hard. But the week leading up to 12th July predicted temperatures of 35c and sensibly the whole competition was cancelled.

Upcoming Area 6 Competition Qualifier

Arena eventing at Burchetts Green College of Agriculture on Saturday 10th October. Class heights are: 70cm / 80cm / 90cm/100cm. Combination of show Jump course follow on to a course of rustic fences with knock down poles jumped on an arena.

Schedule on AREA 6 page of www.obrc.org.uk Winter dressage qualifiers will be Sunday 18th October and Sunday 13th December at Wellington Riding, Just south of Reading. .

Subsidised Area 6 Training Clinics

BRC Area 6 are offering opportunities to join various group training clinics with subsidised costs. To book a place: Google My Riding Life – Search: Area 6 – Date Range: 3 months.

Two interesting dates with spaces available **Saturday 29th Aug** – at Berks Agriculture College. Show Jumping clinic with instructor: Helen Cranford. Cost: £15.00

Saturday 19th September- Chiltern cross country Arena XC clinic with Ellie Balian.

Group of 4 x 1 hour sessions. Cost: £25.00
Venue: Woodcote, Oxon, RG8 0PH

Autumn – winter online dressage series

Our regular winter online dressage competitions will start soon.

Only open to Old Berkeley club members.

Reasons to enter:

Brilliant way to focus on winter training with a purpose.

Good introduction to dressage.

Improves confidence in riding skills, control and balance.

Helps horses & ponies learn to ride better corners, circles, straight lines.

Improves smooth transitions & better balance.

Benefits:

Receive constructive feedback & comments from the Judge.

Compete in a stress-free atmosphere.

Maybe move up a level.

No need to wear competition clothes.

Choose the best weather day to film the test.

Join in and compete with other club members.

Watch out for the schedules on the website soon

Fundraising For OBRC



Easy Way to raise funds for OBRC for free

Easy Fund Raising – Old Berkeley RC

The site is completely free to join and subscribe to.

Just search Old Berkeley Riding Club easy fund –

Sign up as a supporter of OBRC.

Shop as normal using the Easy funding website or app to click through the retailers including supermarkets, fashion, travel and equestrian supplies.

By shopping online through Easy fundraising the retailer make a small percentage- based donation to club funds automatically.

Browse reminder can be set up so you never miss a donation.

Funds can raised when spending in-store at John Lewis, Tesco & Waitrose too.

Those interested can 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:

Sat 10th Oct Arena Eventing Area 6 Q BCA

Sun 18th Oct Winter Dressage Area 6 Q
Wellington Riding

Sun 13th Dec Winter Dressage Area 6
Wellington Riding

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 Old Berkeley

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

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Congratulations to our club members in the summer dressage points league championships for 2026. Elizabeth Etchells & Gina Elliott
Alison Dippenaar & Liz Rollinson & Rebel



Congratulations to Jane Bancroft for winning the OBRC members only summer evening dressage novice points championships and Charlotte Rollinson - reserve champion.



Congratulations the non- members senior combinations of the summer dressage series points championships 2026.
Champion: Wendy Gould - Holly and reserve champion Sarah Verdon - Bernard.



Summer dressage series - points championships for non- Junior members - 2026

Jessica Scott & Charlie

Faith Dippenaar & Jezz

Champion.

Reserve Champion

