

# Old Berkeley Riding Club

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**OBRC**

**Newsletter**

**February 2024**

## **February 2024 Newsletter**

Welcome to the February newsletter.  
Please visit our website: [www.obrc.org.uk](http://www.obrc.org.uk) for details on upcoming events, clinics, competitions and results.

We also have an open facebook page and for current members; Old Berkeley Riding Club members only group facebook page.

To join the club – please visit the Membership page on the website for details, a guide and photos to help use the new sport:80 system for new memberships and renewals.

## **Recent Events and Clinics**

Horse Knowledge Club Talk via zoom on Wednesday evening 24<sup>th</sup> January.

Guest speaker: Rachel Sivyer on saddles and fitting.

Rachel gave a very interesting insight in to how saddles are made, the different types of trees & the benefits of the fillings used.

Explaining how important it is to have the saddle fitting correctly on the horse's back.

Rachel is a qualified in physiotherapy and saddle fitting.

Rachel's contact number 07714 865088



**Qualified, Regulated and Insured  
Veterinary Physiotherapist  
Master Saddle Fitting Consultant**

## **Jumping Clinic 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Cotton Spring Farm, near Markyate.

This was the first ridden clinic of the year with more to come soon.

Six members enjoyed the jump training with instructor Georgie Dalton.



## **Winter Online Dressage Series**

The second competition was December – January with twenty entries over the five tests. Thank you to members for entering and supporting these competitions.

Thank you to Laragh Osman for judging this competition.

Full results are on the website.

Tests cover intro, prelim, novice & PYO: elementary or medium and are ridden in 20m x 40m marked arenas.

Members can choose which tests they want enter, then ask someone to video the test.

All tests are judged by a BD judge who gives feedback on the score sheets to help riders improve on their test riding and marks.

Entry fee: £12 per test includes place rosette and score sheet posted.

Entry fee: £10 per test for just score sheet posted.

Third competition is February – March.

Schedule is on Competition page [www.obrc.org.uk](http://www.obrc.org.uk)

All percentages gained from tests ridden are changed into points toward the test championships.

## Winter Dressage Series Points League

The winter dressage series championships is kindly sponsored by Sue Sawyer of Pednor Equestrian and Rug clean, Wychelm Farm, Pednor Vale, Chesham, HP5 2ST. 01494 784040

They stock a good selection of rugs and equestrian supplies. Horse feeds.

Offer rug washing and repairs.



## BRC Area 6 Competition Qualifiers Reports

The BRC have changed the introductory and DTM championships from October to March, which meant extra winter qualifiers for both introductory and DTM.

Area 6 organised the introductory qualifier at Berkshire College of Agriculture on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

We had a brilliant outing at this competition on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January with the OBRC members winning the team competition and have qualified for the BRC championships at Bury Farm, Slapton on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Our team: Julia Coney intro A, Paula Wynn intro B, Elaine Browne prelim 1, Julie Fleming prelim 2 test.

Ellie Rose competed with her new horse in the prelim 2 as individual just missed out on a place by a few marks.



Dressage to music competition qualifiers were organised via video judging with E-Riders which meant we had to hire arenas to video tests.

Anka Taylor and Anna Smallwood competed in mixed open novice pairs class.

Produced a score of 70% and have qualified for the DTM championships

Anna won the Novice – no BD points and Anka finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, both have been invited to the DTM championships in March at Bury Farm, Slapton.

Elizabeth Etchells finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the novice with BD points.

Louise Riley-Hunt finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the PYO medium test.

## AGM, Awards Presentation and Social Evening



Excellent evening on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at Bellingdon village hall, near Chesham.

There were 31 club members and honorary members attending who all came together to celebrate the riding club's events and successes over 2023.

Anka Taylor and Jane Bancroft both gave fantastic reports on the jumping related and dressage competitions at area 6 qualifiers and BRC championships that members had competed at in teams or as individuals.

Members represented the Old Berkeley riding club at ten Area 6 competition qualifiers and seven championships during 2023.

Chairman Diane Hunt gave report on the training clinics and competitions organised by the club.

Diane thanked those members and friends that offered their time to help out at club competitions. The committee ladies who give up their time to organise clinics, team entries, juggle the accounts and over see the memberships.

Thank you to Anne Coney for letting the club hire the arena at Flamstead yard for pole clinics, Georgie Dalton for jumping clinics at Markyate and Deborah Sanders for allowing us to hire the excellent facilities at Fullers Hill Farm for our dressage competitions.

A special thank you to Lorna Roberson who has retired as club secretary after three years on the committee - John Lewis voucher was presented to Lorna before the day.

Welcome to Paula Wynn for has been voted on as the committee.

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

**One Day Event Cup** – Area 6 horse trials

**Winner:** Anka Taylor and Ella who came 3<sup>rd</sup> on the 90cm class at Snowball Farm.

**The Deerhunter Trophy** –Area tests: Intro, Prelim, Novice

**Winner:** Tamsin Morris and Khadira qualified as part of senior open team in October 2022.

Competed at the winter intermediate dressage championships in April 2023.

Tamsin won the Novice 30 championship class out of 33 entries.

The pair were part of the summer senior open dressage which Q for the

Summer championships at Lincoln in September Tamsin & Khadira finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Novice 30 championship class.



**Maurice Essex dressage Cup** Area Elementary, Medium & Adv Med

**Winner:** Jillie Luff and Corby who won the medium test at summer dressage Q's at BCA.

Qualified for the Summer National Championships at Lincoln.

The PYO championship classes are split between medium & advanced medium tests.

Jillie and Corby won the medium test with 70% and were judged overall champion of both the medium & advanced medium tests. Winning an amazing rosette, sash & day rug.



**Ian Crippen Shield** Area 6 winter & summer show Jumping.

**Winner:** Anna Smallwood and Bandmaster's Melody

Anna jumped in two 90cm team competitions - winter SJ finishing 11<sup>th</sup> place and the Summer SJ with 3<sup>rd</sup> place with double clear.

**Coney Spurs trophy** for Dressage to music

**Winner:** Kelly Stokes and Any News

Kelly finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the DTM novice class – BD points in August at BRC

And qualified to compete at the London & South East Championship in October at Sands Eq, Wareham.

Kelly rode a brilliant test finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 70% .

**Heather Edward trophy Combined** Training / Combined challenge

**Winner:** Leah Upton & Fred .

Leah was 2nd individually in Combined Training & competed at CT Championships finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> place.

They rode in new combined challenge at Snowball Farm and finished 4<sup>th</sup> place DC .

Competed in Combined Challenge championship as part of the Area 6 mixed team with just pole in the stiff twisty show Jumping course & clear XC.



## Best Area Team Awards 2023

### Summer senior open dressage team at BCA

For the first time in quite a few years our members rode against 5 other strong dressage RC teams and won the Senior Open team competition & qualified for the Championships at Lincoln.

Where they all rode brilliant tests finishing in the team 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 22 teams at the championships.

Janine Modder, Tamsin Morris, Jane Bancroft, Elizabeth Etchells

### Combined training team at Cherwell

Team competition at Cherwell in February: 1<sup>st</sup> place out of 8 teams.

First time in 6 years OBRC CT team has come 1st.

Team qualified and competed in the Combined Training championships at Aston Le Walls in May.

Our team finished 10<sup>th</sup> place - against 28 teams from all around Great Britain.

Julia Coney, Leah Upton, Anna Smallwood, Janine Modder

Anka Taylor substituted for Janine at CT Championships

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## Special awards and trophies given to members for supporting and attending training and competitions

### Jumping improvement

**Awarded to:** Alison Morris and Comet

Alison has tried to support the jumping clinics that we organise on a regular basis. Part the way through last year the pair lost confidence and has been building that up again and Alison is competing at Winter Area 6 jumping Q's in March.

### Newcomer's Awards for attending and supporting Club events

These awards are for two new members

**Awarded:** Charlotte Bent and Tinkerbelle

Attended the summer dressage competitions and online dressage. Helped at one of the dressage – scoring the tests.

**Awarded to:** Anique Hobden and Rose

Attending a variety of club events and activities during the year including giving up her birthday celebration to compete in the Intro dressage team championships last October to support the club and team.

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**Valhalla Cup** Overall Points won at the Open evening dressage series 2023.

**RC Award:** Andrea Napier and Simba finished with 44 points

**Winner:** Julia Coney and Ruby with 61 points



## Winter's Tale Trophy Progressive improvement

**Winner:** Julie Fleming & Clover are making a partnership over the year with Julie learning how to steady Clover's speed in the jumping.

Gaining confidence in jumping, XC and the dressage.

Moving up in club dressage from prelim to novice tests & enjoying competing in the dressage teams

## Danesbrook Dragonfly Trophy – Improved combination

**Winner:** Louise Rushton & Obie

Louise has improved in confidence over last year with Obie and the pair has attended the jumping, endurance training in a wide open space on the gallops, WH clinic and now enjoying competing in the online dressage competitions.



**Portwin Cup** – For supporting the club by helping at the club at event etc.

**Winner:** Anne Jerney

Anne came and helped at several evening dressage competitions.

Arrived early to helped set up arena & stayed late on to take down the arena.

Called tests, collect score sheets, stewarded the classes. Anne supports the talks, clinics and supports team dressage teams.

## Chairman's Cup

**Winner:** Samantha Pringle

Sam has always supported all the winter and summer dressage competitions. Despite not having any transport Sam and her friends hack to Fullers Hill Fm which is a 40 minute rides on busy roads.

Sam who in my mind has been extremely strong and brave has just finished a gruelling 4 week treatment programme. We wish her a speedy recovery and come back to riding very soon.



**The Phipps Trophy** Awarded on points gained for attending training, Club competitions, HKC talks and all types of OBRC events & activities.

Points gained on horse & rider combinations. This was a close competition.

Leah has supported the jumping, socials online & evening dressage.

**RC Award: Leah Upton & Fred Points: 28**

Liz is a very strong supporter of the club HKC talks, jump & dressage, socials.

**Trophy Awarded to**

**Liz Rollinson & Ringo Points: 34**

## Horse Head Trophy -

To the horse or pony who has joined in with events

**Winner:** Simba - This little horse is very special to her rider like all our horses are to us.

She tries her best even though not v big.

Andrea and Simba take part regularly in the online winter dressage competitions

And the summer evening competitions. Simba really tries to do her best for Andrea.



Winter show Jumping Q on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at BCA.

Saturday 13th April Combined Challenge qualifiers

Sunday 26th May Summer show jumping qualifiers

Saturday 8th June Combined Training qualifiers

Sat 15th Sun 16th June horse trials qualifiers

Full details see Area 6 planner on competition page of website.

Schedules will be emailed as available.

