

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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Newsletter

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Xmas & New Year Newsletter

OBRC committee would like to wish our members, honorary members and friends a very Happy Christmas and a exciting New Year.

Thank you to everyone who joined the club in 2023 and supported the club events and activities.

This was a special year for the club as we celebrated the 75th anniversary.

Membership for 2024

The British Riding Club has set up a new system for all affiliated riding clubs.

This is called the sport:80 platform and we now have the system up and running.

With a detailed guide and photos on the Home Page of www.obrc.org.uk to help current members and new members to join.

Hopefully making it a smooth process to sign up for membership to the Old Berkeley RC for the next twelve months. .

The cost is £36 plus a £1.50 transfer fee.

AGM, Awards and Social Evening

Wednesday evening 7th February at Bellingdon & Asheridge village hall, Chesham Road, Bellingdon, HP5 2XU.

Doors will open at 7.15pm and the meeting will start at 7.45pm.

The Club has up to 14 challenge trophies to award members and 11 special awards to present.

There will be a buffet and raffle. This is nice opportunity to meet up with friends.

All members and honorary members are invited to come and celebrate the successes of 2023.



Training Clinics - Past & Future

Training clinics for November & December

Sunday 12th November Leah Upton organised a grid exercise clinic at Cotton Springs Farm, Markyate with instructor Georgie Dalton.

Seven members attended and had very good training sessions.

Saturday 2nd December

We tried a new venue at Studham with Millie Mc Bride.

The clinic took place in the large indoor arena. There was a choice between pole exercises and grid jumping.

Seven members and two non member friends attended.



New date : Saturday 10th February

Jumping training with Georgie Dalton at Cotton Spring Farm Friendless Lane Markyate.

See Training page of website for full details for costs and booking a place.

Winter Online Dressage Competitions

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These are organised from October through to March and are only open to OBRC members.

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

Dressage tests include intro, prelim, and novice, elementary & medium.

All tests are ridden in a 20m x 40m arena.

This is good chance to ride and practice different tests.

Then have tests videoed and judged by BD judges who give valuable feedback on the score sheets to help riders improve on their test riding and marks.

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

Entry fee: £10 per test/class just the score sheet posted.

October – November Online dressage competition

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

This was very well supported by members with 17 entries over the five classes.

Thank you to Judge Julia Catling for watching all the videos and offering helpful comments on the score sheets.

[Schedule for December – January is on the website: Competition page.](#)

Winter Dressage Series Points League Championship

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Diary Dates

Saturday 6th January Area 6 Introductory Dressage Qualifiers at BCA

Online dressage competition – Dec – Jan.

HKC virtual talk – Saddles on 24th January

DTM online competition Q by 28th January

Jumping clinic on 10th February - Markyate

Winter show Jumping Q on 3rd March at BCA.

Social Get Together Evening

Jane Bancroft organised the evening on Wednesday evening 1st December at King Charles pub in Ashley Green. 10 members came and enjoyed a relaxing evening.

We will organise another evening in the spring.



Horse Knowledge Club Virtual Talks

Through the winter months we offer a few equine related talks via zoom for members on a various subjects.

Wednesday evening 24th January – Rachel Sivyer is going to give an interesting insight into the world of saddles and how important it is for your saddle fit correctly on your horse / pony.

How poorly fitting saddles can cause issues with horse's balance, movement & even pain.

Different types of saddles on the market and the make up of the stuffing.

The HKLC talks are free to attend.

See the training on website for booking details.



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BRC Area 6 Competition Championships & Qualifiers Reports

Our members had a very good outing to Bury Farm for the BRC introductory dressage championships in early October at Bury Farm. Alison Dippenaar, Anique Hobden & Kay Prior came 1st in the team class in August at the Area 6 team qualifiers. Winning a place to compete at the introductory Championships in early October. Riders rode brilliant tests and just missed out on the placings, finishing 15th position in the team placing. Anique was 12th in her arena; Alison came 7th in her arena. Kay finished in 4th place as an individual in prelim 2.



DTM mixed pairs Championships.

Anka Taylor and Sally Mawer competed together in a very big class and finished in 9th place out of 18 pairs. Congratulations to all our riders for representing the club at BRC championships this year.



October Intermediate Dressage

We had a good outing on Sunday 15th October at Wellington Riding with club members competing in dressage classes.

Senior team finished in 10th place.

Julia Coney, Sue Vella, Anka Taylor, Diane Hunt
Jillie Luff competed in the medium test coming 3rd
and Louise Pusey came 8th as individual in prelim 18

Thank you to our volunteer helpers on the day
Elizabeth Etchells and Anna Smallwood.

London & South East DTM Championship

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Sands Equestrian, Wareham in October.

Congratulations to Kelly Stokes and her horse Any News who finished in 3rd place with 70% in the Novice with BD points championship class.



Novice Dressage Competition

We had a brilliant outing to Wellington Riding on Sunday 10th December with two teams of three riders competing in the different tests.

Blue team finished in 4th place with individual places: Alison Dippenaar (2nd) Louise Pusey (7th) Jane Bancroft- Candy (2nd).

Gold team finished in 5th place with Anna Smallwood (6th) Elizabeth Etchells (4th) Jane Bancroft-Katie (4th)

Individuals: Louise Pusey finished in 1st place in prelim 7 & qualifies for championships.

Jane Bancroft finished in 1st place in novice 27 & also qualifies for the championships.

Thank you to Jillie Luff for volunteering to be the club helper at the competition.

