

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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Newsletter

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Which covers news, reports on recent training clinics, competitions and championships.

Training Clinics

We organised a day with Maggie Patterson at Tring gallops in Aldbury on Saturday 1st July. Maggie was the British endurance team trainer and is an expert on horse fitness. Members were paired up into sessions and riders wore headsets so Maggie could talk to them on the tracks which cover vast area of the gallop tracks.



Leah organised a different style of jump training which was instruction over working hunter jumps on Sunday 16th July with instructor / WH rider Maisie Kivlochan at Wakes Farm, near Toddington. This was an excellent opportunity to either introduce horses to rustic fences or practice over a variety of interesting types of working hunter jumps.

Maisie gave lots of helpful tips to the six members who attended.



Sunday 6th August Georgie Dalton set up a grid work jumping clinic for members to test their skills over combinations of fences at her arena, Cotton Springs Farm, Markyate.

Horse Knowledge Club

First in- person meeting for several years was held at Laura Frey's home in Bourne End on Wednesday 12th July.

Laura and Naomi who are both BHS bridleways officers gave a very interesting and informative talk on how to find the bridleways in our area, who to contact if they are blocked. Laura had set up boards with large scale maps of the area with all the BW and permissive tracks marked.



Summer Evening Dressage Series

All four competitions were held at Fullers Hill Farm, Amersham again this year, by kind permission of Deborah Sanders.

We had good entries for from both members and non members over May, June, July and August dates. Riders had a chance to compete in the different tests at intro, prelim, and novice levels.

Thank you to all the ladies who kindly offered to help in the evenings at these competitions.

Our Judges were Julia Catling, Kathy Marsden and Mylene Baxter.

OBRC Summer Dressage Points League Championship

Congratulations to our members who competed during the summer series and gained points through percentages in the different classes.

Thank you to the generous sponsors this year.
Sue Sawyer of Pednor Equestrian Services and Rug clean
Empire Coachbuilders of Kidderminster.
Toni Wise of T.C. feeds and Tack Haven.

Championships winners

Class 1: intro

Champion: Scilla Lown and Carla 30 points
(Highest overall %)
Reserve: Jackie Hall and Neverlands Tinkerbelle 30 points
Special: Liz Rollinson and Ringo 13 points



Class 2: Prelim

Champion: Julia Coney and Ruby 31 points
Reserve: Samantha Pringle and Elwin 23 points
Special: Andrea Napier and Simba. 22 points



Class 3: Prelim

Champion: Julia Coney and Ruby 33 points
Reserve: Andrea Napier and Simba 22 points
Special: Samantha Pringle and Elwin 19 points

Class 4: Novice

Champion: Jane Bancroft and Candy Blue 28 points
Reserve: Sue Vella and Ardncoillie Lady 22 points



Online Winter – Spring Dressage

Online dressage series is in its third year and runs from October to April.

This is open to Old Berkeley RC club members only.

The October – November schedule is on the website competition page.

Benefits of winter competitions.

Perfect opportunity to continue practicing different tests.

Gives motivation to schooling through the winter months.

Receive valuable feedback for BD judges.

Reduce the need to travel out away from home or yard.

No need to plait or wear competition clothes.
Able to choose time to ride and have your test videoed.

All entries are £12 per class * include return p&p for score sheets and rosettes if wanted.

Winter online dressage points championships covering the three competitions in the intro, prelim, and novice and PYO test classes.

With Rosettes sponsored by Pednor Equestrian and OBRC training vouchers as prizes.



BRC Area 6 Competitions & Championships

Summer dressage on 17th June was held on grass arenas at Berkshire Agriculture College.

We had more members competing at the summer dressage qualifiers in June than for the last few years with a very successful outing.

Prelim team finished in 7th place: Julia Coney, Leah Upton, Lorna Roberson (5th individually). Senior riding team finished in 1st place which was brilliant.

Janine Modder 5th novice 23, Tamsin Morris 2nd novice 30, Jane Bancroft 1st novice 24 and Elizabeth Etchells 2nd elementary 43.

Our Riding Test team won with Elaine Browne, Tamsin Morris, Elizabeth Etchells, and Jane Bancroft.

Sue Vella competed as individual in novice 24 and finished in 5th place.

Thank you to Julie Fleming for volunteering as club helper on the day.

Dressage to music and the introductory qualifiers were on Sunday 20th August at Berkshire Agriculture College.

This was a very busy day for club members as we had four riders in the DTM classes with Lorna Roberson 6th in prelim test.

Kelly Stokes 2nd in novice with points.

Elizabeth Etchells was 4th in elementary.

Jillie Luff 4th in medium.

Anka Taylor and Anna Smallwood rode in the open pairs finishing with 1st place.

Introductory dressage qualifiers. We have a team and individuals competing.

The team finished in 2nd place with individual placings for Anique 3rd intro.

Alison Dippenaar 3rd prelim 2, Kay Prior 4th prelim 1.

Kay Prior won the prelim 2 test and qualified for the championships.

Thank you to Liz O'Donnell for volunteering to be the club helper on the day.



BRC National Championships at Lincoln on 2nd September

Amazing results for our club members who competed at Lincoln. Especially as we had two teams and an individual entered.

The senior team rode brilliant tests and did extremely well finishing in 4th place out of 22 other clubs:

Tamsin Morris (3rd), Jane Bancroft (6th) Elizabeth Etchells (8th), Janine Modder (15th).

Riding Test team also did very well finishing in 7th place out of 20 teams.

The PYO championship class is divided between medium test & advanced medium test with separate class championships and an overall PYO championship.

Jillie Luff and Corby competed in the PYO Medium 61 test and won the class with 70.34% out a big class of 16 riders and went on to win the overall PYO championship

Which is a fantastic achievement for Jillie and her horse Corby who is 20 years old this year.



OBRC 75th Anniversary Celebrations Saturday 9th September

This is a fantastic milestone for a riding club to reach 75 years without a break and still going strong.

Thank you to Liz and David Rollinson for offering their lovely home and gardens in Marsworth to host this special social event.

We had 30 members and honorary members attend on the day which was great to relax and have a chance to chat to everyone.

Charlotte Rollinson gave a very interesting talk on "To breed or not breed – what could possibly go wrong "

Charlotte has two Dutch x German riding pony mares and has bred two beautiful palomino foals this year.

We had a buffet style lunch sitting out in the gardens follow by a fun quiz organised by Scilla Lown.

Liz arranged for an amazing cake with our new club logo on the top.

Twelve excellent raffle prizes were won by members and honorary members.

Thank you to the members who kindly donated the super prizes:

* Equine massage from Gina Elliott * Lesson with Anna Smallwood * Course hire for two at Georgie Dalton's arena * Hummingbird print by Anna Smallwood Art * Jump lesson with Georgie Dalton * Screen print of Hares by Liz Rollinson * Wine * Chocolates * OBRC training voucher from Anka Taylor * Prints cards by Liz. * Horse treats



Charlotte's Mare & Foal



Dates for your Diary



Sunday 29th September – Pole Exercise Clinic, Ashley Green

Sunday 10th December - Area 6 novice dressage Q's at Wellington

Saturday 6th January Area 6 Introductory Dressage Qualifiers at BCA

Keep in Touch

Website: www.obrc.org.uk

Members are welcome to join the Old Berkeley Riding Club 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 organised.

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