

# Old Berkeley Riding Club

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OBRC

**Newsletter**

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## **Club News**

Exciting news Old Berkeley RC was featured in March issue of The British Riding Club's "Rider magazine" "We had a three page cover explaining how the club has given over 75 years of equestrian excellences to local riders. To read the full article go to the **NEWS** page of our website: [www.obrc.org.uk](http://www.obrc.org.uk)

## **Winter Online Dressage Series Points Championships**

Congratulations to all the point's winners of the intro, two prelims, novice & elementary tests. Each winter we organise three online dressage competitions to help inspire winter flatwork training and hopefully offer chances to practice the tests and receive helpful feedback & comments from the BD judges. There were 50 tests ridden, videoed & judged over the months from October to March. Thank you to Julia Catling and Mylene Baxter for judging all the test videos. Sue Sawyer of Pednor Equestrian & Rug Clean & OBRC kindly sponsored the vouchers and prizes for the winners



## **Winter online point's winners**

### **Class 1-Intro**

1<sup>st</sup> place Louise Bennett & Jack 24 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jackie Hall & Yorkie (score @ 66.59%) = 6 pts

Special: Carina Vials & Ted (score @ 66.36%) = 6 pts

### **Class 2 -Prelim**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Alison Dippenaar & Jazz = 26 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Paula Wynn & Puzzle = 13 pts

Special: Gina Elliott Mulbrooke Buddy Bold = 12 pts

### **Class 3- Prelim**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Alison Dippenaar & Jazz =28

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Paula Wynn & Puzzle =13

Special: Leah Upton & Fred = 10

### **Class 4 - Novice**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Kirsty Scott & Charlie = 28

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jane Bancroft & Katie =24

Special: Anne Jerney & Lilly =14

### **Class 5 – Elementary**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Kirsty Scott & Charlie = 27

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Charlotte Rollinson & Rebel =24

## **Series of Group Countryside Rides**

The first one was on Good Friday with Leah Upton & Fred leading the ride with four members meeting up at Wakes Farm, Eversholt to ride out on the BHS bluebell route.



### Training Clinics Past

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Jumping sessions with Pheobe Russell at her arena near Slapton. Pheobe set out a series of pole exercises with low jumps and a combination of fences. We had eight members attend.

**Working Equitation** sessions took place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Instructor Tracy Young set out a series of obstacles and challenges for riders to practice and work with their horses to improve co-ordination, accuracy in the large arena in Slapton. We had seven club members attend. There is an interesting video on the OBRC & open facebook pages.



### Upcoming Clinics

Dressage test riding on a grass arena - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Dagnall. Perfect opportunity to ride a dressage test and receive help on how to improve your marks and gain better confidence riding on grass arena.

Our judge is Scilla Lown - she is an expert having judged for many years. Also competed to medium & recently introduced an inexperienced horse to intro & prelim dressage. Full details on booking a place – see Training page on website: [www.obrc.org.uk](http://www.obrc.org.uk)



### Summer Open Evening Dressage Series

**Dates:** All Thursday evenings - 1<sup>st</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, and 7<sup>th</sup> August.

**Venue:** Fullers Hill Farm, Amersham, HP6 5RQ. By kind permission of Deborah Sanders. The competitions are open to club members and non-members with reduced entry fees for members. The venue offers good facilities with fenced dressage arena, large warm up and hard standing parking.

We offer a relaxed, friendly place to compete with test caller available.

This year we are providing light refreshments stall in aid of bowel cancer charity.

Lovely rosettes 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> and prizes 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> places. See full schedules on

Competition page: [www.obrc.org.uk](http://www.obrc.org.uk) all entries are via MRL on same page.



### Summer Dressage Points League Championships – OBRC Members

Points are awarded to the horse / pony & rider combination on percentages gained in the tests ridden over the summer series.

OBRC members have four separate championships\* Class 1: Intro \*Class 2: \*Prelim\*Class 3:Prelim\* Class 4: Novice

**Separate non-members pts championships** Open to non-OBRC riders 18 years & over & horse/pony combinations.

Champion & reserve champion rosettes, sashes, prizes will be awarded to the overall top two highest points winners at the August date.

**Special championship: non- OBRC rider under 18 years & horse/ pony combination**

Highest points winner overall will be awarded amazing rosette, sash & prize at the 7<sup>th</sup> August competition.

### BRC Area 6 Competition Qualifiers

The winter show Jumping competition was held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at Berkshire College, near High Wycombe. We had one team and two individuals competing with the 70cm team finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Ellie Rose, Julie Fleming, Louise Pusey, Tessa Holdeness. 80cm class individuals Tessa Holdeness and Anka Taylor who finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

### Club Social Evening at Ashley Green

Friday evening 16<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm onwards at King Charles Pub, Chesham Road, Ashley Green, HP5 3PF. Everyone is welcome to come during the evening & stay for a drink or have a meal. No pressure, but it's just nice to get together to relaxed and a chance to chat & meet other members. Please contact Jane Bancroft by text: 07789 801810 or [jembancroft1972@gmail.com](mailto:jembancroft1972@gmail.com) if you would like to come.

The King Charles, Chesham Road, Chesham, HP5 3PF



### 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>



### BRC Winter Dressage Championship

Arena UK, Grantham, up the A1 nearly 100 miles! Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Nine members competing in two teams and individual class championships with four support crew: Jillian Luff, Liz Rollinson, Kirsty Scott's mum Fiona & Diane.

The classes were big and the competition was strong from riders of other riding clubs all around the UK including from Scotland & Cornwall.

The championships started and finished very well for all our members with the **Novice team riders** competing on Friday: Paula Wynn, Tamsin Morris, Jane Bancroft, Alison Dippenaar ( 2<sup>nd</sup> in her arena over 70%) all rode good tests finishing in 16<sup>th</sup> position against 35 other RC teams.

Saturday saw our **intermediate team** compete with Jane Bancroft (2<sup>nd</sup> place) Janine Modder (8th place), Kirsty Scott (8th place) Charlotte Rollinson (14<sup>th</sup> position), Everyone rode brilliant tests and finished with **overall Team 2<sup>nd</sup> place as BRC reserve intermediate champions** – out of 33 other teams from all over the UK which was fantastic.

Tamsin Morris also finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place as individual in the elementary 1 & 3<sup>rd</sup> place in novice 3. Louise Riley-Hunt finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the PYO - advanced medium test.

We had three members competing in the **dressage to music championships**. Elizabeth Etchells rode a beautiful test on Maurice won the novice no BD on 71%

Louise Riley-Hunt & Welly rode a stunning advanced medium test with a very bold medium canter one handed – awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Kirsty Scott & Charlie danced their socks off for 68.61% to finish 9<sup>th</sup> in the Novice + BD pts At the dressage championship 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> placed riders all received sashes, rosettes & goodie bags by the sponsors. Each class & teams received rosettes from 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> place. Thank you very much to Jane Bancroft who organises all the BRC area 6 dressage qualifiers and the championship entries.





## **BRC Area 6 Summer Show Jumping**

### **Sunday 11 May at Berkshire College.**

Congratulations to everyone who jumped and represented the OBRC. There were personal best rounds for most of our members who jumped.

The new BRC "club jumping competition" started first in the outdoor arena. Carina Vials & Ted competed in the 50cm & 60cm classes, this was their very first proper jumping competition and they jumped a double clear at both height.

Our 60cm -65cm team jumped well over a tricky course and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Hannah Brookfield, Gina Elliott, Lynne Priest & Louise Pusey who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> individually.

Elaine Browne jumped as individual and finished in 8<sup>th</sup> position with a DC.

Our 70 – 75cm team all jumped brilliantly and finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place with Gina Elliott, Julie Fleming, Ellie Rose, and Louise Pusey. Ellie won the class and Louise came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Leah Upton jumped as an individual in the 80-85cm cm class and just had 4 faults.



### **OBRC events, training & Area 6 dates:**

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May 16<sup>th</sup> Friday: Social evening at Ashley Green

May 17<sup>th</sup> Sat: Dressage test riding sessions

June 5<sup>th</sup> Thurs evening dressage Amersham

June 7<sup>th</sup> Sat: Area 6 horse trials Q's Munstead

June 15<sup>th</sup> Sat: Area 6 summer dressage Q BCA

June 28<sup>th</sup> Sat: Area 6 Combined Training Q BCA

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs open dressage at Amersham

See training page on website for booking details.

All schedules for summer dressage competitions will be on the competition page of website.

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

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