

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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OBRC

Newsletter

Autumn 2026

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to the autumn newsletter which covers recent and future events, competitions, reports on Area 6 competitions that club members have taken part in.

Upcoming Training Clinics

Flatwork / Dressage or test riding training.
Wednesday morning 11th November
Venue: Amersham dressage, Fullers Hill Farm, Chesham, HP6 5RQ

The clinic instruction will take place in a 20m x 40m sized arena so that anyone wanting practice riding in that sized arena or to have their dressage test videoed for the online dressage competition can benefit.

We have booked Clare Yetton to teach at this clinic which is brilliant news as Clare is a very knowledgeable dressage rider, BD qualified coach and List 4 judge. She teaches riders at all levels from very novice to experienced combinations. Full details on booking a time slot – See the [Training page](#) on the OBRC website.



Flatwork, Poles & Jumping Clinics

Two new dates:

* * Sunday 8th and * Sunday 15th November.

Venue: The arena at Cotton Spring Farm Barn, Friendless Lane, Markyate.

Instructor: Georgie Dalton.

Organiser: Leah Upton.

There is full set of show jumping in a nice arena with good parking.

Georgie is happy to teach at all levels and enjoys teach riders wanting to working on flatwork, using pole exercises or jumping fences.

Full details on booking a place & costs – please visit the club website – [Training page](#).

Upcoming Competitions

OBRC members only winter online dressage series

Each winter we offer club members the opportunity to train, practice and compete from home or yard arenas.

With three training competitions

* October – November

* December-January

* February-March

These competitions are open to all riding levels and horses or ponies abilities.

With intro, 2 x prelim, novice, PYO elementary / medium tests.

New class 6: for those horses / ponies who find riding in a snaffle bits challenging or can't cope without a martingale. Maybe prefer a bitless bridle.

This class is for you and your horse / pony.

We have designed two special OBRC own tests
1 x intro and 1 x prelim test level.

Reason to enter:

- *Helps to motivate winter schooling with an aim & goals.
- *Brilliant introduction to dressage.
- * Improves confidence in arena skills and test riding
- * Receive constructive feedback and comments on the score sheets.
- *Compete in a stress- free atmosphere.
- * No need to wear competition clothes for the video.
- * Maybe move up and try a new test level
- * OBRC prize vouchers for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places in each class.
- * Points championships each class over the three winter competitions.
- * Practice, enter, video & join in the members dressage.

October – November schedule is on Competition page: www.obrc.org.uk

Class 6: OBRC own dressage tests are on Competition page as well.

Oct – Nov entries close on Monday evening 9th November and last videos in by Monday 16th November please.

Social Evening

Friday 13th November at King Charles Pub, Chesham Road, Ashley Green, HP5 3PF. We will be there from 7.30pm onwards. Everyone who is free is welcome to join us during the evening. The more the merrier! Just pop in for a drink or food can be ordered. This is an informal evening and chance to meet up together. Jane Bancroft is organising this social evening, so for more details contact Jane: jembancroft1972@gmail.com



Reports on recent BRC Area 6 Qualifiers & Championships

Combined training championship took place on the weekend of 26th & 27th September at Aston – Le-Walls. Ellie Rose and Alexa Iona-Smith competed on the Saturday.

Ellie finished in 9th place with a good novice dressage test score & clear round show Jumping in the 80cm.

Alexa competed in the novice test with a very good score & jumped clear in the 90cm – finishing in 3rd place.



Sunday saw our novice team members compete with Anna Collins, Lizzie Baxter & Alison Dippenaar. All three members and their horses had never been to the CT championships. The dressage arenas were not far from the XC course and SJ course was long with plenty of

fillers and two doubles. Everyone rode to the best of their ability and coped with the big atmosphere that is generated at these championships although they were not placed, they all gained valuable experience for future competitions which so important.

Thank you everyone for competing and representing our club at the CT championships. Thank you also to Jane Bancroft for offering to being the OBRC volunteer helper.



Arena Eventing was held at Berkshire College on Saturday 10th October. Slightly different format this year with a show jumping course followed by working hunter style fences.

Just Ellie Rose and Anka Taylor jumped in the 80cm class as individuals.

Both had a few faults over very twisty course.



Winter grassroots & intermediate dressage qualifiers

Sunday 18th October at Wellington Riding, Reading.

We had a novice team with Paula Wynn, Lizzie Baxter, Louise Pusey, and Elizabeth Etchells. The team did very well finishing in 6th place against some other very strong riding clubs. Paula & Puzzle were 6th individually in the intro test and Elizabeth & Maurice finished in 3rd place individually in the novice test.

Thank you the Tamsin Morris for offering to be the volunteer helper on the day.

The next Area 6 competition qualifier is the open dressage competition again at Wellington Riding on Sunday 13th December. Open to teams and individuals – tests are prelim 3, novice 2, novice 3, elementary 1, PYO individual tests: medium 2 & advanced medium 1.

We are always keen to enter teams and individuals to compete & represent the OBRC at these competitions.

December 13th schedule with all the details and eligibility rules is on the Area 6 page:

www.obrc.org.uk



AGM, Awards & Socila Evening

Forthcoming date for early 2027 calendar is Wednesday 3rd February at Bellingdon village hall, Chesham Road, Bellingdon, HP5 2XU.

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

There will be a presentation of all the club challenge trophies and some special awards. Plus an excellent buffet and a raffle.

Members and honorary members are very welcome to come and celebrate with us.



Fundraising For OBRC

Old Berkeley Riding Club has signed up to the Easy fund raising platform.

This is a simple and easy way to raise some extra funds for the riding club at no cost to members and friends.

In return the money raised can be put toward funding & subsidised training clinics, competitions and events.

Those interested can follow the link to sign up to the app:

<https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/old-berkeley-riding-club>





OBRC events, training & Area 6 diary dates:

Diary dates 2026 – early 2027:

Details on all event dates will be on club website.

Oct- Nov - Online dressage competition

Nov 8th Sun: Training clinic Markyate

Nov 11th Wed: Dressage clinic – Chesham

Nov 13th Fri: – Social evening Ashley Green

Nov 15th Sun: Training clinic – Markyate

Dec- Jan – Online dressage competition

Dec 13th Sun: Area 6 Winter Open dressage Q

Feb- Mar: Online dressage competition

Jan 30th Sat: Area 6 DTM Q – BCA

Feb 3rd Wed: AGM & awards evening

Mar 6th Sat: Area 6 winter SJ Q BCA

See the different heading on our website:
www.obrc.org.uk for details on clinics, competitions & Area 6 qualifiers.

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 Riding Club members' only group facebook page
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The committee members are always happy to help, answer questions or advice on training or events.

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