

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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OBRC

Newsletter

Autumn 2024

Recent and Future Training Clinics

We organised a brilliant clinic on Saturday 31st August with Pheobe Russell at her nice arena at Church Farm, Slapton. There was a very good attendance with ten riders.

Pheobe set up pole exercises for those that wanted to improve flatwork with poles and gymnastic grid work for the riders who wanted to practice more technical skills.

Thank to Leah Upton for organising.

October date is Sunday 27th with Pheobe Russell.

We have fourteen club members booked in for this clinic, which is brilliant.

November indoor training clinic Date TBA

Venue: Milesfield Farm, Hale Lane, St Leonards, HP23 6LH Bucks. Between Wendover and St Leonards (Cholesbury)

Instructor: Ellie Gorton

Facilities: 20m x 40m indoor arena.

Hard standing parking

Ellie schools and competes several horses in show jumping and eventing.

See Training page of website for details and booking.



Winter Online Dressage Series

This is our stress- free winter club competitions organised just for OBRC members.

*October – November * December – January

* February – March

Dressage tests covers intro – medium using the new British Dressage tests for 2024 – 2025.

We use BD dressage judges to score the test videos and give valuable feedback to guide riders on how improve movements & marks for higher scores.

It's a brilliant way of continuing training at home or yard through the winter.

No need to wear competition clothes.

Saves travelling to events or riding in the rain.

Entry fee: £13 per test including score sheet & rosette posted.

Entry fee: £11 per test for score sheet only posted.

Schedule for October – November & December – January is on Competition page of club website www.obrc.org.uk

Winter Dressage Series Points League Championships.

Winter championship has been kindly sponsored by OBRC and Sue Sawyer of Pednor Equestrian & Rug Wash. Wychelm Farm, Pednor Vale, Chesham, HP5 2ST.

Pednor Equestrian offers a good stock of stable & turnout rugs as well as other horse related items.

Stockists of Omega supplements.

Simple System Feeds and Pure Feeds.

All rugs washed individually & rug repairs done on site.

Christmas Social Get-Together

Friday evening 6th December at the King Charles Pub, Ashley Green, HP5 3PF.

We will be there from 7.30pm onwards.

Come and join us for a relaxing evening – you can just have drink or order food.

Everyone is welcome to come along during the evening or just pop in for a short time.

Really good opportunity to get together and a nice social evening out.

Good venue with parking.

Please contact Jane Bancroft if coming:
jembancroft1972@gmail.com

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



AGM, Awards and Social Evening

Forthcoming date for the early 2025 calendar

Wednesday evening 29th January at Bellingdon & Asheridge village hall,

Chesham Road, Bellingdon, HP5 2XU.

Doors open at 7.15pm and the meeting starts at 7.45pm.

There will be presentation of the 14 challenge trophies, some special awards, plus a buffet and raffle.

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



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>

BRC Summer National Championships

Congratulations to our four members who made the long drive and the overnight stay to compete in the dressage championships at Lincoln on 31st August.

The Riding Test team of three members: Anne Jerney, Paula Wynn, Elizabeth Etchells all rode good tests and team finished 17th out of 24 teams. Elizabeth was 10th in her arena.

She was also 5th in Novice 30 test.

Jillie Luff competed in the PYO Medium 61 test finishing in 5th place in a big class.

Many thanks to Tamsin Morris for helping out on the day.



Paula Wynn recalls her first experience of a BRC National Championships with OBRC.

Anne Jerney and I had the opportunity to be part of the OBRC Riding Test team at the biggest equestrian event I have ever been to.

Three hour drive to Lincoln we arrived Friday afternoon to see rows of portable stabling and over 32 rows of horseboxes & trailers parked with people unpacking their equipment, putting up tents and settling their horses into the stables.

We were lucky to be parked in same row as the rest of our members. Elizabeth, Jillie, Tamsin and her two sons who had all been before so knew the ropes and were very helpful.

We were able to ride our horses out for hack round the showground in the early evening before settling them in for the night.

We all shared dinner together, before a chilly night in the lorry and tents.

Anne had a very early dressage time and rode a good test and my horse Puzzle struggled a bit with atmosphere, but we rode the best test we could finishing in 14 position.

What I realised is from this championship, it is not so much where we came in the placing, but the joining in, support and sharing an incredible experience not to missed with friends.

I would encourage anyone who is thinking 'should I' to give it a try.

Certainly was a brilliant weekend away.

Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials

Riding Club Eventer Challenge on 19th September

OBRC club members paired up with the High Wycombe RC members to compete in the 90cm & 100cm Riding Club team events.

Stephanie Brookfield and Anka Taylor competed in the 90cm both had good rounds. Alexa Iona-Smith had a double clear over an undulated twisty course and the combined team finished in 6th place.



Arena Eventing Competition

BRC Area 6 qualifiers took place at Wellington Equestrian on Saturday 28th September.

We had five members competing with Ellie Rose jumping a nice double clear round on her new horse in the 70cm.

The 80cm team of Tessa Holderness, Leah Upton, Steph Brookfield, Anka Taylor –

needed to be fast n' furious to meet the optimum times over the whole show jumping and XC course. With no dawdling but cutting corners where possible. Everyone tried their best and the team finished in 3rd place.

Anka Taylor won the 90cm class and Alexa Iona-Smith rode a brilliant double clear round in the 100cm and finished in 4th place.

Thank you to Julie Fleming who was the club volunteer.

BRC Combined Challenge Championships

Aston-Le-Walls on Sunday 6th October

The course is a combination of one show jumping round with some tricky fences including a bounce double! – Straight on to a set of XC fences with a selection of fences including skinnies, three combinations. 80cm team comprised of Leah Upton & Fred, Janine Modder & Toby, Stephanie Brookfield & Maddie, Anka Taylor & Ella. They all jumped very well round the whole course, challenging their horses on the bounce jumps. Finishing with a few SJ & time faults.

Our team finished in 5th place which was fantastic to be placed so highly against other RC from all over the UK.



Winter Introductory & Novice Area 6 Dressage Competition

Club members had a brilliant and very successful outing to Wellington Equestrian on Saturday 19th October for the BRC Area 6 intro and novice dressage qualifiers.

Congratulations to all our nine members who made the trip to represent the club.

Louise Rushton competed for the first time in the introductory Q finished 5th in BRC prelim 1 & prelim 2.



The Novice gold team finished in 4th place with individual places as well: Katie Penn (4th), Anna Collins (12th) Julie Fleming (=6th), Charlotte Rollinson (3rd)

Novice blue team finished in 1st place with Paula Wynn (8th), Alison Dippenaar (1st), Jane Bancroft (1st), Tamsin Morris (2nd)

Thank you to Julia Coney & Ellie Rose for volunteering to be club helpers on the day.

Club Clothing and Merchandise

The Old Berkeley riding club has a good selection of clothing with the embroidered logo. All available from Storkwear near Buckingham: www.stockworkwear.co.uk We have a nice sew-on logo for member's saddle cloths which are priced at £12.95 each. The fleece and soft shell gilets and jackets are very good quality.

We can do a bulk order and save delivery costs – contact Diane: dianehunt@gmail.com



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Diary Dates

OBRC events, training & Area 6 diary dates:

- * Training clinic- Pheobe Russell, Slapton – 27th October
- * Winter Club online dressage series – OBRC only Oct – Nov
- * Training clinic –Ellie Gorton, St Leonards - TBA
- * Christmas Social get together at Ashley Green Fri 6th Dec
- * Area 6 Intermediate dressage Q 15th December
- * Winter Club online dressage series – OBRC only Dec- Jan
- * Dressage to music – venue & date TBA
- * Winter Club online dressage series – OBRC only Feb – March
- * Area 6 winter Show Jumping Q 60cm -1m – 8th March.

See training page on website for booking details.

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 OBH 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.

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