

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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OBRC

Newsletter

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Welcome to the Spring Newsletter

Welcome to the spring newsletter which is full of details on recent events and competitions that members have been attending. Plus forthcoming events and competitions.

Please visit our club website: www.obrc.org.uk for details on upcoming events, clinics, competitions and results. We also have an open facebook page and for current members: Old Berkeley Riding Club Members Only Group facebook page.

To join the club – please visit the Membership page on the website for details, a guide and photos on step by step: “How To Join” via Sport80.

Winter Online Dressage Points Series Championships

Congratulations to our points’ winners over the five classes.

Through the winter three online dressage competitions were organised to give purpose the winter flatwork schooling and inspire members to try the different tests or maybe step up a level. Thank you to

everyone who took part, there were 68 tests ridden, videoed, and judges over the months from October to March. Thank you to Julia Catling and Mylene Baxter for judging all the test videos.

A special thank you to Sue Sawyer of Pednor Rug Clean for sponsoring the amazing championship rosettes and to the club for sponsored goodie bags prizes.



Winter Online Dressage Series Winners

Class 1: Intro

1st place: Alison Dippenaar & Cheeky: 26 pts
2nd place: Sophie Foster & Monraker II: 25 pts
Special: Anique Hobden & Galway Rose: 17 pts

Class 2: Prelim

1st place: Louise Pusey & Cloherview Moon Shadow: 25 pts
2nd place: Sophie Foster & Moonraker II: 23 pts
Special: Alison Dippenaar & Cheeky: 20 pts

Class 3: Prelim

1st place Elizabeth Rollinson & Rebel: 21 pts (average 67.93%)
2nd place: Louise Pusey & Cloherview Moon Shadow: 21 pts (average 67.13%)
Special: Charlotte Bent & Neverland Tinkerbelle: 15 pts

Class 4: Novice

1st place: Charlotte Rollinson & Rebel: 30 pts
2nd place: Jane Bancroft & Katie: 29 pts
Special: Anne Jermey & Lilly: 14 pts

Class 5: PYO Elementary & Medium

1st place: Kirsty Scott & Charlie: 24 pts (Elem)
2nd place: Jane Bancroft & Katie: 21 pts (Elem)
Special: Kirsty Scott & Charlie: 13 pts (Med)



Flatwork, Pole Exercises or Jumping Clinics

Sunday 22nd February with Georgie Dalton at Markyate.

We had nine members enjoyed a brilliant varied training on the flat, pole exercises or jumping.

Flatwork and dressage clinic was held at Fullers Hill Farm, Amersham with instructor Clare Yetton on Sunday 19th April.

Unfortunately only Louise Pusey was able to attend, but Clare gave a brilliant lesson and offered helpful tips.

Next clinic is on Monday 11th May with Georgie Dalton at Cotton Spring Farm, Markyate.

Summer Open Evening Dressage Series

Exciting news is we are holding our three evening dressage competitions at Windmill Farm, Bowstridge Lane, Chalfont St Giles. By kind permission of Katie Faust.

These competitions are open to club members and non-members of all ages.

Two separate large arenas to both warm up in and compete in, plenty of parking and a place to sit and watch the tests.

Dates are all Thursdays: May 28th, June 25th & July 23rd.

We can offer a relaxed, friendly place to compete with test callers if needed.

There are lovely rosettes 1st – 6th place to be won and horse treat prizes for 1st – 3rd place in each class. See full schedule and entries via MRL on Competition page: www.obrc.org.uk
Entries close on Sunday 24th May or when full.



Summer Dressage Points League Championships

Points are awarded to the horse / pony 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 18 years and over pts championship: Champion and reserve champion rosettes, sashes & prizes will be awarded to the overall top two highest points winners at the July competition.

Special championship: Open to non- members under 18 years old with horse / pony combination: Awarded to the two overall top highest points winners at the July competition. Championship rosettes & sashes are kindly sponsored by Sue Sawyer & Pednor Rug Wash, Chesham,

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BRC Area 6 Competition Qualifiers

Winter show jumping was at BCA on Saturday 28th February, it was a nice sunny day.

We had a 60cm team which finished in 4th place with Anna Collins, Louise Pusey, Elaine Brown, Louise Bennett.



70cm team finished in 3rd place with Ellie Rose, Gina Elliott, Louise Pusey, Anna Collins. Thank you to Carol Fletcher for volunteering to be our club helper on the day.



Arena Eventing

The Arena Eventing was at Wellington EQ on Saturday 11th April.

Speed was the order of the day with plenty of show jumps and XC fences to jump clear and the usual water to trot through. Kirsty Scott jumped clear in the 70cm finishing in 7th position. Our 80cm team: Ellie Rose, Leah Upton, Gina Elliott, Anka Taylor were the only team to jump clear rounds, but sadly not fast enough on the clock – still they finished in 3rd place. Anka came 3rd individually.

Alex Iona-Smith jumped in the 100cm and unfortunately just tipped the thin joker plank but finished in 3rd place.

Thank you Elizabeth Etechells for volunteering as the club helper on the day.



Upcoming Area 6 Competitions

The combined training qualifiers are at Snowball Farm on Sunday 17th May. Summer show Jumping is on Sunday 24th May with all classes jumped on out arena. Both schedules are on the AREA 6 page:

www.obrc.org.uk

Horse trials is at Munstead, Surrey on Saturday 20th June.

Summer dressage qualifiers are on Sunday 12th July at BCA.

BRC Winter Dressage Championships

Nine members with their horses and four support crew (Fiona, Jillie, Diane, David) made the trip to Arena UK, Grantham up the A1 about 100 miles to compete in intermediate & open dressage championships and dressage to music championship classes.

The championships ran over Friday, Saturday & Sunday with riders coming together to compete and represent their clubs from all over the UK. For Liz Rollinson and Louise Pusey this was their first dressage championships.

Everyone had a very successfully weekend with outstanding tests ridden and results.

The intermediate team: Louise Pusey, Elizabeth Etechells, Carol Fletcher, Charlotte Rollinson finished in 7th place out of 28 teams. Elizabeth won her arena and Charlotte was 8th in her arena.

Open team finished in 4th place out of 34 teams: Carol Fletcher, Jane Bancroft, Elizabeth Etechells, Tamsin Morris. Tamsin won her elementary test & Elizabeth was 5th on the novice arena. Kirsty Scott was 2nd as an individual - elementary test.

Dressage to Music Tests

Liz Rollinson rode a good test in the Novice +BD pts.

Elizabeth Etechells just finished in 12th position. Novice No BD pts.

Kirsty and Elizabeth competed in the pairs – riding a brilliant test to finish in 2nd place. Kirsty Scott finished in 2nd place in the elementary.

Louise Riley finished in 6th place in the medium and 10th place in advanced medium.





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 just search easy Fundraising Old Berkeley Riding Club to sign up to the app.



OBRC events, training & Area 6 diary dates:

May 11th Mon: Training clinic Markyate

May 17th Sun: Area 6 Combined training Q

May 24th Sun: Area 6 summer show jumping Q

May 28th Thurs: Open eve dressage Chalfont St Giles

June 20th Sat: Area 6 Horse trials Q Munstead

June 25th Thurs: Open eve dressage Chalfont St Giles

July 12th Sat: Area 6 summer dressage Q BCA.

July 23rd Thurs: Open eve dressage Chalfont St Giles

Please visit our website for information & schedules: www.obrc.org.uk

See training page for booking details on clinics. All schedules for summer evening dressage on Competition page.

BRC Area 6 qualifier schedules are on AREA 6 page

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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