

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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OBRC

Newsletter

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Welcome to the Autumn newsletter which covers details on recent and future events, clinics, competitions, and reports on recent BRC area 6 competition qualifiers and championships that members have been competing at this summer and autumn.

Upcoming Competitions & Clinics

OBRC Members winter online dressage series

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

With three training competitions:

*October – November

*December – January

*February – March.

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

Reason to enter:

- Helps to motivate winter schooling with an aim and goals.
 - Brilliant introduction to dressage.
 - improve confidence in arena skills and test riding
 - Receive constructive feedback and comments on the score sheets.
 - Compete in a stress-free atmosphere.
- Maybe move up a test level which will improve the current ridden tests.
- No need to wear competition clothes for the videos.

Choose the best day to video your test.

New for this winter is OBRC vouchers for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places in each class.

Enter, Practice and video tests and join in-house dressage.

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

Upcoming Training Clinics

Flatwork, pole exercises and or grid exercises

Date: Saturday 25th October

Venue: Cotton Spring Farm, Near Markyate.

Instructor: Georgie Dalton

Good opportunity to work through pole exercises for those members wanting to introduce their horses to jumping there will be low grid exercises or for the more experience combinations technical work.

Course jumping training clinic

Date: Sunday 16th November

Venue: Cotton Spring Farm, Friendless Lane, Near Markyate.

Instructor: Georgie Dalton

Facilities: large outdoor arena with full set of coloured fences.

Hard standing parking.

Book a place: Please visit the Training page:

www.obrc.org.uk



Group Hacks with Leah Upton

Leah organised a really good and fun ride at Berkshire Agriculture College on 23rd August, where there is good, safe hand standing parking. The ride was 6 miles long around the country side and Julie Fleming joined Leah for the ride.

Social Evening

Friday evening 14th November at the King Charles Pub, Ashley Green, HP5 3PF. We will be there from 7.30pm onwards. Everyone is welcome to come along during the evening, just pop in for a drink or food can be ordered.

This is an informal evening and a chance to meet other club members and some of the committee.

Please contact organiser Jane Bancroft: jembancroft1972@gmail.com as we like to have an idea of numbers beforehand.



BRC Club Jumping Series 2026

Exciting news is that the BRC office are going to continue with the Club show jumping series for next year. Qualification period will start from 1st December 2025– 30th September 2026 with championship at Bury Farm Equestrian, Slapton, LU6 9BT on 10th October.

Class heights restricted to 40cm, 50cm, 60cm. There will be a better set up for finding the various clubs that are organise jumping shows with the qualifiers. Online qualification cards will be available to purchase shortly on

<https://brc.bhs.org.uk/select>

The cost is £6.00 each.

The aim of this series is to create an accessible and inclusive SJ series for BRC members who may be less confident about jumping the bigger courses or have disabilities which prevents jumping higher.

Members who have not jumped in competitions before or maybe have horses or ponies who can't jump the bigger jumps. Whatever reason this is a very good jumping series to introduce combinations to competing at jumping competitions.

See Club Jumping Championship report below.

AGM, Awards & Social Evening

Forthcoming date for the early 2026 calendar is Wednesday evening 4th February at Bellingdon & Asheridge village hall, Chesham Road, Bellingdon, HP5 2XU.

Doors are open at 7.15pm and the meeting starts at 7.45pm. There will a presentation of all the club challenge trophies and some special awards. Plus a buffet and raffle.

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



Reports on Recent Events

The summer evening dressage series was once again held at Fullers Hill Farm, Amersham by kind permission of Deborah Sanders.

Four monthly dates May, June, July & August. All were well supported by both club members and non-members. Sasha Purser attended the June and July events and took photos – see:

www.sashapurserphotos.co.uk.

Committee member Leah Upton provided excellent refreshments and lovely cakes at the four evening on behalf of bowel cancer charity.

Photographer Charlotte Bury attended the August competition - taking photos of the competitors and the championship winners:

www.charlotteburyphotography.co.uk.

Our judges were Julia Catling, Mylene Baxter & Kathy Marsden.

Thank you to all the members and honorary members who kindly offered their evenings to help with the smooth running of each competition.

Honey Chop feeds kindly provided party bags with samples, voucher & pens to every competitor at the 7th August dressage evening.



Summer Points Series Championships

This year we offered six separate points championships.

OBRC members had four separate championships: *class 1: intro *class 2: Prelim *class 3: Prelim *class 4: Novice.

Non-members seniors 18 years and over championship.

Non- member's juniors under 18 championship.

Congratulations to the all the winners who won points on the percentages they gained in the different classes over May, June, July, August.

Thank you very much to Sue Sawyer of Pednor Equestrian & Rug Clean for sponsoring the all amazing rosettes and sashes.

OBRC for sponsoring the prizes & goodie bags.



Championship Points Winners

OBRC members

Class 1: Intro

Champion: Catherine Penn and Hilston Cayenne 14 pts

Class 2: Prelim

Champion: Paula Wynn and Puzzle 25 pts

Reserve: Anne Jerney and Lilly 22

Special: Ellie Rose & Belle of Clew Bay 17 pts

Class 3: Prelim

Paula Wynn and Puzzle 24 pts

Reserve: Lynne Priest and Ruari 20 pts

Special: Anne Jerney and Lilly 18 pts

Class 4: Novice

Champion: Jane Bancroft & Cavalier Katniss 39 pts

Reserve: Charlotte Rollinson and Rebel 36 pts

Special: Julie Fleming and Clover 16 pts

Non-member overall points 18 years and over.

Champion: Georgina Beeby-Wynn and Dory 21 pts

Reserve: Harriet Beeby-Wynn and George 16 pts

Non- member under 18 years old – overall points.

Champion: Faith Dippenaar and Apache's Indian Summer 80 pts

Reserve: Jessica Scott and Charlie 50 pts

Special: Grace Mitchell and Willow Chelton 39 pts

Mounted presentations took place at the end of each class at August dressage competition.

Champions – photos at the end of this Newsletter

Reports on Recent BRC Area 6 Competition Qualifiers

Grassroots and the Open dressage at Wellington Riding on 19th October

Congratulations to all eleven members who competed at the Area 6 dressage qualifiers on Sunday 19th October at Wellington Riding. Unfortunately we could only make up the **grassroots team** with three members, but despite that the team finished in 3rd place with individual places : Louise Bennett (6th), Ellie Rose (3rd) and Julie Fleming (1st). We fielded to two open teams one with 4 members and one with 3 members.

Gold team members all rode well finishing in 5th place: Alexa Iona-Smith (4th), Janine Modder (10th) & Kirsty Scott (1st).

The blue team finished in 1st place with individual placing: Carol Fletcher (2nd), Jane Bancroft (1st), Tamsin Morris (2nd) Alison Dippenaar stepped up a level to novice & rode a good test just finished out of the placing. Julie Fleming competed in the BRC prelim test as an individual & won with 75%. PYO medium class Tamsin Morris finished in 4th place and Jillie Luff rode in 5th place . Teresa Carnt and Elaine Browne kindly offered to be club volunteers on the day.

Intermediate dressage qualifiers – Sunday 14th December

Schedule and details are on the Area 6 page of website. Tests cover BD intro 3, BD Prelim 1 and 2, BD Novice 1. BRC intro Pairs.

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Reports on Recent BRC Championships

BRC National Horse Trials Championships was at Swalcliffe Equestrian, near Banbury on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August. Elizabeth Etchells and Maurice competed in the 70cm competition and did very well, considering this was their first serious horse trials.

Saturday was the dressage and show jumping phases and they produced a very good dressage score at 27.7 & clear SJ. Sunday was XC day with competitors needing stamina to ride over the very undulating & hilly course and some challenging fences. Maurice jumped well, with just one stop on a skinny fence and finished with some time faults.



Summer Championships at Lincoln Saturday 30th August

Tamsin Morris competed and represented OBRC on Saturday in the dressage championship classes. The atmosphere in the warm up arenas was electric with excited horses, but despite this Tamsin & Khadira rode a good elementary test to finish in 6th place. After a short break they finished 8th in medium test.



Show Jumping Championships at Lincoln Sunday 31st August

What a wonderful trip everyone had at the NAF national show jumping championships at Lincoln Showground on Sunday 31st August. Despite the long drive up the A1 and a stay overnight camping and horses staying in the stables.

Louise Pusey started the day off by jumping a double clear early in the morning over the two 60 – 65cm courses and finished 18th out of 88 other riders!

The 70cm team jumping came next with Gina Elliott, Ellie Rose, Hannah Brookfield & Louise Pusey all jumping two rounds in two very different arenas. Stephanie Brookfield was on hand to help everyone and support. Everyone coped with atmosphere and jumped well and the OBRC team finished in 9th place which was fantastic.



Club Show Jumping Championships

BRC started a new Jumping competition with qualifiers this year to encourage those members not ready to compete in the Area SJ qualifiers. By offering courses starting at 40cm, moving up to 50cm & 60cm with very simple courses. To qualify riders needed to jump two clear rounds at two separate competitions. The championships was held at local venue Bury Farm, Slapton on Saturday 6th September. We had three members who qualified and all did very well at the championships. Anne Jerney & Lilly won the 40cm, with Paula Wynn & Puzzle coming 2nd. Carina Vials & Ted finished in 3rd place in the 50cm, with Paula Wynn in 7th position. 60cm class Carina jumped a fast clear to finish in 2nd place.



Combined Training Championships at Aston Le Walls

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September
Our open team competing on Saturday with Gina Elliott & Buddy, Leah Upton & Fred, Stephanie Brookfield & Little Madame, Rebecca Taylor & Archie. Although they did their best in the dressage tests and jumped well, unfortunately the team finished outside the placing. Fab Fred jumped one of the only nine clears over the show jumping course and Gina

stepped up a level to compete in the novice test and jump an 80cm SJ course.

Alexa Iona-Smith rode as an individual and produced an excellent dressage and clear round show jumping to win her championship class which was fantastic.

The novice team competed on Sunday with Elaine Browne & Jay, Ellie Rose & Prea, Louise Pusey & Billy, Elizabeth Etchells & Maurice. Again they all rode & jumped brilliantly and the team finished in 12th place out of 27 other teams. Louise Pusey came 4th in her arena.

Kirsty Scott and Charlie competed as an individual in novice test & 80cm CT class finishing in 3rd place.

Thank you to Paula Wynn for being the club volunteer at the championships on Saturday.

Combined Challenge Championship

Anka Taylor and her horse Ella qualified in late March at Tweslown for the 90cm championship class. The CC consists of one round of show jumping with some tricky bounce fences and straight on the twisty XC course. Anka just had one tricky moment at the bounce fence but was clear after that.

Blenheim Palace RC Eventer Challenge Report

Stephanie Brookfield and Alexa Iona-Smith teamed up with Sam Newell from High Wycombe RC to compete as a team in the 90cm class. The course was tight and twisty with bright coloured show jumps and solid XC fences. Both Stephanie and Alexa and their horses jumped well with just a pole each. Sam went clear, so despite not being placed it was an amazing experience at the best location.



Club Clothing & Merchandise

The old Berkeley riding club has a good selection clothing with embroidered logo with Stork work wear from near Buckingham. All the clothes are of good quality and there is a range of useful clothing with the OBRC embroidered emblem.

We also designed a nice sew-on logo for member's saddle cloths which are priced at £12.95 each. If enough members would like to make order – we can arrange collection to save on the postage costs. Please take a look at their website: www.storkworkwear.co.uk click on Club and search OBRC.

Collection of orders please contact Diane Hunt: dianehunt@ymail.com



Easy Way to Fund-raise for OBRC

Easy Fund raising – Old Berkeley Riding Club signed up to Easy fundraising scheme just over 12 months ago and over that time there is £472 worth of donations in our account waiting to be verified before being release to our bank account over the months. Thank you to 18 club members, family members and a few friends who have signed up, but it would be brilliant to have more people join in. Especially as it completely free, no cost to anyone to sign up and be part of this fundraising scheme – Just search Old Berkeley Riding Club easy funding and follow the instructions.



- > Search “Old Berkeley Riding Club easyfundraising”
- > Click the Mobile App
- > Join our OBRC group > Enable the **Donation Reminder**, and when you shop on line (For just about anything) retailers donate a small percentage to our club.

Facebooks

Our club has the Old Berkeley Riding Club Members only group – for just club members. Events, clinics and competitions are advertised. Plus times for clinics or dressage competitions and reports on recent events and results too. Photos and sometimes directions to venues. Open facebook pages for anyone to see.



Winter Club Online dressage series – Oct – Nov

Training clinic – Georgie Dalton – Markyate
Sat 27th Oct

Social evening get together at Ashley Green
Fri 14th Nov

Training clinic – Georgie Dalton – Markyate
Sun 16th Nov

Area 6 intermediate dressage Q's 14th Dec

Winter online dressage: Dec- Jan

Area 6 DTM Q BCA 31st Jan

OBRC AGM – Bellingdon Hall Wed 4th Feb

Winter online dressage Feb – March

Area 6 winter show Jumping BCA 28th Feb

Area 6 Arena eventing Wellington 11th April

Area 6 summer show Jumping BCA May

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

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