

March 2016

Happy Easter everyone, from Saraloo!

Golly we are becoming very busy. We have a range of training coming up at three venues ... The Conquest Centre, the Paddocks and Clippersharp at Culmstock.

So..... No excuses - there must be a venue that you will be able to get to, with your lovely equine.

Keep a look out on our website for dates, venues and type of training available. We try to accommodate most levels of ability. Please contact either Deana or Tricia if you have any queries.

The other good news is that we are again offering a trip to Gatcombe Horse Trials.

Your Riding Club – will be funding a mini bus / coach to take you to the prestigious event on Sunday August 7th. 2016. Last year we had the most amazing time and already some members have confirmed they are coming with us. If you would like to go to the event then put the date in your diary, keep it free and contact me Sara Llewellyn (saraloosmenagarie@talktalk.net) with your request and the number in your party, so I can add you to the list. I do need to know ‘numbers’ as I shall be booking the transport very soon and need to know what size vehicle to go for.

OPEN SPRING SHOWING SHOW

Our Annual Spring Show is due to take place on April 17th at Heazle indoor arena. Commencing with an ‘in hand youngstock’ class at 9am, it will be followed by a range of classes - something for everyone. The afternoon will be given over to ridden classes and commences around 1pm. Schedules are available on our website and at a range of equine outlets.

If you are unable to bring your equine then we would be grateful for some help. Any amount of time you are able to give on the day will be gratefully received. If you are able to help then please contact Jill Perrior – show secretary. (01823 480349) Hope to see you there, please spread the word and if you are like me, you have got a lot of pony cleaning to do before hand, so good luck.

Winter Dressage League

Wow We have had some huge entries this year. Starting at 9am we have been finishing at about 4pm at each event. It’s fantastic and so wonderful to see so many people.

The weather although very cold, has been kind to us and we have been able to use the field for parking and ‘working in’. It is really lovely to see such a range of horses and ponies having a go, accompanied with smiling riders all warmed up after they have completed their class. Not so, those that groom, support and aid the riders from the ground. They appear alongside their riders wrapped up in endless scarves and hats shuffling from one foot to another with rosy cheeks and watery eyes it is difficult to decide whether they are smiling or grimacing. I think the biggest thanks should go to them for the endless ‘misery’! we put them through (he he). You are truly great and of course it is fun when the weather is warmer and the horses behave.

Many thanks to all that help on the day, we couldn’t put these events on without you. We would like to thank Sue, a new helper and my friend (well at the moment).

Sue gave up her time to take on a new role in her busy life, namely writing for the judge. Bless her; she arrived for the first event with what I thought was a tattoo – on closer inspection I realised that she had random words written on her hands. I asked the question – ‘A tattoo at your age?’

“These are dressage words that I might need for such an occasion”. She replied. “They are all fresh out the dictionary and all correctly spelt” Having explained to me that her spelling is atrocious she still gave it a go, so putting a glove over her hand and treasuring it as if it was a precious jewel, she joined

the judge and spent the rest of the day in the car learning about dressage. Afterwards she exclaimed that she had enjoyed the experience a lot, but had discovered a whole new vocabulary that she couldn't spell and that not one of her words had been used.

Oh how we laughed! Amazingly she is still my friend and turned up for the second event with a small piece of paper covered in carefully spelt words. (It's her birthday soon – think I will have to buy her a little lined notebook).

Well we didn't put her off and she has now had experience of stewarding, writing and scoring. She has become a very valuable part of the team and friends of everyone she is happy to report for duty at the next and last Winter Dressage event on April 24th. So look out for her.

If anyone else would like to help out, I promise it is mainly good fun and you will get to learn a lot about dressage as well as meet some great people. If you would like to help at the next event please contact Joy Brown (joyirenebrown@gmail.com)

The last event in the winter dressage league on the above date at The Paddocks Bickenhall is open to everyone and has a class for freestyle 'have a go' dressage to music'. Come along and have a go. You don't have to be an expert with music or dressage. You can use just one musical piece, a track from your favorite CD perhaps. Horses love to work to music and I don't think I have seen a rider working a horse to music without a happy smile across their face. We would love to see you in any capacity, spectator, rider, helper or supporter come along and join in the fun.

Of course you will also get to see our new Riding Club Shed - A little building of great design and importance. It has a few cupboards, a table and an amazingly comfortable sofa, but most important of all it's full of us.

Sara xxx

Dressage League – the results so far!

28TH FEBRUARY 2016 THE PADDOCKS

CLASS 1 BD WALK & TROT INTRODUCTORY A

- 1st - JANE DRISCOLL PERCY
- 2nd - ALISON TOMLISON WILLOWAY HIGH JINKS M
- 3rd - ALICE MAJOR ZIGGY J&M
- 4th - SARA THORNE CRACKERJACK
- 5th - DEANA ROWLAND INDIE M
- 6th - RACHEL HOLDEN ROBBIE

CLASS 2 PRELIM 7 SECTION A

- 1st - JANE DRISCOLL PERCY
- 2nd - SARAH THORNE CHIPPIY
- 3rd - SARA THORNE BOBBY
- 4th - ALICE MAJOR ZIGGY J&M
- 5th - DEANA ROWLAND INDIE M
- 6th - STEVE SMITH OVER TO CLOVER M

CLASS 2 SECTION B

- 1st - JANET SAGE BEAU M
- 2nd - PAT ETHERINGTON BI BI LOU M
- 3rd - TRICIA BUDD JUST GEM M

4th - DEZI NICHOLLS POLLYANNA M

5th - JILL KING SHULAS ARISTA M

CLASS 3 NOVICE 28

1st - KATE HOPPER SAUBER M

2nd - STEVE SMITH OVER TO CLOVER M

3rd - JANET SAGE BEAU M

4th - JILL KING SHULAS ARISTA M

5th - DEZI NICHOLLS POLLYANNA M

20 MARCH 2016 THE PADDOCKS

CLASS 1 BD INTRO B WALK TROT

=1st AMANDA RYAN DEANO

=1st JANNAH CASSIDY SCOOPY DOO

3rd DEANA ROWLAND INDI M

4th VANESSA COATES CHARLIE

5th RIVER BAYLIS PATCH

6th ALISON TOMLINSON HIGHWAY HIGH JINKS M

CLASS 2A PRELIM 13

1ST GRETA DUFF SQUIRREL

2ND ALICE MAJOR ZIGGY J M

3rd DEANA ROWLAND INDI M

4TH LESLEY HOUSE CHANCER

5TH VANESSA COATES CHARLIE

6TH KARENZA FREAR SCOOPY DOO

CLASS 2B PRELIM 13

1st EMMA PEARCE TEATIME M

2nd JANET SAGE BEAU M

3rd JANE DRISCOLL PERCY

4th TRICIA BUDD JUST GEM M

5th DEZI NICHOLLS POLLYANNA M

CLASS 3 PRELIM 18

1st LESLEY HOUSE CHANCER

2nd EMMA PEARCE TEATIME M

3rd ALICE MAJOR ZIGGY J M

4th KATE HOPPER SAUBER M

5th JILL PERRIOR GRACE M

6th JANE DRISCOLL PERCY

CLASS 4 NOVICE 30

1st KATE HOPPER SAUBER M

2nd GRETA DUFF SQUIRREL

3rd JILL PERRIOR GRACE M

Training

- Flatwork training with Karen Cameron at Paddocks, Bickenhall.

10am start, Saturday 26th March, Saturday 9th and 16th April; more start times depending on numbers.

Training sessions will be £15 for an hour, there will be no more than 3 riders in a lesson. To be paid on the day, late cancellations will still need to be paid for and made through Deana rather than Karen. To book your place, please contact Deana Rowland either by email deanarowland2@aol.com or by text 07841012410.

- **Evening polework/gridwork/show jumping training with Kate Hopper at Southwoods Farm, Culmstock (Clippersharp)**

Following on from the very successful indoor training at Conquest, we are now moving to our summer home; Southwoods Farm, by kind permission from Richard and Vicky Goody. Training sessions will be £10 for an hour, there will be no more than 3 riders in a lesson. To be paid on the day, late cancellations will still need to be paid for and made through Tricia. Contact her on triciabudd24@gmail.com

They are all Fridays and are all 6.00 - 7.00 pm with the option of a second ride, 7.00 - 8.00 pm if the first is over subscribed.

- 13th & 27th May; • 3rd & 17th June; • 8th & 22nd July; • 5th & 12th August

These rallies need to be booked with Tricia. She will confirm you have a place or that you are on a waiting list. A couple of days before the rally she will email you with your time. If you have an event coming up and you would like some specific training, Kate will do her best to accommodate you.

Summer Camp

- We have 3 spaces left for camp 30th & 31st July 2016.
Strictly Dressage

- Schedule below, we will hold a couple of training sessions later in the year for you to have a practice!
"STRICTLY DRESSAGE" HAVE-A-GO DRESSAGE TO MUSIC COMPETITION ON SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2016 Commencing 9.00am

AT CONQUEST RIDING CENTRE CONQUEST FARM TAUNTON TA2 6PN

ENTRIES CLOSE 17TH SEPTEMBER 2016

TIMES WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEB SITE ON FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

www.blackdownhillsridingclub.co.uk

(All profits will be split between BHRC and Conquest RDA)

FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED

Three tier rosettes to 6th place in each class and to 10th place for afternoon final

Special Rosettes for Best Outfit, Best Props, Most Amusing Routine, Best Routine,

Oldest Horse, Youngest Competitor, Oldest Combination

FREE ENTRY TO ALL SPECTATORS

A panel of judges will decide the best technical performance, however, the

fun categories will be decided by public vote and everyone attending the

afternoon performance will be issued with a voting slip.

(Spectators may wish to bring their own chairs as seating is limited)

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE ON SALE

MORNING SESSION

Commencing 9am

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES WILL BE JUDGED AS STANDARD DRESSAGE TO MUSIC CLASSES. THE THREE HIGHEST PLACED COMPETITORS IN EACH CLASS, PLUS ONE WILD CARD SELECTED BY THE JUDGE AND THE BHRC GROUND CREW, MAKING A TOTAL OF 10 COMPETITORS WHO WILL GO THROUGH TO THE AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE. THEY WILL ALSO AWARD SPECIAL ROSETTES AND PRIZES TO THE YOUNGEST COMPETITOR, THE OLDEST HORSE, THE OLDEST COMBINATION, MOST AMUSING ROUTINE, BEST PROPS AND THE BEST COMBINATION NOT GOING THROUGH TO THE AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE.

CLASS 1 – HAVE-A-GO WALK & TROT DRESSAGE TO MUSIC - Time allowed 3 ½ - 4 mins.

Competitor may be assisted but not led

Mandatory Moves: Halt at beginning and end of test – Walk and Trot on both reins, to include circles on both reins or a serpentine – Free Walk on a Long Rein - Any additional moves may be performed (excluding canter) providing they appear in a Current BD test up to and including Prelim.

Entry Fee: £14 BHRC member £15 non BHRC member Rosettes to 6th place - Rosettes to all competitors – Members rosette to highest placed BHRC Member – Best Fancy Dress rosette

CLASS 2 – HAVE-A-GO OPEN DRESSAGE TO MUSIC - Time allowed 4 - 5 mins.

Mandatory Moves: Halt at beginning and end of test – Walk, Trot and Canter on both reins, to include circles on both reins or a serpentine - Free Walk on a Long Rein - Any additional moves may be performed providing they appear in a Current BD test up to and including Novice.

Entry Fee: £14 BHRC member £15 non BHRC member - Rosettes to 6th place – Members rosette to highest placed BHRC Member – Best Fancy Dress rosette

CLASS 2 – HAVE-A-GO OPEN PAIRS DRESSAGE TO MUSIC - Time allowed 4 - 5 mins.

Mandatory Moves: Halt at beginning and end of test – Walk and Trot on both reins, to include circles on both reins or a serpentine - Free Walk on a Long Rein - Any additional moves may be performed providing they appear in a Current BD test up to and including Novice.

Entry Fee: £23 BHRC member £24 non BHRC member Rosettes to 6th place – Members rosette to highest placed BHRC Member – Best Fancy Dress rosette

AFTERNOON SESSION

Commencing 2pm

THE ROUTINES OF THE TEN FINALISTS WILL BE JUDGED BY A PANEL OF FOUR JUDGES AND A CHAIRMAN (WHO WILL HAVE THE DECIDING VOTE) AND IT WILL BE THE TEST, THAT IN THE JUDGES OPINION, IS THE MOST TECHNICALLY ACCURATE, ARTISTICALLY PLEASING AND INVENTIVE THAT WILL WIN STRICTLY DRESSAGE. THE PUBLIC WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE ON THIS PART OF THE COMPETITION! HOWEVER, THE PUBLIC WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE ON THEIR FAVOURITE COMBINATION, BEST COSTUME & THEIR CHOICE OF BEST ROUTINE.

ROSETTES TO 10TH PLACE - MEMBERS ROSETTES TO ALL BHRC MEMBERS

SPECIAL ROSETTES AND PRIZES WILL AGAIN BE AWARDED TO THE YOUNGEST COMPETITOR,

THE OLDEST HORSE, AND THE OLDEST COMBINATION.

WE WILL NOT BE USING THE CONQUEST MUSIC SYSTEM

BHRC will play all music on its own Adastra PAV8 PA and CD player. This system is very loud. Be aware that if your music was recorded at a low volume, when we turn our volume up, it may well distort the sound of your CD.

GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS

1. Riding is a risk sport – ALL COMPETITORS TAKE PART AT THEIR OWN RISK and are expected to exercise due care at all times and to obey all notices placed for their control. The Organisers and Owners of the Venue shall not be responsible or accountable in any way whatsoever for any loss, injury or damage that may happen from any cause or circumstances whatsoever, to competitors, their servants, agents, other members of the public, any animals, property or vehicles brought into the Venue or whilst entering or leaving the same, or for anything else in conjunction with or arising out of, or attributable to the Competition. It shall be a condition of entry that each Competitor shall hold the Organisers blameless, and indemnify them against any loss, damage or legal proceedings. SPECTATORS, whether or not connected with competitors are also required to comply with the above conditions for their own safety.
2. The Judge's decision is final.
3. All accidents/incidents/falls shall be reported to the secretary (whether or not First Aid attention was required) and assistance must be given in recording the event in the accident/incident book. The BHRC recommend that all competitors should have adequate personal sports insurance.
4. All juniors under the age of 18 must wear a riding hat to the current BRC standard. Seniors may opt not to wear a hat, but must sign a disclaimer before warming up.
5. No lunging allowed in the warm up area. Please work-in in the designated area.
6. Anyone riding or handling a horse/pony in a manner that is considered by the Organisers to endanger the safety or well being of any horse, pony, rider, spectator or official will be asked to leave the showground
7. The horse or pony is only to be ridden on site by the person competing.
8. Any person using physical or verbal abuse against any committee member, judge, steward, official or helper will be asked to leave the showground and banned from entering competitions in the future.
9. It is your responsibility to report to the steward on time for your test. No refunds will be given.
- 10 All dogs must be kept on leads.

DRESSAGE TO MUSIC RULES & CONDITIONS

- # All DTM test are timed from the first halt to the final halt which has to be on the A – C centre line, but not necessarily at D, X or G.
 - # No more than 20 seconds of introductory music may be played before the entry at A. A definite signal to start i.e. a big wave, must be given
 - # All BHRC DTM Test will take place in a 20m x 40m Arena.
 - # In the event of a tie for any place in the morning session, the competitor or pair with the highest mark for Artistic Presentation will be placed highest,
 - # Music must be recorded on a standard CD and it is recommended that each rider has at least one spare copy to hand. CD's must be handed to commentator at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time of their test. The CD and the case must be marked with the competitors name and which class they have entered. Competitors may provide their own technical adviser to be present to supervise the playing of the CD
 - # Props are allowed and an un-mounted assistant are allowed in the arena with you.
- The judges are looking for music that suits the horse, a test that covers all the arena and looks neat, with a happy horse and rider. A well-executed, simple test that is a joy to watch, will beat an over ambitious test.

IN THE INTEREST OF HYGIENE PLEASE COULD EVERYONE CLEAR UP THEIR HORSE'S DROPPINGS, HAY AND LITTER AND REMOVE THEM FROM THE FIELD AND OR PARKING AREA

THANK YOU

“STRICTLY DRESSAGE”

HAVE-A GO DRESSAGE TO MUSIC COMPETITION

SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2016

CLASS RIDER (PLEASE GIVE AGE IF JUNIOR) HORSE & AGE BHRC MEMBER? ENTRY FEE

STABLING AT CONQUEST IS AVAILABLE AT £10 PER DAY (SUBJECT TO THERE NOT BEING A STRANGLES OUTBREAK IN THE AREA) TO BE PAID AT TIME OF ENTRY) PLEASE STATE NO, OF STABLES REQUIRED @£10 EACH
TOTAL ENCLOSED £

Please use the space below to tell us about yourself, your horse and your routine/choice of music. The commentator will read this out before your test starts. Feel free to put this on a separate piece of paper,

I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE SHOW RULES AND CONDITIONS

NAME.....

.....

ADDRESS.....

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CONTACT DETAILS.....

DATE.....

SIGNED (parent or legal guardian if on behalf of a junior).....

Entries to: Mrs Tricia Budd, 24, Newlands Grove, Ruishton, Taunton. Somerset TA3 5JJ 01823 442597

Clear round jumping at Paddocks. Open to members and non-members.

• Friday 20th May and Friday 24th June. 6.00 – 8.00 pm £3 per round.

Contact us –

Tricia Budd 24, Newlands Grove, Ruishton, Taunton, Somerset .TA3 6JJ. 07883631364
triciabudd24@gmail.com

Deana Rowland Coombe Hill House, Symonsburrow, Hemyock, Devon EX16 3XA. 01823 680021
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saraloosmenagarie@talktalk.net

• WS&DD Championships. West Somerset and Devon Dressage Qualifiers 2016

The first three eligible competitors in the qualifying classes (and highest placed junior if outside top 3 placings) will qualify for the West Somerset and Devon Dressage Championships to be held at KSEC on Saturday 22nd October 2016.

To be eligible, horses in the Prelim class must have no BD points (BD Prelim points do not count) and those in the Novice class no more than 124 BD points at close of entries to the WSDD Championships. Riders must also be a member of one of the following Area 12 Riding Clubs: Witheridge, West Somerset, Exeter, Quantock, Sid & Otter Valley, North Devon, Blackdown Hills or Ifracombe & District.

In addition, combinations are ineligible to compete at the same level or below if they have been WSDD Champion or Reserve Champion or placed 1st – 6th individually at any BRC National Dressage Championship in any year prior to qualification.

No qualification is required for entry to Elementary Championship but the horse must have less than 199 BD points at close of entries to the WSDD Championships, not have competed at Medium level or above and satisfy the criteria in the paragraph above.

Ex racehorses MUST have an ROR number. Registration is FREE and can be completed at www.ror.org.uk. Unraced horses and foreign raced horses can be registered for this as well as those raced in GB.

The winners at the championship will receive a training grant with the trainer of their choice.

Secretary Report for February -

Hello to you all, it is half term, the sun is shining (it was on Monday when I started to write this!), Gem is sound and spooking at sandbags and my washing machine has broken down so I can't do any ironing; life doesn't get much better than this! This newsletter is HUGE, there is a lot of information. Sadly, Conquest RDA are no longer running their X Factor; HOWEVER, BHRC are running "Strictly; Dressage to Music" on Sunday 25th September at Conquest RDA. Think X Factor/Strictly Come Dancing/Britain's got Talent with the unique BHRC twist and we will see you all there. The competition will be open to individuals and pairs and our BHRC quadrille will be there to showcase their new theme and routine during the interval. Many details have to be finalised, indeed many details may not have been thought of yet, but it will be a completely new format with a fair judging system. Watch this space for more details!

- **Membership Cards!** No, I know you have not received yours – I haven't received mine either! I had sent the first batch of members to BRC well before the cut-off date and received an email back assuring me their files had been updated. Since then I had not heard anything and no reply to the many countless emails I had sent. I finally resorted to using the telephone to be told the person who deals with membership had been off sick and had left before Christmas. I have been assured that ours are on a list to be sent out at the end of February. It is possible that if you paid BHRC after 14th January, you will get your card at the end of March as I have just sent in the updated February list. You are members however, if you have paid BHRC; I can let you have your BHRC membership number if you need it before your card arrives. Welcome to our new members for February – Katrina and Gemma Bussell, we look forward to seeing you soon at a BHRC event.

- Training – we have lots!

Flatwork with Karen Cameron BHSI at Paddocks, Bickenhall.

Flat work training at The Paddocks, Bickenhall with Karen Cameron, 10am start, Saturday 12th and 26th March more start times depending on numbers. Also Saturday 9th and 16th April.

Training sessions will be £15 for an hour, there will be no more than 3 riders in a lesson. To be paid on the day, late cancellations will still need to be paid for and made through Deana rather than Karen. To book your place, please contact Deana Rowland either by email deanarowland2@aol.com or by text 07841012410.

Poles and grids with Kate Hopper BHSAI at Conquest RDA, Taunton

Monday 7th March 6.45 – 7.45 pm, Friday 18th March 6.30 – 7.30 pm and Friday 22nd April 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Maximum of 4 in a group, £10 per person. Contact Tricia to book your place. triciabudd24@gmail.com

Kate Hopper is a great friend to us all at BHRC, the only member we have who can get her pony to lie down and then sit up! She (and Kathy Card,) were part of the original Quadrille, before we knew it worked!

This is from Kate - I attained my BHSAI in 1984 along with the Pony Club 'H' Test and worked full time with horses for over 20 years covering most disciplines. Although no longer working with horses, I continue to own a wonderful pony & 3 donkeys. It's been a while since I've done any teaching so be kind to me! I've been asked to teach pole work & those of you who think that you don't want to do any jumping needn't switch off at this point as it's a great way to improve your flat work as well as a precursor to jumping. I would say that my style of teaching is probably similar to the BHRC way & I'm hoping that most of all, you & your horse/pony will gain confidence & have some fun along the way.'

- **Dressage league** – Sunday 28th February. It is possible warm-up will be restricted as Paddocks is a little boggy. Joy would be very grateful for some help if you have an hour or two free. Don't forget to get your entries to Joy in plenty of time!
- **Spring Show** Sunday 17th April at Heazle– again, Jill would be grateful for some help at this one, I shall be in Torquay with 80 x 7, 8 and 9 year olds! Our newly designed rosettes will also be on display and a cup will be awarded at the AGM for the member who accumulates the most points throughout the day. Morning Judge - Lindy Worsdale, Afternoon Judge - Liz Crewe
- **FOTH combined training** – Good Friday 25th March. Run by Witheridge RC and to be held at Pontispool, part of the schedule is below, the schedule in its entirety can be seen on our BHRC website and the Area 12 website.
- **Rising Stars Dressage**. Easter Monday 28th March– Run by West Somerset RC Part of the schedule is below, the whole thing is on our web site, plus they are doing an individual competition and a WSDD qualifier. Again, we will send as many teams as we can, I think you have to enter the individual competition yourself.
- **Clear round jumping** at Paddocks. Open to members and non-members. Friday 20th May and Friday 24th June. 6.00 – 8.00 pm £3 per round.
- **Camp** – I have already had 4 provisional requests for a place at camp 2016! The format and prices will be the same as other years. The first £80 deposits will secure a place, the rest will be put on a waiting list. The remainder £20 can be paid on the day. Members attending camp are automatically entered into the dressage competition and given a clear round jumping token. It is not compulsory to use these!

BHRC Summer Camp at Paddocks Equestrian, 30th & 31st July 2016

Three rides – squares, triangles and circles

Saturday

9.30 am onwards - arrive

10.00 – 11.30 am Squares flatwork lesson

11.00 am –all others arrive and get horses settled in their stable

12.00 – 12.30 lunch

12.45 – tack up

1.00 pm – 2.30 - Triangles flatwork lesson (Circles Squares, hack, SJ or XC)

2.30 – 2.45 - drinks and snacks

2.45 – 4.15 –Circles flatwork lesson (Triangles and Squares, hack, SJ or XC)

4.15 – 4.45 – afternoon tea

4.45 – 5.45 – Squares SJ lesson (Circles and Triangles hack, SJ or XC)

5.45 - 6.00 – drink and snacks

Evening hack to the local pub (Farmers Arms) followed by a barbeque

Sunday

7.00 am – feed and muck out horses

8.00 am breakfast

9.00 – tack up

9.15 – 10.15 – Triangles SJ lesson (Circles and Squares hack, SJ or XC)

10.15 – 10.30 – drinks and snack

10.30 – 11.30 - Circles SJ lesson (Triangles and Squares, hack, SJ or XC)

12.00 – lunch

12.30 – dressage display by Karen Cameron and Veder

2.00 – 3.30 approx. - competitions (dressage and clear round jumping) open to ALL members

4.00 - presentation of prizes and afternoon tea

4.30 – muck out stables and box up to go home

FAQ's and questions you may not have thought to ask!

- Your stable will be ready from 9.30 am
- You are welcome to arrive at Paddocks from 9.30 am on the Saturday, lunch is served at 12.00 noon
- You are welcome to come to Paddocks on the Friday to find your allocated stable. You can move your horse into your stable on Friday night if you wish but you will need to pay Kate an extra £20.
- You can put up your tent on the Friday evening.
- Most stables are on shavings
- You need to provide your own hay, please make sure the hay doesn't get mixed in with the bedding.
- You do need to provide hard feed for your horse.
- You will need water buckets
- You do not have to bring mucking out tools as there are plenty but you may wish to bring your own broom and shavings fork
- All YOUR food is provided but you may wish to bring a cake or crisps to share
- You will need to provide your own alcohol!!!!
- If you are vegetarian or have a food allergy, please make sure we are aware of it
- You must wear a body protector for cross country, (no matter how small they are!) and it is recommended for show jumping as well
- All juniors must have a responsible adult stay with them at night
- £100 per person. A deposit of £80 is required to reserve your place. We take a maximum of 12 at camp therefore the first 12 to pay their deposit will have a place.

MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE COMPETITION

Sunday 31st July 2016

Held by kind permission of Kate Baker, 'The Paddocks'

Bickenhall Nr Taunton

TA3 6TS

ONE CLASS - Prelim.12, but it will be split into 2 or 3 sections depending on entries.

The competition will be held in an outdoor arena, warm up on grass.

Entries to : Mrs Joy Brown, Hidon Mead Cottage, Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3TJ. Tel:
01823 680012.

BHRC MEMBERS ONLY SUMMER CAMP DRESSAGE ENTRY FORM

Name

Address:Tel No:.....

I hereby agree to abide by the show rules and conditions

Signature.....Date.....

Name of Horse/ pony Name of rider Fee

THE COMPETITION WILL BE RUN UNDER BRC RULES FOR DRESSAGE

All classes are open to adults and juniors

Entry form should be sent to the Show Secretary (Joy Brown) together with the correct fees £7.00 per class. Members attending camp do not pay and are automatically entered.

Cheques to be made payable to The Blackdown Hills Riding Club.

Late entries will incur a £1 surcharge per class and are at the discretion of the secretary.

Rosettes will be awarded to 6th. Place in each section,

No responsibility can be taken by the organizers for any accident to competitors, horses, spectators or property.

Competitors will be expected to abide by any Health and Safety rules,

The judge's decision is final.

All competitors will be expected to wear the current and correct riding hats.

No refund of fees after the closing date

Please remove all droppings and leave the car park tidy

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• WS&DD Championships. West Somerset and Devon Dressage Qualifiers 2016

The first three eligible competitors in the qualifying classes (and highest placed junior if outside top 3 placings) will qualify for the West Somerset and Devon Dressage Championships to be held at KSEC on Saturday 22nd October 2016.

To be eligible, horses in the Prelim class must have no BD points (BD Prelim points do not count) and those in the Novice class no more than 124 BD points at close of entries to the WSDD Championships. Riders must also be a member of one of the following Area 12 Riding Clubs: Witheridge, West Somerset, Exeter, Quantock, Sid & Otter Valley, North Devon ,Blackdown Hills or Ifracombe & District.

In addition, combinations are ineligible to compete at the same level or below if they have been WSDD Champion or Reserve Champion or placed 1st – 6th individually at any BRC National Dressage Championship in any year prior to qualification.

No qualification is required for entry to Elementary Championship but the horse must have less than 199 BD points at close of entries to the WSDD Championships, not have competed at Medium level or above and satisfy the criteria in the paragraph above.

Ex racehorses MUST have an ROR number. Registration is FREE and can be completed at www.ror.org.uk. Unraced horses and foreign raced horses can be registered for this as well as those raced in GB.

The winners at the championship will receive a training grant with the trainer of their choice.

Secretary report January 2016 - Happy New Year!

Paddocks is a little moist and cold at the moment, however, the evenings are already light for a little longer each day and the daffodils are about so I can only assume spring is just around the corner. The photo is of Gem and I about to go for a hack this afternoon. She may now be 25, but she is feeling great, thanks in no small part to Karen Cameron who has pandered to her every whim this winter. Karen witnessed our return to Paddocks earlier and commented Gem was “very forward going”! BHRC have just held its first committee meeting for 2016. We have not been inundated with more recruits so we have a working committee of 8 – anyone wishing to join us would be made very welcome. Our next meeting is February 8th – 7.30 pm start.

Welcome to our new members for 2016 so far; Catherine and David Gray, Leesa and Alice Major, Marvin Lee, Annie Liang and Emma Smith. I have sent all re-joined BHRC members details to BRC headquarters, our membership cards should be sent to us at the end of January. If you don't receive yours, let me know.

• Training – Deana is in the process of organising flatwork, pole work and grid work training at Curland EC, Heazle and Paddocks. Jane Palfrey is organising arena XC training at Pontispool. More details to follow. I have organised informal flatwork training at Conquest RDA on Monday 18th. 6.45 pm – 7.45 pm £5 per person. I have 2 spaces left. Contact me if you want to attend.

- Hats – unless you have been in Outer Mongolia for the last year you will know the hat rule has changed. Your hats will only be checked at Area and team events; they will be fitted with a blue label.

- Dressage league – our first competition of the season. Joy would be very grateful for some offers of help. Stewarding, making tea, eating cake and reading tests for nervous competitors seems the only requirement needed on your C.V.

- Membership – is now due, we have the technology to take BACS payment! However, please make sure you put “membership” when you pay and let me know you have paid. You don’t need to send me your membership form, just the details from the form. Our bank details are as follows - NatWest – sort code 60-23-05, account no; 74506439

- Future events – Monday 18th January 6.45 pm in-formal training, Conquest RDA. Sunday 28th February – Dressage League at Paddocks, Sunday 20th March – Dressage League at Paddocks, Sunday 17th April, Spring Show at Heazle – schedule below.

- Fund raising – the final total for the Injured Jockey Fund was close to £460. Our charities for 2016 are going to be; St Marys Hospice, The Alzheimer’s Society and our Dressage Day Fund raising event is going to be The Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund (RMCTF) is the overarching Royal Marines Charity and money raised can be used for very wide purposes, probably the widest of any Service charity. They provide a better quality of life to serving and retired Royal Marines and their families. The decision to hold this event has no bearing at all on the fact I happen to have a World War One outfit in my wardrobe!

- Contact us –

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- Contact details for the rest of the committee can be found on our website –
blackdownhillsridingclub.co.uk/

- Area 12 events – we have 2 area events coming up, anyone interested should contact me and I will collate teams. The full schedules can be found on the Area 12 website. <http://www.brcarea12.org.uk/>
Area 12 Qualifiers

- British Riding Clubs Novice & Intermediate Winter Show Jumping Qualifiers for the BRC Winter Championships 2016
Saturday 5th March 2016 KSEC Equestrian Centre Email completed form to: h_pavey@yahoo.co.uk
Entries close 26th February

1A Junior 1B Senior Novice Show Jumping 80cm first round Open to junior and senior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year. Horses not to have won any BS winnings at the close of prelim entry. Horses downgraded to zero winnings under BRC

downgrading rules are eligible Horses cannot have competed at intermediate or open show jumping in the same competition year. All horses may be currently registered with BE but must not have been placed in the first six in any BE 100 competition in the current or previous calendar year at close of prelim entry. Horses cannot compete at both Novice Winter Show jumping and Intermediate Winter Show jumping. £80 For team of four £65 For team of three

2A Junior 2B Senior Intermediate Show Jumping 95cm first round Open to senior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year. Horses not to have won £500 at the close of prelim entry. Horses may be currently registered with BE but must not have gained 20 BE points. Horses cannot have competed at open show jumping in the same competition year. Horses cannot compete at both Novice Winter Show jumping and Intermediate Winter Show jumping. £80 For team of four £65 For team of three

British Riding Clubs Novice Winter Dressage Qualifier For the BRC Winter Championships
2016 Schedule Sunday 14th February 2016 Bicton Arena

Junior Winter Dressage

Prelim Section(Qualifier) Open to Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year. Horses not to have won any BD points at the close of prelim entry. Horses downgraded to zero points under BRC downgrading rules are eligible. Horses cannot have competed in elementary or above in the same competition year, BD or BRC. Riders must not have gained the following qualifications; FBHS, BHSI,BES Eq 4, BD Group 1 – 6 or PC A Test. Test: BRC D2 (2014)

Junior Winter Dressage

Novice Section (Qualifier) Open to Junior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year. Horses may have won up to 124 BD points at the close of prelim entry. Horses downgraded to 124 points under the BRC downgrading rules are eligible. Test: BRC D10 (2014)

Senior Winter Dressage Prelim Section (Qualifier) Open to senior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year. Horses not to have won any BD points at the close of prelim entry. Horses downgraded to zero points under BRC downgrading rules are eligible. Horses cannot have competed in elementary or above in the same competition year, BD or BRC. Riders must not have gained the following qualifications; FBHS, BHSI,BES Eq 4, BD Group 1 – 6 or PC A Test. Test: BRC D2 (2014)

Senior Winter Dressage

Novice Section (Qualifier) Open to senior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year. Horses may have won up to 124 BD points at the close of prelim entry. Horses downgraded to 124 points under the BRC downgrading rules are eligible. Test: BRC D10 (2014)

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR HORSE CANNOT REPRESENT ANY CLUB AT RISING STARS LEVEL ONCE IT HAS COMPETED IN AN AREA EVENT.

SPRING IN-HAND & RIDDEN SHOW ON SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2016 AT HEAZLE RIDING CENTRE. HEAZLE FARM, CLAYHIDON WELLINGTON, SOMERSET EX15 3TH

SOUTH WEST PONY ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hon. Show Secretary: Mrs J Perrior
Newtown Farm, Bickenhall, Taunton TA3 6UF
TEL: 01823 480349

Online schedules can be downloaded from:
www.blackdownhillsridingclub.co.uk

Postal entries close 10th April 2016 (late entries £1 extra)

Three tier rosettes to 6th place in all classes - Special rosette to highest place BHRC Member in each class

Refreshments by: COMPETE AND EAT

IN-HAND SHOWING

Commencing 9.00am

(entries need not be registered unless specified)

JUDGE: TBC

CLASS 1 – YOUNGSTOCK – OPEN QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Yearlings, Two & Three Year Olds - May be split into age groups if sufficient entries

CLASS 2 – MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (M)

To be registered with the appropriate society and shown in accordance with the rules of that society -
May be split Small/Large if sufficient entries

CLASS 3 – COLOURED HORSE or PONY QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (D)

To include Piebald, Skewbald, Spotted, Appaloosa, Palomino & Dun

CLASS 4 – OPEN HORSE QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (B, E, X)

Exceeding 148cms (Exhibitors in this class may not enter class 5)

CLASS 5 – OPEN PONY QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (F, G, H)

Not exceeding 153cms (Exhibitors in this class may not enter class 4)

CLASS 6 – FOREIGN BREEDS / ARABS QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (A, W)

Any breed not native to the British Isles and their Part-Breds

CLASS 7 – COBS QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (C)

To include Show, Maxi, Traditional/Gypsy – To be shown unplaited

CLASS 8 – VETERAN HORSE or PONY QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (V)

15 yrs and over

CLASS 9 – CHILD HANDLER QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (Y)

Handlers to have achieved their 6th birthday but not their 18th by the 1st January in the current year -
Class may be split if sufficient entries - No colts or stallions - Hard Hats to the current standard must be worn for this class

IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP

1st & 2nd from Classes 1 – 8

RIDDEN SHOWING

Not before 1.00 pm

(entries need not be registered unless specified)

JUDGE: TBC

CLASS 10 – BEST TURNOUT – OPEN

To include In-Hand & Ridden

CLASS 11 – NOVICE RIDDEN – OPEN QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (N, N1, N2, N3)

Horse or Pony not to have been placed 1st in any ridden class – Snaffle bridles to be worn

CLASS 12 – LEAD REIN PONY QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (K A, B & C)

Riders 8yrs & under - ROSETTE TO ALL ENTRIES

CLASS 13 – VETERAN HORSE OR PONY QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (V1)

15 yrs and over

CLASS 14 – MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (M1)

To be registered with the appropriate society and shown in accordance with the rules of that society -

May be split Small/Large if sufficient entries

CLASS 15 – COLOURED HORSE OR PONY QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (D1)

To include Piebald, Skewbald, Appaloosa Spotted, Palomino & Dun

CLASS 16 – OPEN RIDDEN HORSE QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (A1, B1, E1, F1, W1,

X1) EXCEEDING 148cms (Exhibitors in this class may not enter class 17)

CLASS 17 – OPEN RIDDEN PONY QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (F1, G1, H1, H2)

Not exceeding 153cms (Exhibitors in this class may not enter class 16)

CLASS 18 – COBS QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (C1 & C2)

To include Show, Maxi, Traditional/Gypsy – To be shown unplaited

CLASS 19 – COMPETITION HORSE OR PONY QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (R1 & R2)

May be split, Exceeding 148cm / Not exceeding 148 cm, if sufficient entries.

RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1st & 2nd from Classes 11 – 19

SOUTH WEST PONY ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUALIFYING RULES

This show is a qualifier for the South West Pony Association Championships to be held on 1 - 4 September

2016, at the David Broome Event Centre, Crick, Monmouthshire NP26 5XP

THESE CLASSES ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE.

However, if you qualify and wish to go the Championships you need to be a member of the SWPA and meet the qualification criteria of the SWPA

To qualify for the Championships:

1. Enter one of the qualifying classes
2. Be one of the two highest placed exhibits not already qualified within the first four and receive

a qualification card signed in the ring

3. Complete the entry form and the qualification card

4. Return the card together with any registration fees due within 14 days of this show

Please Note: Registration fee for 2016 is £25 to include all members of the family and equines owned by the family.

ENTRY FEES

BHRC members £6 Non-members £7

Entries on the day £1 extra

NO CHEQUES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW

MEMBERS CUP

The BHRC member gaining the most points over all classes on the day will awarded a cup at the 2016 AGM (your 2016 membership fee must have paid before, or on the day of the show)

Points system:

1st. = 6points, 2nd. = 5points, 3rd. = 4points,

4th. = 3points, 5th. = 2points, 6th. = 1point.

Secretary report December 2015

The end of the year is fast approaching and those of you who know me well, know I work in a school. I am not a teacher, but a Higher Level Teaching Assistant which means I can teach certain subjects, one of those subjects is RE. At this time of year, I am teaching the Christmas story and last week in my best teacher voice I am explaining to rapt 7 and 8 year olds that Joseph was a carpenter. "Can anyone tell me what a carpenter does?" I asked. One of my brightest pupils put her hand up and said "sell carpets, Miss!" After a few more enquiries, the general consensus of the entire class was carpenters do something with carpets!

Consequently, nervous of what other answers I may get, I skirted around the virgin birth. They will never make a teacher out of me.

If you missed our AGM and Christmas party, you missed a treat. Lovely people wonderful food and an extremely good raffle. Everyone went home with a prize or trophy of some sort. We said good bye to 3 committee members, Pip Williams, Katy Bower and Pat Etherington. Many thanks to them for all the hard work and dedication they have given the club, they will be greatly missed but all have assured me they will stay as members and come to as many events as they can. It does mean we have a space on the 2016 committee. if anyone would like to come and join us, our first committee meeting of the New Year is Monday 11th January, 7.30 pm at the Catherine Wheel pub, Hemyock.

At the AGM it was proposed and seconded that we lower our junior age to 6, opening up our riding club to more families. As I will still be secretary, you can rest assured I won't be teaching them RE!

OTHER THINGS.

Membership starts again on the 1st January. You can pay by BACS, but you will need to contact Deana as she will have to give you our bank details, you will then need to email me and let me know you have re-joined. Or you can post me a cheque.

I have booked Conquest RDA on some Monday evenings during the winter months. January 18th, February 22nd, March 21st and April 25th. All will be 6.45 pm – 7.45 pm. This is more an informal training session, no instructor is booked, and it will be more like a schooling session for yourself and your horse. Alternatively, if you would like to bring an instructor along; you are very welcome. The cost of the hire of Conquest is £5 per person. As it is winter, snow and floods may cause us to cancel at short notice. You can text ME on 07883631354 or email on triciabudd24@gmail.com. Don't phone me

as I can't have my phone turned on at school. Conquest can accommodate 6 horses, I already have 3 booked.

The 2016 Dressage League starts on 28th February at Paddocks, schedule below.

Below is my end of year report that I read out at the AGM. In addition to this Deana has organised hours of training.....and more training.....and even more training!

Have a wonderful Christmas, a happy New Year and enjoy every moment you can with your horses, we are so lucky to be able to share their lives.

January - Rising Stars Dressage. Both our morning teams came = 6th. Our Afternoon team came 7th. Well done to Sophie and Chloe who came 5th individually in section B, Megan and Dandy who came 5th in section A, and Deana who rode my beloved Gem to come 4th in Prelim 7 with an impressive 67%

Class 1 Blackdown Bunnies

Intro A Sarah Eustace on Northern Genes – Megan Edwards on Dandy

Intro B Georgina Palfrey on Billy – Leia Bower on Chloe

Class 1 Blackdown Boffins

Intro A Charlotte Lacey on Chocolate Champion

Intro B Sophie Eckley on Chloe – Sylvia Bentley on Max

Class 2 Blackdown Bobbies

Prelim 1 Georgina Palfrey on Billy

Prelim 7 Deana Rowland on Just Gem – Amanda Ryan on Caspar

February - it was very cold for our first dressage league competition held on February 1st at the Paddocks, Bickenhall.

March – our second dressage league event – this time it was windy....and cold!

April - Easter Egg-stravaganza including an un-mounted Easter egg hunt, practical stable management on how to plait with thread and an afternoon of clear round jumping.

Spring show at Heazle, thanks go to Jill Perrior and her wonderful band of helpers. Gem stayed at home as she was still recovering from lameness so I was chief poo picker!

May - SUMMER SHOW JUMPING - Was well attended and the new show jumps looked wonderful. I constructed a whole course in 45 minutes!

DRESSAGE-2-MUSIC RALLY at Conquest– it seemed a good idea at the time to give Sara a microphone.

Dressage league, the 3rd leg – it was cold!

June - the dressage league final. A wonderful event yet again, thanks go to Joy Brown and her band of helpers who make this event such a success.

Results for the seniors – Champion - Jill King on Shula's Arista,

Reserve Champion - Tricia Budd on Just Gem.

Results for the juniors - Champion - Pip Williams on the Max Factor,

Reserve Champion went to Alice Major on Arthur

Rising Stars Dressage

TEAM 1

Karen Jones, riding Serin Hanau, otherwise known as Norman she competed in the walk trot class. Section A

Samantha Davis on Bell Isla Pigeon – walk trot class sec B

Bea Perham Bonnie on Queen Bee - walk trot sec B

The team came 4th . Karen came 2nd in her section and also got a rosette for being the highest placed

competitor not part of the winning team and Bea won a huge rosette for the best turned out.

TEAM 2

Jacqui Sparks riding Finbar - Prelim 4

Gary Sparks on Winston - Prelim 4

Samantha Davis on Bell Isla Pigeon - Prelim 14

Deana Rowland riding her new horse Indiana - Prelim 14

The team came 5th and Deana came 5th individually in her section. Thanks go to Sara for being chief d'équipe for the day, and thanks to Jill P and Joy for supporting her. As I know from experience – having a friendly helper on the ground is a great confidence boost and BHRC takes a pride in always sending a supporter to help all our teams. Thank you everyone who helped out that day, I know it was greatly appreciated.

Clear round Show Jumping - Friday 12th June 2015. The last one held on a Friday evening although we didn't know it at the time. The other 2 were cancelled due to rain – a lot of rain!

July –training!

August - Summer Camp at Paddocks. We had a wonderful marquee, thanks to Jane P, wonderful weather, lovely horses, friendly people and an awful lot of food. There are many people to thank for all their efforts over the 1st & 2nd August. Pat E organised the food, Mia organised Paddocks liveries and campers and made sure they all got along together. Jane organised the trip to the pub, Tynka brought enough macaroni cheese and garlic bread to feed an army, Joy and Sara organised the dressage and my bit was getting Karen Cameron to give us a dressage demonstration on her lovely horse Veder. I know I have forgotten many people so thank you, you know who you are. Camp next year is 30th and 31st July.

Summer Spectacular - a dressage to music rally in the morning followed by a practical stable management session on how to bandage. Gem was used to practice on as she was guaranteed to fall asleep whilst all her limbs and appendages are bandaged.

The afternoon was spent hunting for chocolate and a combined training event, I did the scoring for this and it was painfully slow, a sumptuous afternoon tea helped me speed up!

GATCOMBE FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE: a lovely day – all free to members. Sara organised this event and it was an absolute treat. We have asked her to organise another one next year, I suggest you get your names down early!

September – was cancelled as far as the riding club was concerned as there was an outbreak of strangles close to Paddocks. Thankfully it was contained but Gem was grounded for two weeks

October – was a mad month for us! On the 4th we ran our AUTUMN SHOW, less entries than in the spring but we still made a good profit. Gem was sound and we ponced around while others worked hard at running the event. Thanks as ever for everyone who helped yet again. The spring show next year is the 17th April, competitors and helpers alike are welcome to attend.

On the 9th was Sara's quiz, beautifully organised as ever, we will be running it again next year, but at a different venue where we can bring food to share. Get your teams together in plenty of time.

The following day Kate Hopper, Denise Woodcock and I went to KSEG for the WS&D Dressage championships. A lovely day and we won some lovely prizes. This will be run again next year, Jane Palfrey is on the organising committee for this and would welcome some help and suggestions. It is a lovely event to attend.

2 weeks later (we must be mad) we all met up at Paddocks for the postponed Injured Jockey Fund dressage day. The weather held out for us and we had good entries. Joy, yet again had us organised to the nth degree, we had wonderful cakes and thanks to Georgina we had a real life trainer to judge the best outfit in each class.

November – by rights, we should have all been in hibernation by 15th but it was a very late X Factor at

Conquest that had us turned out in (among other things) sequins, feathers, glitter, Elvis, Freddie and a highly colourful clown! We were extremely lucky not to get soaked and blown away. The quadrille won the judges competition in the morning and came 3rd in the afternoon.

It was a day full of drama and tension, but we are the Blackdown Hills and nothing fazes us for long, not even a badger tunnelling under the foundations like Steve McQueen in the Great Escape! Things may not always go to plan, but Denise rode Mary Reeds lovely horse Molly as a replacement for Coco and my beloved Gem was sound. Next year, BHRC are providing the music system!

And that is about it. As always the committee have been fantastic in supporting everything the club has done, you may not always see all of them at every event, but trust me, when there is something needed, they are always there to support the club, we are extremely fortunate to have such a great band of gifted, talented and accommodating committee members – thank you girls!

OPEN UNAFFILIATED DRESSAGE LEAGUE COMPETITION 2016

Held by kind permission of Kate Baker
at
'The Paddocks'

Bickenhall Nr Taunton. TA3 6TS

Includes qualifiers for W.S & D Dressage Championships. Provisional
Each competition will be held in an outdoor arena, warm up may be restricted if the weather is bad.

Please check the prospective weather conditions before hand and only ring the show secretary the evening before to check the event is going ahead if the weather is in doubt.

IN THE EVENT OF A CANCELLED EVENT, DETAILS WILL BE POSTED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF OUR WEB SITE AND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Late entries on the day will be taken at the discretion of the secretary.

The 'Cassie Plates' will be awarded to the winner of the Senior and Junior league and a special rosette awarded for winner and runner up.

Entries for each event to: Mrs Joy Brown, Hidon Mead Cottage, Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3TJ. Tel: 01823 680012.

Mobile number for the day of the show - 07756773010

(Trophies will be given to BHRC members with the highest number of points for each of the W&T, Prelim and Novice classes. To be awarded at the AGM held in December.)

Light refreshments will be available for a small donation.

Sunday February 28th

Class 1 BD Walk and Trot Introductory A (2008) rosette to all entries
(Restricted to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in any dressage event)

Class 2 Prelim 7 (2002)
Section 'A' – restricted to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in Prelim. or

higher
Section 'B' – Open

Class 3 Novice 28 (2008)

All entries in by February 17th to Joy Brown Tel: 01823 680012 Times will be available on BHRC website

Sunday March 20th

Class 1 BD Walk and Trot Introductory B (2009) rosette to all entries
(Restricted to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in any dressage event)

Class 2 Prelim 13 (2006)

Section 'A' – restricted to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in Prelim. or higher

Section 'B' – Open

Class 3 Prelim 18 (2002) Qualifier for W S & D Dressage Championships (provisional)

Class 4 Novice 30 (2006) Qualifier for W S & D Dressage Championships (provisional)

All entries in by March 13th to Joy Brown Tel: 01823 680012. Times will be available on BHRC website

WS&DD QUALIFIERS – no decision made at time of print

Classes 3 and 4 are qualifiers for the West Somerset and Devon Dressage Members of Witheridge, North Devon, West Somerset, Exeter, Quantock, Sid & Otter and Blackdown Hills Riding Clubs are eligible to enter, provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

The top 2 eligible combinations from each qualifier will be invited to the Championships, plus the highest placed eligible junior if not in the top 2 at Preliminary level. The option to invite the 3rd placed combination will be reserved to the organiser.

Sunday April 24th

Class 1 BD Walk and Trot Intro B (2009) rosette to all entries
(Restricted to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in any dressage event)

Class 2 Prelim 14 (2006)

Section 'A' – restricted to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in Prelim. or higher

Section 'B' – Open

Class 3 Have-a-go Dressage to music – freestyle, open to individuals or pairs THIS IS A PERCENTAGE CLASS – THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE WINS. Free entry to this class but a donation to club funds would be appreciated

Class 4 Novice 34 (2009)

All entries in by April 17th to Joy Brown Tel: 01823 680012.

Times will be available on BHRC website

- The Just Gem trophy will be awarded to the highest placed BHRC member in class 3 (individual).
- 2 trophies will be awarded to the highest placed BHRC pairs in class 3

RULES

THE COMPETITION WILL BE RUN UNDER BRC RULES FOR DRESSAGE

- All classes are open to adults and juniors
 - Entry form should be sent to the Show Secretary (Joy Brown) together with the correct fees £7.00 per class BHRC members £8.00 per class nonmembers. Cheques to be made payable to The Blackdown Hills Riding Club.
 - Late entries for classes will incur a £1 surcharge per class and are at the discretion of the secretary.
 - Points system – 1st. = 6points, 2nd. = 5points, 3rd.= 4points, 4th. = 3points, 5th. = 2points, 6th. = 1point.
 - Rosettes will be awarded to 6th. place, with a special rosette to the highest placed BHRC member. The 'Cassie Shields' will be awarded to the riders (one senior and one junior) with the most points accumulated over all classes in the four dressage events.
 - No responsibility can be taken by the organisers for any accident to competitors, horses, spectators or property. Competitors will be expected to abide by any Health and Safety rules on the day (to be posted up on the day)
 - The judge's decision is final.
 - All competitors will be expected to wear the current and correct riding hats.
 - No refund of fees after the closing date
 - Please remove all droppings and leave the car park tidy
 - NO HORSE MAY COMPETE IN MORE THAN 3 CLASSES
- Have-a-go Dressage to music - as far as we know, BHRC are the only club to run this sort of competition. A few guidelines for you below.

The time allowed is 4 to 5 minutes. All DTM tests are timed from the first halt to the final halt (this has to be on the A - C center line, but not necessarily at D, X or G. You do not have to canter and you can ride to just one track. The judges are looking for music that suits the horse, and a test that covers all the arena and looks "neat." You do not have to perform any set moves, you can do a 16 metre circle, half passes and flying changes. A well-executed walk and trot test will beat an over ambitious test.

All BHRC dressage to music tests will take place in a 20m x 40m arena.

The music must be recorded on a standard CD.

It is strongly recommended that each rider has at least one spare copy to hand.

It is very important that a definite signal to start is given. (A BIG wave!)
No more than 20 seconds of introductory music may be played before the entry at A.

*****STOP PRESS - STOP PRESS*** WE NOW ACCEPT JUNIORS FROM 6 YEARS OLD.**

Hello all, this is the last enews from me for 2015, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year if I don't see you at the AGM and Christmas Party, Saraloo xxx

If anyone has any doubt about WHY you, should be a member of the Blackdown Hills Riding Club – then you should have been at the Conquest Centre for the X Factor Dressage to music last Sunday. We had a team of four (Quadrille) - Trish and Gem, Denise and Coco, Kathy and Otto and Kate and Sauber with a reserve of Amy and Aniseed. Our pairs were Kathy and Otto and Mary and Molly, our individual Jill and Grace. These few members of the riding club have a general love for music and dressage and with time, commitment, a lot of bossing from myself and Pat on the sidelines and dear Andy, Denise's other half who brought Denise to all the practices and had to put up with, at times, our silliness (we saw him shaking his head in disbelief as he left the building) they produced an amazing display. It wasn't just a display of dressage but courage, tenacity, determination, and comradeship - yes I could go on.

We didn't win the audience vote in the afternoon – we came 3rd, but we won the judged class in the morning with a whopping 81%! And we won as a club and as individuals because the day was fraught with difficulties but we kept going and with smiles on our faces.

Having 'signed' up to participate in the x factor competition, the practice started back in May with an offer to the whole riding club. Initially we had quite a few come along to the 'open – have a go' we had a good response to our plea for participants for the quadrille but horse problems and work whittled them down to the above group. Once a fortnight we met at Conquest and slowly but surely our dressage extravaganza came together.

In the face of adversity

First Trish's faithful music center breathed its last strains of music and a new one had to be found. After a few sessions without any music and thanks to the club's funds a new and rather fabulous looking music system appeared and the noise that emanated from it was quite something. (I was particularly excited as it had a microphone and the potential for a little Karaoke) suffice it to say, the microphone was removed (Sad face).

A rather nasty outbreak of Strangles at a yard a few miles away from where some of the participating horses lived meant lockdown at their yard and so practices took place with only two horses, the other two riders on foot. Thankfully the outbreak was contained and after a few weeks everything got back to normal and we had our complete quadrille – however the lovely new, music center had a few teething problems (it stopped working) and had to be returned 'to be looked at'. A replacement was lent to us but that lost the will to work as well. The poor chap who was to 'look at' our, all singing all dancing system, had, had a heart attack and was in hospital unable to repair our music system and so we ended up using dear Kate's little trusty CD player and carried on.

The Circus was our theme –

I spotted some feathers at a wedding reception I was attending at the end of the summer – wow they would do as plumes for the horse's heads. However discovering that I couldn't smuggle enough into my handbag, I had to summon up the courage to ask the father of the bride if I could have them. Yes, was his reply and I left the function laden with every feather he had.

We found a way to attach the feathers to the horse's bridles and tried it out on Gem first. Oh she made

us laugh. Trish having dismounted, left Gem with us whilst she fiddled with another horse's plumes. Untied and with us ignoring her, Gem shaking her head with the feathers firmly fixed, walked herself over to the mirror on the far side of the arena and stared at her reflection. She shook her head, looked again in the mirror, visibly sighed and then walked back to us. We all stood open mouthed in amazement.

We had decided that the finale was going to be amazing, with all the horses standing on a circular box at the end and little Sauber sitting. Well that was the plan....

Kate dressed as a clown and sat on her pony - Sauber was to finish the piece by sitting, facing the judges. Yes, I said sitting and sit he did. Amazing – but it was in his time which could take anything from a minute to – well, ages actually and so this needed refining. Kate suggested she got off him as he would be more likely to complete this feat. All agreed and it seemed to work but then we had trouble getting the other horses to stand on anything stable enough to hold them. We tried reinforced tyres – not stable enough – cut down palettes - not stable enough and too heavy for myself and Pat to haul into the arena for the finale. So plastic school hoola hoops it was and the horses were to stand in them He he! Oh how up there were our expectations and to be perfected in such a short time. Well we nearly did it.

The day arrived and with the tail end of Hurricane Abigail battering us, we ascended on Conquest all excited and ready to stun and amaze the judges.....

Jill was one of the first competitors to go. She had a lovely routine and the music was perfect for her horse (Glen Miller) and had been cleverly put together by her husband. Her hand went up – signal to start the music and off she went. We were amongst the audience but all we could hear clearly was the hustle and bustle of people going in and out of the gate, conversations and spectators ordering coffee. The music system had sadly let her down and poor Jill unable to hear her cues didn't perform as well as she knew she could. Disappointed with the music she felt her horse Grace had performed well but wasn't sure if the moves were in time with the music that she couldn't hear. We watched the next few competitors; they were having similar problems. Immediately we got hold of Kate and requested she brought along old faithful and we would use the old CD player for our riders Kathy and Mary who had entered the pair's class.

One of the individual competitors having made a strange swerve during her routine walked her horse over to the judges and informed them that there appeared to be a hole in the arena's surface. One of the judges went over to have a look. A rather large hole was discovered and on further investigation it was discovered to be the work of a badger. There was a halt to the proceedings whilst a number of people stood around looking into the cavern that had appeared. It was filled as much as possible then a decision was made to move the top dressage boards inwards, slightly shortening the arena but keeping the hole away from the competitors.

It was then that Kate arrived with old faithful. I politely asked the lady in charge of the music if we could run our CD off it for our competitors; it was agreed and so when Kathy and Mary entered the arena dressed as Elvis and Freddie Mercury the music was powerful enough to get the audience singing along and it drowned out all the background noise. Kathy and Mary the riders did a great job and qualified for the afternoon performance. Sadly the venue's music system let some of the other competitors down but I made sure we were ready to use old faithful for the Quadrille.

Once everything had been sorted, our quadrille entered the arena, our music struck out and they got into their routine. Unfortunately poor Coco, not used to seeing a table, judges and an audience had a meltdown. Denise her rider kept her head and did a most amazing job in true professional style, she just kept going. Through the whole routine Coco was freaked out, but Denise tried to keep her on track

even though Coco was doing some quite extraordinary moves. The routine came to an end, Sauber did his thing, sat beautifully, the audience responded with lots of spontaneous ahh's and applause.

Poor Denise was devastated and concerned that she had let the team down. At that moment the judges came over to me and said that they wanted our routine to go through to the afternoon regardless of the problems we had experienced, as they wanted the afternoon audience to see it. I went to find our group. They were all around Denise comforting and supporting her and this is what makes me so proud of our riding club because no matter what happens we are there to support, help and motivate not to criticize and alienate. We all felt for Denise and knew it couldn't be helped. Mary very kindly offered Denise the use of her horse Molly, for the afternoon's performance, what a lovely gesture thank you so much Mary.

During the lunch break several riders who had qualified for the afternoon performance and X Factor judging, approached me and asked if they could use our CD player as it was a lot better quality than the venue's system'. As it turned out everyone used it and the music for the afternoon performances was much better for everyone. Poor Jill was the only one that had missed out. Sadly she didn't get through to the afternoon gaining a third place in her category but stayed to support the rest of our riders. Once home and a recount of her marks Jill discovered her score was higher than she thought as her she had been added up incorrectly that morning and so she felt a lot better about her performance. All the riders seem to do a better job in the afternoon, possibly because they could hear their music, probably because the horses had got used to all their surroundings. Kathy and Mary were among those and after a lovely performance the audience voted them into 10th. place. Now it was the quadrille's turn Denise came into the arena on Mary's horse Molly and everything started off really well. Sauber, realizing that the horse who was supposed to be close to him in some of the maneuvers wasn't Coco, decided that Molly shouldn't really be there, so he kept turning his bottom to her showing his disapproval; I couldn't help giggling and felt bad until I realized that the entire quadrille also aware of this were laughing at Saubers antics too. At one point in an effort to avoid Sauber, I think, Molly wouldn't heed Denise's commands and crashed into Gem. Ooo's emanated from the audience but Saubers antics had most of the audience laughing now and as he and Kate were dressed as a clown it wasn't that out of place. There were huge sighs all round when Sauber sat again for the audience and we finished. Amazingly our antics gained us a voted third place I think we were all surprised. Well done everyone, we are so proud of you. It shows how important camaraderie is within the club, to never give up and with help and support from each other it's amazing what can be achieved.

Sara

AGM – Friday 4th. December 7.30pm at The Catherine Wheel Inn Hemyock, refreshments provided. Come along and show your support for your club, put forward any ideas to the committee or put your name forward to join the committee. A couple of the committee members are 'retiring,' and so we will have a space or two for some new blood! We meet on the second Monday of the month at The Catherine Wheel, 7.30 pm start.

It will also be your last chance to purchase tickets for our amazing raffle in aid of the Injured Jockeys Fund. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the evening.

Prizes include –

A visit to the gallops to watch horses training and then join the trainer for breakfast afterwards.

2 entries to Wincanton Races

2 entries to Exeter Races

A racing print

Silver necklace

£20 voucher for Wychanger Barton Saddlery

Borstiq dandy brush from Clipperssharp
£10 voucher for Golden Hill Pet Supplies
2 clocks with a racing design
1 racing print in a frame
5 headcollars with leadropes
Other small prizes

SECRETARY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.
(POSSIBLY THE LAST ONE THIS YEAR!)

• Dressage Day – a lovely day and the weather held out for us! Thanks go to everyone who helped in any way to help raise money for such a good cause. If anyone can suggest a theme for next year, let us know at or before the AGM.

Injured Jockey Fund Dressage Day Results

CLASS 1 BD WT INTRO B

1st – JANICE STOKER & PRINCE
2nd PIP WILLIAMS & CHANLEE PAUSE FOR THOUGHT
3rd- BEA PERHAM & BONNIE QUEEN BEE

CLASS 2 PRELIM 4

1ST - NIKIAH MAIDMENT MELLWAY SILVER SHEEN
2ND - DEZI NICHOLLS POLLYANNA
3RD - JACKIE HUTCHINGS PAKAMA
4TH - DEBBIE HUTCHINGS TIKAROO
5TH - JANET SAGE BEAU
6TH - RACHEL SPENCER SIR LANCELOT

CLASS 3A HAVE A GO DTM PAIRS

1st - KATHY CARD OTTO
1st - MARY REED MOLLY MOO
2nd - NIKIAH MAIDMENT MELLWAY SILVER SHEEN
2nd - JACKIE HUTCHINGS PAKAMA

CLASS 3B DTM

1st - KATE HOPPER SAUBER
2nd - EMILY CHUBB BROOKLAND FARM SPARTACUS
3rd - TRICIA BUDD JUST GEM
4th - DEBBIE HUTCHINGS TIKAROO

CLASS 4 PRELIM 12

1st - EMILY CHUBB BROOKLANDS FARM SPARTACUS
2nd - DEZI NICHOLLS POLLYANNA
=3rd - OLIVIA HODGES LORD PERCY
=3rd - JANET SAGE BEAU

CLASS 5 NOVICE 28

1st - KATHY CARD OTTO

2nd - OLIVIA HODGES LORD PERCY

3rd - EMILY CHUBB BROOKLANDS FARM SPARTACUS

4th - DEZI NICHOLLS POLLYANNA

• West Somerset & Devon Dressage Championships – Kate Hopper, Denise Woodcock and I qualified for this lovely event back in March. Gem won the rosette for the oldest horse and a £5 voucher for being the best turned out, Denise and Coco came 5th in the prelim championship and got a £10 voucher for being the highest placed combination not having represented BHRC at an Area event and Kate and Sauber came 6th in the prelim championship and got a £5 voucher for the pony with the shortest legs! Denise has also won the BHRC Prelim trophy and Kate the Novice, both to be presented at the AGM. We are hoping this event will run next year and I would strongly suggest you all do your best to qualify, it really is a lovely day.

• Training – Deana has booked up November with Karen Cameron at Paddocks for the following dates

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Wednesday 4th, Saturday 14th & Wednesday 25th

She will be available at the AGM to discuss planned training venues and instructors for 2016.

• On the training note, I have booked Conquest RDA on some Monday evenings during the winter months. January 18th, February 22nd, March 21st and April 25th. All will be 6.45 pm – 7.45 pm. This is more an informal training session, no instructor is booked, and it will be more like a schooling session for yourself and your horse. Alternatively, if you would like to bring an instructor along; you are very welcome. The cost of the hire of Conquest is £5 per person. As it is winter, snow and floods may cause me to cancel at short notice. You can text me on 07883631354 or email me on triciabudd24@gmail.com. Conquest can accommodate 6 horses so to secure your place, contact me beforehand.

• AGM and Christmas Party – Friday 4th December. A chance to celebrate the wonderful year BHRC has enjoyed and to plan for 2016. Lots of trophies and cups to be awarded, and our Injured Jockey Fund raffle will be drawn. Some of the prizes are listed below;

Entry for two at Wincanton Races

Entry for 2 at Exeter Races

£20 voucher for Wychanger Barton Saddlery

Borstiq dandy brush from Clipperssharp

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- I have 2 eight year olds who are desperate to join BHRC but can't as our constitution states we can only take juniors who are 9. Both children's mums have asked if we would consider lowering it to 8. This will be proposed at the AGM, if any one feels strongly against this, please contact me – Tricia.
- Merchandise – Deana has made me do a stock take for the auditor and I still have an awful lot of jackets, hoodies and polo shirts that I ordered without asking her at the beginning of the year! I will be bringing the suitcase with it all in to the AGM, feel free to buy something for Christmas – please!
- Trophies – trophies awarded at the 2014 AGM need to be returned please. I also have 2 outstanding from the Open Show in 2013! (Your name is on my list.)
- Rising Stars SJ – we had a team, unfortunately, it seems very few other clubs did and so it has been cancelled. Thanks to Olivia Hodges, Amy Middleton, Mary Reed and Megan Edwards who had put their names forward. We will try again next year. I do know that the next Rising Stars dressage is Sunday 6th March.
- Quadrille – the final dress rehearsal is Monday 9th November at 6.45 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and make as much noise as possible! Unruly children are welcomed as we need to de-sensitise our horses before the X Factor on the 15th November. The quadrille started to practice in May and have been meeting twice a week since then. If it goes to plan, the final routine will stop the show! We also have pairs and individual BHRC entries and they will be strutting their stuff as well. Please also come along the Conquest RDA on Sunday 15th November and vote for us, it is great fun and all for a very good cause. More details are on their web site.
- From 1 January 2016, ALL hats must be checked and tagged with a new ORANGE BRC hat tag. All hats which only meet the standard EN1384 or BSEN1384, and do not comply with another standard off the above list, WILL NOT be accepted and therefore will not be permitted for any BRC competition. Hats which bear EN1384 or BSEN1384 along with another standard list will be tagged. For example, BSEN1384 & PAS015 (1998 or 2011) along with the Kitemark, would be acceptable, but not BSEN1384 on its own.
- From 1 January 2016, no hats with a peak of any description will be permitted for the XC phase of any BRC competition. Hat covers and silks will be permitted.

UPOTTERY ART EXHIBITION

An Exhibition of Work from the Manor Room Art Classes
 A Variety of Media and Subjects
 Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November
 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
 The Manor Room, Upottery, near Honiton.
 Light refreshments.
 Entrance £1.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO HOSPISCARE

THE BLACKDOWN HILLS RIDING CLUB RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

You will need-

- 68 members
- 11 committee members

- 40 hours of flatwork training (approx.)
- 12 hours of pole work training
- 10 hours of dressage-2-music training
- 2 dressage-2-music competitions
- 1 summer camp
- 1 marquee (large with optional bunting)
- 1 Easter Extravaganza
- 1 summer Spectacular
- 6 Rising Stars teams (dressage and show jumping)
- 4 clear round jumping sessions
- 2 showing shows
- A set of plastic show jumps
- 1 quadrille
- 1 dressage league (4 equal parts)
- 1 fund raising event (Injured Jockey Fund)
- 1 dressage championship (WS&DD)
- 1 quiz
- 1 AGM
- 1 trip to Gatcombe
- 2 stable management sessions
- 2 treasure hunts (both for chocolate)
- 1 Christmas party
- 27 cups and trophies
- 300 (approx. rosettes of various colours)

Add to the above-

A selection of homemade cakes, a lot of laughter, a couple of tears, a generous helping of sun shine, a drop of rain (summer camp!) a tall measure of Karen Cameron, a sense of humour and the best selection of horses you could ever dream of.

Mix this up with a selection of local riders who see the funny side to most situations and don't take themselves too seriously and you end up with a unique Riding Club –

BLACKDOWN HILLS!