

August 2012

EEEEEEEEEE news - Hello all, sadly we have to start with a goodbye, namely to Sam Tolley who was our fantastic e-news lady. Due to work commitments she is unable to carry on with the news and so it has fallen to me ([Saraloo](#)). I do apologise for any drop in the standard. I am on a learning curve here. I am sure there will be a few hiccups!!

Firstly welcome to our new members! We hope you enjoy being part of this small and friendly club.

I was staring out of the window yesterday looking for inspiration to put in the news letter and apart from what I had been up to, I couldn't think of anything. Trish came to my rescue – there was a ping on the computer and in popped an email full of information for you all so read on.....

TRAINING - For a lucky few, a new instructor visiting all the way from Australia gave some of our riding club members a lesson.....

Training with Australian Mel at Comeytrove. Tuesday 15th August 2012. This was a new instructor recommended by Liz Williams who used to train with her (too) many years ago. Mel moved to Australia and is back in the UK for a few months. We were fortunate to have a lesson with her, and all that did were very enthused by it. Mel started with the juniors and then took a senior lesson. Comeytrove is a lovely facility a big school with an excellent surface, well away from trees and distractions -so no midges! The three of us in the senior lesson all requested assistance with balance to improve flat work. Mel had an exercise involving cantering circles using trotting poles which was more difficult than it sounds, round circles mine were not. Then she put poles on a curve in the orner of the school, again coming from each way in trot and then in canter. When this was going smoothly alternate ends of the poles were raised so the horses really picked their feet up. It was marvelous to feel that the horses accomplished this as they had shown no real signs of having this aptitude, and yet at this stage they were smoothly bouncing over these poles in canter, on a curve with good agility and balance. All riders were exhilarated by the result and by the improvement in their own balance and that of the horses.

It is just a shame that Mel cannot do a series of lessons for the club. Kathryn (Smith)

Dressage - We held our dressage day last Sunday. What a spectacular result that was. I kept getting emails from Joy (who organized it) saying – “I'm panicking now, we have 40 entries and going up!” On the actual day we had 54 entries and had, had to turn people away otherwise we would have been there until midnight. As always the venue was in tip top condition Kate et al had spent ages getting the fields ready to withstand both parking and working in and it all went to plan - so well done and thanks to Kate and her team.



Above; Steve Smith and Conrod

The weather was crazy – warm and sultry to start, then foggy, then we had rain and I found myself wearing a long waterproof coat and a hat. Then an hour later I was back to shorts and a T shirt and we had to allow the riders to leave their jackets off as it was so hot. Anyway the day went off with out a hitch and everyone appeared to have had a good time.

BHRC RESULTS 19/8/12

Prelim.1

1. Danielle Ballender – Reset Sire
Lancelot
2. Tiffany Ogden – Barney
3. Sara Johnson – Darcy
4. **Kate Hopper - Sauber (BHRC)**
5. Claire Pearce – Just Deacon
6. Sara Cole – Baytree

Prelim. 4 WS&DD Qualifier

1. Sarah Johnson – Mythical Light
2. Imogen Moody – Treffyd Samson
3. Suzanna Maunder – Just Nicholas
4. Danielle Ballender – Reset Sire
Lancelot
5. Sarah Johnson – Schwieker
6. **Kate Hopper - Sauber (BHRC)**

Novice 24

1. Lisa Sharp – Lord Lieutenant
2. **Xanthe Smith – Lara (BHRC)**
3. **Steve Smith – Conrod (BHRC)**
4. **Jill King – Shulas Arista (BHRC)**

Novice 27 WS&DD Qualifier

1. Lisa Sharp – Lord Lieutenant
2. Nicola Nicholls – Fabio
3. Sarah Johnson – Schwieker
4. Sarah Johnson – Mythical Lark
5. Imogen Moody – Treffyd Samson
6. =Victoria Pitcher – Waterford (BHRC) Kathy Card – Otto (BHRC)

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1. Melissa Northwood – The Paint Job
2. Nicola Nicholls – Fabio
3. **Kathy Card – Otto (BHRC)**
4. **Victoria Pitcher – Waterford (BHRC)**
5. **Tricia Budd – Just Gem (BHRC)**

Well done everyone.

Below; The beautiful Lara, ridden by (the beautiful) Xanthe!



HELP! - There are four brave souls that have got together as a team to compete in the X factor Quadrille dressage to music competition in November. So far they are doing extremely well and have got a good routine together that they have been busy practicing at the Conquest Centre. **NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP** In order for them to compete at their full potential they need to be desensitized to a crowd and applause. The few that turn up to watch and support are not enough so..... Please can come along as **rent-a-crowd** to the next couple of training sessions - **Monday Sept 24th and October 8th. (6.00 pm - 7.00 pm)** We so need your help here. Please bring a chair, and at least one of the following:- packets of noisy food, a large dried flower arrangement, an annoying child. Applause and cheering will be compulsory. Please if you can come on either one or both of these dates then email Trish to let her know triciabudd24@gmail.com

Open Show - Our open show is fast approaching and we have most things organized. We will however require some helpers. I think it could be a busy and exciting day as few people have been able to get to an event this washout year and so they may all turn up to ours. Please please can you give a little of your time to help us and your club. We will need some helpers on the Saturday to help put up the jump course and to rope up the arenas. If you are able to help either on the day or the day before please email either myself Sara saraloosmenagarie@talktalk.net or Trish triciabudd24@gmail.com Many thanks.

PLEASE NOTE - **There are still some seats available for the trip to HOYS.** Remember that the riding club is paying for the coach to take you there. That will mean that it will be cheaper for you to go. It is our intention to leave early so we can see the afternoon performance. You will then be free to shop till you drop in the evening and we will leave for home when you are all shopped out. Please let Kathryn know if you wish to go or email her for further details.

Kathryn has also been very busy organizing rallies for you all – the take up has been poor or non existent. Please can you email Kathryn if you would like her to arrange a rally or let her know why you are unable to attend or your other reasons for not taking up this opportunity? We can only move forward in arranging events if we have an idea what you want. ktscanalside@yahoo.co.uk Thanks

EVENTS

Sunday 9th September – BHRC OPEN SHOW, The Paddocks, Bickenhall (For schedule see events page on website)

Saturday 22nd September – Tack Sale at Paddocks 10am – 2pm; contact Tricia Budd to book your pitch – only £5 per pitch!

NON BHRC - EDH are offering a hunt training day, with a hunt schooling day- for both Horse and Rider! Sunday 16th September, Dulford Nr. M5- J28 Tel: 01395 579441 or mouthriding@btconnect.com

Don't forget to keep up with the regular 'goings-on' forthcoming events, photos and more by checking out the website www.blackdownhillsridingclub.co.uk and also follow the riding club on facebook! The facebook page is a great way to let everyone know what you and your equine have been up to, share any photos of yourselves or other at events and keep to speed with others in the club for a gossip!

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Well about time for a quick update for you all, firstly welcome to our many new members! We hope you enjoy being part of this small and friendly club.

Not sure about you but I have really been enjoying the fabulous weather we have been having recently!?!?!?! Only down side is the water wings my pony is growing! Also called a belly! Because mummy doesn't like riding in the rain!!

Anyway, here's a quick summary of what we've got going on over the next few weeks, the club has been having a busy time of it, and I am sure some of the members and organisers of events are hoping to enjoy a little rest at some point!

DRESSAGE - Helpers needed please for the dressage on the 19th August! If anyone can spare a morning or afternoon? Joy is in need of scorers, stewards and writers. Still time to get your entry in if you want to enter!! Visit the website events page for full details! joyirenebrown@gmail.com

TRAINING - New training date added- with a new instructor Melanie Wilson! Full details on the training page, but the lady has come all the way from Australia! Comeytrowe is booked for this on Tuesday 14th August from 5.30. For a ride of 3, it will cost £15 per person.

Karen Cameron is now fully booked for the 2 training sessions in August.
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