

# Old Berkeley Hunt Riding Club

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Newsletter

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## OBHRC Newsletter

Dear Members,

Thank you to all those 2017 members who have re-joined the club so far this year, and the 15 new members to OBHRC, we are growing. I hope that you will all come & support the training, shows, activities & socials that the committee are planning for the Club's 70<sup>th</sup> year. We had a very successful team and social evening on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, with a full car park and over 30 people attending.

Nicky Waters one of our Team Manager gave a very useful talk about the Area 6/L&SE qualifiers, which included Winter & Summer jumping & dressage competitions, DTM, Combined Training, The Liaison Trophy, Horse Trials, Jump heights to expect in the different class levels, restrictions of horse & rider combinations. Nicky was on hand to answer questions from members.

We had a large notice board with details about all sorts of events, BRC, the RVC lectures & horse care management talks, are just some of the events being organising.

There were two photo gallery boards showing pictures of members taking in part in the Fun Trec, Jumping shows, team competitions, dressage, instructions at Fullers Hill Farm & the recent visit to the RVC at Potters Bar.

I hope some of you recognised yourselves. This year we will take more photos at the various events & activities.



The committee provided a delicious spread of hot and cold nibbles & light refreshments.

The evening finished with a raffle.

## Spring residential weekend Camp

There are a few places left if anyone is interested. A great chance to brush up on your flatwork, jumping & XC skills before the season starts with experience instructors. Luxury stables for the horses and there is accommodation in Lesley's house available or sleep in your lorry or tent. Most meals included, a really enjoyable & social weekend away.

Contact Sue Hutchinson for more information.  
[sue@gadevalleygame.co.uk](mailto:sue@gadevalleygame.co.uk)

## Instructions dates for March

**Gail Allum** gives dressage training at her indoor arena, Hill Green Farm, Wigginton. Next date is 3rd March.

**Amy Kearney:** Pole work & jumping instructions. February on March 11<sup>th</sup> -Fullers Hill Farm, between Chesham & Amersham. Fullers Hill has a very nice set of Jump for Joy show Jumps, with fillers, planks & a wall all set up as a course on a large arena surface, Large hard standing lorry & trailer parking now.

**Philippa Dimmock** is another of our flatwork / dressage instructors, she is giving lessons at Fullers Hill Farm. Next date: March 17<sup>th</sup>.

I really hope you can support these instructors & book in & take the opportunity of training with our experienced instructors.

## Club Field, Hog Lane, HP5 3PY

This year we have the use of the field from end of March to end of September.

As soon as the weather improves we will have flatwork, dressage, pole work exercises, gymnastic grid work & jumping instruction regular dates. We will also do dressage test riding.

Clear round jumping afternoons & evenings & much more.

### **New - Horse Knowledge Club**

St Leonards Church room, Chapel Lane, St Leonards, HP23 6NW.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February & Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7:30 – 9:15pm.

These are open evenings so please invite friends to come along too.

The evenings are about learning, asking questions, discussing, and sharing experiences and a chance to socialise in a friendly environment and a chance to catch up with friends & members too.

We hope whatever your level of you will benefit from the sessions, which will be led by Anna Smallwood (nee Streeter).

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Health & First Aid.**

Topics will include signs of illness, signs of lameness, temperature, pulse & respiration, when to call the vet, injuries, first aid & more.

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Bits & Bridles.**

Anna will explain the different bit “families” and how they work. What bit this is?

Lots of examples to identify different bits on the market – what do they look like and how do they work? Mylers, Neue Schule bits, non-metal mouthpieces..

**Bridles** – Designs such as a Micklem bridle, bridles with wide padded headpieces, nosebands and more types ...

\* Tell us what you want to know about for future dates. There will a chance to chat over a cup of tea, coffee or soft drinks and nibbles.

Cost per session:

OBH RC members £5 or Non-members £8.

All enquiries & to book your place email:

Veronica Mash [veronica@optionsearch.co.uk](mailto:veronica@optionsearch.co.uk)

or Tel: 01494 758050.

### **The Programme Booklet 2018**

This will be posted out to members; it contains information about the open show dates, member’s only competitions, dates for all the Area 6 & L&SE qualifiers and information associated with them. The BRC Championship dates are also included as is a map of all the venues that we use and a list of the challenge trophies that are awarded to members at the annual AGM.

We would like to thank our sponsors this year who have an advert in the booklet for supporting the club. A special thank you to the landowners who kindly allow OBHRC to use their facilities every year, without them we cannot hold events.

### **Open Showing Show Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – at the Club Field**

Schedules will be out soon, with classes for everyone to enter. Whether you want to try & qualify for the Chiltern Rider Showing Championships in September or maybe your competing for the first time, there are classes suitable for all. This year we will once again have the Working Hunter classes.

If you are not going to compete, your help would be really appreciated either setting up or at the show itself.

So please contact organisers: Ricky Dutton:

[ericad@ipequi.co.uk](mailto:ericad@ipequi.co.uk) or Lynne Priest:

[lynnepriest@btinternet.com](mailto:lynnepriest@btinternet.com).

Your help will be much appreciated.

Thank you in advance.

### **Fun Trec Competition**

This is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Open to members & invited guests to enter the competition & have some fun testing their riding & horses / ponies skills over the obstacles, the timed hack round & back for a few more Challenges. Schedules will be available early March.

### **New OBHRC Points League Championships**

This year there will be an OBHRC members only Points League Championship for Dressage & Jumping. April – September.

**For Dressage:** Points will be awarded at the dressage competitions by being the placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.

Extra points can also be gained by taking part in the flatwork or dressage instructions with Gail & Philippa & Dressage test riding with Judge. From April – September.

Categories: Walk & Trot. Prelim. PYO Novice.

**For Jumping:** Points can be won at the Open Jumping show, Members SJ & Members

Combined training / jumping show in September. Extra points can be gained from the Jumping training from April – September.

Categories: Very novice rider / horse or pony combination. Novice & Open

There will be lovely rosettes & sashes for each champion & reserve champion & rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> place. Details to follow soon.



## [www.obhrc.org.uk](http://www.obhrc.org.uk)

The club has a very good website, which has lots of useful information.

On the **Front page** there is a New Event Planner, with all the information about ridden & non-ridden instructions & Camp details.

**About Us** has a good Venue Map, which give you an idea of where the Club field is on Hog Lane, Ashley Green. The different Villages halls we use for social events.

The list of Challenge Trophies awarded at the AGM each year & how to win them.

**Events** Schedules & entry forms, open & members show dates.

Links to schedules for shows at other riding clubs in Area 6.

**Membership** There is an online form or postal form available, also showing a list of benefits as club member & being part of the BRC.

**Teams** Area 6 Team competition dates & championship dates and competition details.

**Training:** Instructors, dates, venues, costs & booking details. Training times Inc. a list of our instructors & their profiles.

**Contact Us:** Committee and non-committee roles: Names & contact numbers.

## **Coming Soon**

\* Up coming training details, dates, venues for dressage, flatwork, jumping, XC & Clinics.

\* More dates & subjects for our New Horse Knowledge Club.

\* New OBHRC Clothing details for ordering online.

\* Members News & photos

\* Venues we use with postcodes & descriptions arenas, jumps, and XC courses.

\* Posters advertising talks & demonstrations for members to go to.

\* Links to our Sponsors.

## **OBHRC Face book Pages**

There are two Facebook pages; one that is open to anyone to look at and the other is for members' only.

As a member you can apply to join the group & you will accepted by either Sophie Foster or a member of the committee.

This is an important site as we add all the training dates; show details, schedules, notices about socials & non-riding events. Riding & group Times will be posted here as well as on the Website, extra events that come up during the year, photos, members Successes.

Of course if we have to cancel an event due to bad weather or any other reason, this would be posted on both Facebook pages & the website.

So it would be really useful as member if you have Facebook to join the Old Berkeley Hunt Riding Club closed group.

**British Riding Club Area 6** has a Facebook. This is where you can find schedules for Area qualifying shows & London & SE Qualifiers Schedules, plus show schedules for the other riding Clubs in our area.

## **BRC Grassroots Points Leagues 2018**

There are two point's leagues, which are aimed specially at BRC members who take part in show jumping at (60cm & 70cms) or dressage (work & trot / Prelim tests) to encourage riders to get competing. This is a chance to have a go. The leagues run from January – October. Points can be won at your own riding events or other riding clubs all over the country. Not at Area or National Levels.

Each time you are placed in the top 6 of either the Dressage or Show Jumping classes. Ask the Secretary at the event to confirm your placing with their signature.

You need to download & print off the blank points cards from the BRC website, and post your completed points card back to BRC HQ by the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the following month, no later otherwise the points will not be counted.

The Show jumping & Dressage leagues are two separate points league Championships, so need two different cards for your points.

There are rosettes to 10<sup>th</sup> place, sashes to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in both point's leagues.

For more information go the [www.britishridingclub.org.uk](http://www.britishridingclub.org.uk)

**Click on BRC Championships.** Scroll down to The Grassroots Points Leagues. Click on Downloads for the cards are the top right of page.

## **Volunteers for Shows & Events**

As an active club the committee rely on members to help at events & shows. Setting up before the day & on the day of the show. There are always lots of jobs, even if you can only spare a few hours in the morning or afternoon, every little helps. So if you are not competing can you contact the organiser & support the club please.

