



BERKSHIRE COUNTY RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER

Hi everyone,

The nights are really drawing in now, and it is the end of a busy summer in the riding club. We still have loads going on, and we hope that we will see you at one of our events soon.

The summer show was well supported, and we had good entries. But we have a plea to our members for next year. Please help!!! It takes a huge amount of work to run the show and setup and clear away. It makes it so much quicker and easier if we have help.

We have more low key training clinics at Bradfield, a friendly environment and great for meeting other members or getting a new or young horse out and about.

The teams have been busy. The Junior dressage team qualified for the National Championships at Lincoln. We had a couple of individual Seniors also at Lincoln in Dressage and Style Jumping. We also had teams representing us at the London and South East Championships held at Mattingley in Dressage, Showjumping and Horse Trials. We are very lucky that the club funds all the entry fees for the teams. The club's bank balance, like the rest of the country, is feeling the pressure. As the teams are one of our biggest costs, the committee are considering asking team members to pay half of the entry fees next year. The club would still pay all entry fees at championships. Please contact Liz or any of the committee if you have any thoughts on this. We are only considering at this time, and would like feedback from our members.

We still have one more team competition left. It's the Festival of the Hunter at BCA on 16th October. It is a junior and senior competition and consists of showjumping followed by approximately 12 XC fences. The height is 90cm. Please contact Liz if you are interested.

Enclosed are some schedules for showjumping and dressage at Hamstead Growers. Please can we have some helpers for these events. Even if you can help for part of the day it would be a great help. Please call Liz on 01488 668273 or 07717 757055. We would love to see some new faces so we don't have to rely on the same few people every time.

We are having our Christmas bash on Friday 2nd December, so please keep the date free. We are still finalising the venue. Please keep an eye on the website for more details or speak to Ann Tong ann.tong@ntlworld.com

Keep an eye on the website as it always the first place to be updated with the latest information.

Below is a summary of forthcoming events from the website.

Date	Type	Description	Contact	Venue	Directions
Thu 13/10/11	Other Open Event	Talk on equine feet by well known expert	Penny Holley 07765257457	The Nettlebed Club	
Sat 15/10/11	Training	Flatwork Clinic with Sarah Ward	Anna Young	Church Farm	Church Farm map
Sun 16/10/11	Training	Autumn Working Rally	Angela Bucknell	Bournefield Farm Bradfield	Bournefield map
Sun 23/10/11	Showjumping	Winter showjumping	Liz Bedingham	Hamstead Growers Equestrian	Hamstead Growers Map
Sun 30/10/11	Training	Autumn Working Rally	Angela Bucknell	Bournefield Farm Bradfield	Bournefield map
Sat 05/11/11	Training	Flatwork Clinic with Sarah Ward	Anna Young	Church Farm	Church Farm map
Sun 06/11/11	Dressage	All Weather Dressage	Liz Bedingham	Hamstead Growers Equestrian	Hamstead Growers Map
Sun 13/11/11	Training	Autumn Working Rally	Angela Bucknell	Bournefield Farm Bradfield	Bournefield map
Sun 20/11/11	Showjumping	Winter showjumping	Liz Bedingham	Hamstead Growers Equestrian	Hamstead Growers Map
Sat 26/11/11	Training	Flatwork Clinic with Sarah Ward	Anna Young	Church Farm	Church Farm map
Sun 27/11/11	Training	Autumn Working Rally	Angela Bucknell	Bournefield Farm Bradfield	Bournefield map
Sun 04/12/11	Showjumping	Winter showjumping	Liz Bedingham	Hamstead Growers Equestrian	Hamstead Growers Map

If anyone has anything they would like added to the newsletter please email at julia@juliabrand.co.uk

Until next time have fun!

Julia x

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AUTUMN "LOW KEY" RALLIES

These rallies are 'low key' training sessions with an experienced instructor and are held in the outdoor school at Bournefield Farm, Bradfield. Each session lasts about 1 ½ to 2 hours and we do flatwork, poles and showjumping for those that wish to 'leave the ground'!

These sessions are an ideal way to get to know your new horse or introduce a young horse to working with others in a safe non-competitive environment and, if you are a new member, to get to know other BCRC members. The dates are:

**to be held in the Outdoor School
at Bournefield Farm, Union Road, Bradfield)**

Sunday, 16 October 2011
Sunday, 30 October 2011
Sunday, 13 November 2011
Sunday, 27 November 2011

All Starting at 10:30am. and at a cost of £15 per person. Cash on the day please.

For more information or to book a place please contact Angela Bucknell by telephone (01635 578233) or email(robbinhill@lineone.net).

Sarah Ward Clinics

More dates for Sarah Ward clinics;

Saturday 15th October

Saturday 5th November

Saturday 26th November

These are flatwork clinics, in groups of approx 4 lasting one hour. They are usually fun sessions that you will also learn a lot and get your horse going nicely. It is a great opportunity to catch up with other riding club members and see how they are progressing with their horses too.

The cost of the clinic is £15 per person, please make cheques payable to 'Sarah Ward' and send back with this form to 'Anna Young', Grange Place, Grange Lane, Beenham, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 5PT.

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Phone No.

Social Event

Equestrian Walking Tour of Greenwich Park

I have been investigating the possibility of booking a tour for BCRC members, which would ideally be on a Saturday, probably in March next year. The tour costs £154 which would be shared by 25-30 people (making the cost approx. £5-6 per person). The tour takes two hours and requires a good level of fitness. The guide is horsey and has walked the cross country course during the test event. It will only be viable if enough people are interested, so please come back to me.

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I test ran the event recently and met the guide etc. She's great and has photos of the jumps plus she's given us a provisional date as she gets so booked - Sat March 17th 2012 at 3.30pm.

If you think you would be interested in a private walking tour by a Blue Badge Tourist Guide, then please email me on chrismtomkins@hotmail.co.uk by October 26th

AND FINALLY.....

I would be interested to hear of any other ideas members have for social evenings, talks etc for the winter months. Please could you let me know using the same email address above. Thank you. I am also trying to organise a Le Trec talk and will let you know when I have been able to arrange this. Do let me have your ideas

Chris Tomkins