



BLACKDOWN MENDIP RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER

COMBINATION



Forthcoming Events

- Saturday 4 February 2012—Winter Dressage Series—Stretcholt Farm
- Saturday 18 February 2012—Area 12 Team Novice Show Jumping—Hand Arena
- Sunday 19 February 2012—Area 12 Team Dressage— Kingston Maurward College
- Sunday 6 March 2012—Winter Dressage Championship Show—Stretcholt Farm
- Sunday 11 March 2012—Andrew Lovell Training Day—Regil Livery

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GETTING TO ~~GREENWICH~~ AREA 12

SHOW JUMPING

As you know BMRC are hosting the Area 12 Indoor Show Jumping on 18 February 2012 at The Hand! Regular training sessions have been held at Toby Baker's Yard and we finally have teams who will represent us!

GO TEAM BM!

If you want to support the teams please come along and show your support. Or even spare a hand... See Catherine's article below.

DRESSAGE

Sunday 19 February 2012

Kingston Maurward College

Team and Individual Championship and Junior Team, Novice and Intermediate, BRC Team Qualifiers

Class 1—Warm Up Test Prelim 14 or Novice 28

Class 2—Premlin 18—**Eligibility:** horses/ponies not to have any BD points. Riders not to be BHSII or above or BD group 7 or above.

Class 3—Novice 24—**Eligibility:** horses/ponies not to have any more than 124 BD points.

For full details about your eligibility or the possibility of sharing transport to venues with other team members—contact Catherine: 07811 937542

VOLUNTEERS!



Helpers required!

For those who have kindly offered some help for Area 12 Indoor Show Jumping, **many thanks**, it will be appreciated. We could however do with more offers of help to make the day run smoothly.

I am not sure how to sell the volunteer experience to you; and make a hardworking individual give up a morning/afternoon/day?

We need loads of jobs filled; so if you have a yearning to hold a clipboard and wear high viz come and be a steward.

Or perhaps if you love to be in the fresh air in mid February come and help organise the parking – if you want some aerobic exercise and improve hand-eye co-ordination come and be a muck picker for an hour; some jobs are more glamorous than others! You could be centre stage, sprinting gazelle like, in the thick of the action putting up dropped poles!

If you offer 4 hours of help or more, you will get a volunteer voucher worth £10 for use within the club, very handy! Very much below the minimum wage! But hey it's for the love of our sport and Club that we put ourselves forward to make our Blackdown events successful!

Please email me with your details and roughly how long you will be available for and we will be incredibly grateful.

Many thanks,
Catherine
BMRC Chairman

COMBINED TRAINING

Sunday 4 March 2012

Pontispool Farm, Taunton

Senior and Junior Team, Novice and Intermediate, BRC Team Qualifiers

Class 1—Prelim 14 / 75 cm SJ

Class 2—Novice 27 / 85 cm SJ

TOP SCORE

Sunday 11 March 2012

Conquest EC, Taunton

Senior and Junior Team, Novice and Intermediate Qualifiers

Class 1—Novice / 60cm -90 cm

Class 2—Interm. 75cm—1m 5cm

DRESSAGE TO MUSIC

Monday 7 May 2012

Kingston Maurward College

Area 12 Music Championships
BRC Qualifiers 2012

Classes for Prelim, Novice, Elementary, Pairs, Percentage Class and Juniors Sections

TRAINING DAYS

The training days which have already taken place have been very well attended. They are currently running from Toby Baker's Arena and are run so that the Instructor taking the session can see your capabilities.

The sessions are not designed to be judged but to ensure that everyone taking part, especially in the Show Jumping are able to jump the height required. The courses when built to their full height are sometimes not what you think they will be.

Please keep up-to-date with the Lesson Blog to book on to these Training Days. Bookings only for people who want to be on a Team!

WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES UPDATE

This is my chance to do some "waffle" about how the Winter Dressage Series is going.

Both November and December have been full to capacity, which I am so pleased about. The classes on offer are to give everyone a chance to have a go at a level they may not have tried before, or that they don't know much about.



Emily & Barnaby

My friend and Instructor Hayley Watson-Greeves was eager to see what music and floor plans were going to be on show; as she is a successful music competitor at the higher levels, herself.

The arena walk commenced with music aloud! and there we were sat there thinking we were going to get a "Stampede out the Door!" But all was calm, the music seemed to help settle the horses, even with the brightly coloured costumes which were starting to appear.

Not everyone was in fancy dress and Elaine Owen and her horse "WaitandSea" started the class off. Elaine's music was professionally put together and her horse completed a relaxed test to set the high standard for the other to follow.

Karen Pinn donned her Santa costume and Hayley was impressed by the medium paces

MEET THE MEMBER

JEAN CAWTHORNE

NAME? Jean Cawthorne

OCCUPATION? *unemployed for the first time in my life and liking it!*



HORSE'S NAME / CHARACTER?

Nash Jones I have him on loan.

He is 11 years old and a Shire x TB, 16.1hh. He is very funny and likes to pick up sticks in the field, takes lids of dustbins, picks at farmers silage bales and also carries empty feed buckets for

some reason. I have had him on loan for around 18 months now and love him to bits.

He is very safe to ride although sometimes charges in to the farmers crops where we ride which is normally due to him seeing some sort of monster that is going to eat us alive. He loves licking things.

show in her test. Karen scored well and took Best Member prize!

Camila Garbien also set a high standard and took the Best Fancy Dress Prize dressing her horse in matching fairy costume to her own.

The only Pairs entry was from Laura Raschka and Hayley Ball who



Charly & Bob. They used the Christmas Classic "Bring in The Calvery." Hayley WG was impressed by the matching sequences they showed throughout their test.

The winner was Emily Giles and Barnaby who had Hayley and myself captured by her great floor plan which used up every inch of the arena and had you wondering what she would do next. Emily's walk music to Duffy was particularly memorable as it was more upbeat and went perfectly with Barnaby's paces.

I hope this has inspired you to take part on 4 February as there will be another Music class to enter. Stretcholt has amazing facilities for this so come and have a go, it is great fun and I am here to help if you are not sure of what to do or rules on the day.

See you Soon Clare 07970 559812

FOCUS MERCHANDISE REP EMMA VOWLES



Emma Vowles has taken over as Merchandise Rep following the AGM back in October and she has been busy sourcing branded goods for the Club. You can purchase them and wear with pride, while at the same time promoting the Club.

Emma is an active member of the Club and enjoys the riding club lessons and has been on Camp which she thoroughly recommends.

"Everyone is very welcoming and we have always been made to feel welcome. I would recommend the Riding Club Events to anyone, its all about having fun and enjoying yourself."

Contact Emma on

Merchandise@blackdownmendiprc.com

LOOK GOOD IN A BMRC JACKET



Blackdown Mendip Riding Club Jackets are now available to purchase from Emma (see contact details above). They are very light and warm and ideal for schooling or hacking.

The Jackets come in either Red or navy blue with either gold or white writing. Also available are T-Shirts in navy blue with gold writing. Go on treat yourself for the New Season ahead!

MOST MEMORABLE HORSE EVENT?

Has to be joining the Riding Club and going to camp with Nash last year in April. It was my first time and I thoroughly enjoyed being amongst that many horsey people and also having a go at cross country.

EQUESTRIAN INSPIRATION?

To enter a dressage test with Nash or my shire horse Atlas.

WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE OF HORSES?

I have 2 dogs that i take everywhere and love looking after them. I love camping and touring round France with my dogs and husband. I also breed Saddleback Pigs.

MOST CHALLENGING EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION?

None as yet. I normally only show in hand.

IF I COULD TRAVEL THROUGH TIME?

I would go back to the 1930s, James Herriot sort of era when horses still worked the land and the summers were always hot.

IF I WERE CHAIRMAN OF BHS I WOULD?

Ask that all members wear name badges at BMRC events so we can all learn who is who!

If you would like to feature here in a future edition of the Newsletter, please email—newsletter@blackdownmendiprc.co.uk

2012 BMRC EVENT PLANNER

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT
APRIL 12—14	CAMP	PONTISPOOL	HILARY
MAY 13	MINI ODE	REGIL LIVERY	ANNA
JUNE 19-21	CAMP	STOCKLAND LOVELL	HILARY
JULY TBC	ANNUAL SHOW	TBC	CATHERINE
SEPTEMBER TBC	HUNTER TRIAL	TBC	CATHERINE
OCTOBER 12-14	CAMP	PONTISPOOL	HILARY
NOVEMBER TBC	WINTER BALL	ROOKERY MANOR	CLAIRE C
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER	WINTER DRESSAGE FESTIVAL	TBC	CLARE S
DECEMBER 23	OLYMPIA	LONDON	CLARE S

CLINICS

FEBRUARY

Nick Gauntlett Show Jumping Clinic
at Regil Livery on **11 February—FULLY BOOKED!**

MARCH/APRIL

Andrew Lovell

at Regil Livery

- ≈ **11 March** – Flatwork / Show Jumping Clinics
- ≈ **8 April** – Flatwork / Show Jumping Clinics



£20—Flatwork 3 per group (1 hour)
£25—Show Jumping 4 per group (1½ hours)
Booking forms available from 1 February 2012

Georgie Spence

Show Jumping and Cross Country Training Day
at Leyland Court

- ≈ **21 April**—Show Jumping / Cross Country



“Fantastic opportunity to train with one of the UK leading young event riders!”

Georgie is a medal winning rider who has already completed Badminton and Burghley 5 times!

Georgie has taught a range of people, from riders who have just started to those competing at... a high level, so everyone is welcome. She has an ability to assess a rider, and push them so that they can ride to the best of their ability, enabling them to get the best results out of the horses but also gain confidence and experience.

- ≈ 4 Riders per group
- ≈ £35—Show Jumping (1 hour 20 mins)
- ≈ £40—Cross Country (1 hour 20 mins)

Booking forms will be available at the end of February 2012

MEMBERS' DAYS

PLEASE SUPPORT THE MEMBERS' DAYS THEY ARE FOR YOU TO ENJOY!

SATURDAY APRIL 7TH

ORGANISER—CATHERINE WITHERS

VENUE—TOBY BAKER'S YARD

SATURDAY JUNE 9TH

ORGANISER—HANNAH PEARCE

VENUE—REGIL LIVERY

JULY—TBC

ORGANISER—CATHERINE WITHERS

VENUE—TBC

AUGUST—TBC

ORGANISER—CLARE SAVAS

VENUE—TOBY BAKER'S YARD

WOT NO BRIDLEWAYS!

Hi, i'm a member of the **Woodspring Bridleways Association**, our aim is to try and increase the bridleway and riders access rights in North Somerset.

At the moment a planning application has gone in for a cycle track / pedestrian walk way from Parsonage Farm, Long Ashton, bypassing the A370 which would make a great extension to the Bridleways network (or what we have of one in our area!). Although this was originally promised to also be accessed by horses, this has not made the final planning application and therefore we need as many riders in our area to object as possible.

We need to re-iterate that horse riders are an important part of the economy of North Somerset and that we require as much safe off road riding as any other group in the area! To do this, we need horse riders to start standing up for themselves and making ourselves known.

Please email me and I will send you a draft letter you can sign and send to the Council or alternatively I can send you the link to register objections! Please email me on the email address below! Cheers, Julie Main (jcaemain@gmail.com)

NEW TROPHY

It was so sad to hear that Claire Curry, Deputy Chair had to have her horse Fynn (Beeches Lad) put to sleep just after Christmas. Claire would like his memory to continue, so she is putting forward a new Trophy for this year.

"The **Beeches Lad Trophy** will go to the owner of the horse which has accumulated the most points from all BMRC Events and competitions throughout the year. I thought this would be a fitting tribute to my boy as he really could turn his hooves to any discipline and was a true Riding Club Horse"

COMPETITION

February's Prize is a **VOUCHER** kindly given by **Wyatts Feed Merchants at Stowey, Near Pensford**. They are suppliers of all brands of Horse Feed, all you will ever need! If they don't have it they will get it for you. Please call them!



BITS AND BOBS

NEW INSTRUCTOR EMILY LEE (nee MacKenzie) BE ACCREDITED COACH

Cocklake, Somerset BS28 4HH

Emily has a huge amount of experience competing at the top level in Eventing, including at Badminton, Burghley, Blenheim and many international Events.



Emily is an accredited British Eventing coach and now teaches full time. Although Emily is very happy to help the very ambitious she is also very happy to help those who need encouragement and sympathetic guidance.

LOOK OUT FOR DATES ON LESSON BLOG- NOW!



.....to pay up!

Are you on the Debtors List?

Hannah Pearce our elected Treasurer is spending a lot of time chasing for money which is owed, mainly due to late cancellation fees. Please don't waste her time! she could be spending it better organising an Event for the Club. If you owe any money send either a cheque or you can pay by BACS!

Contact Hannah: **07879 812507**

"Coming Soon"

Terry Boon Clinic at Toby Baker's Arena

Hayley Watson-Greeves Clinic at Toby Baker's Arena

Matt Hicks (writer in Your Horse Mag) Clinic

Another Sam Twyman Clinic

A J WYATT & SONS

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Stowey House Farm,
Stowey, Bishop Sutton
Bristol, , BS39 5TQ

WHERE ARE THESE FAMOUS JUMPS? (Name of Event)

PLEASE EMAIL/SEND YOUR ENTRY TO: dressage@blackdownmendiprc.co.uk
Clare Savas—58 Whitesfield Road, Nailsea, Bristol. BS48 2EH

FIRST CORRECT ANSWER PULLED FROM THE HAT WILL WIN!
GOOD LUCK....! Entries Close— 28 February 2012

DECEMBER Competition Answers were:

Lucky Winner— Ashley Edmond, Voucher is on its way to you!

Katie P

William FP

Zara P

Edward Gal

Laura Becs

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