



ORC Newsletter June 2012

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We hope you've enjoyed the long weekend of Jubilee celebrations. In our village there were 42 imaginative scarecrows giving the horses plenty to look at! The next big event will be the Olympics and we hope you'll come along to our Summer Dressage Show to have the chance to win a medal on Sunday 15th July 2012 at Over Worton (schedule attached).

Oxford Riding Club 2012 Spring Show

Our spring Dressage and Show Jumping Competition was held at Little Tew on 15th April 2012. This was a wonderful new venue kindly provided by Mandy Wilson and we were fortunate to have a bright, crisp and dry day. We had good support from club members and local riders and the dressage judges were kept busy with Preliminary and Novice tests, everyone was grateful to both of them for their skill and expert feedback.



Lex Merrick on Buzz



Beverley Gould and Wurzle

The club has recently had all its jumps stolen and so we hired from Straight Approach Show Jumps who provided us with an first rate course. There were some fine performances from the competitors. Beverley Gould was delighted to win both the Prelim 7 and Prelim 18 classes on her 10 year old sport horse, Wurzel. Very many thanks to all the competitors and everyone who helped out with course building, catering, security and arena duties making the day such a success – we do hope you will come and support us again next year.

Weekend Lessons

Several of our members have expressed an interest in 'weekend lessons' for both flatwork and jumping. Beverley has spoken to Lance Plunkett and he's very happy to teach at weekends either on a single private lesson basis or in groups. He has recently taken over the yard at Swalcliffe Grange; do have a look at his website www.lanceplunkett.com. He comes highly recommended.

The preferred venue is Swalcliffe but he is willing to travel to Lower Farm, Duns Tew. However, if lessons are at Duns Tew there will be an extra cost of £5 per hour for the hire of the school. His hourly rates are as follows:-

£30.00 for a single private lesson

£20.00 each for two people in a group lesson

£15.00 each for three people in a group lesson

You will be notified of dates by e mail or get in touch with Beverley (beverley.hart@hotmail.co.uk) for more details.

I Recommend....



Have a look at the old footage of the 1936 Berlin Olympics of the cross country (via this link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkWhuPa4V5o>). The water jump takes a heavy toll and the commentary is classic. Not sure the hats meet the BHS standards...!!

Blenheim Eventer Challenge on 6th September 2012

This is a popular grass-arena-based team competition over a testing course of 1.05m show jumps and cross country jumps with an optimum time for completion. If you are interested in representing the club please contact June (junecollier@btinternet.com). Priority will be given to those who have already competed for the club throughout the year

Mid Summer Evening Ride

Thursday 21st June 2012, 17.

Meet at Hill Farm, Duns Tew, OX25 6JJ.

We'll leave promptly at **5.30 pm** so please arrive in good time. We will ride to the Falkland Arms in Great Tew for a buffet style supper of sandwiches, baguettes, chips, and nibbles. Get your family and friends to come along. Please let us know numbers so we can pre-order the food – it will be about £7 per head.

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Directions:

From the first turning off the dual carriageway to Duns Tew, you arrive at a T junction opposite the Church. Turn right. After about 1/4 mile turn left down a no through road signed Hill Farm Lane. Continue past houses and come out onto the farm drive. The farm is about 1/2 mile further on.

From the North Aston X roads, come into Duns Tew, pass Dashwood Rise on the right and then after about 300 yards, turn sharp right (hairpin) into Hill Farm Lane and proceed as above.

If anyone gets lost, Charles' mobile no is 07946 576348.

Bluebell Ride



Bernadette took us on a lovely ride on highways and bridleways through Ditchley Park on 19th May - the bluebells were still looking superb and it was a good opportunity to enjoy the impressive countryside. It is easy to take our own local rides for granted but for the rest of us it is always a treat to hack out in new territory. We are on the look out for new routes and if you can recommend a 1-2 hour ride please let Anna know.

Eventer Challenge

This is a qualifying competition that took place in April at Milton Keynes Eventing Centre. We sent a team of four; Louise King, Anna Reynolds, Sam Tutty and Lex Merrick. We had a successful day and were pleased to be placed 4th.



Sam Tutty on Bug

Beverley's Handy Horse Hint

Now the warm weather has finally arrived, unfortunately so have the flies! Make your own Fly Repellent and save ££££s. Just follow the recipe below:-

2 litres water
15 ml citronella oil
4 tbsp vinegar
2 tbsp methylated spirits
1 mug strong cold tea (no milk!)
a squirt of fairy liquid



Put all the ingredients in a 2 litre coke bottle, saving the water until last - fill to roughly an inch from the top of the bottle and squirt in your fairy liquid. Give it a good old shake and transfer to your atomizer. Spray your trusty steed and keep those pesky flies away.