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Summer has arrived and we're in full swing with our riding club activities. At the beginning of April we sent Anna Reynolds and Sue Ruddock to the Eventer Challenge at Milton Keynes. This was a very well run day by Buckingham Riding Club and our riders had a great time with both jumping double clears and Anna finishing 3rd. One of our new members this year, Natalie Warren represented the club at the combined training qualifier at the end of April. Despite not being placed she was pleased with her horses' performance and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



The Bluebell Ride in early May was a huge success with a really good turnout. We were happy to welcome a good number of non-riding club members too. Bernadette led us all through Ditchley Park to admire the beautiful bluebells and White Park cattle. Thank you Bernadette and we're looking forward to your next ride on 10th July 2014 around Tusmore Park. Before then we have our ride to Great Tew on 19th June 2014 which Beverley will lead. We'll meet at 5.30pm at the barns on the gated road (half way along, between Duns Tew and Nether Worton). The ride will be approximately two hours including a stop at the Falkland Arms pub. It's a beautiful ride taking in the stunning Tew scenery, mostly along bridleways but with a couple of quiet lanes

Bluebells at Ditchley



Dressage and Show Jumping Competition 26th April 2014

Heavy rain the day before led to some difficulties in the gateway at our spring show and as the first lorry arrived and ground to a halt in the mud I did fear the worst. Felicity and her trusty tractor came to our rescue so we could all get on and enjoy the day.

The dressage classes were well subscribed and for the first time we included a 'puissance' class in the show jumping ring. We had enough blocks to go up to 6ft 6in and Honor Barker did a very creditable 4 ft 7ins (for members under 50 that's approx 1.40 m!). The results are on the website.

Very many thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful day with particular thanks to Felicity and to Beverley for being the secretary.





Our clinics continue to be held regularly and details are sent out each week. After some discussion we have decided to allow North Oxon Riding Club to join in with these clinics. It will be nice to have a link with the nearby club and we look forward to increasing the numbers at our training sessions. In return we can attend their camps, dressage league and clinics. The details for these are on their website www.northoxonridingclub.com so please do get in touch with the organiser of the event that interests you.

Once again, the Summer Dressage Show will be at Heath Farm, Nether Worton by kind permission of Mrs Anne Ballard on Sunday 13th July 2014. A schedule is attached. We shall be having two prelim tests and one novice one. Enter for two tests and get the second one half price! They will all be on a surface. Please get in touch with Beverley or Anna if you are able to help.

