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Our **AGM** will be on **Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 7.30pm at Ludwell Farm, Glympton** and we hope to have a great evening of chat and good food. Many thanks to Sally Browne for hosting us once again. Our speakers will be Sally Hodgson and Andy Spatcher talking about their recent trip they made to France where Sally was the travelling vet for 25 British horses used in the centenary re-enactment of the British Army's retreat from Mons in 1914.

Also at the AGM we will be looking to appoint new members onto the committee. I shall be stepping down as chairman after 4yrs and Alice as secretary. It's been a privilege to be so involved with the club over this time but other commitments are creeping in. If you're interested to know more about what is involved please get in touch, djmr@doctors.org.uk The committee are hugely supportive and great fun to work with, we share all the tasks!

The **Halloween Hunter Trials** are on **Sunday 26th October 2014 at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian**, do please come along and support us! If you are able to offer any help, please contact Anna.

The 2015 calendar will be out soon giving dates for the qualifying competitions, fun rides and other ORC activities. Details for lessons and clinics will continue to be sent out separately. We do hope you will be able to come and join in, there are opportunities for riders at all levels and we always welcome anyone who is interested and wants to give it a go.

DANGER – RED ALERT!

The numbers of the little known equine illness 'atypical myopathy' have apparently reached record levels. The common symptoms are lethargy, reluctance to move, dark brown/red urine and trembling. It is believed that it is caused by horses eating the leaves and "helicopter" seeds of sycamore trees. The problem has been caused by an extraordinarily large crop of seeds last autumn spread far and wide by the stormy winter weather. Luckily cases this year have been low but please do be aware. It is best to prevent access to sycamore trees, to pick up sycamore seeds and dead leaves, fence off where sycamore seeds and leaves have fallen and ensure seeds have not blown into your field from nearby sycamore trees. If pasture is poor, give extra hay or haylage, reduce stocking density and cut down on turn-out at risky times of year (autumn and spring).

If you suspect your horse is unwell call the vet.

Bernadette

Blenheim 2014

The Riding Club eventer Challenge at Blenheim in September is always an exciting competition and this year as always our team rose to the challenge over a course that was up to height and cleverly designed to make the riders think about the accuracy of their lines. Sue Ruddock was first to go in the team and jumped a stylish clear round. Sarah Beveridge, Nicki Averill, and Alice Haynes all jumped well too and thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Blenheim experience. Although they were not placed the team acquitted themselves well and I would like to thank them all for representing us. If you would like to be considered for the team next year please make sure you come to the qualifiers and join in with team activities.





After the team's success at Princethorpe College, they headed off to Lincoln for the BRC National Championships in September. This was a weekend of dressage and show jumping with riders coming from all over the country; we parked next to a team who had travelled 11 hours down from Scotland. Sue Ruddock, Natalie Warren, Anna Reynolds and Louise Way went up the day before and enjoyed being part of the party atmosphere in the evening at Lincolnshire Show Ground. Everyone camped or stayed in their lorry and with stabling for over 500 horses it was a very sociable event! Despite a foggy start when initially we couldn't see the opposite side of the dressage arenas, the sun beamed for our tests and we were delighted with the result. Anna came 4th individually; Sue was 5th and Louise 9th resulting in the team finishing a highly creditable 8th1 in a very strong and competitive field.

