

BRADLEY DALE RIDING CLUB

A BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY AFFILIATED RIDING CLUB

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Spring Newsletter

Jan - April 2012



Welcome to our spring newsletter! Bradley Dale RC has seen a few changes recently. We now have a new chairman; Adele Edwards has taken over from Pam Jordon. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pam for all her hard work over the past twelve months. We also have two new committee members, welcome Rowena Plant and Caroline Watterson. You will also notice a few changes to the clinics too; firstly, we have provided more clinics and have tried to accommodate all of our members. Each clinic has been designed to target specific training needs and we look forward to receiving your feedback to these new look clinics.

This year Bradley Dale RC has attended many area qualifiers and has been successful at many championship events including the Dressage to Music championships at Aintree. All reports can be found on our website.

We have recently agreed to take on juniors from 12 years and over. We hope this will benefit many busy members whose children would also like to take part in our clinics and other events and we hope to take a full junior team to Area qualifiers in the near future. To enable us to take on juniors we need to comply with current legislation regarding the safeguarding of children. We have three Child Welfare Officers who are currently going through their CRB checks and will undergo specific training very soon.

The website has a couple of changes; there is a specific Area 20 page which will include all the details of any area qualifiers and championships. If you would like to represent Bradley Dale at any area event please contact Sue Page. There is also a page dedicated to Members News, this will include anything you have done within the club or outside the club. Please e-mail us so we can share your success or funny stories with the rest of the club.

Finally we have a jam packed schedule of events to accommodate everyone! Please remember that all our events are open to non-members too however, for popular events members will take priority obviously.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Bradley Dale RC Committee

THE CLUB DIARY

Saturday 14th January: Interactive Horse Simulator

1pm – 4pm

This is a novel and exhilarating way to work on general fitness – strengthening multiple muscle groups and improving cardio vascular performance. The simulator is unrivalled as an instructional aid for novices and experienced riders alike and simulates a real 15.2hh medium build horse. It allows the rider to ride a dressage test in real-time. The horse is perfectly schooled and capable of doing advanced movements such as medium trot, medium canter and flying changes. The neck is moveable and the leg aids are detected by ‘on the girth’ and ‘behind the girth’ sensors. All movements are anatomically correct

Location: PERRY RDA GROUP – Perry Cottage, Yeaton, Baschurch, Nr Shrewsbury, SY4 2HY

Price: £15 for 20 minutes on the simulator

Book by: Please Book your place with Tamara on 07830139805 by 7th January

Saturday 28th January: INDOOR CROSS-COUNTRY CLINIC

With Sylvia Farmer 10am -12

The first hour will be to cater for those horse and/or riders wishing to introduce themselves to indoor cross-country fences for the first time, jumping small fences up to 2ft6 approx. Which will be followed by a second hour for the more experienced, mastering narrow fences, bounces & awkward turns according to demand! This second hour is expected to be ridden over 2ft9-3ft3 fences according to the attendees. **Max 3 per group**

Location: Rodbaston Equestrian Centre

Price: £15 Members £20 Non-members

Book by: To be received by 20th January

Contact: Jenny on 07908501332 or jen_569@hotmail.com

Thursday 9th February: JUMP & FLATWORK CLINIC

With BE accredited coach Sylvia Farmer 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Please let us know if you would like to have a jump or flat work lesson when you book. Please also let us know what level you are at so we can group riders together. Max 3 per group

Location: Watt Meadow Equestrian Centre WV10 7JP

Price: £15 Members £20 Non-members

Book by: 1st February

Contact: Adele 07729 590072 or e-mail adeles_castle@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday 19th February: Bradley Dale Unaffiliated Winter Dressage Competition At Hales Equestrian Centre

Our first competition of the year! This is open to members and non-members

Tests: Walk & Trot B.

Prelim 14

Novice 24

Elementary 42

Price: £8 Members £10 Non Members

Location: Hales Equestrian Centre, Hales, Market Drayton, TF9 2PS

Entries: To Simone Cooper by 10th February

Times: Please see the Club website or phone Simone 07789 503237 on Thursday 17th February between 7.30pm & 9pm

Please complete the form enclosed if you would like to enter. Thank you.

Sunday 26th February: Show Jumping Clinic with Tom Davison

Tom is the son of famous dressage/event rider Richard Davison. Tom is currently jumping the circuit against other famous names and is also studying equine science at Reaseheath College. This clinic will start at 10am with a 60 – 70cm Novice balance training. Tom will put you through your paces jumping an S shaped course focusing on getting the correct pace, canter and balance. 11 -12 will be a 70 – 90cm intermediate lesson. If anyone would like to take the jumps higher we can arrange an extra hour for the more advanced amongst us! Please contact Adele as soon as possible so we can arrange this with the trainer and venue. Max 3 per group

Location: Watt Meadow Equestrian Centre WV10 7JP

Price: £15 Members £20 Non-members

Book by: 18th February

Contact: Adele 07729 590072 or e-mail adeles_castle@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 8th March: JUMP & FLATWORK CLINIC with BE accredited coach Sylvia Farmer

6.30pm – 8.30pm

Please let us know if you would like a flat or jump lesson when you book. Please also let us know what level you are riding so we can group riders together. Max 3 per group

Location: Watt Meadow Equestrian Centre WV10 7JP

Price: £15 Members £20 Non-members

Book by: 1st March

Contact: Adele 07729 590072 or e-mail adeles_castle@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday 11th March: SHOW JUMPING CLINIC with Hannah Jackson **10am-12pm**

Hannah is one of our popular trainers and is also jumping the circuit with her youngsters. This session will start at 10am with a 60 -70cm Novice combination training and related distance training There will be a series of doubles and other combination fences set up and Hannah will help you jump these like a pro! The second session will be 11 – 12 and will be a 70 – 90cm intermediate lesson; helping you jump combination fences like a pro! If anyone would like a more advanced lesson please contact Adele as soon as possible so we can arrange with the venue and trainer for an additional hour. **Please note there will be a maximum of 3 per clinic.**

Location: Watt Meadow Equestrian Centre WV10 7JP

Price: £15 Members £20 Non-members

Book by: 3rd March

Contact: Adele 07729 590072 or e-mail adeles_castle@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 15th March: PUB QUIZ 8pm Kick-off

Please join us for a fun social evening for a few drinks & food whilst we discover the real level of our general knowledge! Come along and try to beat our reigning team Two Mad Cows and a couple of Bulls! A variety of prizes included as always. Maximum 6 people per team, all welcome. We also have it on good authority that the questions will be slightly easier!

Location: The Horns Inn, Gnosall, Stafford

Price: £5 each (Entry to quiz & food)

Book by: Please contact Caroline on 07801 499321 or c.watterson@hotmail.co.uk if you wish to attend so we can ensure there is enough food.

Saturday 17th March: FLATWORK CLINIC with Zoe Caepart **10am -12Noon**

How many of you enter the arena and wobble all the way down the centre line? Or maybe you do a fantastic centre line but then fall out at C? For the first hour Zoe will help you to improve your centre line and then show you how to nail your turn at C.

The second hour Zoe will help you to develop your medium trot and improve your shoulder-in moves.

Price: £15 Members £20 Non Members Max 2 per clinic

Location: Hales Equestrian Centre, Hales, Market Drayton, TF9 2PS

Book by: 9th March

Contact: Simone 07789 503237

Saturday 24th March: Somerford Park Farm Ride 10am until 12pm

Once again Bradley Dale will be returning to Somerford to ride around the Farm Ride. We had a fantastic day out last time. Open to all, please bring your friends along, the more the merrier! Please book in advance; dependent on numbers we are hoping to gain a discount for you all but numbers need to be known to do this. Hope to see you on the day for a drink afterwards! Please specify your intended arrival time so we can ensure the ride doesn't become too crowded

Location: Somerford Park Farm, Holmes Chapel Road, Congleton, CW12 4SW

Price: £15 or less dependent to numbers

Book by: 17th March

Contact: Rowena Plant on 07890909556

Thursday 29th March: THE ENDURING HORSE with Pam Jordan **Talk about Endurance Riding & General Fitness**

Pam is known to many of us as last year's Chairman, but she is also a highly accomplished Endurance rider who has competed 2 horses at advanced level for many years. She has completed several 100 mile rides, over both one and two days as well as competing at FEI 2 star level in endurance. Last year she completed the Golden Horseshoe ride, an international 100 mile ride over 2 days, finishing as the 4th highest placed combination and top part-bred Arab horse. Her talk, entitled "The Enduring Endurance Horse" will be about Endurance riding, how to maintain a horse at top level, and about fitness in general.

Cost : £4.00 members £6.00 non members. Food will be provided.

Location: The Horns Inn, Gnosall, Stafford

Book by: 26th March

Contact: Sarajane on 07957 938592 or email- sarajane.dujon@sky.com

Saturday 31st March: CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

A very popular event, enjoyed by everyone during 2011 with the tuition commented upon as being second-to-none. You have the options of either a 25 or a 40 bird shoot. The prices include all cartridges, ear defenders, guns, tuition AND....a sausage or bacon roll with a hot drink to round off the day. We have a maximum of 30 places so please book early! Prizes will also be presented on the day.

Location: Opposite The Midland Pig Farm, Little Onn, Church Eaton, ST20 0AU

Price: 25 bird shoot: £20 40 bird shoot: £30

Book by: 24th March

Contact: Adele on 07729 590072 email adeles_castle@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 7th April: FLATWORK CLINIC with Zoe Caepart
10am -12Noon

Zoe will spend the first hour helping us to focus on correcting 10 meter half circles and serpentines. So if you have a problem with balance and flexibility this is one for you.

From 11am till 12 Zoe will help us with walk and trot pirouettes. Watch as your dressage scores soar!

Price: £15 Members £20 Non Members Max 2 per clinic

Location: Hales Equestrian Centre, Hales, Market Drayton, TF9 2PS

Book by: 1st April

Contact: Simone 07789 503237

Saturday 14th April: GET ARTY IN APRIL! With Tracey Whelan
10am – 1pm

Are you a budding Picasso? Do you fancy unleashing your creative side? Do you want some ‘me-time’ in a relaxed setting?...If so this Art workshop could be just the ticket. We are offering Bradley Dale Club members and non-members the chance to receive a morning of Art tutoring from Tracy Whelan. Tracy is a practicing Art teacher who specialises in producing unique animal portrait commissions for clients. She has an extensive portfolio ranging from horses, dogs, cats and even ferrets, all lovingly captured in a range of media. The theme of the workshop is ‘Pets in Pastel’ and will provide the complete beginner or more advanced artists amongst you, the chance to create a lasting memory of your best friend. No previous experience is necessary as the class will be tailored to each individual’s skill level. All you will need to bring is your enthusiasm!! (Tracy will require participants to provide a good quality, clear photograph/s of their pet to work from on the day)

Location: The Village Institute, Church Eaton followed by a two course meal at the Bell Inn, Stretton

Price: £35 to include all equipment and coffee/tea, biscuits and homemade cake as well a two course meal at The Bell

Entries: To be received by 1st April by Adele

Saturday 21st April: SHOWJUMPING & INDOOR XC CLINIC
with Tom Davison

10am – 2pm

10-11am Tom will be back to put you through your paces over a grid, approx. 60-70cm. The 11 – 12 clinic will further grid work but over larger fences. The second half of the clinic will be over the indoor cross country fences, how to ride a course. 12-1pm fences up to 2ft6, and 1-2pm will be approximately 2ft9/3ft according to demand.

Location: Rodbaston Equestrian Centre

Price: £15 Members £20 Non-members

Book by: To be received by 14th April

Contact: Adele on 07729 590072 email adeles_castle@hotmail.co.uk

I’m sure you will all agree that there is something for everyone on here... Please note that for all jumping clinics there is a maximum of 3 riders per group and for dressage clinics at Zoe’s there is a maximum of 2 riders per group. All entries need to be received well before the clinic as trainers and venue’s need to be informed prior to the clinic, therefore your prompt attention would be appreciated. In most cases we will keep a waiting list just in case....

If you haven’t decided what you would like for Christmas please contact us as our Clinic Vouchers would make a great Christmas present! Please contact Adele for your Vouchers – many thanks



Area 20 Diary

January 15th: ECCTG INDOOR EVENTING COMPETITION at Alsager EC

January 22nd: TEST RIDING CLINIC at Reaseheath College, with Sarah Gathercole

February 18th: EQUINE SPECIFIC FIRST AID COURSE at Hales EC

March 4th: TEST RIDING CLINIC at Reaseheath College, with Sarah Gathercole

Please view the Area 20 website www.brc-area20.org.uk for further information about any unaffiliated competitions or training being run within our region. Or if you are without access to the internet, please get in touch with any of us on the club committee and we will do our best to find out the information you require. www.britishridingclubs.org.uk is another great source of information. There are many changes regarding competing for the clubs, all the rules can be found on the above websites.

29th April: FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE QUALIFIER at Llanymynech

13th May : OUTDOOR DRESSAGE QUALIFIER at Llanymynech

24th June: HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER at Kelsall

8th July: OUTDOOR SHOW JUMPING & STYLE JUMPING QUALIFIER at Nantwich

19th August: DRESSAGE TO MUSIC QUALIFIER at Reaseheath College

All are welcome to compete for the club in any of these Area Qualifier competitions. Ability levels range from as low as 2ft6 or prelim level upwards to 3ft6 and novice/elementary level, meaning all are catered for one way or another. Sue Page is our Chef d'equipe for Area Qualifier competitions and you must get in touch in good time with Sue if you would like to compete for the club, or need any further information. Prelim entries to head office need to be submitted a minimum of three weeks before the qualifier.

Assistance is also required at all the competitions the club competes in, so if you are unable to compete but still wish to be involved in a good horsey day out, please let Sue know.

Contact Us

**Please remember this is your club
If you have any ideas or comments please let us know
Thank you for your valued support**

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And Finally.....

At long last..... Bradley Dale RC now has our own merchandise.....
Hoody for £25.00 sizes, Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large
Polo Shirt £15.00 sizes, Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large
GP Saddle Cloths, White, Full, Cob and Pony £22.00



Congratulations to Bradley Dale.... Indoor Show jumping 3rd place from left to right, Chris Hill, Michelle Davison, Ruth Minton, Carol Northwood

Could this be you representing Bradley Dale next year? If so please contact Sue Page.

We look forward to seeing you soon!