

BRADLEY DALE RIDING CLUB

A BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY AFFILIATED RIDING CLUB

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Spring Newsletter

Jan – April 2011



Happy New Year to you all. We hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas, and have not suffered too much in the bitterly cold winter we have been having. To help you get over the hard work that horses become in such bad weather we have a fun

& busy schedule, kicking off with our pub quiz and equine first aid training. During our last programme of events our Annual General Meeting took place where we said a fond farewell to our long standing Chairperson Jo McDermott. Jo has put in many long hours putting on events for us and building the good reputation of the Club, so for this we owe her a huge thank you. We also want to show our appreciation to Chris Hill and Sue Thompson who have left the committee after several years; we hope to see all three of you as often as before at future events. We are lucky to have lost three, but gain four. Our new Chairperson Pam Jordan has taken the helm, backed by new treasurer Tamara Collis, and new committee members Adele Bisbey and Tracey Whelan. We wish them all good luck in their new roles, and I am sure they will become familiar faces to you in the near future.

We have the main Area 20 qualifier dates for the year in place now which you can find at the back of the schedule. These include the rescheduled Festival of the Horse Challenge, cancelled last autumn due to the wet weather. The rescheduled event is open to all rather than just those originally entered, and takes place on the 9th March. The competition involves completing a Show Jumping round immediately followed by a X-country ride around the course at Llanymynech. It is open to individuals as well as pairs, so if you want to know more please email or phone Sue Page. I cannot emphasise enough how the Area 20 competitions are open to all our members in a non-elitist manner, so if you're thinking about it then what are you going to lose by giving it a go! We also have to provide a number of helpers at each competition, so if you do not have a suitable horse or just want to see what happens at these events then helping is going to be the best way to be involved. Last year BDRC member Deena Webster qualified for the National Championships for the horse trials, and Vicki Mann attend the Dressage to Music Championships at Aintree, of all places! This year we're once again hopeful for such wonderful successes for such a small club. Enclosed you shall find a form to register your interest to compete or help at each of the Area 20 Qualifiers; please complete this and return with your entries so Sue can make best of your talents!

You shall also notice that the way to book for the clinics and events this year has changed a little. Please return each form by the due date, each with full payment. If at the last minute you decide you wish to attend though please still contact us as we will hold a wait list.

We wish the very best for the New Year, and we will see you all at one of our events in the near future.

Kind Regards.....

Your Committee

THE CLUB DIARY

Saturday 15th January: JUMP CLINIC with Hannah Jackson

Location: Rodbaston College, Penkridge, Stafford ST19 5PH

Price: Members £15 Non-members £18

Telephone for times on Thursday 13th January – Call Simone on 07789 503237 between 7pm & 9pm

Tuesday 25th January: PUB QUIZ 7.30pm 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! Cash prizes included

Location: The Horns Inn, Gnosall, Stafford

Price: £5 each (Entry to quiz & food)

Maximum 6 people per team, all welcome – see you there!

Saturday 5th February: FIRST AID TRAINING 10am – 4pm

We are very excited to offer a one day equine specific First Aid course. Included will be the basics of first aid including CPR (required in all courses) and medical emergencies, spinal and head injuries including how to manage with riding falls, safe removal of riding hats, fractures, dislocation, soft tissue injury recognition and management, making sense out of the legalities and paper trails required in the equine industry. This is open to both members and non-members. The spaces are limited so please book early to ensure you have your place secured. Tea and coffee will be provided throughout the day, but please bring a packed lunch

Location: Derrington Village Hall, Billington Lane, Derrington, Stafford. ST18 9LR

Price: £30 per person

Book by: Friday 28th January

Please book via returning your booking form, or by contacting Adele Bisbey on 07729 590072. Full payment must be received in advance

Saturday 19th February: DRESSAGE CLINIC with Zoe Cappaert

Location: The Equine Performance Centre, Lloyd Farm, Hales, NR Market Drayton, TF9 2PS

Price: Members £15 Non-members £18

Telephone for times on Thursday 17th February – Call Simone on 07789 503237 between 7pm & 9pm

Saturday 12th March: JUMP CLINIC with Hannah Jackson

Location: Brookfields Equestrian Centre, Cannock Road, Shareshill, Wolverhampton, WV10 7LZ (Opposite Watt Meadow)

Price: Members £15 Non-members £18

Times: Ring Simone on Thursday 10th March between 7pm & 9pm on 07789 503237

Saturday 26th March: DRESSAGE CLINIC with Zoe Cappaert

Location: The Equine Performance Centre, Lloyd Farm, Hales, NR Market Drayton, TF9 2PS

Price: Members £15 Non-members £18

Telephone for times on Thursday 14th March – Call Simone on 07789 503237 between 7pm & 9pm

Saturday 19th March: FARM RIDE AT SOMERFORD PARK 11am – 1pm

For those of you who don't know Somerford Park, this is an equestrian training centre established in 1976. The farm ride is through beautifully landscaped settings and is designed to provide something for everyone. Jumps range from 60cm – 90cm for those of you looking for a little exhilaration, and for those after a more relaxing time the ride offers a peaceful 7 mile hack through the River Deane Valley.

If you are a novice and need a little support to enjoy the lovely ride, we have experienced riders who will be happy to look after you. 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!

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

Price: £15 or less dependent to numbers

Times: Please specify your intended arrival time so we can ensure the ride doesn't become too crowded

Saturday 16th April: CLAY PIGEON SHOOT 10am - 1pm

This is a first for the Riding Club and is open to everyone. 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 of the day. We have a maximum of 30 places for this event so please book early as there has been lots of interest in this so far!

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

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

Book by: 1st April

Telephone Adele on 07729 590072 or e-mail adeles_castle@hotmail.co.uk for further information or to register your interest

Saturday 23rd April: SHOWJUMPING CLINIC with Hannah Jackson

Location: Rodbaston College, Penkridge, Stafford ST19 5PH

Price: Members £15 Non-members £18

Telephone for times on Thursday 21st April – Call Simone on 07789 503237 between 7pm & 9pm

FORTHCOMING

- **Race Night**

Oh yes, it's Ladies night.....

Ok ladies, it's time to dust off your best hats and dress up like a lady! **June 9th 2011** is Ladies night at Uttoxeter Race Course. It's a fantastic evening where everyone dresses up, drinks lots of champagne and has a little flutter!

We are planning to put on a mini bus and get the Premier tickets for this event. In order to plan this event can you please contact Adele on adeles_castle@hotmail.co.uk or 07729 590072 to let us know how many tickets we need and what size minibus we need to book. Come on Ladies, you know you want to!

- **Cannock Chase Sponsored Ride**
- **Dressage Test Riding Clinic**
- **Dog Agility Night**
- **Competition Training**
- **Club open to 14 years & over**

AREA 20 DIARY

Saturday 9th April: Festival of the Hunter Challenge (SJ & XC) Qualifier, rescheduled
Lower House Farm, Llanymynech

Sunday 19th June: Dressage
Stanthorne Parks, Middlewich

Sunday 26th June: Show Jumping
Venue TBC

Sunday 3rd July: Horse Trials
Llanymynech

Each of these competitions will cater for a range of levels, and anyone can get involved. Sue Page will be more than happy to explain what is involved in any of the Qualifiers, and further information is also available on the Area 20 website www.brc-area20.org.uk. Please mark on the reply slip if you would like to notify us of your interest in competing for your club at any of the above competitions.

Contacting Us

If anyone has any items they want including in the next edition of the newsletter, any articles they would like us to include, or just a general chat about the club please feel free to contact us on the numbers or emails below. Please remember this is your club and we would like you to take an active part in helping us to run it, so if there is something we are doing that you like or something we aren't that you would like to see then please let us know and more importantly if there is something we are doing that you don't like then definitely let us know! We look forward to seeing you at some of the events we have on this time. Thank you

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