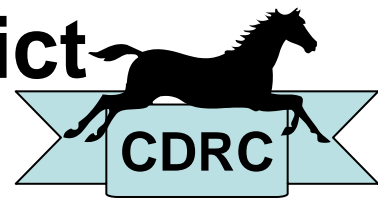
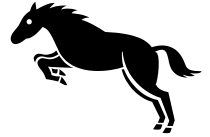


Chobham & District Riding Club



November 2010

NEWSLETTER



Dear Members,

At our AGM last month we welcomed new members to the Committee. Sarah Leno is our lead on Health and Safety; Paul Dixon and Laura Stevens are managing our team activities, and Laura has also taken on the organisation of social events for us all. Geri Summers and Laura will be attending Area meetings for the Club and Geri is also our newsletter editor; congratulations to her for producing this, her first edition!

I think we can look forward to a bumper year ahead!

With all good wishes, James Parker, Chairman

Final call to renew your club membership!

This is the last call for 2011 club membership renewals

To take part in any club outings, competitions or training you'll need to be a member, so make sure you renew now! Form inside.

Don't Miss Out!!

- ❖ Lecture Demonstration on the equine digestive system at Parley Brook
- ❖ RWHS Dressage Qualifiers at Higher Park Farm



CDRC Member News



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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at Lyne Village Hall this year. There was a good turn out with over half of the members attending.

The Committee went through all reports and business and new roles within the committee was discussed and candidates put forward.

Following this there was a talk from guest speaker Phyll Jones, chairman of Quest Riding for the Disabled. Phyll told of all of the excellent work that Quest do with disabled riders and thanked the club for the donation that was previously given.

Next was the presentation of prizes and trophies to club members.

After all the prize given everyone had a mingle and some nibbles to finish the evening off.

Pictured are some of the prize winners! Well done everyone!



On the Move – Show Pony to New Forest Pony...

Some of you longer term CDRC members may recall the 'rags to riches' story of my wonderful ol' cob, Blue Batik, or Cheeky Tikkie as he is affectionately known! I've had Tikkie for nigh on ten years now and he was a rescue horse who had not had a good start in life.. But thanks to patience and a lot of love, the blue roan coblet has achieved great success including Search for a Star at Horse of the Year Show and various other placings at affiliated shows.

Following a new addition to our family, our son Charlie last February, this summer we decided to change our pace of life and become 'New Foresters'!! Tikkie and I had been lucky enough to enjoy some fantastic New Forest 'Horsie Holidays' over the last few years each June at a wonderful stables Ford Farm in Brockenhurst. Through these holidays, my love for the area grew on each visit. During various rides across different terrain we perfected our galloping skills (I'd like to say in full control....!), crossing rivers and jumping in to water and of course the obligatory 'pub rides'!

So in October we packed up our cottage in Englefield Green and Tikkie's saddlebags and have decamped to Bransgore, renting an old converted Coach House, rather fitting really and it still retains many of the original characteristics. The best bit is that we have a paddock out the back where Tikkie will enjoy his older years and we have direct hacking straight on to the Forest - an absolute dream come true for me...

As Tikkie and I galloped across Whitmoor Plain last week in the gorgeous autumnal sunshine I couldn't resist a few whoops of sheer delight at the joy of our new lives as 'Foresters'...

My other half is a qualified chef so if anyone wishes to enjoy a B&B break down at the Coach House I'm sure we could be persuaded to share some of the magic...! **Adie Callaghan**



CDRC Activity Reports



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Here are a few reports from club members on some of the events that have occurred recently.

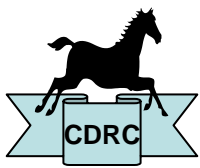
Endurance The Final: The Robin Hood Challenge Southwell Racecourse

After the bad weather and bad luck at the Firle Park qualifier the whole team thought that we were in for an easy ride at Southwell and to top it all we would have the amazing experience of coming down the all weather racecourse to finish off.

We set off from Higher Park Farm at 12 o'clock on the Saturday for the epic journey up to Southwell. We arrived at Southwell at about 4 o'clock and after we had settled the horses into the stables we soon discovered that Laura had left her bridle at home on the tack cleaning hook. We asked at the trade stands if they had bridles for sale but they only had Endurance PVC bridles. By chance I found a spare bit in the back of my car. So Laura and I set off in search of a tack shop and aimed to return for the briefing at half five. We left Liz looking after the horses and Sam and Ali (our crew) to set up the tent. We found a tack shop which was open, bought a bridle and dashed back for the briefing. We made it back just in time and settled down to find out what we would be encountering the next day. We had a lovely meal at the racecourse and tried hard to win the quiz, but were beaten by an older and wiser opposition - even with the help of the internet! We went back to our tent - early to bed - defeated, but determined that we would do better the next day.

Sunday we were up at seven to feed horses and to spruce ourselves and the horses up before the vetting at 10:25. We had fantastic bacon sandwiches courtesy of Ali. The rest of our crew arrived which consisted of my Mum, Dad and Granddad. We brushed the horses and set off to the vetting, which we all passed with flying colours. We then rushed to tack up and set off for the start line within the allocated half an hour. We had a little bit of drama with martingale stops before we got to the start as Jazz's new reins did not have any.

At the start and we were judged for the 'best turned out' category of the competition and set off within about two minutes of the team ahead of us. Starting at a fast trot we got caught up with about five teams as we crossed the first few fields and went down the roads. Mac set a startling pace by wanting to be at the front of all the other teams. Jazz and Enriqueta followed willingly. At the first crew point we washed the horses down and had a quick drink. We waited for some of the teams to leave before we carried on as they were going too fast for our liking. The horses finally settled into a steady pace and we had some fantastic canters across the flat fields near the racecourse. There was quite a bit of road work and two railway crossings to negotiate.



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We were making good time, riding at 11kmph as we reached the last crew point. 7km left to go! The horses enjoyed a little rest before we set off again. As we turned back towards the racecourse we picked up the pace again. We had a few fields to cross before we turned on to the racecourse itself. We lost the way a bit and as we retraced our steps back to the last marker one of the other teams started shouting at us as they thought we were cheating. We passed them and set off at a steady canter. Liz was ahead at this point and all of a sudden we saw that she was sat really far to the right. She was finally able to stop Mac who was on a mission to keep up with the horses in front of us. Her stirrup leather had snapped and her stirrup was somewhere in the bushes. I jumped off and found the stirrup. Liz tried to tie it on and we carried on. We bodged it a bit more with some baling twine that I had on my map case. We were disheartened and worried that the stirrup would not hold for the long final gallop to the finish. Then as we were discussing tactics Jazz tripped up and pulled a front shoe. It looked as though we were destined not to make it.

Turning onto the racecourse for the final stretch home Mac slowed right down. I think the sand made him think he was going to have to go and do some schooling. We pushed them into a canter for the final furlongs. It was so much fun the three of us galloping to the racecourse finishing post where our crew was cheering us on. Rushing back to the start line to get or vetting times and then walking to the stables to cool the horses down. We gave them a lovely bath with the high pressure hoses. After that we walked them around to try and bring down their heart rates for the final vetting.

All three of us walked to the vetting area with our fingers crossed. We were so delighted when all of our horses passed. Jazz even got a grade 1 for having a low heart rate. They went back into the stables to relax before the long journey home and we returned to the tent to have some well deserved lunch.

With some of our energy back we went to look at the official photographs and waited for the prize giving with high hopes. Eventually we found out we had come 8th out of 11 teams. We were so pleased with the time we had achieved and that we had three sound horses - even if one was lacking a shoe.

Thank you to Clare Valvona for entering us, especially with the short notice we were given and Jane and John Hudson for organizing the whole event. Thank you to our fantastic crew, we would not have survived with out you feeding us and the horse's sugary treats. Finally, thank you to our three fantastic horses Enriqueta, Jazz and Mac. Who carried us around Firle two weeks before and then across the fantastic countryside of Southwell. Hopefully we will make it to the final next year and hopefully Clare and Des will be with us too!

For more details on next year's competition and pictures from this year's final please visit the website: <http://www.rcteamevent.endurancegb.co.uk/index.html>



CDRC Activity Report

Orienteering



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On a very wet October morning arriving at Langshot equestrian centre with every piece of waterproof clothing we owned Julie Warner, Heidi Stedeford and I were ready to start the orienteering challenge on Chobham Common. Since our previous participation in Windsor great park and Great Bookham we were confident that we had this down to a fine art. How wrong could we be??? Why did it not occur to us that paper, ink and rain do not bode well. This is of course not forgetting the fact the horses don't particularly like standing still in the rain. Despite all our problems we set off at a steady speed enjoying the surroundings of Chobham Common as we answered questions along the route about electricity pylons and what animal lives in this location. This might have been easier if the animals hadn't have been moved but it was just as interesting trying to second guess what could have been there, this included a detailed examination of facieses. At this point I would like to add we were not competitive at all. Our journey continued for approximately 6 miles taking us just over two hours before arriving back at Langshot where we peeled off the wet clothes and enjoyed a glass of wine and flapjacks under umbrellas in true CDRC style.

We all had a fantastic time enjoying our ride immensely and of course our crowning glory, knocking James off the top spot, when we won the orienteering trophy presented at the AGM.

Paul Dixon

Club Events

With the winter fast approaching, it is always nice to attend events that break up the dreary winter routine!!

- ❖ **Look out for the RWHS Qualifier, to be held at Higher Park Farm. First round is Prelim 4. See schedule for further information.**
- ❖ **Member Training – Training is available for club members, please look at the website and check emails for more information.**
- ❖ **Lastly there is a lecture being held at Parley Brook. This is all about equine nutrition and is being held by Balanced Horse Feeds. This is due to be held on Wednesday 24th November.**

Hope to see you there!!



Do you fancy a holiday in the New Forest with your pony?

As Adie mentions in her article on her move to the beautiful New Forest you can take your horse with you to the New Forest and take advantage of all it has to offer. Shockingly I think that I have been going there for over 15 years!

Ford Farm Stables on the **Burley Road**, just outside the village of **Brockenhurst** can provide a holiday home for your four legged friend! It is conveniently located on the edge of the Forest and you can ride off into the wilderness straight outside the gate. Proprietors Trudy and James always offer a warm welcome and they have stables or grass livery for the duration of your stay (subject to availability). There is a large indoor school which can be hired and we had a fun evening of show jumping last trip, accompanied by the inevitable 'picnic'! You can also book lessons if you would like to or can usually hire an extra horse to join your rides if you need one. Trudy is a regular competitor and frequent winner of the New Forest Pony classes around the area and there are usually off-spring of the New Forests or Thoroughbreds around to ooh and ahh at! Such a time waste...

Contact details are : Telephone: 01590 623043 or
e-mail: info@fordfarmstables.co.uk
website: <http://www.nfed.co.uk/fordfarm.htm>

Brockenhurst itself has a multitude of accommodation for humans, some taking dogs too. There are hotels, B&Bs and a wealth of cottages/houses to rent. We rented the house next door to the stables this summer which was 'The Best Yet' and we are booked in for next year. Cottages4u have a good selection on www.cottages4u.co.uk. **Ford Farm is also a member of the Caravan Club** and can take a number of tents or caravans, if that is your preference (you can count me out...).

Should you choose to take a trip I would be more than happy to help with some recommendations on riding routes, pubs and local Tack Shops!!!! **Adie has also offered B&B for CDRC members** – and I can vouch for the tranquillity of her new abode (see picture...)



Claire ++



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CDRC Membership Form



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Membership Application Form 2010/11

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First name _____ Last name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Telephone No _____

Email _____

Date of Birth (Juniors only) ___ / ___ / ___

Please tick appropriate box

JOINING FEE FOR NEW MEMBERS OR LAPSED MEMBERS

REJOINING AFTER 1/1/2011 £10.00 []

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NON-RIDING MEMBERS £5.00 []

I wish to receive
communications
by post/email

(delete as
appropriate)

The Club year runs from 1 October to 30 September. New members joining after 1st July shall be deemed to have paid for the ensuing year, subject to any increase at the October AGM.

I WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF CHOBHAM & DISTRICT
RIDING CLUB AND ENCLOSE A CHEQUE FOR £_____ MADE PAYABLE TO:
CHOBHAM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____