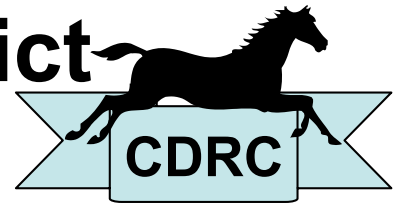
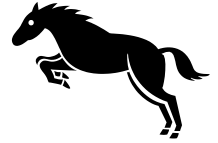


Chobham & District Riding Club



September 2010

NEWSLETTER



Dear Members,

Our AGM will be held at Lyne Village Hall on Tuesday 12th October. I am delighted that Phyl Jones, Chairman of the Quest RDA group, with whom we have worked closely and for whom we have raised considerable funds, will be attending as a guest speaker.



It has been a very good year for our Club and I do hope you will attend the meeting to show your appreciation to a hard-working Committee.

With best wishes, James Parker, Chairman

Chobham and District Riding Club AGM

Tuesday 12th October

at 7.30pm

Lyne Village Hall

Agenda

- Adoption of the Minutes of AGM 2009
- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Team Manager's Report
- Election of Club Officers
- Subscriptions
- Appointment of the Auditor
- Any Other Business
- Prize Giving

CDRC SUMMER SHOW RESULTS AND PHOTOS INSIDE!!

**PLUS ORIENTEERING ENTRY FORMS FOR THIS AUTUMN'S
EVENT**



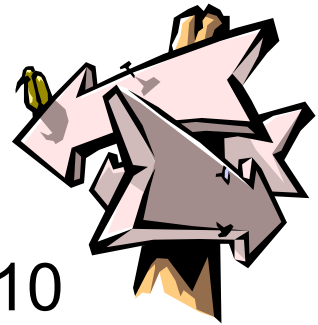
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CDRC Open Events



ORIENTEERING

Sunday 3rd October 2010



Our second Orienteering outing of the year will see a return to our local haunt, Chobham Common, and the Club is grateful to Langshot Equestrian Centre, GU24 8HJ for hosting the event once again.

The entry fee is £7.00 for members and £10 for non-members. There will be a long course (approx 2 hours) and a short course (approx 1 hour). Teams of 2 or 3 are advised and if you need to join a team we will endeavour to assist. Your details will be registered for the event by completing the slip below and returning it with the fee to James.

We plan to set off from 10.00am and James will be in touch with you after entries close on 1st October.



ORIENTEERING - SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2010

I/We would like to take part in this event

NAMES _____

Contact Telephone Number _____

I enclose a cheque payable to C.D.R.C. for £ _____ (Members £7.00
Non-Members £10.00)

Entries Close - 1ST OCTOBER 2010

Please send entries to: **JAMES PARKER, OVERDALE, SOUTH CLOSE, WOKING, SURREY GU21 4TB**



CDRC Out and About



Sept 2010

Chairman James Cracks the Whip!

This Summer I have met a long held ambition to learn carriage driving. I have managed to arrange three different driving experiences for myself, and although I don't even consider myself a novice yet, I am having such terrific fun and a new hobby has been borne in me!

Each of the opportunities is quite different. There is the trip I make to the Surrey Hills each week to drive a single Comtois - a French breed of golden coloured heavy horse. Tamise des Carres is a youngster and new to this game herself, but we have such fun driving along the beautiful wooded tracks beyond Ranmore. I am being taught by Emma who is a great traditionalist and very keen that I learn to drive like an English gentleman rather than a tinker.

Then there are Henri and Gaspar, two beautiful greys, Boulannais x Arab. I am taught by Ed to drive these around the awesome setting of Home Park, a 600 acre deer park on the edge of SW London. This pair are experienced hands and their ears are always flicking around to listen to my commands. It is bad form to slap the reins over their backs or to crack the whip; the skills of a driver are more discreet than that! But the moment you take your eye away they know, and you have a problem to deal with!

On Sundays at Hampton Court Palace I drive a tram pulled by two big boys (pictured), Aragon and Royale, both Shire horses. It is a privilege to work with them, so honest, hard-working and knowing. The tram takes visitors to the Palace around the East Front Gardens, and is very popular attraction. Working with the team all day, you get to know their ways and so it is that they know mine!



Wearing blinkers seems somehow to heighten their other senses, so if I disappear to the loo or to fill up their water bucket, whenever I return, their heads are gazing in my direction, even though I maybe some way away. Ed, their owner says that they know me better than I know myself, and I think he is right.

As I drive the pair around the circuit it is as if I am driving an HGV of yesteryear.



CDRC Out and About



Sept 2010

Driving continued

So many idioms from our language come from driving horses - and as they set off, I see them lean into their collars and always Aragon's chains to the vehicle are tort, whereas Royale's are a bit slack. This is because Royale is not pulling his weight, and as The Whip (driver) it is up to me to make sure that he does.

Shire horses nearly died out in the country around 20 years ago, and on one occasion Ed had to import a pair from Germany as there were none here. They make a wonderful scene, and how lucky I am to be a part of their world.



James Parker

BANK HOLIDAY BONANZA!



RIDDEN CHAMPION

Bea Elliot & Teddy

The Club held its annual Open Show at Langshot Equestrian Centre on August Bank Holiday once again.

Perfect weather conditions and a large entry in all classes combined to make for a very successful day.

The Committee is grateful to the stalwart members who helped, in particular; Debra, Paul, Joe, Ann, John, Linda, Sara, Vanessa and Caroline.

Our efforts were bolstered by members of the Quest Riding for the Disabled group, who acted as stewards, and they also raised funds for their charity through popular tombola and second-hand tack stalls.

Chobham and District Riding Club wishes to thank Lee and Lucy, proprietors of Langshot, for the generous use of their facilities.



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August Summer Show Results

Show Results (1st place)

DRESSAGE

Prelim 4 and Prelim 7

Beth Crawley & Auburn Wishwell

SHOWING

Class 3 Condition and Turnout

A: Phoebe Leak & Guss

B: Elizabeth HayHeggie & Codie

Class 4: Veterans

Lynda Sears & Molly

Class 5: Mountain and Moorland

Emma Kampa & Dylan

Class 6: Prettiest Mare

Georgia Smith & Sarron

Class 7: Handsomest Gelding

Charlene Farmer & Lanelay Carlos

Class 8: Lead Rein

Zoe Hepburn & Flowen Seret

Class 9: First Ridden

Phoebe Leake & Guss

Class 10: Best Rider - Lead Rein

Imogen Elliot & Langshot Nuts in May

Class 11: Best Rider - Open

Southerley Roberts & Rolo

Class 12: Family Pony

Samantha Scholey & Jebeth Trillion

Class 13: Pony Club Pony

Becky Hetherington & Winnie

Class 14: Riding Club Horse

Southerley Roberts & Ardent Sammy

Class 15: Ridden Cobs

Dominique Pizzingrilli & Hortons
Vostigern

Class 16: Ridden Coloureds

Bea Elliot & Teddy

Class 17 Riding Horse

Southerley Roberts & Thai Hoe

Class 18 Working Hunter Pony

Helen Bizzotto & Lord Freckles

Class 19 Working Hunter Horse

Southerley Roberts & Ardent Sammy

SHOW JUMPING

Class 20: Minimus 2ft

Becky Hetherington & Winnie

Class 21: Beginners Jumping 2ft 3

A: Jamie Grane & Sky

B: Suzanne Golding & Doc Junior

Class 22: Novice Jumping 2ft 6

Southerley Roberts & Moon Sparrow

Class 23: Eraser 2ft 9 - 3ft

Hele Gurdin & Bee

For a full list of the show results visit www.chobhamridingclub.co.uk



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Sept 2010

Team Endurance Update



And It Truly Was Endurance!

After many months of encouragement and cajoling CDRC managed to muster up a team for the inaugural Endurance GB Riding Club Team event. As it had taken us so long there was only one Qualifying event left in the calendar - 22nd August in Firle Park, near Lewes. Three weeks before hand we started to do some serious training. If you heard the clip-clop of manic hooves through Chobham in those days - it was only us!

My first 'attempt' saw Des and me cover 11 miles at an average of 6.9mph and five minutes after return the monster looked like he was set to go again. 'Team' training took place over Epsom Downs. First session was 2 laps - 11 miles - at 6.6mph. The following weekend we did 3 laps - including a very flinty track (walk only) and still kept at 5.6 mph over 16 miles. The target for the competition was to complete 20 miles at between 5 and 9.25 mph - with the horse with the lowest finishing heart rate the winner, showing that work had been done on fitness and stamina. We were very pleased with our efforts and considered ourselves ready to go!

We received the maps and instructions for the ride and had a planning meeting. Imagine my surprise when I had the route for the **50 miler!!!** Good job I didn't learn that one and checked with the rest of the team... The route across the South Downs looked to be lovely and we were promised fantastic riding and great views over the Downs and out to sea. With this in mind we were even looking forward to camping and corralling the horses in the Park.

We had checked the weather forecast and all looked to be set fair, except the chance of a shower. Lovely, we thought, that will keep the horses cool and allow us to keep our speed up without stressing them. NEVER believe a weather forecast! The day dawned cool and damp. We watched the early starters set out in t-shirts and short sleeves and thought - 'they know what they are doing' - so we followed suit (being true beginners...).



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Team Endurance contd

The first vetting brought massive disappointment as Liz Hillier-Sinclair and Orla were deemed to be lame and therefore unable to compete. It was too late to switch me into the Team as I was running as an individual (4 max in team). So the Intrepid Four set off. The photographer was just after the start and we were encouraged to canter and smile! The evidence is great to see - www.radfoto.co.uk (Sunday horses 9 - 12).

The first challenge was a bridleway straight up the sheer face of the Downs and we realised that the wet weather had made the chalk very slippery. All four horses struggled to keep their footing. Once on the top we were due to head for the Radio masts - what radio masts? We could hardly see the horses ears, let alone a mast! In fact we were underneath and we still couldn't see the masts! There were runners everywhere too as there was a marathon taking place (mad fools) and there was a constant stream of shadowy figures rising from the mist! Fortunately they were all quite relaxed about us trotting past them. Bridle gates were another challenge but we found a routine - Des and I opened them, Louise Thorne and Bryan closed them. If too difficult, Caroline Shrubbs hopped off Enriqueta and obliged!! Laura Stevens and Jaz were the only gate casualty - where I failed to hold the gate and Jaz rammed Laura's leg into the latch - OUCH - sorry!!!

The undulating ride should have proved to be perfect - had we been able to see where we were heading and the slippery ground meant that poor Bryan skied for more than half of the ride. Thunder and lightening as we hit the summit of the Downs was less than helpful and was the only point of near defeat. Down in the village of Alfriston Crew Point 2 revived cold and tired riders with Mum's jackets and some chocolate and we set off with renewed energy and about an inch of rain for each of us in our right boots. The last 3 miles were along a gravelly track and we had to make up time so we set off in canter as we had had to walk so much of the chalk downs. The horses coped admirably and flew along, splashing through puddles and jumping them for fun when they fancied. We arrived back at the park and the finish to a cheer from our supporting Crew.

A quick wash down and second vetting then saw disappointment for me as Des was lame. Not surprising as he had lived up to his Zebedee nickname for most of the ride. However the rest of the team were passed fit and the Team completed to be second and through to the Robin Hood Challenge in Nottingham. Even the Event Organiser conceded that we had had the worst possible conditions and had a true baptism in Real Endurance! Well done team and I look forward to reading about the final... It can't be as bad as this one. And Millions of Thanks to the wonderful much dampened Crew.

Claire Valvona



CDRC Branded Kit



Sept 2010

Back in 2008 the club members decided that it would be nice if we all had club kit when we went competing. So Committee member Bob Deacon kindly sourced for us some lovely long sleeved rugby shirts in the CDRC colours which the XC, ODE and Endurance teams have worn over the past two seasons. We've even had compliments from other clubs about how smart we look.

However, it has now come to our attention that new members of CDRC would like to get their hands on the kit. Please see a price list below.

It was agreed at the AGM in 2008 that the club would contribute towards the first rugby shirt purchased by each member. Although, please note if you opt to have your initials (3 letters) embroidered on the front of the shirt this would be at the members cost.



Item	Cost
CDRC XC shirt	£10
Embroidered initials	£3
Quartered Silk	£TBA
Baseball cap	£10
Polo Shirt	£20
Fleece	£20

If you would like any of the items, please contact Bob Deacon

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