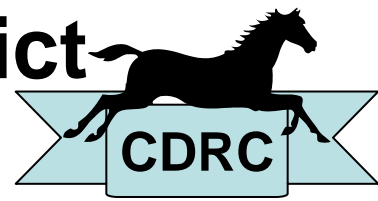
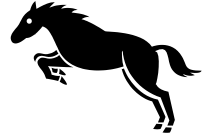


Chobham & District Riding Club



November 2011

NEWSLETTER



Dear Members,

It was good to see so many of you at the AGM last month.

Not only does the Club provide some terrific riding opportunities for Members, it makes a difference to other worthwhile organisations through fundraising. As well as significant sums donated to the Surrey Air Ambulance Fund and Quest Riding for the Disabled, we have supported the Woking Hospice and Redwings.

We welcome new Committee members Sue Catton who is our newsletter editor, and Judith King who is taking on Club training.

Happy reading and happy riding!

Best wishes,

James Parker, Chairman



REMINDER

Club subscriptions became due on 1 October!

Thanks to the many of you who have renewed promptly. This is to remind you that those who fail to renew by 31 December will have to pay a £10 re-joining fee as well as the annual subscription.

The subscription form is below.



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Membership Form



November 2011

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2011/12

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First name _____ Last name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Telephone No _____

Email _____ Date of Birth (Juniors only)

Please tick appropriate box(es)

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£12.00 []

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£5.00 []

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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** _____

Please send to:
James Parker, Overdale, South Close, HORSELL, Surrey, GU21 4TB.



CDRC AGM



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The Club held its AGM in October and around 40 members attended.

As well as the formal business of the evening there was a presentation of prizes to the members who had done the best in different disciplines:

Junior Showjumping:	Heidi Ann Stedeford
Junior Dressage:	Katy Kelly
Junior Orienteering:	Michael Catton
Junior Open Show:	Katy Kelly/Heidi Ann Stedeford
Spirit of Youth Overall:	Katy Kelly

Senior Showjumping:	Southerly Roberts
Senior Orienteering:	Paul Dixon and Vanessa Hunt
Senior Open Show (Tullett) :	Southerly Roberts
Senior Dressage:	Southerly Roberts
Overall Points (Floyd):	Southerly Roberts

Bob also presented a cheque for £1500 to Phyl Jones, Chairman of Quest RDA.

Afterwards those present enjoyed a Quiz competition which was won by a team comprising Bob and Liane Deacon, Paul Dixon and James Parker.



Southerly Roberts receiving a helping hand with her prizes from Claire Valvona & Bob Deacon



Phyl Jones receiving cheque from Bob Deacon

See more photos of the winners on the website –

www.chobhamridingclub.com



CDRC Activity Report



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Eventers Challenge - BCA

Quite literally a pathfinder!!!

When Paul texted us our times for the Festival of the Hunter qualifier competition, I was a bit daunted to discover I was first on, not just of our class but of the whole competition. As the first person to ride a course, the pressure is on to show it can be jumped clear and to time, hence the term pathfinder. Clearly you want to go double clear to set your team up on a good footing but you don't want the following teams to take too much confidence from your clear. However when we rocked up to the show ground on Sunday morning in the freezing fog, the word Pathfinder took on a whole new meaning!!

We were advised to tack up and ride across to the warm up – an entertaining enough activity on its own. We were held at the collecting ring for almost an hour at which point, the warm up ring was rammed and they decided we could start. Unfortunately the freezing fog had still not lifted and, as an added bonus, had made the long grass in the show jumping ring very slippery, so the previous day's plans to make turns on the course went out the window.

I'm so very grateful to my pony, who will jump anything that comes in her path and trusted me to canter into the fog around the course even though we couldn't actually see from jump to jump. It's very eerie when all you can 'see' are some shapes up ahead (one of which you hope is the jump) and the actual jump didn't come in to view until about 5 strides out. One 'oh dear god I hope I'm going the right way' moment came after jump 12, when cantering across the field, I hoped that the 'brighter' foggy patch meant that was where the gate was, because if it wasn't my only alternative would be to ride the perimeter of the field until I found it!! Although we provided the team with its first double clear and I was delighted Dream and I had got home safely, we clocked up quite a few time faults.

Lucy Bowes and Splash were second to go for the team. However, as 10th in the running order, the conditions had not improved and after sliding through a show jump and falling on the cross country course, poor Lucy and Splash were forced to retire.

Southerly Roberts and Tinx were last to jump for the team. Unfortunately, we only had three riders on our team as Enriquetta cut her face the morning of the event - probably due to the fog!! Never having done cross country before, the fog seemed not to phase Tinx, and she was piloted home double clear in true Southerly style and with just a handful of time faults.

By the time the second half our class were jumping, the day had turned out glorious and you could see the whole course.



CDRC Activity Report



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Eventers Challenge – BCA (cont'd)

After an excellent morning Chobham still had three individual riders in the afternoon, Laura Cackett, Danielle and Liam Johnson. Since the fog had lifted the whole course could be seen from the start and Danielle was first to start, but as this was her first time at cross country on her new young horse, they decided to retire before the course got too complicated but still a great experience having a clear show jump round. Laura Cackett was next to go round the 1m course, with 1 knockdown in the show jumping, due to the slippery long grass, and a clear cross country put Chobham back in contention. Liam was last to head onto the cross country course and doubtful as to whether he would make the quick time set. All our hopes of a victory laid solely in his hands.

Well he didn't let us down, completing the course with only a handful of time penalties, Liam was announced winner of the junior 1m and has qualified for Festival of the Hunter in June 2012. This is an excellent achievement and I am sure everyone will join me in congratulating Liam and supporting him all the way to the final.

Our final placings were: Southerly and Tinx in 10th with 14 penalties, myself and Dream in 14th with 22 penalties. 9th Place for Laura Cackett on Acers High IV and of course Liam Johnson with Let's Boogie with 6.4 penalties with a WIN.

Congratulations and thanks to all that participated - an excellent time had by all.

GO CHOBHAM!

Kelly Logan/Paul Dixon

Pre Xmas Club Event – Book Now!

6 December – Tenpin Bowling in Woking

£15 for 2 games and a basket meal.

Come and have some fun – partners and family welcome.

Contact Bob Deacon to book: hythepark2@ntlworld.com





CDRC Club Events



November 2011

Winter Lecture – Horse Dentistry

A Bit Long in the Tooth

The first of our series of Winter lectures was attended by over 20 guests and focussed on horse dentistry.

Jon Allan, 22 years in the Mounted Division of the Metropolitan Police, is now a local horse dentist and he gave members a real insight into the subject.

Until around 15 years ago, all equine dental work was carried out by vets, but nowadays there is an acceptance that preventative dental treatment can improve the quality of life of not only the horse but also the person riding it.

Jon explained that living in the wild, a horse will graze on rough grass and eat bark, sand and soil, all of which wear their teeth down as nature intended. Problems arise when we cause our horses to live an artificial existence and feed them on hay, which is half as soft as grass, and other feeding compounds that do not require the biting, grinding and chewing of grass.

The lecture was enriched with a good array of artefacts. Jon had a number of equine skulls so that we could see the tooth development at different ages and also what can occur when things go wrong. Various photographs showed the damage to the inside of the mouths of horses who have endured sharp spurs arising from mis-growth.

Jon says that in 99% of cases he is able to conduct his routine work upon horses using no sedatives, just the dentist's gag, modelled by our Team Manager Paul Dixon in the photo! He showed various rasps, such as the one being viewed by committee member Sarah Leno. Jon said that the actual dentistry is only a third of his job, the other two-thirds are building a relationship with his clients, both horse and owner.

So, if you notice your horse is dropping its food when eating, losing condition, its head tilting when eating or when ridden, he could be telling you something!

James Parker



Paul Dixon – modelling the dentist's gag



Sarah Leno – viewing a rasp



HORSE DENTIST AT WORK

Jon made a successful visit to Chairman James Parker's horse, so much so Hot Toddy had a look of ecstasy in his eyes by the end.



APPEAL FOR THE DONKEY SANCTUARY

Our jumping instructor, show judge, and Club member, Vanessa Lawes is organising a collection for the Donkey Sanctuary. The Lockwood Centre provides a peaceful home and rehabilitation centre for around 20 donkeys on a 35 acre site. There are donkeys available for adoption, should you be interested!!

The collection which Vanessa is organising is of used tack – anything from head collars to saddles, and even rugs that you no longer use.

If you have anything which you would like to contribute please contact a committee member or drop in to Claire's house in Knaphill (The Mews, Hill Place, GU21 2TU).

Please give generously.



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CDRC Club Events

ORIENTEERING AT ALBURY

Although the weather this year has been inconsistent it is the case that all of our big riding club events have been delivered in excellent weather, and so it was for our second orienteering outing of 2011.

Eight teams gathered in the car park of the cricket ground in Albury to negotiate their ways around a nine mile route that was set by our Secretary, Claire Valvona. As well as successful navigation the aim was to answer questions about features along the route, to collect 'treasure' and to be as near to the mystery 'bogey' time as possible.

Before we were set off, Claire handed our instruction sheets, and straight away there was a murmur of concern as several people wondered what an oak apple was? Those true countrymen among us did their best to educate the townies, and presently the first team set out, with others following at six minute intervals.

The route took around 2 hours to complete and it was in the most glorious Surrey countryside, beautiful views and sandy tracks. Once we had eventually found our oak apple, my team mate Fiona Stuart and I relaxed and started to enjoy the trek. It was an intricate route and you did need to follow the instructions closely, but as we neared the end it was a surprise to find a worried looking Claire who told us that although we were the fourth team out we were the first back. We had only passed one other team and so...where were the others?

But with horses to hose down and sausage rolls to be eaten, we left anxious Claire and headed for the finish line.

The good news was that all teams returned unharmed; true, it took some people longer than others, but they were lucky as they got to see more of the countryside than we did.

Presently the results were declared to the puzzlement of some, Vanessa Hunt and Paul Dixon came first. Puzzlement, due to the fact that they ended the route from the opposite direction.

But I would not wish to be considered unsporting, and I expect there is a good reason why they won and I am sure it is all above board. Coming second is never good, and although Fiona and I are proud of our super new style rosettes, I did feel a smirk later in the day when I heard that my rival Paul Dixon locked his only set of keys in his car boot.

He who has the last laugh...

Another great riding club event thanks to Claire, Bob and Liane for making it happen.

James Parker

Check out the website for photos of the day!



CDRC Diary of Events



November 2011

To give you an idea of events taking place in the New Year, here are just a few provisional dates.

Following the success of the winter lectures, we will be adding more dates shortly, so ...

REMEMBER – check the website for updates and full list of events.

Show Jump Training with Vanessa Lawes	Flatwork Training with Malcolm Hunt
4 March	25 March
1 April	29 April
6 May	27 May
3 June	17 June
1 July	29 July
5 August	26 August
2 September	30 September
7 October	28 October
4 November	

22 April Orienteering
 13 May Showing Clinic with Southerly Roberts
 24 June Open Show
 27 August Open Show

Area Events

7/8 April	Winter Championship	Hartbury
23 June	Festival of the Hunter	Aston le Wells
3/5 August	National Hunter Championship	Aston le Wells
15/16 September	National Championship	Lincoln
6/7 October	DTM with final at Olympia	Aintree



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CHOBHAM COMMON WATCH 2011

INCIDENT REPORTING SCHEME - INITIATIVE BY THE SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST

As of 2011, Surrey Wildlife Trust has implemented a new common watch scheme at Chobham. This will enable all users of the common to describe their location in the event of any incident or emergency.

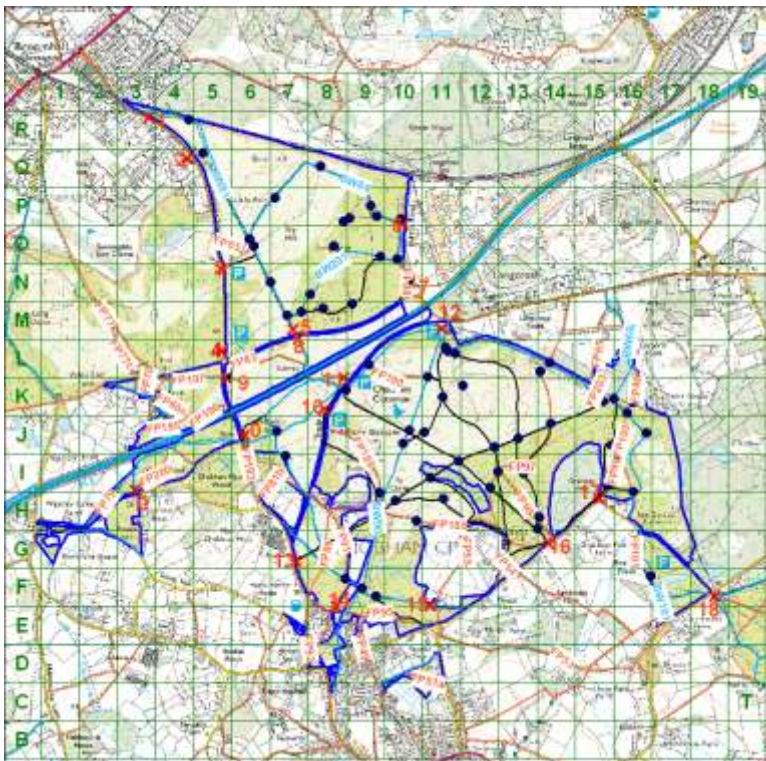
The numbering system is based on a grid of the common.

Existing Rights of Way posts now display red letters and numbers indicating their position.

On the map:

- Red numbers indicate gate numbers for emergency vehicle access. Gates are locked and will need to be opened by staff
- Black dots indicate where posts with grid numbers are located
- Blue tracks are bridleways
- Black tracks are permissive horse rides
- Orange tracks are footpaths

In the event of an emergency please telephone the emergency services and the Chobham Common ranger team (office number 01276 858013). Please give your location relative to the nearest post number or location name e.g. Albury Bottom, if known.



For any queries relating to this system please telephone Darren Brito (Assistant Ranger) on 07817 166793.

If you do not require our assistance at the time of an incident, please still call or visit our office when convenient so that we can record the incident.



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CHOBHAM COMMON

**DO YOU FEEL YOUR ENJOYMENT RIDING ON CHOBHAM COMMON
COULD BE AFFECTED BY THE PRESENCE OF CATTLE?**

If so, now is the time to write a letter of objection.

The date for the inquiry into the fencing of Chobham Common is expected to be in the New Year. To date there have been several good letters of objection, however we need to swamp the Inspectorate to be heard.

Your letter only needs to be brief, giving one reason why the fencing for grazing could spoil horse riding on the common.

Send your letters quoting:

REFERENCE NUMBER COM 231 to: THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE
ROOM 4/05, KITE WING
TEMPLE QUAY HOUSE
2 THE SQUARE
TEMPLE QUAY
BRISTOL. BS1 6PN

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to request your tabard using the online Enquiry form on the Contacts page.



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NEWS FROM REDWINGS



Hello friend,

Do you like my picture? I am really striking a pose but I hope that you can't tell too much as I'd like to think I look naturally handsome. I received a huge compliment the day that the lady from Redwings came to take my photograph. The lady with the camera was in my paddock and there were also some lovely human friends at the paddock fence. The lady from Redwings asked me to hold my head high for my photograph, but I have to admit I had spent the day eating deliciously rich grass and nodding off was my agenda for the day! Then I heard a little girl say to her mother, "wow that's the most beautiful pony". When I usually hear that, it is with reference to Victoria. Victoria is a gorgeous skewbald mare who is new to Caldecott, who has caught everybody's eye (including mine!) But this time the little girl was talking about me!!! Well that was it! I couldn't help but strike a pose. Ears forward, neck straight, eyes wide open, mouth shut and looking away from the camera (because that's what models do!) If the little girl thought I was 'beautiful' when I was half asleep with my bottom lip drooping then what would she think of me striking my most handsome pose? Well, let me tell you what she said, she said "That's a shame; he only looks beautiful when his lip is drooping!" NOT REALLY! I bet you didn't know ponies could joke did you? What she actually said was "he is the most stunning pony that I have ever seen in my life". I have never felt more flattered and confident. Fortunately the lady with the camera captured me posing as 'Mr handsome horse' and so I thought I'd sent it to you too so that you can see how super duper handsome I am! Hope you like it!

Love from Icky x x

CDRC sponsor Icky each year and also sent carrots and apples for his birthday!!





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