

February 2022



*Our February newsletter includes: Drive slow campaign, AGM info, review of the driving experience and lessons opportunities*

#### **BHS "DEAD SLOW" CAMPAIGN FOR DRIVERS**

The British Horse Society has recently launched a campaign to try and reduce the number of incidents on the roads involving horses. In the past five years the BHS has received more than 2000 reports of such incidents – tragically these incidents involved the deaths of 36 riders and 181 horses.

The chances of getting changes in legislation are so small that we need to campaign for something more achievable. BHS are focussing their efforts on campaigning for behavioural and attitudinal change in drivers and in getting changes made to the Highway Code. They are in dialogue with the Minister for Road Safety and have written confirmation from the DVSA that they want to work with the BHS on the driving test. The main thing they are asking for is that drivers pass horses at least a car's width away and at a maximum speed of 15mph.

Watch and share the educational video below:

[https://youtu.be/x\\_0FO7eECQo](https://youtu.be/x_0FO7eECQo)

#### **AGM**

The AGM will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. 1930 for a 20:00 start at the Chobham Community centre.

We are going to be in the upstairs room.

To be more environmentally friendly we will not be printing any documents for the AGM. These have all been sent to you with the AGM invite. If you have any questions or points to raise please email them to us before 27<sup>th</sup> February.

We have a vacancy on the committee as team manager. We already have one volunteer however if you would be interested filling this position please let us know. We will formally be asking this at the AGM.

#### **Hat Standards**

From 1 January 2023, hat standards PASO15 1998 and SNELL 2001 will no longer be accepted, due to the age of hats made to these standards. A new colour of hat tag will be required for all BE, PC and BRC activities from 1 January 2023.

#### **Acupuncture and chiropractic demo 20 February.**

There are still spaces, please bring a chair – Dingley Dell Stables, Pirbright.  
Free to members and family and friends

Don't forget to join our members only Facebook group to keep up to date on the latest news.



UPCOMING EVENTS

*To enter any activity, please email us*

Date	Activity	Location	Cost
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Understanding equine acupuncture and chiropractic treatment live demo With Rebecca Gengasamy	11:30am for approx. 1 hour Pirbright	Free to members and family and friends
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	AGM	Chobham community centre (upstairs)	Free
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show jumping with Nick Edwards (Group)</li> <li>• Dressage with Suzanne Holt (Pair)</li> </ul> <p>You can choose to do either option or both. Please specify height/level on entry (will be a PM lessons)</p>	Twelve Oaks, Windlesham	£25 per lesson
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2022	Open Indoor Dressage competition	Merrist Wood	As per schedule
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Charity Show	Dunstall Green	As per Schedule
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	CAMP	Rosehill, Henley-on-Thames	
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Open Indoor Dressage competition	Merrist Wood	As per Schedule



### **Carriage Driving Taster Day**

Thanks to Amelia for setting us off in her footsteps with a carriage driving lesson at Grayswood Carriage Driving in Eastleigh.

There was a good turnout with 9 people from the Club and we were all fully immersed in the experience. Roger Page is an extremely experienced coachman and showing judge – knowing all the tricks of the trade, and plenty of pointers of What Not To Do! Sam Searle and Sarah Simmons, the British Driving Society Hampshire Area Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner were on hand to teach us all about the traditional tack and equipment, from bits to swingle bars, as well as the more modern and lighter (easier to clean) harness. Everything has a correct order for the comfort and safety of horse and groom – which will definitely take more than just one session to crack, but it all made sense.

We had some fun driving Woody – the model horse head – to learn the Coachman style with the reins held in one hand (left) and supported by the right. Thumb to tum for left and thumb to (horse's) bum for right. Needless to say this was FAR easier with Woody than when we had to do it for real.

The driving sessions were in the very large school area with a single horse and carriage. We had the two school masters for our session – Chief and Lightfoot. Each of us was invited to climb correctly into the carriage, holding the reins and not tripping over any trailing loops. We weren't left to drive on our own and Roger and Sam were at the helm but we were very quickly taking the reins in walk first, trying to master the Coachman reins, with varied levels of success. However Sam said that riders find Coachman style very difficult so I think we all split the reins to hold them as we would when riding! Most of us were also crossing our reins or opening them out – none of which we should do when driving – and probably not for riding either!!! Everyone progressed onto trot, with different levels of concentration, trepidation and delight on faces. Chief was VERY lively and is a past champion at Cones so was really enjoying himself. He was slightly put off when the cones were following him when run over and dragged – but the trusty groom jumped off the back to rectify the situation and it was time to go again. I think that we were all successful in controlling our horse and carriage and its direction well for a first go. I am pretty sure Jayne was keen to join the Cones Scurry competition – at speed – so we will watch out for progress on that one...

After untacking and putting away the mass of equipment we had a very welcome, warming lunch and warm apple strudel and cream. What a way to end a very enjoyable day!



### Congratulation

Huge congratulations to Sue Childs and Killy Stew winning the BD Petplan regional qualifier Prelim silver section with 70%. (left) and Loga Rega who qualified for the club at Area festival championships Junior dressage competition. Well done to you both!





### Area competitions

Schedules and entry forms for the following events are now on the area 11 website:

<http://www.brcaarea11.org.uk/Area11/whats-on/>

Intermediate Winter Senior & Junior Dressage qualifiers

Saturday 19 March 2022 [Schedule](#)

Sands Farm, Warnham (organiser: Newlands Corner)

Combined Training (Dressage/SJ) qualifiers

Sunday 3 April 2022 [Combined Training schedule](#)

[2022](#) Felbridge (organiser: Area 13)

Combined Challenge (SJ/XC) qualifiers

Sunday 10 April 2022 [Combined Challenge 2022](#)

[schedule](#) Munstead (organiser: WSRC)

Area Dressage Team friendly (2)

Good Friday 15 April 2022 [Dressage schedule April](#)

[2022](#) Merrist Wood (organiser: WSRC)

Horse Trials (National & L&SE) qualifiers

Saturday 4 June 2022 Coombelands (organiser: Area 13)

National Style & Show Jumping qualifiers

Sunday 26 June 2022 Elstead RC field (organiser: ERC)

Dressage to Music (National & L&SE) qualifiers

Sunday 3 July 2022 Belmoredean (organiser: Area 13)

Dressage (National & L&SE) & Riding Test (national only) qualifiers

Saturday 16 July 2022 Pachesham (organiser: Chipstead)

L&SE Combined Training & Show Jumping qualifiers

Sunday 24 July 2022 Bookham RC field (organiser: Bookham RC)

### National Novice Winter Intro Dressage Qualifier Results – 13 November 2021

#### Junior Qualifier

1<sup>st</sup> Bethy Naylor-Davis – Shandwick Bentley (Wey Valley RC)

2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Snelling – Gasper De L’Heute (Chobham & District RC)

#### Senior Qualifier

1<sup>st</sup> Helen Francis – Gasper De L’Heute (Chobham & District RC)

2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Hillier-Sinclair – Womble (Chobham & District RC)

3<sup>rd</sup> Amy Kirby – Fernyknapp Must Be Rain (Chobham & District RC)

4<sup>th</sup> = Sylvia Laney – Molly (West Surrey RC)

4<sup>th</sup> = Elizabeth Hillier-Sinclair – Classic Mereico (Chobham & District RC)

6<sup>th</sup> Karen Sharp – Fantastic Mr Fox (Chobham & District RC)

### CDRC Committee

Chair – Sara Green

Secretary – Amelia James

Treasurer – Nick Valvona

Membership – Claire Valvona

Teams & Training – Liz Hillier-Sinclair

Area Liaison – Caroline Shrubbs

Website & Communications - Paul Broadest-Dixon

H&S – Sophie Robertson

Committee Member - Malcolm Hunt