

Chobham and District Riding Club

June 2020



Stay Alert and Stay Safe!

June update newsletter includes; Training and clinics recommencing and what you need to know. A reminder of our 'have a go' dressage competition. An announcement about our shows and some hacking routes.

Guidelines for attending training

We have agreed to start training clinics with the following instructors.

- Jade Hyatt – Polework/gridwork
- Malcolm Hunt– Flatwork
- Suzanne Holt – Dressage
- James Emblen– Show jumping

Government guidelines must be maintained at all time, especially in respect to maintaining a 2-metre distance from others and regularly hand washing - I cannot stress how important this is in order keep us all safe.

Most importantly, anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, should stay at home. Anyone who has been in contact with someone that is showing symptoms should stay at home. Anyone considered vulnerable should stay at home.

Anyone attending a clinic are requested to check their own temperature before leaving home.

Clinic regulations

- Groups will consist of 2 riders only
- Please attend on your own if possible. If this is not possible, please advise us in advance to ensure we do not go over the number of people permitted.
- We will be increasing the turn times between lessons. We kindly ask members to arrive and leave promptly to reduce contact with others.
- Please ensure you wash your hand regularly or use anti-bacterial hand gel. This is especially important after opening gates etc.
- We recommend all riders wear gloves to ride in and are permitted to wear soft face masks that cover the mouth and nose, but no face shields are permitted. Nothing is to be attached to the riding hat

UPCOMING EVENTS

To enter any training clinic please email us.

Saturday 27 June and Sunday 28 June

Polework clinic with Jade Hyatt (£15 each)

Sunday 05 July

Dressage Clinic with Suzanne Holt (£25 for private 45-minute lesson)

Sunday 19 July

Flatwork Clinic with Malcolm Hunt (£25 for a private 45-minute lesson)

Dates TBC

James Emblen show jumping
Please contact Marci Gough directly if interested. 07966 741194 or via Facebook
Cost £30 individual £25 each for pairs (preferable for members to make own pairs). To be held at large outdoor arena in Chobham



HAVE A GO DRESSAGE COMPETITION

This is a free, fun competition for members only so you can start to get back into competition mode. You need to state the level you are riding and make up a test including movements appropriate to that level in any order. No minimum or maximum length, and the arena can be any size. You don't need to dress up in competition clothes but can if you want to. Boots and bandages are allowed, but otherwise tack must be per dressage rules. Rather than marks per movement, the test will be marked on the quality of the work in each pace, quality of the transitions and general harmony between horse and rider

If you need help with filming, please let us know and for £5 we can facilitate the use of an arena to and be filmed or we can attend your yard and film you.

The Rules and requirement

- You don't need to dress up, unless you want to. This is all for fun
- Please film from C end of the arena (where the judge would usually sit)
- Film in landscape
- When sending your film please let us know the test, and name of Horse and Rider. Please also include the test level, (Into, Prelim, Novice etc)
- Entries close Friday 26 June.
- Email or WhatsApp your video to Paul on 07764 225044. Alternatively, you can send for free using 'WeTransfer' <https://wetransfer.com/>

Check out our CDRC YouTube channel. Simply search 'CDRC' in YouTube and click on subscribe.

If you have any videos you would like to share, email them to us or send via WhatsApp to Paul on 07764 225044





OUR COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Unfortunately, we have taken the decision that it is not feasible for us to run either our Camp or August Bank Holiday show safely taking into consideration the government restrictions. This has been a very tough decision for the committee, along with our Health and Safety advisor Dr Sarah Leno, to make.

Camp 2020

The government restriction does not permit for anyone to stay overnight away from home. This along with the logistics of keeping everyone apart, travel distance to the venue etc has made it impossible for us to run this camp safely.

Thank you to everyone who showed interest in attending and for those who have paid deposits we will be in contact individually.

We would like to thank Elizabeth Hillier-Sinclair and Caroline Shrubbs for all the effort they had put in to organise this event. It takes numerous hours to arrange the venue, trainers, logistics etc. We had such an amazing time last year and are extremely disappointed not to be able to repeat the success this year. Thank you both.

Monday 31 August 2020

This has been our annual show for as long as I can remember. Initially being held at Langshot Equestrian Centre, before moving to the Pony Club field at Dunstall Green by kind permission of Mrs Jean Shipp.

This fun show has always run to create an income for the riding club and to encourage more riders from the local area to join our friendly club.

This will be first time in our history that this show has not taken place.

We will continue to monitor the government advice and we hope to be able to run a members' only event instead on this day. (fingers crossed)

Ideas on what events could be held are very welcome.





SOMEWHERE NEW TO HACK

Want to try somewhere new to hack? We have published below some easy to follow guided routes starting from various locations. (Paul is happy to support on foot if anyone needs help)

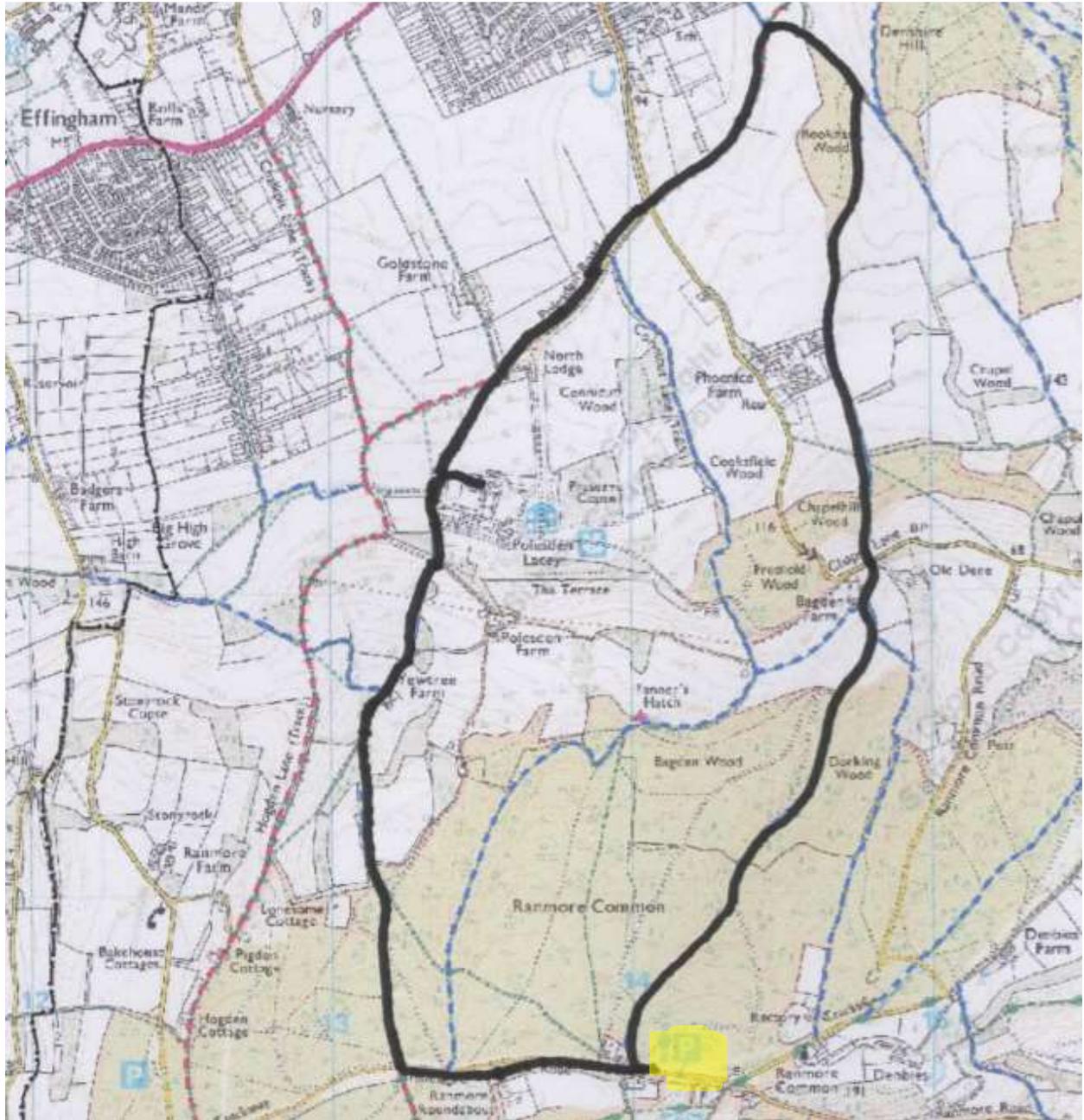
RANMORE TO POLESDEN LACEY CIRCULAR TRAIL

9.5K TRAIL approximately 2 HRS in 15 easy to follow steps

- 1.** Park at the Ranmore Common National Trust Car Park (Denbies Hillside), Ranmore Road, **RH5 6SR**. This is a pay and display car park but if you are a National Trust member you just tap your membership card and it is free.
- 2.** Facing the road, head off left along the wide verge until you come to the Dorking Scout Council Ranmore Camp sign on the left.
- 3.** Cross the road, go between the posts and take the bridle path heading north down through the woods
- 4.** This path take you down through woodland glades. When the path forks, keep left and continue down. It becomes a more formal track with CCTV camera alerts.
- 5.** About 1.75k from Ranmore Road, just beyond Yewtree Farm on your right, (stop at the corner of the field on the right where there is a wonderful viewing point which looks down the valley towards Polesden Lacey)
- 6.** Continue along the track, keeping left on the bridleway when you meet the farm drive forking to the right.
- 7.** Carry on. This interesting path becomes a narrow yew tree-lined causeway before turning into a wide carriage drive heading up towards Polesden Lacey car park beneath fairy-tale bridges.
- 8.** As you emerge out into fields at the top, pass the gate into the car park on your right and continue along the field edge and along the wide verge beside the main drive to the house.
- 9.** At the end of the drive the road bends sharply left at a junction. Directly opposite is the entrance to a Byway Open to All Traffic. (Take care how you cross as it is a blind bend though a fairly quiet road.)
- 10.** Turn up this broad chalk byway. After about 800m you come to a crossroads. Turn right
- 11.** Ride between the fields and then continue with Bookham Wood on your right. At the edge of the wood take a right fork to carry on skirting the wood. This is a lovely open stretch with good visibility where you can choose your pace for a run of more than 1k
- 12.** The path then crosses a junction of tracks and goes into woodland. Keep straight and ignore the path forking on the right. Carry on into the plantation
- 13.** The track quickly becomes very steep threading downhill through Chapelhill Wood towards Chapel Lane. There are a couple of easy gates to go through as you cross the field and enter the lane.
- 14.** Cross the lane and go up the track past Bagden Farm and between fields. About 250m from the road, the bridleway bears sharp round to the left. You need to take the bridleway that goes through a gate into a field at the corner and follow the track diagonally across the grass up to another gate and into the woods.
- 15.** Dorking Wood is on your left, and Bagden Wood on your right. Follow the bridleway all the way now back to Ranmore Road. (Ignore National Trust permissive paths) Keep heading up through the woods for about 1.6k. You will eventually emerge on the top of Ranmore directly opposite the National Trust Car Park!



RANMORE TO POLESDEN LACEY



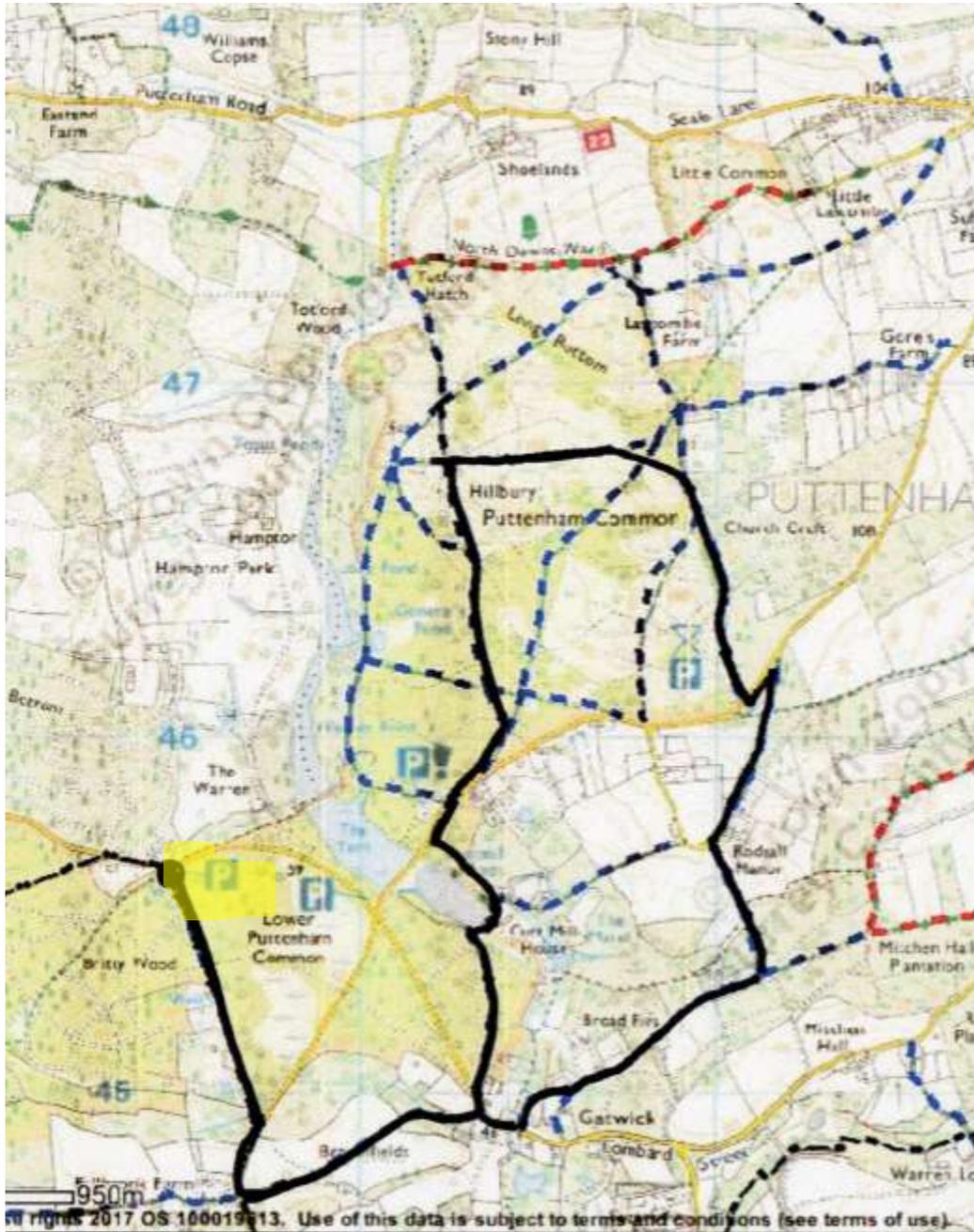


PUTTENHAM COMMON AND CUTT MILL
10k CIRCULAR ROUTE 2-2½ HRS in 20 easy to follow steps

- 1.** Park at the at Britty's Wood car park off Littleworth Road, which you can recognise by its power lines. **GU10 1JJ**
- 2.** Your route starts following those telegraph poles through grassy heath and woodland till you emerge on Suffield Lane.
- 3.** Turn right up the lane for 20m and then take the wide bridleway on your left. Keep your eyes open for a gate into the field on the left. Go through the gate.
- 4.** Ride diagonally across this inviting grassy field towards a gate into the woods. This gate closes with a chain. Follow the path through the trees until you come out on a lane called Lombard Street and turn right for 15m. The bridleway on your left has a finger post growing out of the top of a thick hedge!
- 5.** Go up the drive past the house and the path carries straight on with Kingshott Cottage on your left, becoming a lovely inviting sandy track. Keep going for about 800m until you come to a junction of paths
- 6.** Turn left. (If you come to a crossroads with a red Byway marker you have gone too far.) and continue until you come to Rodsall Manor. Turn right past the manor on your right.
- 7.** Carry on past the converted barn on the left and Rose Cottage on your right and follow the path taking the left fork until you meet Suffield Lane again. Turn a quick left then right into Puttenham Heath Top Car Park.
- 8.** Go up the drive into the huge car park where you can enjoy panoramic views across miles of undulating woods and heath.
- 9.** Ride over to the sign board and go past the little wooden stumps onto the common. You are now heading roughly north
- 10.** Follow the track into the woods and take the track on the left through two stumps.
- 11.** Go straight on, under the overhead cables and follow the path between two oak trees
- 12.** Follow this wide curving path down the slope to the very bottom.
- 13.** With a very steep hill right in front of you, turn left, following a woodland bridleway. Take the left fork at the markers on your right and ride straight for about 850m, ignoring paths crossing the track and following bridleway signs all the way
- 14.** Keep straight on this bridleway until it emerges in the lower Puttenham Common Car Park in Suffield Lane. Duck under the barrier and turn right along the road until you come to Cutt Mill Lane on your left, leading to Cutt Mill House.
- 15.** Turn down the drive alongside the beautiful lake until you reach the house. The path then hugs the right of the mill house boundary and goes along the bank of Cut Mill Pond with fabulous views. (It's a magical spot.)
- 16.** Past the pond you come to a three way split in the woods. Take the middle path.
- 17.** This track meanders through grassy woodland till it emerges back on Lombard Street. Turn left along the lane for 10m and then turn right, up a bridleway into the woods. You are now retracing your steps to the carpark.
- 18.** This track takes you through woodland back to the gate with the chain loop.
- 19.** Go through the gate and cross the big field back to the gate at the far side. Go through the gate and turn right onto the driveway until you reach the lane
- 20.** Turn right along the lane for 20m and then go left at the bridleway by the Britty Cottage sign. This track leads into the telegraph pole path that takes you straight back to the car park.



PUTTENHAM COMMON AND CUTT MILL

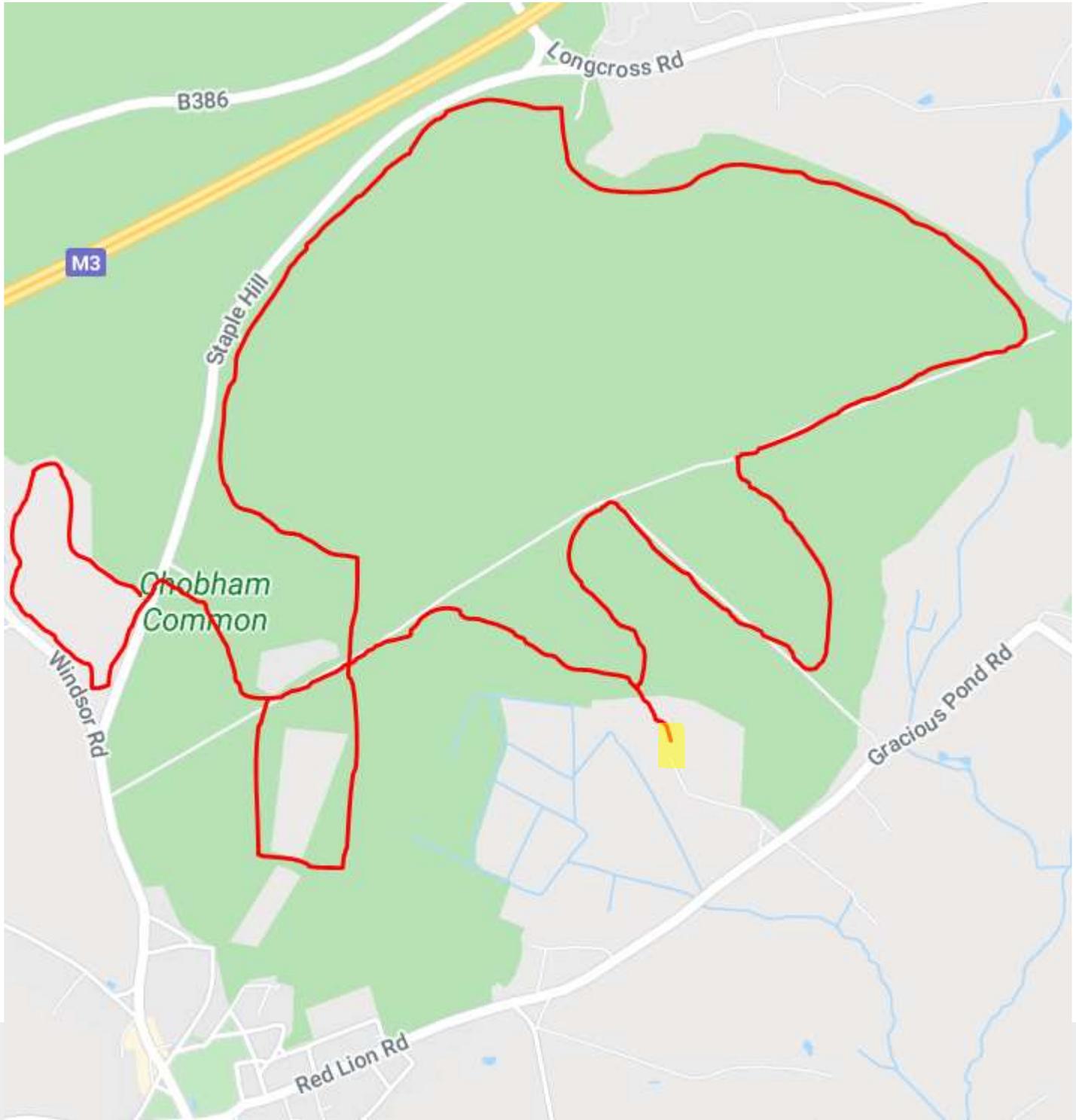




CHOBHAM COMMON CIRCULAR TRAIL

10K TRAIL approximately 1 ½ - 2 HRS in 20 easy to follow steps

1. Parking is available at Langshot Equestrian Centre, Gracious Pond Road, Gu24 8HJ. There is a charge of £5 per horse to park here and have direct access to the common. This must be booked in advance with Lucy Stevenson on 01276 856949 (please say you are a CDRC member)
2. Leave longshot via the designated exit next to the outdoor arena from the driveway. Turn left when you reach the first path on the common and cross the metal bridge
3. When the path comes to a fork take the right-hand path and then go straight across the next crossing which is only in about 10 meters
4. Follow this sandy path all the way to the end which comes out onto the pipeline. merge left on the pipeline and continue straight ahead in 10 meters with the bench on your right-hand side
5. Go down the hill and continue straight ahead. You will pass a scrap yard on your right-hand side. (if you reach the main road you have gone too far)
6. Take the first path on the right after the scrap yard (this is a small path with bridleway sign) and follow this path to the road (Staple Hill). Cross the road carefully taking the path directly ahead of you.
7. Turn immediately left and you will be entering a big field. Keeping to the edge of the field you can continue all the way around the perimeter in either direction (I prefer clockwise). This is a lovely place to increase the speed a little if you wish.
8. On reaching the point of entry into the field you will now retrace your steps back across the road and back down the bridleway until you reach the main track again, but this time continue straight ahead.
9. Follow this path as it curves slowly to the left and after approximately 800m fields will appear on the both sides of the path .
10. Just after the fields end, follow the path round to the left and continue down this track until you re-join the main pipeline track again Turning right up the hill.
11. At the top of the hill, turn left keeping on a main path down the hill to a crossroad junction.
12. Turn left and continue along this path up a fairly steep hill. At the top, continue to the right with the main road (staple hill) on your left hand side. Follow this path to the very end with the road remaining on your left-hand side.
13. At the end of this track turn right keeping to the left as the path forks.
14. As the path starts to incline, take the path on the left, continuing up hill.
15. Follow this path for approximately 1 mile. At the end of the track turn right which is the start of the pipeline path.
16. Riding up the pipeline take the first track on the left.
17. Follow this path the T- junction at the end and turn right.
18. This path will start to go uphill then followed by a main crossroads, with large bushes on each side of the path, turn left. (back onto the pipeline path)
19. Take the first turning on the left-hand side and continue on this path until the end T junction at which you need to turn left.
20. As you enter the woods, continue straight over the small paths until longshot Stud is on your right-hand side. Cross the metal bridge again and the entrance back into Langshot EC is about a 100m on your right.



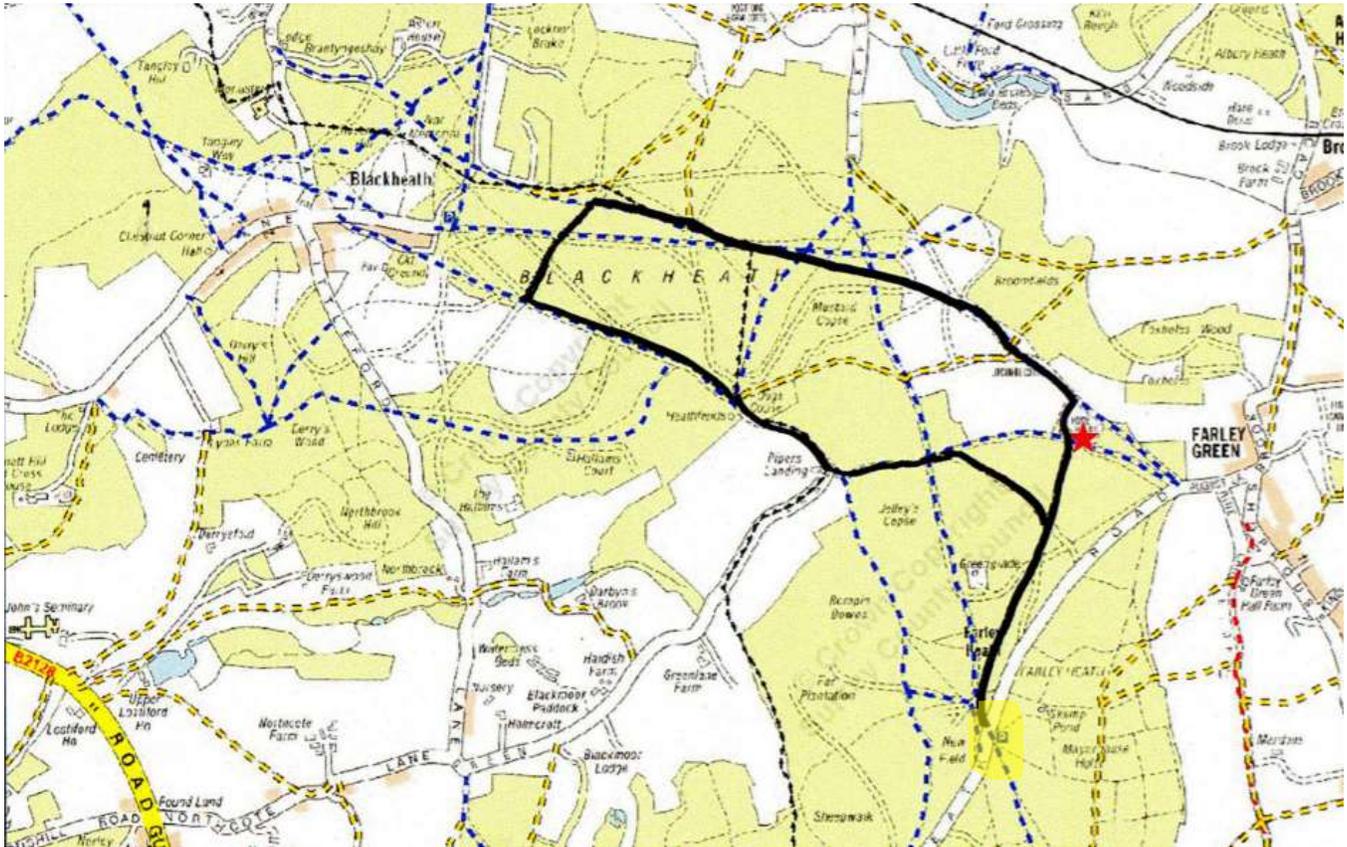


ROMAN TEMPLE, FARLEY HEATH TO BLACKHEATH
6k CIRCULAR ROUTE 1HR TO 1½HRS in 15 easy to follow steps

- 1.** Park at the Roman Temple car park on Farley Heath Road, **GU5 9ER**.
- 2.** With the road to your right, take the bridlepath by the large log going past the temple foundations on your left.
- 3.** Keep straight on over three sets of crossroads down a hill until at the bottom, the path splits either side of some bushes. Take the narrow right hand OR the wider left followed by a sharp right.
- 4.** You emerge facing a row of cottages called Home Villas.
- 5.** Turn left past the houses and take a narrow path beside No 1 (marked with a milkchurn).
- 6.** The left side of this track through the trees is better. It comes out on a wide drive. Turn left.
- 7.** After about 40m the track splits. Take the right-hand path up onto Blackheath, past a wooden barrier. (This is a major bridleway that leads all the way to Blackheath Village)
- 8.** Keep on the main path (it is an old racehorse gallops) with the seat on your right. You will come to a huge open junction, and you follow the main broad track as it curves slightly right and then left before becoming dead straight. At the second big clearing and crossroads, turn right
- 9.** The path now weaves through the pine trees and you will come to a cross roads of wide tracks with silver birch trees all round. Bear left, ignoring small side paths. Continue straight through the tall pine plantation until you come to a junction with an old established jumping ring on the right.
- 10.** Enjoy the jumps and then take the wide sandy path across open heathland up the slope to the left passing a bridleway post on the right
- 11.** You will shortly come to the gallops again - a wide open crossroads. (If you turn right up the gallops, the path takes you straight to Blackheath Car Park
- 12.** cross over the gallops down a wide sandy track. At the next cross roads, with a blue bridleway sign and bench on the right, turn left down through the pine trees. Keep straight on this inviting sandy track that narrows into a gully through the trees.
- 13.** Stay beside the fence on the right until the path becomes a metalled drive past Candleford Cottage and Heathfield. At the Y junction at the end of the tarmacked stretch bear left onto the sand track following a line of telegraph poles
- 14.** You will shortly come to a junction of several paths. Go past the tree and take the lovely yellow sandy path bearing right uphill.
- 15.** At a crossroad of tracks go right following the golden sand. Go straight at the next crossroads, past the log and the path takes you all the way back to the Roman Temple Car Park.



ROMAN TEMPLE, FARLEY HEATH TO BLACKHEATH





QUIZ ANSWERS

General Knowledge

1. The tallest building in the world is located in which city? **Dubai (Burj Khalifa)**
2. Complete this famous line from an iconic Queen song: "I see a little silhouette of a man, Scaramouche, Scaramouche, will you do the **Fandango**"
3. How many hearts does an octopus have? **Three**
4. What is Postman Pat's surname? **Clifton**
5. Gouda is a popular cheese originating from which country? **The Netherlands**
6. Which UK city is situated further west – Bristol or Edinburgh? **Edinburgh**
7. How many actors have played the role of James Bond? **Nine- Daniel Craig, Pierce Brosnan, Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, George Lazenby, David Niven, Barry Nelson and Johnny Walker.**
8. What is the largest animal on the planet? **A Blue Whale**
9. What colours make up the flag of the Netherlands? **Red White and Blue**
10. What is a baby Giraffe called? **A calf**

Brain teaser answers

1. 8 Legs on a Spider
2. 3 Blind Mice (See How They Run)
3. 195 Countries in the World
4. 2 Hands on a Clock
5. 5 Olympic Rings
6. 3 Strikes and you are Out
7. 12 Eggs in a Dozen
8. 101 Dalmatians
9. 30 Minutes in a Half Hour
10. 7 Colours in a Rainbow

CDRC Committee

Chair – Sara Green
Secretary – Amelia James
Treasurer – Nick Valvona
Membership – Claire Valvona
Teams & Training – Liz Hillier-Sinclair
Area Liaison – Caroline Shrub
Website & Communications - Paul Broadest-Dixon
Committee Member - Malcolm Hunt
Sarah Leno is the Club Safeguarding Officer.

Contact us:

ChobhamRC@gmail.com

WWW.Chobhamridingclub.co.uk