



CDRC

CHOBHAM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB

Our March newsletter includes: A synopsis of the AGM and the winners of 2021 trophies, a review of the acupuncture demo, training dates and new members of the committee

UNDERSTANDING EQUINE ACUPUNCTURE & CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT

Having just attended the above clinic today, Sunday 20th February, I would first like to say a big "Thank you" to Elizabeth Hillier-Sinclair for giving us her time and the loaning out of her yard to allow this clinic to take place and to Sound Equine Vet, Rebecca Gengasamy for giving up her time to give us an insight into the world of Acupuncture and its benefits.

It started off with a welcome cup of coffee, gratefully received by all.

The demonstration took place in Elizabeth's undercover barn complete with our "guinea pig" Elizabeth's gentle giant horse, Mac (thank God it was today and we didn't have to compete with Storm Eunice). Rebecca thought it would be fun if us humans would like to stick some needles into ourselves, happy to oblige! The needles were very small and flexible and didn't hurt a bit going in, although after we fiddled with them, it was amazing how some of us felt some pain/sensation and others did not and of course this is the same with the horse. Max had a few needles stuck in him, he accepted them bravely then Rebecca set about relieving him of tension that she had found. Along with a very informative talk, the demonstration ended and we came away with some very positive knowledge of alternative benefits.

Once again, thank you Elizabeth for letting us into your yard and the hospitality received.

Diana Brackley

CDRC member

AGM

The AGM was held on the 1st March 2022 at the Chobham Community centre. **Thank you to all those who attended on the rainy evening.**

We covered the usual business of the AGM with Chairperson Sara Green covering our achievements of 2021. It seemed such a long time ago we were hampered with Covid restrictions, but it was also hugely reaffirming that we had overcome all these obstacles to run all 4 of our shows and numerous training events including camp and the fun day.

Sara then unveiled our new branded logo, as voted for by the members. If you haven't noticed it is now the header on this newsletter.

Sara also announced that we have unfortunately taken the decision to not proceed with the August Bank holiday show in 2022. This was a tough decision but over the last 3 years of running the show unfortunately the attendance was below expectation. This, coupled with the charge for rental of Dunstall Green, felt that the show has come to a natural end and we will do more to improve the charity show and also look for other opportunities for other events.

Nick Valvona, our treasurer, shared the profits for 2021 which were very healthy, and we are pleased to advise the membership cost remain at £24 for Senior, £18 for Junior for 2022.

Nick advised that we sold the club show jumps and invested the money in a new announcement system for the show (which was deemed a success at the show in August).

Welcome New Members

Lily Bowen

Tila Welch

Asa Palmstierna

Moya Payne

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

Liz Sharpe, team manager, then gave an update on the wonderful successes of 2021 and encouraged all members to take part in team events. We go out to enjoy ourselves and not all about winning (unless you're on a team with James Parker and then you must win).

As per our constitution the longest standing members of the committee must be re-elected, this year that was Paul Dixon, Nick Valvona and Elizabeth Sharpe. We are pleased to say there was a unanimous agreement from the members for them all to continue. We also formally recognised and welcomed Sophie Robertson to the committee as Health and Safety representative. Sophie has been covering this role for the last few months since Sarah Leno stood down from this role. (Thank you Sarah for all your support and help, especially over the difficult last few years).

Liz had also requested to focus on camp and training leaving a vacancy for Team Manager and we are pleased to welcome Marci Gough to the committee to fulfil this role.

Finally, we moved onto the awards of the evening with winners opposite.

It was our privilege to have Ann Foss, our founder, join us along with her friend Amy. This was very special as we announced The Foss Trophy which is in memory of Ann's husband John starting the club 36 years ago. The Foss Trophy is awarded to the member, as voted by the membership, who has contributed the most over the year.

Ann awarded the trophy to Paul Dixon, who organised the shows, communications and newsletters, members fun day and dressage training.

Since I write this newsletter I will add, the other nominees were equally deserving and it is just wonderful to see the club back to the same success I remember when I first joined 18 years ago. It has been a difficult few years bringing the club back to over 110 members from the 15 we had when we started the rejuvenation. I would also like to highlight the effort that all the committee have made to make the club a success.

The trophy is truly spectacular, thanks to Sandra Hewitt for sourcing and having it mounted on a plinth.

You're a winner baby!

Orienteering – Alice Scott (10 points)

2nd – Sarah Leno (9 points)



Overall Dressage points – Lola Rega (11 points)

2nd – Sarah Miler (10 points)

3rd – Morgan Ripley (8 points)



Highest Dressage score – Lola Rega with 80%



Show Winner trophy – Sarah Miller (25 points)

=2nd – James Parker (23 points)

=2nd – Rosie Povey (23 points)

Floyd Trophy – Sarah Miller (35 points)

2nd – Alice Acott

3rd – James Parker

The Foss Trophy - Paul Dixon





UPCOMING EVENTS

To enter any activity, please email us

Date	Activity	Location	Cost
20 th March 2022	Gridwork with Tracey Cooper	Bisley	£20 per person (group lesson)
26 th March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show jumping with Nick Edwards (Group) • Dressage with Suzanne Holt (Pair) <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 st May 2022	Open Indoor Dressage competition	Merrist Wood	As per schedule
12 th June 2022	Charity Show	Dunstall Green	As per Schedule
22 nd - 24 th July 2022	CAMP	Rosehill, Henley-on-Thames	
16 th October 2022	Open Indoor Dressage competition	Merrist Wood	As per Schedule



Area competitions

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

<http://www.brcarea11.org.uk/Area11/whats-on/>

Combined Training (Dressage/SJ) qualifiers

Sunday 3 April 2022 [Combined Training schedule 2022](#) Felbridge (organiser: Area 13)

Teams of 4, Junior and Senior, best 3 scores to count. 2 to do a Prelim test and jump 75cm and 2 to do a Novice test and jump 85cm. There are also individual classes. Pre entry closes 11 March 2022.

Combined Challenge (SJ/XC) qualifiers

Sunday 10 April 2022 [Combined Challenge 2022 schedule](#) Munstead (organiser: WSRC)

Junior, Senior and Mixed teams at 70cm, 80cm, 90cm and 100 cm. There are also individual classes. Pre entry closes 18 March 2022. We will be required to provide a helper for this event.

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)

CDRC Committee

Chair – Sara Green

Secretary – Amelia James

Treasurer – Nick Valvona

Membership – Claire Valvona

Camp & Training – Liz Hillier-Sinclair

Team Manager – Marci Gough

Area Liaison – Caroline Shrubbs

Website & Communications – Paul Broadest-Dixon

H&S – Sophie Robertson

Committee Member – Malcolm Hunt