

Chobham and District News Brief – February 2020

Welcome to the February CDRC news brief updating you on what is coming up and our past events.

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The January blues are over and fabulous February has begun! We hope you have managed to keep your New Years' resolution going. We certainly have, with another jam-packed month of events and training. The most important being our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25 February at Chobham Community Hall. We would love to see as many members attend as possible.

### **Welcome to new members**

We are so pleased to see new members joining. We would like to welcome to CDRC: Margo Clark, Paula Baker, Amy Kirkby, Tracey Cooper, Alison Wood and Penny Gurland.

### **Membership subscriptions**

Please note that renewals for 2020 are now closed. Membership for 2020 will run up to 31 December 2020. Any renewals will now be subject to the £10 admin fee, plus the increase we need to apply to cover the increase in membership fees charged by British Riding Clubs. We will confirm the new rates at our AGM in February.

### **AGM -Tuesday 25 February 2020 @ 19:15 – AGM and Social, Chobham Community Hall**

A formal invite to the AGM was recently sent to all members to join us at Chobham Community Hall on Pancake Day, 25 February for our Annual General Meeting (AGM). In accordance with our constitution, 3 members of the committee will stand down. This year, Caroline Shrubbs, Paul Dixon and Claire Valvona have offered to stand down, however they all wish to stand for re-election. If any other members wish to join the committee, please advise us in advance if you wish to stand.

If any member has any topics they wish to raise at the AGM please submit this in advance so it can be added to the agenda.

At the AGM we will also be playing a very competitive game of Bingo! So come prepared. We will also be holding a raffle on the night for £1 a ticket to raise money for the RDA. There are some excellent prizes include those for your horse and to spoil yourself.

Don't forget to come as you might be in the running for one of our awards, so make sure you put this date in your diary.

## **Flu Vaccinations**

Following the news of a recent outbreak of equine herpes virus in England, including a case of the neurological form of the disease, we followed advise and cancelled one of our training event

*Please see below for some useful information.*

The equine herpes virus has two major strains that cause disease, from the nine that exist: EHV1, which can cause respiratory problems, abortion in pregnant mares and, in rare cases, neurological problems leading to paralysis; and EHV4, which most commonly causes respiratory problems and very occasionally abortion in pregnant mares.

Early signs of the respiratory form of equine herpes include:

- Increased temperature
- Coughing
- Nasal discharge
- Lack of interest in food

A horse showing these signs should ideally be isolated and a vet should be called. To prevent the spread of the disease, all horses who have come in contact with an equine that may be carrying any infectious disease should remain on the yard until the vet has confirmed diagnosis.

Under the Horserace Betting Levy Board codes of practice it is recommended there is no equine movement in or out of a yard with an outbreak for 28 days from the date the last case was identified.

A horse can carry the equine herpes virus without showing any signs and it is believed that most older horses have been exposed to it at some point. A blood test is available to see if a horse has recently been exposed to the virus, although the test cannot tell the difference between the antibodies caused by the virus and those caused by vaccination.

There are vaccines currently available that work against both strains of EHV. However, although the vaccines are effective against the respiratory effects of the virus, they are not registered for use against the paralytic form.

The Animal Health Trust has previously advised that only healthy horses be vaccinated, and that horses which might have been exposed to the virus should not be vaccinated during an on-going outbreak of EHV. This is to reduce the chance of a horse, which is currently incubating the virus, receiving the vaccine.

If you are unsure whether or not to vaccinate your horse, then your vet is best placed to advise you.

## **Summer shows**

We are busy planning out summer shows. (28 June at Dunstall Green)

Is there a class you would like to see at the show? We are always interested to hear your view on how we can improve the show and what events are popular with our members.

## **Past events**

### **Sunday 19 January 2020 – Polework with Jade Hyatt in Knaphill**

Event cancelled due to Equine flu. We apologise for cancelling this event but safety of all is a priority.

### **Sunday 26 January 2020 - Flatwork lesson – Malcolm Hunt**

Another chilly morning but the rain held off for the lessons. Lots of good work and progress for everyone, Charlotte Knight on Bella, working on remaining calm and composed. Helen Edwards on Poppy, growing in confidence together after Poppy demonstrated a bit of spring air freshness. Lily Sayer on her lovely coloured continuing to improve and Mum Maria remembering enough layers this time!

### **Sunday 02 February 2020 – Gridwork with Jade Hyatt in Knaphill**

A bit of a wet start to the day but that didn't put anyone off. Lessons were jammed packed again. A testing lesson for all with canter poles, progressing to bounces and then on to triple combinations. A small slip up for Jo Bond, which resulted in her and the horse parting company temporarily. Overall a great day had by all.

## **Upcoming events**

### **NEW RULES REGARDING BOOKING LESSONS**

To secure your place at a lesson, please email us on [ChobhamRC@gmail.com](mailto:ChobhamRC@gmail.com) with the date of the event in the subject line. Then please make the full payment for the event into the club account (**Chobham and District Riding Club**, HSBC Bank. Sort code: **40-47-08** Account No: **22516586**). This should be at least 7 days in advance of the event.

Last minute entries will only be accepted if space is available.

**Sunday 16 February 2020 – Arena Eventing with Jade Hyatt in Knaphill - £15 for a group of 3**  
This will be a mixture of coloured show jumps and rustic x-country jumps.

**Sunday 23 February 2020 – Show jumping training with James Emblem.**

Show jumping lesson with James Emblem, international showjumper. James caters for all abilities. Individual lesson £30 or pairs £50.

**Saturday 29 February 2020 – Maddi Hewitt, 2-hour lecture demo on Equine Physio.**

*Cancelled due to lack of interest.* We will look to run another event in the coming months.

**Sunday 01 March 2020 – Flatwork with Malcolm Hunt - £25 for an individual 45-minute lesson in Knaphill**

**Sunday 05 April 2020 – Flatwork with Malcolm Hunt - £25 for an individual 45-minute lesson in Knaphill**

**Saturday 09 May and Sunday 10 May 2020 – TREC training at Dunstall Green**

TREC is a fun, inclusive sport that all types of horse/pony and rider can enjoy. TREC training can add new dimensions to your schooling and it is fun for both horse and rider.

The cost is £20 for CDRC members, (non-member £25) This is a shared event with Bisley and Sandown Chase Pony Club. 1 hour 30 mins of training.

At the clinic you will learn how to tackle a variety of TREC obstacle successfully, for example, corridor, low branches, neck rein, bridge, s-bend. Some obstacles can be completed on the ground.

This session will be coached by a TREC GB TD/judge/experienced competitor.

### ***Dates for your diary in 2020***

- Saturday 26 April 2020 – Orienteering
- Friday 17 July 2020 to Sunday 19 July – confirmed date - Adult Camp at Boomerang Stables in Hungerford (price in the region of £200 per person)
- Sunday 27 September 2020 – Orienteering

### ***Shows***

A reminder of the dates for our 4 big shows for 2020:

- Saturday 18 April 2020 - Dressage at Merrist Wood
- Sunday 28 June 2020 - Open Charity Show at Bisley Pony Club field
- Monday 31 August 2020 - August Bank Holiday Show at Bisley Pony Club field
- Saturday 13 September 2019 - Dressage at Merrist Wood

### ***Area Events***

2020 Area team events are as follows – if interested please contact Liz via the club email.

- **Intermediate Show Jumping - 07 March at Berkshire College of Agriculture:** This is a team or individual competition with fences at 80cm, 90cm or 100cm
- **Festival of the Horse Qualifier is BACK! Rescheduled to Sunday 29 March at Munstead.** The Challenge will involve a round of 7 – 10 show jumping obstacles and 15 – 25 cross country jumping efforts. Challenge teams & individuals of CH80, CH90 and CH100. We will also need helpers on the day as this is an area 11 event. More details here: <http://www.brcaarea11.org.uk/Area11/whats-on/>
- **Friendly dressage – Friday 10 April at Merrist wood:** This is an interclub competition for teams

### **CDRC Committee**

Chair – Sara Green

Treasurer – Nick Valvona

Teams & Training – Liz Hillier-Sinclair

Website & Communications - Paul Broadest-Dixon

Secretary – Amelia James

Membership – Claire Valvona

Area Liaison – Caroline Shrub

Committee member - Malcolm Hunt

Sarah Leno is the Club Safeguarding Officer.