

Chobham and District News Brief – March 2020

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

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Leaping from February into March, we have seen a slight improvement in the weather in the first few days, but as I write this the heavens have opened to a deluge. Unfortunately, this poor weather in February resulted in the postponement of the arena eventing training with Jade. I hope everyone agreed this was the right decision. This training was re-planned for 08 March and I am pleased to report, despite being chilly, it was a dry occasion.

### **Welcome to new members**

We are so pleased to see new members joining. We would like to welcome to CDRC: Mia Greenwood, Maria Aspinall, Morgan Ripley, Michelle Calvert and Ali Williamson.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM and joined in the conversation. Separate notes were sent to all members and are available on the website.

Thank you to everyone who made suggestions via the suggestion box.

Q1. Can we do camp at a location with a soft XC course

ANSWER: There are a number of factors to consider for the camp and although we tried to look at alternative options, there were too many issues identified to proceed with another venue. We needed to consider:

- a. The number of sand schools available to run Dressage and jumping training at the same time
- b. The cost of the venue hire
- c. Overnight stabling facilities
- d. Overnight human facilities

Unfortunately, after much investigation we couldn't find a more suitable venue. We are planning a day camp this year and have this point for consideration.

Q2. Date of the camp, could this not be in July?

ANSWER: We need to book so far in advance to guarantee our place, and we have restricted dates to try to reach the good weather, without affecting the scheduled shows (June and August and September). The day camp we are planning will hopefully not be in July.

Q3. Show Jumping classes that can be used for BRC grassroot points?

ANSWER: We will be running 60/65cm at our shows. You can download and bring the BRC grassroots scorecard with you.

Q4. Could we have a Hacking club around Chobham?

ANSWER: We love this concept and we are looking for a member to take this on behalf of the club. – Any Volunteers? Please email us

Q5. Can we have a dressage/ring practice on grass?

ANSWER: We will see if we can incorporate this activity into other events we are running.

Q6. At the Dressage shows, can we increase the classes with BD points?

ANSWER: We are pitching this a Riding Club Members and have reflected this in the class requirements. We don't restrict HC entries to any class so those with BD points can still enter any class.

Q7. Can we have more quizzes?

ANSWER: Claire is the quiz master and will take this action to create another quiz night (be warned she holds no prisoners)

Special thanks must go to all the donation for the raffle. We made £210 on the day which is excellent and will be donated to the RDA along with £137.17 which was left at another event and was never claimed.

### **Show Sponsorship.**

Do you know anyone who would like to sponsor a class at one of our shows? We are looking for sponsorship for any of the classes at each of the show. Sponsorship costs £50 and will include, advertising on our website, on the day at the show and on our Facebook.

### **Help at 18 April 2020 Dressage show**

Are you free for 2 hours to help at the dressage at Merrist Wood. We need help for people to call tests, clear the warm-up ring, entry and exit steward, dressage writing. Please can you let us know if you are free and the times that would suit your diary.

### **Good luck**

Good luck to Francesca Elliot who is off to represent the club at Aston- le Walls national championships for Arena eventing. We all wish her the best of luck.

### **Past events**

### **Upcoming events**

**Re-scheduled for Saturday 08 March 2020** – Arena Eventing with Jade Hyatt in Knaphill  
Another fully packed day for Jade. Everyone has a wonderful time. This was a combination of show jumps and cross-country fences. Jade slowly incorporated each of the different obstacles before adding it all together to create a course.  
This lesson has inspired us to think outside the box and we have proposed a jump cross class at our show which will include showjumps and rustic fences.

**Sunday 23 February 2020** – Show jumping training with James Emblem.  
Marci very kindly organised this training with James. Everyone who participated learnt a lot and completed the lesson on a positive.

**Sunday 01 March 2020** – Flatwork with Malcolm Hunt

One of the random days when it didn't rain. Malcolm was very pleased with everyone development and progression, especially since everyone has struggled to ride regularly due to the weather. Great job by all.

#### **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.

**Saturday 21 March 2020** – Polework with Jade Hyatt in Knaphill. Groups of 3 - £15 for members

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

**Sunday 12 April** – Gridwork with Jade Hyatt in Knaphill. Groups of 3 - £15 for members

**Saturday 18 April** – Indoor Dressage competition at Merrist Wood, including Sunshine tour qualification – schedule attached

**Sunday 19 April** – Arena Eventing with Jade Hyatt in Knaphill. Groups of 3 - £15 for members

**Saturday 26 April 2020** – Orienteering – more details shortly

**Sunday 03 May** – Flatwork with Malcolm Hunt- £25 for an individual 45-minute lesson in Knaphill

**Sunday 03 May** – Polework with Jade Hyatt in Knaphill. Groups of 3 - £15 for members

**Sunday 10 May** – Gridwork with Jade Hyatt in Knaphill. Groups of 3 - £15 for members

**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.

### ***More dates for your diary in 2020***

- Friday 17 July 2020 to Sunday 19 July – 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.

- **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.brcarea11.org.uk/Area11/whats-on/>
- **Friendly dressage – Friday 10 April at Merrist wood:** This is an interclub competition for teams
- **FOTH Combined Training Qualifier**  
Saturday 11 April 2020  
Felbridge [Area10 CT Schedule 11th April 2020](#) [Combined Training 11th April 2020](#)
- **Horse Trials Qualifiers (National & L&SE)**  
Saturday 16 May 2020 [Area 11 Horse Trials 2020 schedule](#) - Iping, West Sussex

- **National Style & Show Jumping Qualifiers**  
Saturday 20 June 2020 -Elstead RC field
  
- **L&SE Show Jumping Qualifier**  
Sunday 28 June 2020 - Bookham RC field
  
- **National & L&SE Dressage & National Riding Test Qualifiers**  
Saturday 11 July 2020 -Pachesham
  
- **National & L&SE Dressage to Music Qualifiers**  
Sunday 12 July 2020 - Belmoredean Stud, West Grinstead RH13 6RN

### **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.