



## Chobham and District News Brief – November 2019

Welcome to the October CDRC news brief, updating you on what is coming up and our past events. If you do not wish to receive these emails, please contact us via [Chobhamrc@gmail.com](mailto:Chobhamrc@gmail.com) so you can be removed from the mailing list.

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### **Welcome to New Members**

We would like to welcome new members Caroline Long, Tabitha Budgen and Marieke Suett to CDRC. We hope to see you at many of our upcoming events.

**This is a reminder that the annual subs are due on 01 January.**

***We are now accepting renewals at the current price (£18 for Adult riding members/£15 Junior) until 31 January 2020.***

From 01 February 2020, all membership\* will lapse and the additional admin fee of £10 will be applied to both new joiners and re-joiners.

British Riding Clubs have increased their annual fees as of Jan 2020 and as a result the annual membership fees will need to be increased. We will discuss this at the AGM in February and agree the increase with members.

A renewal form is attached to the mail with this Newsletter.

\*unless otherwise advised by the Membership Secretary

### **Past Events we have organised for our Members**

#### **Saturday 12 October - LAW Bitting Solutions**

On a soggy Saturday 3 riders and 4 horses braved the weather to learn about Bitting.

Laura started with Liz's horse Danny. Laura looked at the bits that Liz was currently using and the effect they were having on Danny, including how they sat in the mouth. She then explained the reasons why they were having difficulty with maintaining a consistent contact. Laura suggested a different type of bit. After a quick change they were back onboard and straight away there was a huge difference and Laura offered her advice on the elusive left lead canter and wham .....it happened !! Liz was thrilled to bits (pardon the pun).

The next attendee was Caro Long on her endurance mare, a new member to the club (welcome Caro). Caro found her little mare was unhappy in her mouth and could get strong. She was worrying that she was pulling too much on her horse's mouth. Laura spent her time taking her back to basics and tried her in a couple of bits, once again, finding a suitable bit which made an instant change. Caro was thrilled with the result.

Then came the turn of Liz with her other horse Mac. Mac loves his jumping a little too much and often Liz ends up losing control in his excitement with extreme speed. Laura highlighted that his bits

were actually fitting well and suggested adding a balancing strap might help. It made a big difference in their control. Liz has a Hunter Trial the next weekend so the perfect opportunity to test it out. Up next was Libby Straver and her young dressage horse Bertie. Bertie has grown into a very large boy big and powerful and Libby found he was being very fussy in the mouth and was wanting to find a bit to help keep him settled again. Laura used her expertise in assessing him and put him in a different type of snaffle. He was a lot happier straight off with a more constant relaxed contact.

All members would highly recommend Laura, Liz explained “there was so much I didn’t know about the horse’s mouth it was fascinating. I really enjoyed my sessions and looking forward to seeing the results.”

If you are interested in us organising another session with Laura, please let us know. Alternatively she may be available for a lecture/demo (with sufficient interest).

### **Saturday 12 October – Show jumping lesson with James Emblem in Chobham**

Our show jumping lessons with James are very popular and everyone is developing their skills. Everyone has commented how supportive and encouraging James has been whilst pushing people and horses to the next level with more technical questions.

Thanks to James and we hope to have some more in the diary soon.

### **Sunday 13 October – Orienteering on Chobham Common**

Undeterred by the deluges of rain that we have had over recent weeks, a very impressive 18 riders turned out in 7 teams to compete in the latest Orienteering competition.

Many thanks to Langshot Equestrian Centre for allowing us to use their space as a base. The teams went off at fairly regular intervals to avoid being a ‘follow my leader’ with Michelle and Aaron Lewis blazing the trail. Unfortunately, Michelle had left one page of the route description behind so they made up a DIY second half and returned when they found themselves back on the doorstep.

Caroline Shrubb and Helen Edwards – the Snow Whites – we next back but they had taken a wrong course as they had failed to find their CDRC logo en route. Caroline improvised, supplying a Riding Club baseball cap – and got half marks for her cheek!

Alice Scott and Diana Brackley were back next and delivered all the treasure alongside a very sodden sheet which I had to be talked through for making! Well persevered, Ladies.

Then we had a group of ‘new’ people for CDRC – who will hopefully become members having enjoyed the ride and encouraged by hearing all that is going on with the Club. Two teams worked together – Leann Alexander, Anita Banks, Katie White and Katy Harris.

Orienteering Stalwart – the Ever Competitive Mr James Parker, with Claire Webber and Michelle Bainbridge as able assistants were next. James confessed to having got one of the answers from Alice, and very honourably took the points off his sheet. That’s the spirit!

Abbie Potter had been rerouted from the cancelled Area Team event at Munstead, so it was great to be able to provide an alternative. Along with Louise Davidson they were very ingenious, taking a photo of the instructions so that they didn’t have to worry about soggy paper – and recorded their answers. Had they been a little quicker writing it all out on return, they would have gained a few more points.

More newcomers, Emma Standing, Lisa Holland and Richard White enjoyed a very leisurely ride across and around the common but their time taken took them well out of the running for top spot – but well done.

It was great that nobody got lost and we weren't drowned in the rain and I think everyone had a good time. Obviously the sun came out by the time we left Langshot! Roll on the Spring event, which might be 'away' if there is support for taking the ride somewhere else. Please let me know your thoughts.

Thank you all for turning up in the rain and your continued support

Names	Place
James Parker Michelle Bainbridge Claire Webber	First
Alice Scott Diana Brackley	Second
Abbie Potter Louise Davidson	Third
Caroline Shrubbs Helen Edwards	Fourth
Leanne Alexander Anita Banks Katie White Katy Harris	Fifth
Emma Standing Lisa Holland Richard White	Sixth
Michelle Lewis Aaron Lewis	Seventh

### **Sunday 20 October – Beach Ride**

We had 4 members brave the early start to get down to Hayling Island to ride along the beach. The weather, for a change, was ok and dry. Rachel Walsh, Sarah Dhomean, Tara Hepton and Katie Hawker all met on the beach and had an absolutely wonderful time and there are loads of pictures on our Facebook site.

### **Sunday 27 October – Flatwork lesson – Suzanne Holt**

A very busy day for Suzanne but thankfully the weather was much better than her last visit! First up was Alice Scott on the younger of her two horses. Last time Alice brought her she was rather excited and took a long time to settle. We were so pleased to see her relaxing much quicker on this visit and this enabled Suzanne to focus more attention improving their transitions.

Caroline Shrubbs was next, who continued to work on their transitions and maintaining contact and building on the work from their last lesson.

Paul Dixon was next and Suzanne worked on quarters-in and shoulder-in on the  $\frac{3}{4}$  line, this encouraged a straighter execution before putting them both together and progressing to half pass. Leah Lelliot was up next on her lovely little pony. They worked on learning all the correct aids to make sure that both pony and rider understood what they were being asked.

Sophie Squirrel on Murphy was next. Poor Murphy finished the lesson absolutely shattered after successfully picking up the correct canter lead. Well done!

Helen Edwards was up next who has not done much schooling with her lovely mare. Suzanne suggested swapping her bit (thanks to Claire, we found one that was perfect) and what a difference. By the end of the lessons they were cantering along the long side of the arena. They definitely looked like they got their mojo back. I hope it continues.

Finally, Alice was back again on her more experienced horse and they worked on getting the most points out of a test by making the movements more expressive.

Another excellent day of tuition with everyone leaving with points to work on.

Thank you, Suzanne.

### **Sunday 10 November – Polework – Jade Hyatt**

A very busy day for Jade, who we were pleased to see back in action after her recent back injuries). Today's lesson included (try to picture this), 4 trotting poles across the arena at both D and G, raised trotting poles on the  $\frac{3}{4}$  line at E and B and then two sets of bounces with two strides in-between on both diagonals.

This was a great exercise to maintain balance, rhythm and control. Jade spent time going through all the different poles slowly adding them into the mix until finally all elements came together. Luckily Jade remembered the route and kept instructing everyone through.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their lessons. Many thanks to Jade.

### **Upcoming events**

To book any of the lessons, please email [Chobhamrc@gmail.com](mailto:Chobhamrc@gmail.com) with '(date) lesson' in the subject line.

#### **PAYMENT REQUIRED**

To confirm your attendance to any clinic, payment must be made into the club account at least 7 days in advance of the lesson. Should you then need to cancel your lesson, if this is in excess of 7 days ahead of the date, a refund will be made. If this is within 7 days of the event the payment will be held until the slot you booked has been refilled.

To request a refund, please email the club with a clear explanation. This will then be discussed at the committee meeting.

### **Sunday 17 November -Flatwork lesson – Malcolm Hunt in Knaphill**

Individual lessons £25 for 45 minutes. £30 for non-members

### **Sunday 24 November – Gridwork – Jade Hyatt in Knaphill**

Group lesson £15 each (groups of 3)

### **Sunday 08 December- Flatwork lesson – Malcolm Hunt in Knaphill**

Individual lessons £25 for 45 minutes. £30 for non-members

### **12 December – Line Dancing Social – Chobham Community Centre (GU24 8NG) – 20:00 start.**

An opportunity to meet up before Christmas and enjoy a line dancing lesson, fun and frolics, and a good natter! Bring your own drinks. A light buffet will be provided. Christmas or Western dress is optional. Friends and family are welcome.

The Club would like to celebrate the evolution of the Club this year and encourage everyone to come along – making the price per ticket **just £5 per head**.

**Please let us know you are coming via our email or Facebook event so we can cater (or it will be crisps only!!).**

***Dates for your diary in 2020 (these are not confirmed)***

- Tuesday 25 February 2020 – AGM and Social (venue to be confirmed)
- Saturday 18 April 2020 – Dressage Show at Merrist Wood
- Saturday 25 April 2020 – Orienteering
- Sunday 31 May 2020 – Charity Summer Show at Dunstall Green
- Friday 10 July 2020 – Sunday 13 July – Adult Camp
- Monday 31 August 2020 – Bank Holiday Show at Dunstall Green
- Sunday 13 September 2020 – Dressage Show at Merrist Wood
- Sunday 27 September 2020 – Orienteering

***Area Events***

If you are interested please email our wonderful team manager Liz (if you are interested in becoming a team manager, please also let us know).

**Novice Dressage – 23 November at Sands Farm:** This is a team or individual competition, Prelim or Novice tests

**Winter dressage friendly – 15 December at Priory Equestrian Centre:** This is an individual and team competition with classes from Intro – Novice.

**Intermediate Dressage – 08 February at Sands Farm:** This is a team or individual competition, Prelim, Novice and Elementary

**Novice Show Jumping – 09 February at Sands Farm:** This is a team or individual competition with fences at 70cm and 80cm

**Intermediate Show Jumping - 07 March at Berkshire College of Agriculture:** This is a team or individual competition with fences at 80cm, 90cm or 100cm

**Friendly Dressage with West Surrey Riding Club – 10 April at Merrist Wood:** This is a team or individual competition, Prelim, Novice and Elementary

**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 Shrubbs

Ordinary member - Malcolm Hunt

Sarah Leno is the Club Safeguarding Officer.