



Patron Her Grace the Duchess of Beaufort

September 2008

CONGRATULATIONS TO

**NICKIE & ROB COOMBS ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER ISOBEL
ON 11TH JULY AND CLARE LOMAS ON HER MARRIAGE TO BEN HOLT
ON 16TH AUGUST**

Congratulations again to Nickie and Rob and to Claire and Ben on their amazing achievements!

Talking about amazing achievements, what about the cross country team and Anna Macdonald?

The Novice Cross Country team won the area 18 event and went to Offchurch, where Claire Lomas was second in her Arena with Miss Indian Gold and Anna Macdonald with Rivertown was 10th in hers. Hannah Wickendon on Rebels Thunder and Gemma Todd on John Jorrocks made up the rest of the team.

Anna also qualified her horse 'Ben' at Worcester Lodge Horse Show and took him off to the National Championships at Addington, where she won the Retraining of Racehorses National Championship! Ben raced under the name of 'Rivertown' in New Zealand and came over here and is now partnering Anna to new honours and successes as an all round riding club horse and eventer.

Commiserations to Lizzie Donaldson, who was in the winning event team on her horse 'Tarmac' but was unable to compete at Offchurch as Tarmac was lame. Lizzie was not deterred by her disappointment and took over as team leader from Nickie. Although Isobel had just been born, she made her riding club debut at Offchurch in the pouring rain! Obviously she is going to follow in her mother's footsteps. Lizzie did a sterling job, from putting in studs in the 10 minute box to feeding us all from the barbeque. We got back from jump judging to find her moving the gazebo and rearranging the tents around it, to shelter it from the rain.I never did find out if Claire was in her tent during the process!!!!

This brings me on to those unsung heroes, the helpers. Six days worth of stewarding was contributed by our club members to the three day event and many other hours were freely given to the area and to the riding club activities, without which none of them could go ahead. I would like to extend many thanks to all the helpers and organizers and their families on behalf of myself and all the club members that have benefitted from their services.

One thing I must flag up is the state of the venues after riding club activities. Please can I ask that everyone checks the area around their box or lorry last thing before they leave the venue to ensure that it is scrupulously clean and that no calling cards of any variety have been left behind. If you see anything amiss in the whole area, can I ask that you deal with it before you leave.

Celia Horner – Hon. Chairman

Dressage Report

The Summer Dressage Series was a huge success, with everyone having a great time. Our thanks go to Hayley and Andy Godwin for the use of their facilities, and to Andrew for kindly donating the rosettes. Also thanks to Linda, our "Burger Lady" for providing such excellent refreshments. Not forgetting all the helpers, without whose help we could not have run this series. Huge thanks to our Chairman for doing such a good job with the scoring, as ever!

Her Grace, the Duchess of Beaufort kindly donated the trophy for the overall winning member of the series. This was a very close run competition at the end, with Chris Ticehurst on Sir Darcy narrowly beating Clare Lomas on Indian Gold into first place. They tied on points, so we used a comparison of percentages through the series to get the final result. In third place was Alicia Hawker on Murfys Law.

The Grass Roots competition was won by Fiona Hicks on Rose, and Ian Adsetts kindly donated a lesson to this winner.

At the first competition, Dawn Richardson had the added help of Hayley's pet fox in the arena, fortunately, not causing any problems for the pair!

At the last competition we were a bit tight with the daylight resulting in the last competitor, Chris Ticehurst, almost needing torchlight!

There has been such an improvement in a lot of people's riding in this series, that it would be great to see some of you dipping your toes into the pool of the Novice tests.

We now are preparing for the Winter Series, and hope to see many of you competing again. Please make sure that you get your entries in on time, as it is difficult accepting entries once the times have been done.

Daphne Smith

National Horse Trials Championships - Offchurch

The word wet definitely springs to mind when I think of this years championships. Despite the weather no one was put off and everyone seemed to have a great experience. I headed up there on the Thursday evening and everyone else followed on the Friday. The team consisted of myself, Clare, Hannah and Anna. I was a late substitute for poor Lizzie who unfortunately couldn't compete. However Lizzie did come up to Offchurch and did a fantastic job running about after us all, increasing team moral and providing a yummy BBQ for the evenings. Without you and Nicki I would of definitely been in trouble in the ten minutes box, where my horse Kenny just wanted to get on with it, even the poor vet didn't want to come too close.

The team got off to a good start, with good marks in the dressage. I was last to go and luckily everyone else was on form as Kenny had trouble keeping all four legs on the ground, he only had one thing on his agenda, the steeplechase!! Then on to the S.J, where despite v.wet and slippery ground all the horses jumped well.

Yes you've guessed it another wet day but we weren't to be put off. I think as we all waited our turn the nerves definitely began to creep in. Clare was first to set off on the roads and tracks, she did a great job and finished clear inside the time. Proving to us all that the course was jumpable. This proved true and despite time faults the rest of us all jumped clear.

The team finished 12th overall, with great performances from all, especially Clare and Anna who were both placed in their arenas, so WELL DONE!!

Finally we must say a huge thank you to all of you who helped in anyway, especially Nicki who gave up her time organising rallies and coming to support us all. Hopefully next year we'll be able to get a few teams together for area and get there again. This time (fingers crossed) with Nicki and Lizzie in the team. ROLL ON 2009!!

Gemma Todd

Teams

Firstly thank you to all who sent their best wishes and to the committee who sent flowers to celebrate the birth of my lovely daughter Isobel. As some of you were aware, she decided to arrive a couple of weeks early, just before all the summer Area 18 championship qualifiers! This meant I was unable to attend the qualifiers so thank you also to Daphne Smith, Sandra Hayward, Liz Harding, Lizzie Donaldson, Clare Lomas and everyone else who, for the various qualifiers, covered my absence by sorting out the paperwork, giving out the times and acting as general support on the ground for the team members during the competitions.

Since my last report we have had teams competing in the following qualifiers:

Novice Dressage: (red Team, Hayley Godwin, Mary Griffiths, Mini Dumas and Chris Ticehurst, Blue Team, Linda Painter, Hannah Wickenden, Clare Lomas and Sam Doyle)

Open dressage: (Miranda Baker, Tania Lee, Karen Joynson and Sandra Hayward)

Riding test: (Chris Ticehurst, Karen Joynson, Mini Dumas and Mary Griffiths) – Chris Ticehurst individual 5th and Team place 5th.

Novice Jumping: (Clare Lomas, Anna Macdonald, Hannah Wickenden and Sam Doyle)

Style Jumping: (Clare Lomas, Anna Macdonald, Hannah Wickenden and Sam Doyle)

National Horse Trials Championships qualifying team: (Clare Lomas, Anna Macdonald, Hannah Wickenden and Gemma Todd – who replaced Lizzie Donaldson as unfortunately her horse, Tarmac went lame 2 weeks before the competition).

Badminton Dressage riding club team competition: (Hayley Godwin, Karen Joynson and Chris Ticehurst in team 1 and Sandra Hayward, Lyn Davidson and Lauren Darby in team 2.

The results were good but highlights were the horse trials team coming 12th at the championships with Clare 2nd in her arena and Anna 10th in hers. Clare also won individually the novice show jumping competition and the team were 3rd. Anna also came 3rd in the style jumping and the team 5th. Badminton dressage team 1 came 2nd, pipped at the post by the last team to go. Lyn was 2nd individually and Karen 4th. In the Novice Dressage Chris Ticehurst was 4th in her arena and also 5th in the Riding Test with the Riding Test Team 5th overall.

The following are reports by the team members competing at the above competitions so I hope you enjoy reading about their experiences. We now have a break until Feb 2009 when we start all over again with team indoor show jumping and winter dressage competitions. I hope you'll agree KLRC has had a very successful 2008, thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the team members and we look forward to building on these successes next year. Our thanks also go to Bossy's Bibs who have sponsored the teams this year by donating 8 very smart white numnahs with the KLRC logo on. We now certainly look the part when competing at area levels!

Nickie Coombs

Mogers Solicitors will be sponsoring our Winter Dressage Series 2008/09

Oh What a year

Having purchased my new horse at the end of November 2007, I set to work schooling and getting to know him as he had a bit of a history at being rather difficult. I entered a few of the KLRC competitions at Elmleaze and we were usually well placed, qualifying for the KLRC championships, where we gained two silver medals.

We then also went for the Kings Leaze team trials and were selected to represent the riding club. Our first competition in February was held near Cheltenham, with a dreadful time of 8.20 pm for our test, after lots of phone calls dear Nickie Coombs managed to get me an earlier time at about 4.20pm, however it was still almost dark and in a fairly spooky indoor school. So this was a real learning curve as neither Jim nor I had ever competed in the dark and our first time together in an indoor school. He was a little spooky but finished well in our group against some top riding club teams and came home with a lovely rosette.

The next riding club team competition was the Novice dressage and Riding test, hosted by Cotswold Edge RC and was to be held near Damery, due to the weather it was moved to another lovely venue, near Gloucester. This time both myself on Jim and my mum on her new horse Murphy (mum had only owned him since June) along with Hannah Wickendon and Oscar, set off in the lorry. With me hoping I had written down the new instructions for the new venue, thankfully it was all well signposted and very well organised when we got there. Mum and Hannah did their tests with Hannah getting a good placing but just out of the rosettes, and mum pleased as she was only just getting to know her new horse. I was due to do the Riding Test, where you are marked more on your riding of the horse rather than the test itself. You are marked on your position, application of the aids, overall picture and how you deal with difficult situations should they arise. We had good marks but not enough to be placed overall.

The next team event for me and Jim was the Badminton dressage championships in July, KLRC had two teams entered. The highest placed person in each team would then go through to the Championships at Badminton indoor school that evening. Having been really ill with a chest infection and the cold from hell that week, and being sent home from work ill on the Wednesday night, I really did not know how I was going to cope with competing the next day. Anyway, not wanting to let the team down, I dosed up on paracetamol, Lemsip and Lucozade!! It was a chilly day with everyone in coats, I was running a temperature and riding round in a cotton blouse in the warm up, joking that if I was drug tested like they do with horses I would fail! Anyway, much to my amazement, as I was convinced I could go back home and take to my bed, Jim and I had the highest mark in our team(!!!) so we went back home, re-dosed on my painkillers and lemsip and off we went back to Badminton that evening. It was a terrific feeling to be through to the finals, sadly Jim was terrified of the indoor school, he took a few seconds to go in the doors to be greeted by banners, two lots of judges and an audience!!!! We were first to go, which I have to say I always hate, he was a little tense but tried his best and whilst trying to contain him, I forgot a chunk of my test, ooopps! But we came 4th overall and have a lovely plaque to put on his stable door.

We also took part in the riding club Open team dressage competition, held at West Littleton, riding the Elementary test. It was a particularly tricky elementary test, and hard to ride well on a grass arena. Sadly our team was not placed but we had a lovely sunny day and Liz Harding was on hand giving lots of support. It has been a fantastic feeling to take part and represent the riding club this year and hopefully a few more members will try and take part next year so hope to see you there. On another exciting note I had taken Jim to a few Affiliated Competitions and he has been doing really well, we were asked earlier this year to take part in the British Dressage Regional Senior Dressage Team selections. It was an amazing feeling and opportunity and I was delighted that Jim and I were selected and had to compete for the South West region at Keysoe in Bedfordshire along with team clothing!! We also went for the British Senior Team selection trials and although we are not competing at the Home International in October, we have been selected to be on the Senior Team for 2009, so WOW!! Jim is not a flash warm blood, he did not cost a fortune and he is Welsh Cob cross Thoroughbred, but he is the most honest, loveable horse I have had the pleasure to work with. So with time, patience and hard work its amazing what you can achieve.

Karen Joynson BSHII

Riding the Ridgeway Trail

I have been threatening to take George and Celia on a long ride on the ancient Ridgeway Trail for several years. This summer, 21st August I finally got it together. Sadly George couldn't make it, but Celia was more than hot to trot.

We set off on a rare sunny morning from Avebury car park, just carrying maps, money and mobiles. Hopes were high and our spirits lifted by a break in the continuous rain. We left our trailers with the thought of getting a lift back before the car park closed at 6.30.

Bart and O J strode on up over Green Street, one of many ancient paths that fan out from Avebury stone circle. Up on the top of the Ridge we enjoyed far reaching views across to the monument at Cherhill and further away to the edge of Salisbury plain. The track was wet and rutted here, slippery from the incessant rain of the previous week, but we were undaunted. We passed White Horse Hill at Broad Hinton and on with better and faster going to Barbury Castle. Here we admired the ramparts and managed a few pics with our phones. There followed a debate about where to cross the M4 which sadly slices through the route a little further on. We tackled the road route, which was quite busy and a bit of a worry as Bart is not good in traffic.

We made it to the road crossing the M4; I called out to Celia, "for God's sake don't stop!" O J took one look and said NO! Bart of course followed suit. The detour was about 5 miles back the way we had come. However all was not lost as two tired looking walkers appeared. Celia was looking a bit desperate as the pub was only 50 yards past the bridge for our half way halt. In desperation I asked the two rather burly looking guys to lead O J over keeping to the middle. They looked frightened to death, but kindly helped us and the horses followed them over. God was definitely on our side that day.

We had a very welcome drink at the Shepherds Rest then forced our now tired legs back in the saddle.

Once back on the Ridgeway trail the track changed from tarmac to chalk and occasional stretches of turf, so we were able to go a little faster. Soon we had reached Waylands Smithy, where we briefly admired the ancient burial mound. Then on and steeply up to Uffington Castle and the White Horse at one of the highest points on the Ridge. The views were spectacular behind us across the rolling sweep of the Lambourne Downs, and in front the track curling away into the Oxfordshire countryside. The horses were amazed and just stared and sniffed the wind with ears pricked.

Tiring now and reaching the end of our 25 mile route, we stumbled across the track leading down to our over night stop at Down Barn Farm. What a fantastic location, a lovely barn conversion set in a slight hollow and looking out onto the Lambourne Downs with views across fields that seemingly stretched to the horizon. Our host couldn't have been more helpful, finding us a paddock for the horses and ushering us to the comfort of a guest sitting room with a welcome tea and biscuits. We debated fetching the trailers, but decided we probably wouldn't make it there in time. So we had a night with no clean underwear or toiletries.

Luckily the weather Gods were on our side and we had stayed dry all day, otherwise we would have had to beg some clothes to change into. It was a bit weird having a lovely hot bath and then changing back into dirty clothes. We were supplied with food for the horses and then served an excellent meal; organic chicken, home baked bread and a bottle of red wine.

Oh I forgot to mention my toe, which I injured just before we left by dropping the wheel clamp on it. Our host kindly found some Nurofen and an icepack for my now throbbing and blackened appendage.

Celia was in good form although by now a bit stiff. The horses, both veterans, were doing fine in their paddock, although Bart was startled to spot the Tamworth pigs in a pen opposite. Penny, our host, is an accomplished Endurance and Arab Race rider and had many interesting photos and mementos of her many wins.

After a comfortable and restful night we enjoyed a superb breakfast with organic Tamworth bacon and sausages before fetching our trailers and embarking on the long journey home. Now we are planning our next trip to finish the rest of the trail.

Fiona Hicks

Jo Lees has been selected to represent England at the Senior Home Dressage International at the Hand Equestrian Centre, Clevedon 11th - 12 October 2008. The competition is for teams representing England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Michael Lees and Ian Adsetts have been selected as commentators!

Jo has only recently re-started serious competitive riding after the birth of our son Max. Jo has owned her horse Sir Nario since 2003. In 2006, Sir Nario was British Dressage National Preliminary Champion and fifth at Badminton Young Dressage Horse of the future. This year Sir Nario is unbeaten in Novice and Elementary competitions regularly exceeding 70%.

Jo's young coloured horse, Sir Doku, competed with 43 other 4 year olds in the final of the Burghley Young Event Horse at the beginning of September. In appalling conditions, Sir Doku was judged 12th best in the country.

Michael Lees

PLEASURE RIDES AND QUADRILLE:

If you would like to ride in company or join small groups for planned rides, sometimes including pub stop or lunches this may be of interest to you. Rides can be arranged weekdays or weekends. Recent rides have include Gatcombe, Nailsworth, Badminton, Hawkesbury Upton, Acton Turville and Frampton Mansell.

The quadrille group meets on a regular basis at Elmleaze Stud – this is a fun activity with one of the top Mounted Police Instructors. The cost is approximately £9 - £12 per hour (depending on numbers).

Area 18

Please see separate programme enclosed with this newsletter for the Area Training Day at The Unicorn Trust Equestrian Centre on Sunday 30th November 2008 – this is **strictly for members** of any Affiliated Riding Club. The Chairman and Training Officer for Area 18 have worked very hard to put this programme together and your support would be greatly appreciated.

SKITTLES AT THE BEAUFORT ARMS, HAWKESBURY UPTON

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2008 – 7.30 PM

COME AND ENJOY A SOCIAL GET TOGETHER TO INCLUDE A GAME OF SKITTLES AND A SAUSAGE AND CHIPS SUPPER ALL FOR £5.00

Coming Events - See KLRC Diary –Autumn/Winter 2008 which is enclosed with this newsletter. Training has been arranged with Janet Macdonald (Flat work and/or Jumping), William Miflin (Show Jumping), Tom Buckland (Show Jumping), Jo Lees and Sara Miflin (Dressage). Plus Musical Rides.

Mogers Winter Dressage –19th October, 11th November, 7th December, 13th January 2009, 15th February, 10th March and Championship 12th April.

“Have a go Dressage” – 26th October @ Wick Farm, Luckington (see separate leaflet)

AGM -13th November @ Didmarton Village Hall – 7.30pm (see renewal letter)

Schedules can be down-loaded from website when available – www.klrc.co.uk

Christmas Dinner – Friday 6th December – further details will be available at the AGM

Olympia – 20th December – see attached

Xmas Ride in Cirencester Park on Tuesday 30th December 2008 – Meet at The Crown, Frampton Mansell at 10.30 am – on return lunch in The Crown – see separate Diary for more details

For Sale: Ford Cargo 811, ideal ladies box carries three big horses/four ponies under 7.5tonne so can be driven on a car licence. Nice living with oven, hob, sink, heater and large luton, lots of under seat storage, cut through cab, sleeps four. Regularly serviced and comes with tax til end June 09 and plate til end of July 09. Easy to lift ramp, a purpose built horse lorry from new so not a shoddy conversion, so good height and width for your horse, with full height padded moveable partitions, tack area, padded walls and ceilings, windows both sides, granulistic rubber floor, rug racks, lockers and skirts so a really smart looking box with low miles, always starts first time a really honest reliable box £5,500 ono

HORSE LIVERY, Full/Part livery available near to Hawkesbury Upton, super large airy 12 x 14 american barn stables, good all year well maintained grazing, direct bridgeway access to some of the best hacking you will ever find. Lovely 20 x 60 arena with full set of show jumps, lorry parking and happy well cared for horses, Professionally run yard with regular clinics with top trainers.

BHS flatwork clinics at Hyde Riding Centre, first Tuesday evening each month at 6pm. Next one 7th October.

Cost £10 per rider, instructor Julie Crew, open to all.

BHS Gloucestershire AGM to include table top sale. A good chance to clear out the tack room before winter or to buy a bargain. Tuesday 14th Oct 7.30pm at the Thames Head Inn, Kemble near Cirencester on the A433.

To book a table - cost £10

For sale some rugs for sale. Mainly 6 to 6'6" and leather headcollars, a rug rack and other bits and pieces.

Wanted dressage horse

I am looking for a 16 to 16.3hh, 7 to 10 year old gelding, for riding club / affiliated dressage and light hacking. Kind nature and a safe ride essential.

For sale:

Dressage Saddle

17 1/2 inch Passier & Sohn black leather dressage saddle.

Little used, in as new condition.

Cost £1400 new, will accept £800 ono.

Ifor Williams 505 Trailer – Green – Good condition regularly serviced - £1,250.00

The Committee

Celia Horner	Hon Chairman
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Carole Guise	In-Hand Show
Emma Lane	WLHS
Anna MacDonald	Helper Co-ordinator

Results

Summer Dressage Series- 8th July 2008			
Walk & Trot 1		Prelim 4	
1st	Carol Lines - On A Mission	1st	Chris Ticehurst - Sir Darcy
2nd	Jenny Baber – Mollie	2nd	Mary Griffiths - Samson
3rd	Fiona Hicks – Rose	3rd	Clare Lomas - Indian Gold
4th	Rebecca Edwards – Ollie	4th	Lynn Davidson - Silver Dollar
5th	Jo Baker - Che Guevara	5th	Samantha Kellet - Gronay Calief
		6th	Samantha Doyle - Hendaal Hwyr Nos
Prelim 18		Novice 28	
1st	Chris Ticehurst - Sir Darcy	1st	Dawn Richardson - Sherry
2nd	Clare Lomas - Indian Gold	2nd	Alison Barlow - Quicktime
3rd	Samantha Doyle - Hendaal Hwyr Nos	3rd	Samantha Kellet - My Master Diamond
4th	Dawn Richardson – Sherry	4th	Mini Dumas - Clem
5th	Lizzie Donaldson – Tarmac	5th	Sandra Hayward - Misty Rivers
6th	Kim Skeplorn – Gemini		
Summer Dressage Series- 30th July 2008			
Walk & Trot 3		Prelim 7	
1st	Charlotte Gash - Cnoc Ban	1st	Clare Lomas - Indian Gold
2nd	Imogen Morgan - Merindas Prince Harry	2nd	Mary Griffiths - Samson
3rd	Danielle Mason - May Leaf	3rd	Quillum Hurford - Archie
4th	Ann Jones – Russi	4th	Lynn Davidson - Silver Dollar
5th	Fiona Hicks – Rose	5th	Carol Lines - On A Mission
6th	Mary Lennard – Jack	6th	Charlotte Gash - Cnoc Ban
Prelim 14		Novice 26	
1st	Clare Lomas - Indian Gold	1st	Liz Harding - Stanhopes Orion
2nd	Aphra Hurford – Archie	2nd	Hayley Godwin - Mickey
3rd	Alicia Lennard – Jack		
4th	Danielle Mason - May Leaf		
5th	Zoe Huxtable - Limited Edition		
6th	Linda Painter - Murphy P		
Summer Dressage Series- 27th August 2008			
Walk & Trot 2		Prelim 10	
1st	Alex Bank – Gally	1st	Alicia Hawker - Murphy's Law
2nd	Lizzie Donaldson – Matrix	2nd	Gabriella Rose - Abbas Love Knot
3rd	Fiona Hicks – Rose	3rd	Liz Messent - Fawley
3rd	Lynn Barrett - Black Jack	4th	Mary Griffiths - Samson
4th	Charlotte Bailey – Millie	5th	Lynn Davidson - Silver Dollar
5th	Dawn Richardson – Rumba	6th	Samantha Doyle - Hendaal Hwyr Nos
6th	Natasha Bailey – Frizbee		
Prelim 13		Novice 20	
1st	Alicia Hawker - Murphy's Law	1st	Alicia Hawker - Murphy's Law
2nd	Elinor Lee – Finn	2nd	Chris Ticehurst - Sir Darcy
3rd	Chris Ticehurst - Sir Darcy	3rd	Mini Dumas - Clem
4th	Gabriella Rose - Abbas Love Knot	4th	Dawn Richardson - Sherry
5th	Mary Griffiths – Samson		
6th	Charlotte Gash - Cnoc Ban		