



Over & District RC

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TACK SALE - SUCCESS

A huge thank you to all the members, non-members and supporters of the club who attended the Tack Sale in Fen Drayton on 26th February. Your support of our first event of 2008 was gratefully received.

The main aim of the evening was to introduce ourselves to the riding community and invite questions and opinions from the many of you who may be interested in joining the club.

Attendance at the tack sale was overwhelming and there were many familiar faces to be seen and riding stories to be told (not to mention a few nibbles and some wine!!). There were bargains galore across 17 tables and I don't think anyone left empty handed!

The club and the supporters attending believed that the event should become a regular occurrence, and we will be scheduling another tack sale for the end of the season in preparation for the winter.

Best get your reservations into Sue at scr27@cam.ac.uk or call her on 01954 232758 and book your table now, I know I will!!

NEXT SALE ON - TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER.



NAT DIXON JUMP CLINIC

Katherine and Jo, our jump co-ordinators, secured the wonderful facilities of Moats Way E.C. in Hemingford Abbots and the exceptional event rider, Nat Dixon, as instructor for their first jump rally on 9th March 2008.

Nat taught three groups of riders from a novice class through to the more advanced class at 3.6. Each class was fully subscribed and the 50x30 school was super for our riders and their horses with enough room for a jumping course to finish each session.

The next clinic is scheduled for 26th April 2008 - book early to avoid disappointment. This can be done via email at ODRCJUMPING@GMAIL.COM

SHOWING SHOW —

MONDAY 26th MAY
At the ODRC Field

See inside for details

Or contact the Show Secretary
at ODRCenquiries@gmail.com



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EVENTS INFO



EVENING RALLY AT THE CLUB FIELD - THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

We will be holding an evening rally at the club field, in Over, on Thursday 17th April 2008 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

These are going to be very informal and [hopefully] good fun. Club members are invited to turn up and ride, cadge a ride, hold horses for people, put jumps up for people, call dressage tests, and generally help out.

We will set up a dressage arena to give you a chance to practice your dressage tests (get someone to read for you, or watch you ride and suggest ways to increase your scores) and have a go at improving your jumping style over a full course of fences, someone will put the jump up for you if you knock them down, as long as you are willing to do the same in return (bring a friend and take it in turns to hold each other horses); you can also practice your gymkhana skills if you want to.

We are conscious of the time the sun sets this early in the year, so if you are planning on hacking to the field, make sure you wear fluorescent clothing and leave yourself plenty of time to get back home before it's dark.

These rallies are free for club members (but we will charge non-members), and providing that they are well attended, and popular, we are planning on running more them on one weekday evening per month through spring and summer. Contact Sue at ODRCEnquiries@gmail.com.

ODRC / BHS TREC - 21ST APRIL & 28TH APRIL

Ever wondered about whether Trec is right for you and your steed? Well here's your chance to find out!! If you're a happy hacker or a regular competition fanatic then this two session course involving a practical and a theory session could be just the ticket. Led by international trec judge and competitor Yvonne Duffy, the theory session will be held on 21st April at Sue Rogers' house with the practical taking place on 28th April at Keeble Cottage, both start at 7pm. These sessions are aimed at all levels and ability of rider. Both sessions cost £20 (or £7 for the theory and £15 for the ridden). For further details Sue Rogers scr27@cam.ac.uk or call her on 01954 232758.

NAT DIXON JUMPING CLINIC - MOAT HOUSE EC - 26TH APRIL

The next in our series of jumping clinics takes place once again at Moats Way E.C., in Hemingford Abbots. A session of four riders costs £18 per rider. To book a place, contact Katherine or Jo at ODRCJUMPING@GMAIL.COM.

FLATWORK TRAINING WITH VIRGINIA BRINTON

Our ever popular flatwork classes continue to be held on a monthly basis. The last one on 12 April was held at a private yard in Swavesey and was a great success, with 4 groups of riders, including one group of juniors. A one-hour long session costs just £15.00 and the next clinic is on Saturday 24th May - book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Tamara and Mary on ODRCFLATWORK@GMAIL.COM.

ODRC SPRING SHOWING SHOW - 26th MAY

The Club will be holding a Showing Show on Bank Holiday Monday, 26th May. A list of classes can be found later in this newsletter and you can also download a copy of the schedule from our website. We are asking competitors to enter at least one class in advance as it really helps things to run more smoothly on the day if we can allocate competitor numbers in advance - so please get your entries in early. We also need helpers on the day to make this show a success, so if you are able to lend a hand please contact Zoe Glover on ODRCENQUIRIES@GMAIL.COM

CONFIDENCE & ANXIETY MANAGEMENT

Pam Billinge is able to offer ground or classroom based confidence building / anxiety management sessions for the club. We would be happy to organize these as one-to-one or group sessions. More information can be found on Pam's website www.relaxedriding.homestead.com. Please register your interest with Pam at ODRCENQUIRIES@GMAIL.COM

JUMPING COMPETITION - 1ST JUNE

The Club's first jumping competition will take place on 1st June. Schedules and entry forms will be sent out closer to the date - keep checking the fixtures listing on our website for updates. Katherine and Jo are looking for people to make up a showjumping team, so take advantage of all of our jumping training to make sure that you are in top form for our first comp - and let us know if you want to be on a team. Contact Katherine and Jo on ODRCJUMPING@GMAIL.COM

DRESSAGE COMPETITION - 22ND JUNE

The Club's first Dressage Competition will take place at the Club Field on 22nd June. We will be holding 4 classes in two rings with two different judges. There will be a walk-trot class for horse/rider combinations who have not competed before, two prelims, and a novice - so something to suit most people. Practise makes perfect, so keep using our clinics until this time and we hope to see some good scores. Let Tamara and Mary know if you are interested in being on a dressage team ODRCFLATWORK@GMAIL.COM

ANGLIAN DISTANCE RIDERS' SAUSAGE SIZZLER - 29TH JUNE

A choice of approx. 13 or 18 miles. Start between 10.00am and 12.00noon from Priest Lane, Willingham. The route will be clearly marked and much of it will be over vastly-improved byways and bridleways, thanks to liaison between Swavesey & District Bridleways Association and the County Council. Entry Fees: ADR Members £12.00, Juniors £10.00, Non Members £15.00, Junior Non £12.00 - to include Hot Dog refreshment. Closing date: Mon 23rd June 2008, numbers will be limited to book early - contact Christine Few, 25 Wilford Furlong, Willingham, Cambridge, CB24 5JJ. Tel: 01954 201820 or 07814 295144.

ODRC NORFOLK BEACH WEEKEND - SAT / SUN 5/6 JULY 2008

Have you always dreamt of riding your horse on the beach? Sue Rogers has finalised details of the first 2008 Beach Ride at Mill Farm, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk. It is only 1.5 miles of off road tracks to the beautiful Holkham Beach. There will also be some non-ridden activities and other off road riding available. There are places for 12 lucky ODRC Members. The cost is £12 per night per horse plus £10 per night for a 2-man tent, or £15 a night for a family sized tent. To book your place, or find out more contact Sue Rogers on scr27@cam.ac.uk or on 01954 232758.

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EVENTS DIARY



| <u>APRIL</u> | <u>Discipline</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Contact</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Thu 10 th | Flatwork | Clinic | ODRC Field | Jackie - odrflatwork@gmail.com |
| Sat 12 th | Dressage | Clinic | Swavesey | Tamara - odrflatwork@gmail.com |
| Thu 17 th | Rally | Jumping and flatwork | ODRC Field | Sue Rogers - odrcenquiries@gmail.com |
| Sun 20 th | Gymkhana | Just for Fun | ODRC Field | Sue Rogers - odrcenquiries@gmail.com |
| Mon 21 st | Trec | Theory Training | Swavesey | Sue Rogers - odrcenquiries@gmail.com |
| Sat 26 th | Jumping | Clinic | Moats Way | odrcjumping@gmail.com |
| Mon 28 th | Trec | Training | Keeble Cottage | Sue Rogers - odrcenquiries@gmail.com |
| <u>MAY</u> | | | | |
| Mon 5 th | Trec | Clinic | Manor Farm EC | Yvonne Duffy vonnyduf@hotmail.com |
| Sun 18 th | Jumping | Clinic | TBC | odrcjumping@gmail.com |
| Sun 18 th | Trec | Competition | Oakington | Yvonne Duffy vonnyduf@hotmail.com |
| Sat 24 th | Dressage | Clinic | TBC | Tamara - odrflatwork@gmail.com |
| Mon 26 th | Showing | Showing Show | ODRC Field | Zoe - odrcenquiries@gmail.com |
| <u>JUNE</u> | | | | |
| Sun 1 st | Jumping | Competition | ODRC Field | odrcjumping@gmail.com |
| Sun 8 th | Horse trials | A7 Qualifier | Milton Keynes | odrcenquiries@gmail.com |
| Sat 14 th am | Dressage | These will be combined into a day-long rally at the club field with dressage test practice in the afternoon for people who don't jump | | Tamara - odrflatwork@gmail.com |
| Sat 14 th pm | Jumping | | | Katherine - odrjumping@gmail.com |
| Sat 22 nd | Dressage | Competition | ODRC Field | Tamara - odrflatwork@gmail.com |
| Sun 29 th | Trip | Social | Hickstead | Tamara - odrcenquiries@gmail.com |
| Sun 29 th | Pleasure Ride | Just for fun | Willingham | Sue - odrcenquiries@gmail.com |
| <u>JULY</u> | | | | |
| 5 th & 6 th | Fun Ride | Just for fun | Norfolk | Sue - ODRcenquiries@GMAIL.COM |
| 12 th | Dressage | Clinic | ODRC Field | Tamara - odrflatwork@gmail.com |
| 13 th | Jumping | Competition | ODRC Field | ODRCJUMPING@GMAIL.COM |

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Jumping
Flatwork
Everything Else

ODRCJUMPING@GMAIL.COM
ODRCFLATWORK@GMAIL.COM
ODRCENQUIRIES@GMAIL.COM

This is just a taste of things to come, we will let you know what else is on as soon as we confirm arrangements

FULL LISTINGS AVAILABLE AT WWW.ODRC.ORG.UK



OTHER NEWS



TACK / SADDLE THEFT

Jo Wise and Owen Moore of Birds Pasture Farm, Boxworth, Cambridgeshire were broken into with 12 saddles taken all with leathers and stirrup Irons.

4 new Albion jump saddles, 2 new Albion dressage saddles, 1 Albion dressage saddle, 1 Stubben jump light weight saddle, 1 light weight flare jump saddle, 1 Stubben jump saddle, 1 dressage saddle, 1 Stubben jump saddle, plus some bridles, breastplates, unbreakable jump leathers, aluminium jump stirrups, girths.

ANY INFORMATION GRATEFULLY RECEIVED - If anyone can be of any help, please contact Georgie Bilborough via email on Georgie@monkfieldnutrition.co.uk or tel: 01223 208261, fax: 01223 208424.

FRESH CARROTS

Zoe Glover will deliver fresh carrots in and around Cottenham, Willingham, Over, Swavesey etc. For details of delivery times and prices contact her on 07980 257710 or Odrcinfo@gmail.com

Aquamax bedding, Superior Absorbency, Total Odour Control, Biodegradable, Virtually Dust Free. For more details or a brochure call 'Nags Needs' on 07960 977710.

EQUINE BEDDING

HACKING COMPANY WANTED

Holiday partners wanted for 2008: My usual holiday-hacking partners aren't able to holiday with me this year so I'm seeking new companions with steady neddies to go on 3-5 day place-to-place rides (e.g. Bridlerides holidays). Likely cost £60 per day (horse and rider accommodation, breakfast and dinner) plus lunch and transport costs. Choccy is always happy to share his lfor trailer with a sensible, friendly horse or he's happy to share your lorry/trailer if preferred. Thanks! Sue Rogers scr27@cam.ac.uk 01954 232758

STAFF WANTED - MOATS WAY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Moats Way Equestrian require a mature, reliable person to assist with all general yard duties and occasional exercising of clients horses. Flexible working hours to include Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and /or Sunday. Salary negotiable. Please contact Claire Dodson on 01480 464751, 07727159067 or claire@moatswayequestrian.co.uk

BURGHLEY OUTING

Join us on Friday 5TH September for an outing to Burghley on Dressage Day. Contact Tamara for more details ODRCFLATWORK@GMAIL.COM

ODRC TEAM COLOURS / OLD CLUB STOCK

ODRC are changing their colours shortly to navy with teal. Some old stock is available at £5 per item. If you'd like one of our new but old-style sweatshirts, please contact Sue Rogers: Sweatshirts: 1 child size maroon, 1 small maroon, 2 small red, 1 medium maroon, 1 medium dark green, 1 medium red, 1 large dark green, 1 extra large navy, All with white logo., Also 2 large white polo shirts, both with black logo.

LOOKING FOR HELP???

Suzi has recently moved to the area and would like to offer her help exercising people's horses. She has owned her own horses in the past, and worked as a groom for hunters and a polo team before going to Uni. She'd be happy to do after work or weekends. She lives near Sutton, Ely and has her own transport, her mobile number is 07975566964.



RIDER PROFILE



CHRISTINE YOUNG - LOCAL SUPPORTER

I started riding at my local riding school when I was 4 years old - that was me addicted. I continued to my weekly lessons until I was old enough to help out in exchange for lessons.

When I was 9 I was lucky enough to own my first pony - a cheeky little Welsh Mountain named Snoopy. I have since owned, shared and ridden a variety of horses and ponies.

I have participated in pony club and riding club activities, competed unaffiliated show jumping, cross country and dressage. I have worked and trained with horses and am qualified to BHS Intermediate Equivalent.

I was a member of the ODRC a couple of years ago. At the time I owned a large Hot-headed Thoroughbred mare, who became quite a handful. I eventually parted company with her when I was 5 months pregnant and this put my riding on hold for a while. My daughter is nearly a year old and I would love to start being involved with horses/events/lectures at a local level. I do not have a horse at the moment but would welcome the opportunity to be involved.



I am also hoping that someone may need a little help now and then, whether it will be to exercise or look after a horse when someone is on holiday.

My main goal is to just to build relationships with other supporters in the area and be involved with the local riding club when I can.

So if you have an equestrian space in your life for me my contact details are, Christine Young, 01223 704834, 07834 852149
christine_miller@ntlworld.com



MARY JAMES - COMMITTEE MEMBER (FLATWORK/DRESSAGE)

I loved horses as a child but my parents couldn't afford riding lessons. So I set about getting enough qualifications and a good job so that one day I might pay for lessons, myself. At the age of 39 I had my first lesson and by 41 I owned my first horse.

Now, 20 years later, I still have her and her daughter, who I bred and brought on (with a lot of expert help). It has been hard juggling a full-time academic job, a family, and horses but I find these three things give balance to my life.

Now I am semi-retired I full intend to ride more. I am sure it will keep me healthy, as long as I don't fall off too often.



If you want to be featured in the next edition of the newsletter then send your 'rider profile' and a few photos to ODRCENQUIRIES@GMAIL.COM

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SPRING SHOW

MONDAY 26TH MAY



BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY AT ODRC FIELD

Show Secretary: 5 Orchard Close, Cottenham, Cambridge CB24 8TN

At least one class to be entered in advance by 20th May. Further info from ODRCENQUIRIES@GMAIL.COM

Class Prices are £3 for members £4 for non members and all entries on the day will be £5 regardless of membership.

Novelty Classes are £2 for members £3 for non members and £4 on the day.

First Aid Cover is £1 per competitor

Cheques made payable to ODRC

Ring One

9.30am start

Judge: Victoria Impey

BEST TURNED-OUT: Open to any horse/pony and rider combination. Lead rein permitted. Plaited, unplaited or hogged according to breed. To be judged on overall presentation.

** KINDLY SPONSORED BY THE BARN SHOP**

LEAD REIN: Pony not to exceed 12.2hh and to be ridden in a snaffle only with lead rein attached to the noseband. Rider to be 9 years and under on show day. Competitors will be asked to present an individual display in walk and trot. ** KINDLY SPONSORED BY HIGHGATE OF WILLINGHAM**

Entrants in this class may not participate in other classes off the lead rein, except novelty classes and classes 1 and 14.

NOVICE RIDDEN: Open to any horse/pony and rider combination as long as they have genuinely never been placed or taken part in a show before. Aimed at riders in their first year of showing. Individual show required.

KINDLY SPONSORED BY CARROTS DIRECT

FAMILY MOUNT: Open to any horse or pony and any age rider. The horse or pony must be suitable to be ridden by any member of the family. Individual show required. **KINDLY SPONSORED BY MURKETTS VAUXHALL**

RIDDEN MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND: Open to large and small breeds, class will be split if entries warrant. Individual show required. **KINDLY SPONSORED BY HEMPSALL FARM EC**

LUNCH

RIDING CLUB MOUNT: Open to any horse/pony and rider combination as long as they are suitable to participate in all riding club activities. Individual show required. ** KINDLY SPONSORED BY MURKETTS VAUXHALL**

RIDDEN HUNTER: Open to light, middle and heavy weight hunters. Special rosette to the highest placed hunt subscriber (to be eligible for this, riders must declare to steward which hunt they subscribe to when entering the ring). Individual show required. **KINDLY SPONSORED BY THE BARN SHOP**

RIDDEN SHOW/TRADITIONAL COB TYPE: Open to cobs of any age or height. Show cobs to be shown clipped, hogged and trimmed. Traditionals to be shown with full mane and feather. Individual show required.

** KINDLY SPONSORED BY HEATHER LEWIN**

RIDDEN COLOURED: Skewbald and piebald to include spotted, dun, cremello, palamino or roan. Individual show required. ** KINDLY SPONSORED BY EASTERN MARQUEES**

Ring Two

9.30am start

Judge: Carol Shepard

YOUNG STOCK IN HAND: Open to any breed, height or type of horse/pony. One, two and three year olds. All youngsters must be turned out in accordance to their breed or type.

** KINDLY SPONSORED BY EQUICENTRIC**

VETERAN IN HAND: Open to any breed, height or type of horse/pony as long as they are over 15 years of age.

** KINDLY SPONSORED BY HIGHGATE OF WILLINGHAM**

BEST CONDITION IN HAND: Open to any breed, height or type of horse/pony. Judged on the condition regarding the age and type.

** KINDLY SPONSORED BY NAGSNEEDS.COM**

RACEHORSE TO RIDING HORSE: This is a ridden class. All horses must be registered with the ex-racers club and will be judged on conformation, manners and adaptability to their new career. QUALIFIER CLASS - see secretary for details.

** KINDLY SUPPORTED BY EQUINE AMERICA**

RIDDEN PAIRS: Open to all. Pairs will be asked to present a display and will be judged on best match of colour, size and overall picture. Lead rein permitted. ** KINDLY SPONSORED BY QUANTUM LEAP**

LUNCH

HANDSOME GELDING

A special prize for the best tail

** KINDLY SPONSORED BY LA 'MAC OF SWAVESEY**

PRETTIEST MARE

A special prize for the best tail

** KINDLY SPONSORED BY LA 'MAC OF SWAVESEY**

HORSE/PONY THE JUDGE WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME

** KINDLY SPONSORED BY BARBARA WEBB**

FANCY DRESS

** JUDGED BY Q103**

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CONTACT US



ODRC is a local and friendly riding club. Our aims are to organise events and rallies to help the riders in our area to improve their riding skills and develop their horsemanship. Most of our events are for members only and range from social get-togethers at the club, to clinics using some of the best riders and instructors in this area.

Membership is £20 per year, forms can be downloaded from our website www.odrc.org.uk or by contacting us at ODRCENQUIRIES@GMAIL.COM

We would also love to hear from anyone who wishes to 'support' the club. Supporters can register at the above email address and don't need to pay for membership. As a supporter you will receive details of all the forthcoming events and rallies, as well as your own copy of the newsletter via email.

Directions to the club field.

From the A14 driving *north from Cambridge* take the Bar Hill turn off and follow the signs to Longstanton. Turn right at the first roundabout, at the second one bear left towards Over. When you have passed the windmill, look out for the Industrial Estate on the left. We are immediately after the Ind. Est., down the track on the left.

From the A14 driving *south from Huntingdon* take the Swavesey turn off and follow signs to Swavesey and then Over. As you approach Over, take first turn on right, signposted to the industrial estate, and follow the road past Sandpit Pond and we are on the right before the Ind Est. Again, watch out for the traffic calming.

From *Willingham* take road to Over at traffic lights. Take the first road on left as you enter Over, then left at the end of Mill Road (The Exhibition Pub) into King Street. Turn left at the end of King Street, go past Sandpit Pond on your left and we are on the right before the Ind. Est.

Please close these gates behind you after entry or exit. Thank you.

The ODRC Committee

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