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July 2010

Summer BBQ

Thursday 19th August at Jane McBeans, Duns Tew.
Please bring your family and friends to our summer BBQ.
Contact Jane for details.
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Blenheim SJ

The entries have to be in soon so if you'd like to be in the team please contact June ASAP. The course is a mix of SJ and XC up to a height of 1m.
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Pub Ride

On a warm Saturday in June we set off on our annual summer ride. This year to the Falkland Arms at Gt Tew. A huge turnout of 17 riders set off from the gated rd at Worton to ride through the beautiful Great Tew estate. An opportunity to catch up on the gossip and have a relaxing ride. We partook of the local ales and excellent food. Our return took us past the cross country course from the ODE and had it not been for the ha ha dividing the bridleway from the field I'm sure fuelled with good ale we all would have jumped round the open course!

The next ride planned will be a little further afield probably in August along the Ridgeway starting from Letcombe Regis.

If you'd like more details please contact June
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Area Horse Trials Broadway

It was a beautiful day and stunning location, we really do get the chance to go to some lovely places! Louise King, Charlotte Cartwright, Harriet Fairbank and Anna Reynolds were entered for the novice class and Alice Reynolds as an individual for the intermediate (pictured below). The cross country was run over the hilly and inviting BE90 and BE100 courses. The day was successful with everyone jumping double clears and Anna finishing 8th in her section. Louise made a delicious chocolate cake which kept us all going. I would like to say a big thank you to Sallie Lamb and Eleanor Browne for kindly helping at this ODE on behalf of the riding club, without such support these events could not take place.



Area Dressage at Longney

Oh my goodness, it was a scorcher... the hottest day of the year! Sue Ruddock, Alice Reynolds and Hilary Stratton headed off for the Area Novice Dressage Qualifier, held by the Cotswold Edge Riding Club, in a small village the other side of the M5!

The horses were immaculately turned out and performed willing and obedient tests despite the firm going. Sue had thoughtfully brought pink fizzy wine to help us while away the time until all the scores were up. I'm delighted to report the team finished 3rd, individually Sue came 8th; Hilary 9th and I won my section qualifying for the Nationals.

Well done team and thanks for making the long journey.



Sue



Alice



Hilary



The team

Festival of the Horse Championships

Anna Reynolds on Ptarmigan qualified for the eventer challenge championships, which were held at the beginning of June at Aston-Le-Walls. The show jumping was colourful and the cross country attractively presented (as always at ALW) with a few galloping stretches. Anna's mare loved the chance to canter out of the SJ arena straight into the XC where there were banks, steps and combinations. She had a double clear but a few time penalties meant she was not placed however they thoroughly enjoyed the day and the chance to represent the ORC at the championships.



Show Jumping Qualifier

Once again the Malvern Hills Riding Club organised an enjoyable and friendly day for the outdoor area show jumping qualifier. We sent two teams, Alice Reynolds, Pauline Parker and Sue Ruddock in the intermediate section and Anna Reynolds, June Collier, Harriet Fairbank and Louise King in the novice. Unfortunately Alice and Pauline notched up faults so the team was not in the placings but individually Sue did us proud and came 5th after an exciting jump off.

The novice team had better luck and were placed 3rd (out of 24 teams) narrowly missing out on qualifying for the championships.



Harriet



Louise