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November 2011

*As another active and successful year for ORC draws to a close we'd like to invite you all to the **AGM (supper included) on Tuesday 6th December 2011 at Ludwell Farm, Glympton, OX20 1AZ starting at 7pm.** The guest speaker is Paul Scott, independent feed specialist, master of the foxhounds and show judge, who will be taking us through the many different equine foods on offer and will answer all our questions. Hope to see you there!*

Halloween Hunter Trials

Our Halloween Hunter Trials at Grange Farm, Swalcliffe on 30th October 2011 proved once again to be a popular event with a good number of entries enjoying the fabulous courses that Mike Etherington-Smith, Richard Taylor and David Evans had made for us! Please see the website for results. Thank you to everyone who helped us on the day.



Alex James photography

Fun Rides

This autumn we've had a number of rides through the Oxfordshire countryside; it's always nice to meet up with other members and their friends. We rode to the Falkland Arms, Great Tew on a late sunny summer Sunday and thank you Beverley for taking us along Swalcliffe Lea to Broughton Castle on our last outing in October.

ORC Tent for Hire

The ORC tent is available for hire at a small cost. If you are interested please contact June

ORC Show Jumps

These are now at Mandy Wilson's, Little Tew. They are currently up in a course and available for members to practice over free of charge. If you would like to go please contact Beverley for details and directions:

beverley.hart@hotmail.co.uk

Summer Show Jumping Area Qualifier July 2011

We arrived at Solihull Riding Club and were delighted to find we were jumping on a surface instead of the baked ground we were expecting! This year ORC fielded just an intermediate team of Sue Ruddock, Sarah Corner and Anna and Alice Reynolds. The team all jumped good rounds and finished second with Sue taking the individual silver medal! Well done!



Blenheim Horse Trials Eventer Challenge

September 2011

The organizing team at Blenheim Riding Club Eventer Challenge set a testing course with over thirty teams taking part in early September. Sue Ruddock, Anna Reynolds and Rosie and Felicity Wilson represented ORC and each completed the course in style! They had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

I Recommend – A day with the Farmers Bloodhounds

It all started back in August when Hilary (Stratton) suggested I might like to join her on bloodhound exercise at Bourton-on-the-Hill. We had a thoroughly pleasant ride with a few jumps thrown in, with a friendly group of people, followed by a very pleasant tea.

I was then committed to joining them again on exercise at Chipping Campden, as I had left my saddle to be repaired with my friendly Devoucoux saddler, Liz, who happened to be out the previous week and took my saddle home for repair. So I appeared at Chipping Campden with my trusty steed Dennis, very much hoping my saddle would appear as I didn't fancy riding bareback. Liz, true to her word, duly turned up, of course. We had another pleasant afternoon out with a few small fences and Dennis thoroughly enjoyed himself.

I hadn't quite planned another outing, but having received a text from the Bloodhounds, followed by one from Tim Heath enticing me to go to their meet at Richard and Jenny Schuster's at Grange Farm, Over Worton, I thought I'd give it a go. My previous experiences of hunting with the Farmers Bloodhounds some years ago were rather spine chilling as they had a bit of a reputation for lunacy and jumping metal gates. However, with new management and mastership I had a lovely day.

I hacked up to meet with some trepidation bearing in mind previous experience. Dennis was well overdue for a clip, so I plaited him to make up for his scruffiness! Port and Kitkats were forthcoming at the meet, courtesy of the Schuster's, which is always a good start. Approximately 70 mounted followers arrived, all of whom have to part with £50 and sign a disclaimer to declare any fatalities/injuries are no responsibility of the FBH! Slightly worrying?

Two fieldmasters lead the field, and followers opt for a jumping or non-jumping route. There was a faller on the landing side of the first fence before the fieldmaster had got to it – how did that happen? Dennis and I bypassed that, and went on to enjoy a thoroughly pleasant day with friendly company, jumping sensible fences. At the end of each line horses and riders had a welcome breather, with further top-ups of port or juice proffered. I had been asked at the meet to keep an eye out for a young girl on her 5 year old, who sensibly started on the non-jumping route, but by the end was popping over everything, behind Dennis' lead, which was very educational for her youngster.

We finished up returning to Grange Farm via Mrs Ballard's!, Dennis and I then hacked home feeling well exercised. Dennis was particularly cheerful, as he can be lazy and grumpy, but loves his hunting. That day out kept him happy all week!

So – I can thoroughly recommend a day with the Farmers Bloodhounds. Anyone can enjoy themselves, whether they jump or not, with a very friendly group of folk.

Sue Ruddock

ORC Dinner

Advance warning! The ORC dinner will be held on Thursday 2nd February 2012 at The Buttery, Woodstock. Details to follow



Pony for Loan

Bob - 13.1hh Welsh Section B, gelding, 8yrs. Good to box, shoe etc. Hacks out alone or in company. Very sweet but just a little too forward going for very novice rider. Needs more than the half an hour ride or so each week he is currently getting. Ridden every day during the summer holidays in company and didn't put a foot wrong but is a little bored now. Has done a bit of everything in the past.



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