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*September 2010*

*Autumn is here and it's time to sharpen the clipper blades as the horses are starting to get fluffy! After a quiet summer Simon Nicholson is recovering well from his broken ankle and has begun to take clinics again. We're hoping to have another fun ride in October and we look forward to seeing you all at the AGM. Please find attached a schedule for our Hunter Trials on October 31<sup>st</sup>. We are hoping for a good turn out and any help on the day would be much appreciated. If you can give a hand please contact June.*

### **RIDGEWAY RIDE – 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010**

The blossom had turned to berries and there was a nip in the air as we trundled down the A420 on the way to meet for the ride along the Ridgeway which June had organized for us. As we arrived to park at White House Farm near Letcombe Regis the sun was coming out and the mist was disappearing. June had done part of the ride a couple of weeks before with her pony and trap so she was our team leader. There were five of us: Sue Ruddock, Hilary Stratton, Gina Phipps, June Collier and myself. I had never been on the Ridgeway before and it was very much as I had imagined with far reaching views and a feeling of space and being up high. It felt ancient and you could imagine the thousands of journeys that had taken place on this route throughout the centuries. In fact Hilary impressed us with her knowledge of Roman settlements and chalk aquifers (!) There were headlands and verges where we could give the horses (and ourselves) a pipe opener or two. June had managed to discover a great circular route so we ended up back at the boxes without having to retrace our steps. The pub at Letcombe Regis had space for us to park so we loaded up, gave our horses hay nets and headed off for a swift half and a spot of lunch whilst basking in sunshine in the garden. Thanks again to June for organizing it so swishly.

*Bernadette Evans*

### **ORC AGM December 1<sup>st</sup> 2010**

7pm at Sally Browne's:  
Ludwell Farm, Glympton.  
Please put this date in your diary, it promises to be a fun and informative evening with a guest speaker. There will be supper and drinks and pictures of the ORC in action throughout the year. Also the chance to vote on new committee members.

### **Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier 2011**

On 7<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at Kings Equestrian Centre, Winslow, Bromyard. This is a team competition running earlier than last year, with the jumps at 85cm. It would be great to send a team after last years success. If you are interested in taking part please contact Alice:  
[reynolds.a@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:reynolds.a@hotmail.co.uk)

## Summer Barbeque



The dress code was wellies and wax jackets for our summer barbeque at Jane McBeans house. Before the sumptuous spread of food we watched our local international event rider Ginny Howe perform her dressage to music routine that she had done recently at Express Eventing. She and Divilabit both looked wonderful and put on a beautiful display to jazzy music despite the drizzle. It was lovely to see so many people, thank you Jane for hosting such a good party, we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and hope that Beverley makes more of her delicious bread for the AGM!

### Blenheim Riding Club Eventer Challenge

It is always exciting to jump at Blenheim and our girls were the first to go out of thirty-five teams from all over the country. Sarah Corner set us off with a fast round over the twisty and colourful show jumps and fixed cross country fences. Felicity and Rosie Wilson followed, incurring a few faults, and Alice finished with a good clear. Well done everyone and thank you for representing the club.



### NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS...

We are looking for a new chairman as Jane McBean will be stepping down from her position. We also need 2 new committee members this December. If you are interested in joining us please contact Jane: [janemcbean@gmail.co.uk](mailto:janemcbean@gmail.co.uk) 01869 340553

### *I recommend.....*

A show jumping schooling session at the Cooksons. They have two courses available to hire, one on a rubber surface and the other, with a larger number of jumps, on grass (with good ground cover and old turf). Both have a variety of interesting, spooky coloured fillers and on a recent trip the grass course included two water trays of different shapes, wavy planks, and a narrow gate. This was all very good practice as I haven't been doing a great deal of jumping over the summer. To date the Cooksons charge £10 an hour per horse and they live at Manor Farm, Upper Slaughter, Glos. Consider an outing; they live in a beautiful area. Tel: 01451 820227



*Anna Reynolds*