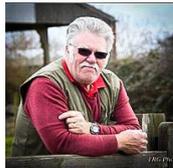




# Goring & District Riding Club

The Committee



Jim Lee—Chairman



David Beer—  
Club Manager  
Treasurer



Jill Yates Membership  
Secretary  
Club Safety Officer



Robin Storkey



Lynne Watson -  
Club Secretary  
Newsletter Editor



Lara Squires—  
Dressage Teams and  
Fund Raising



Rachael Anne Cargill



Lisa Hilder



Roxanne Brown

A small friendly club based in the area around Worthing/Goring, affiliated to British Riding Clubs and part of Area 13.

## Welcome to the Spring edition of the GDRC Newsletter

Spring 2019

There was a fabulous turnout for our Annual General Meeting this year, especially as the night was so horribly damp and cold. Thank you all for coming. The evening started with the Club Manager, David Beer, welcoming the three new members of the committee – Roxanne Brown, Rachael Cargill and Lisa Hilder—three young women with loads of energy and new ideas.

Jim Lee continued with his Chairman's report. He reported that, long standing committee member Robin Storkey was currently in hospital and wished him a speedy recovery. At the time of writing Robin is now out of hospital and reported to be raring to go.

Jim talked about Area 13 events being poorly attended this year but was pleased the GDRC still managed to put on a good variety of events and clinics despite the restraints of extreme weather.

Jim particularly wanted to thank the members and their families for making Goring and District Riding Club, such a friendly and welcoming Club for all.

The club manager wanted to give big thanks to Lara Squires for her work organising the dressage teams for area competitions. GDRC want to promote junior teams this year as the club never has enough juniors competing to enter the junior classes and they have to be tacked onto senior teams. Partly to this end, the club has initiated a new "have a go" class in our dressage series for 12 years and under, which can be competed on lead rein if desired.

David finished by thanking our lovely group of regular helpers to whom we are extremely grateful.

During the election of officers, Jim Lee was returned as Club Chairman for the 30<sup>th</sup> year!

## The Prize Winners



Polly Flinders Senior Attendance Shield	Sharon Overington
Hac n Tac Junior Attendance Shield	Harley Connelly
Most Enthusiastic Member	Paula Rice
GDRC Supporters Member Trophy	Danielle Lee
GDRC Non-Member Helper of the Year	Heather Hopkins
Most Improved Dressage Junior	Anna Tuck
Most Improved Dressage Senior	Sue Scott-Collis
Most Improved Junior	Courtney Williams
Most Improved Senior	Charlene Smith
GDRC Show Jumper of the Year	Layla Smith
GDRC Junior Club Member of the Year	Anna Tuck
GDRC Senior Club Member of the Year	Caryll Overy

Well done to all



LRG Photography



Thanks to Terri Yates of LRG Photography for coming to take the Photos.



**F**abulous result for the GDRC Dressage teams at the Area 13 Novice Winter Dressage Qualifier at Pycombe on 9th Feb. Lara Squires did a fantastic job managing the teams despite enforced withdrawals as a result of various lockdowns due to the threat of Equine Flu. In the end, it all paid off when the "Goring Gamblers," consisting of Jo Chambers, Xaria Overy and Caryl Overy, came first. Lily Shears and Harvey came second in prelim 2 with a super calm test and another special mention must also go to Gemma Casburn who rode three tests, two of them in a hailstorm, and got a first! This is the first time in a very long time that a GDRC team has won an area event.

As if our February team success wasn't enough, we had four teams, and three individual members competing in the Intermediate Qualifiers at Brendons on 17th March. One team was entered in a qualifier and there were two individual qualifiers at Adv Med, and two individual entries at Prelim, so there were 20 GDRC mem-

bers competing for the club!

In Class Two, GDRC teams took 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. Our one qualifying team also took second place. One of our members scored a cracking 77.81%!

The new team numnahs, sponsored by **Stockley Trading**, were a brilliant way of finding other club members, who might otherwise be unknown to each other, and it felt like a proper team effort.



**I**n the last issue we announced that Julie Cundy had decided to step down from the committee. She has been an integral part of the riding club for very many years. We asked her to tell us a bit about her time with the club.

Julie was first a GDRC Club member in the 1960's when she had a grey Anglo Arab called Seagirl. She remembers having lots of fun in the club doing timed rides, treasure hunts, even boozy rides involving a pub crawl! Robin (Storkey) had a stables and field in Roundstone Lane, which was more or less Julie's base. She lived at Avenals Farm, Water Lane, Angmering, where a small Hunter Trials and a big Show were held each year.

She was secretary of the GDRC with Tina Storkey for a few years, during the 1960's, when the club ran lots of small shows, and even a two day show with affiliated Jumping. Julie met her husband Nick at a show. He was keen on showing and had a lovely horse that was small hunter of the year. He also rode in teams for dressage. Julie hunted a lot and did several timed rides for different charities. She participated in the Golden Horseshoe ride in East Sussex which was a ride of 52 miles. Julie qualified for the final but, as it was up in Yorkshire, she felt it was too far to travel.

There were a few years when she wasn't in the club when she had a daughter who rode a lot on a variety of ponies, and did Pony Club events. Julie was District Commissioner for a few years and her daughter went on to event very successfully. Julie then returned to GDRC, later coming back to the committee. She had several different horses over the years but gave up riding in her late sixties.

Julie's contribution to the Riding Club over the years is immeasurable. The current committee members have big shoes to fill! Thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm, Julie—you will be missed!



Julie enjoying a GDRC Race Night at the Village Hall

### Dates for your Diary—For more details—see our [events page](#)

23rd Mar	Gridwork Clinic	Brinsbury
7th April	Winter Dressage Series	Brinsbury
17th April	Clear Round Jumping	Brinsbury
20th April	SJ Clinic	Southbank Equestrian Small Dole
28th Apr	Pony Club XC	Arundel
18th May	XC Clinic	Petworth or Rackham
12th May	Arena Trec	Brinsbury
5th May	Tbc Winter Dressage Series Championship	Sands Farm
26th May	Spring Show (Inhand/Ridden)	Castle Goring
1st June	Area Horse Trials	Coombelands
15th June	SJ Clinic	Sands Farm
23rd June	Summer Dressage Series	Brinsbury
23rd June	Clear Round Jumping	Brinsbury
30th June	Area Dressage & RT	East Bysse



**H**elpers are the life blood of our club. We could not organise events, and you, the members could not participate in our events without these super people giving up their time. So, a HUGE thank you to -

- Paula Rice
- Val Isted
- Danielle Lee
- Amanda Nimmo
- Terri Yates
- Sam Bradley-Smith
- Heather Hopkins
- Sharon Overington
- Georgia Cochran
- Sue Scott-Collis



It is with great sadness that we have to pass on the news of the passing of Mr John FitzRoy Somerset. He was our President for the past 57 years and always showed great interest in the clubs activities.

He was born in Sussex and lived there for most of his life working on the family farm. Mr. Somerset very much enjoyed riding, and last rode at the age of 90. He was very pleased to be asked to be president of Goring District for another year in 2019.

Mr. Somerset enjoyed showing, and went along to watch Saffy Mason, his grandson's fiancé, compete in the Sunshine Tour at Hickstead last summer. He also enjoyed horse racing, and he saw them race at Fontwell last year.

He thought it was very important that his Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren learnt to ride almost before they could walk! Our thoughts are with the Somerset family and their connections at this sad time.

*Thank you to Saffy Mason for the photo and bio.*