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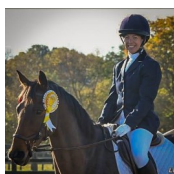
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# Goring & District Riding Club

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

## Welcome to the Winter edition of the GDRC Newsletter

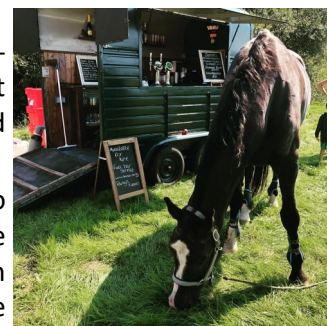
Autumn/Winter 2018/9

After the extreme weather conditions of the summer, we have taken full advantage of the beautiful late summer/early autumn weather conditions and have been able to go ahead with some very successful events. Not least of these was the sponsored ride held to raise money for our adopted charity The Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance.

On a perfect, early September day, we sent off eighty riders, with maps, to ride their chosen distances of 5, 10 or 15 miles across the beautiful landscape of the South Downs. We counted them all out and counted them all back in again. Everyone came back smiling and the riders made good use of the

Cafe2U coffee van and The mobile bar.

Each rider had to commit to raising at least £20 but so many raised so much more. The club offered a prize club polo shirt to Junior member Courtney Williams, for raising £163, and to Senior member Valerie Hall for raising £140. In total £2500 was raised for this very worthy cause.



## Why belong to the Goring and District Riding Club?

Thank you for another amazing competition. It's such a lovely friendly club !

Thank you for an absolutely lovely first experience for Georgia and Kim. They had an amazing day and are looking forward to coming back soon. X

I just wanted to thank you and the rest of the team for all your hard work today at Brinsbury (please can you pass this on to everyone for me). It really is much appreciated. I have to say, GDRC is full of lovely people! I'm certainly going to join up.....

Thank you so much for the great morning at dressage. Both Scottie and I enjoyed ourselves. He did so well for his first dressage test

- \* Friendly and supportive club
- \* Full calendar of a variety of events
- \* Dressage competition every month
- \* Dressage Teams and Clinics
- \* Show Jumping Shows and Clinics
- \* Showing Shows, In Hand and Ridden
- \* Innovative SJXC Competitions
- \* Quiz Nights
- \* Sponsored Ride
- \* Child friendly
- \* Encourages grass roots competitors

Everyone was very welcoming & helpful at your dressage show yesterday, my first time competing with you & results up already impressive.

Would like to thank the whole team at gdrc today. You were all so friendly and accomadating. Big shout out to the amazing judge being so kind this morning! My boy came away with a massive smile! You really went that extra mile.

Thank you so much for everyone involved with running the dressage competition today. Anita and Carlos had a great time as did Donna .See you at the next one xxx

Just like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone helping out today at the dressage. You're ALL always so welcoming and supportive, I had a great day competing with some good results!





Club members enjoyed a brilliant morning at the local Nick Gifford Racing yard in October. After a welcoming cup of tea and a bit of cake from Ruth Gifford, Nick chatted to all his visitors in the stable yard about the workings of a racing yard, in general, and answered any questions. He introduced some of the horses in training in their stables then took the visitors to the warm-up arena to watch one of the "lots" - the group of horses about to go out. Members

then walked up to the gallops and watched the horses canter up the all weather gallop twice. Coming down from the gallops, the horses stopped for a snack of grass while Nick, and the lads and lasses, chatted to members on the way back. There was more tea and cake to be had then Jim and Lara, from the committee, thanked the Giffords for so very generously giving their time.



We've got a really lovely bunch of regular helpers. As a volunteer, it is a great way to watch others competing, get a feel of how competitions run and that often helps in building your own confidence to enter events.

See your name here in the next issue. Let Jill Yates know what events you would like to help at. Everyone's very friendly and helpful, so don't be shy!

**VERY MANY THANKS TO**—Amanda Gait, Lisa Hilder, Danielle, Sharon Overington, Clare Howell, Roxanne Brown, Iain Eldridge, Paula Rice, Woody, Mary Parsons, Terri Yates, Daisy-Mae Griffiths, Suzanne Tuck, Linda Kidby, Kev Norris, Jen Norris, Val Hall, Lin Adams, Helen Yeo, Liz Lillywhite, Heather Cohen, Wayne Heaver, Anne Gartside, Heather Hopkins, Sonya Smith, and Sue Scott Collis

After a busy and successful summer season of dressage, the Championships were held in October. The champions were as follows—

#### BD Intro C Juniors

Sophie O'Sullivan - Legally Blonde

#### BD INTRO Seniors

Sharon Overington – Clyrohill Charlie O

#### GDRC Intro to Canter

Harley Connelly – Merlin.

#### Prelim 2

Julie Lawrence – Pure Clover Genius.

#### Prelim 18

Charlene Smith – Bramshill Lass.

#### Novice 30

Claudia Felstead – Subalten Will.

#### Elementary 42

Sue Scott-Collis – The Cool Sandpiper

#### Medium 63

Val Hall – Sway Molly Moon.

### From the Dressage Judge's Box

I was privileged, earlier this month, to write for both Dressage judges for the whole day. The best bit about that is that you get to see the whole range of competitors from Intro to Medium, and it's humbling to watch how hard people work, how seriously they take the competition, how much they care about their horses and how beautifully turned out they are.

A couple of interesting issues arose over correct tack for dressage competitions. Both, interestingly, were about nosebands.

Competitors are advised to make sure that their tack is competition legal.

*British Dressage rules state, "A bridle with a bit, browband and noseband is compulsory"*

There is some variation, however, in the types of noseband and bits that may be used. British Dressage change the rules periodically so it's always worth checking each new edition as it is published at the beginning of December each year. The British Dressage site—[www.britishdressage.co.uk](http://www.britishdressage.co.uk) is really helpful and it is easy to find all the information you need about the correct tack.

A free copy of British Dressage Rules can be downloaded [here](http://www.britishdressage.co.uk).

#### "Approved Tack and Equipment"

is another British Dressage publication and is a handy illustrated guide. It can be downloaded [here](http://www.britishdressage.co.uk).



### \*\*\*\*\* Dates for your Diary \*\*\*\*\*

For more details—see our [events page](http://www.britishdressage.co.uk)

1st Feb	AGM	Patching Village Hall
9th Feb	Area Dressage Qualifiers	Pyecombe
15th Feb TBC	Quiz Night	Patching Village Hall
23rd Feb	SJ Clinic	Brinsbury
24th Feb	Winter Dressage Series	Brinsbury
24th Feb	Clear Round Jumping	Brinsbury
TBA Mar	Working Equitation Training	Wanley
3rd Mar	Area Winter SJ Qualifier	Sands Farm
8th Mar	Tack Sale	Village Hall
9th/10th Mar	Arena Eventing Championship Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls, NN11 6RT	
17th Mar	Area Intermediate Dressage Qualifier	Pyecombe
17th Mar TBC	Arena Eventing /WE Joint??	Woodside Equestrian Centre
24th Mar	Winter Dressage Series	Brinsbury
24th Mar	Clear Round Jumping	Brinsbury
31st Mar	Flatwork Clinic	Brinsbury
TBA Apr	Working Equitation Training	Wanley
21st April	GDRC Winter Dressage Series	Brinsbury
21st April	Clear Round Jumping	Brinsbury
28th Apr	Pony Club XC	Arundel



**What's your horsey story?** Don't keep it to yourself! Share with your fellow riding club members. Send your story to me at [highlandmac13@gmail.com](mailto:highlandmac13@gmail.com) and I'll include it in the next edition.

Very recently the committee were sad to hear that, due to her new work commitments, Cayley Parsons was stepping down from her position on the GDRC Committee. Also retiring from the committee, after very many years of commitment to the club, is Julie Cundy. (More about Julie in the next edition). In the meantime we thank you both very sincerely for all your dedication to the club.

Now joining us on the committee are:-

Rachael Ann Cargill, Lisa Hilder and Roxanne Brown. Welcome— we all look forward to working with you.