



# Spring Newsletter

## A new format for 2009!

This year we are introducing a new format for the club shows.

**Friday evening show jumping** will continue in the same way as in previous years with a relaxed feel and classes from clear round to 75cm. These shows are open to non-members, but entry fees are reduced for members. Novice horses and riders are especially welcome, and assistance will be given to riders having any difficulties in the ring.

**Sunday Shows** will also be open to non-members, but with reduced entry fees for members.

Classes at the Sunday Shows will now concentrate on

Dressage and Show Jumping. There will be a range of classes to suit all standards. More details on page 3!

We have taken the decision to reduce the number of classes at club shows due to falling entry levels in most of the showing, working hunter and games classes over recent years, and also due to the high level of helpers required to run these classes. If there are any members out there who would like to see showing and games return to the shows, and are willing to take responsibility for organizing any of these classes, please let us know and we will be happy to include them at some or all

of the shows. More details on **how to volunteer and support your club** on page 2!

We have applied to **British Riding Clubs** to become an Affiliated Club this year. British Riding Clubs are part of the British Horse Society, and members will have access to a range of benefits, including insurance, training, competitions and exams / qualifications. More details on page 3!

All shows will have qualifier classes for the **David Broome Championships** of Great Britain 2009 at Cricklands. More details on page 4!

## Show dates 2009!

### Sunday Shows

3rd May

21st June

12th July

30th August

20th September

### Friday Night Show Jumping

8th May

22nd May

12th June

19th June

10th July

17th July

### British Riding Clubs Qualifiers and Championships

30th May - Festival of the Hunter Championships - Aston le Walls

14th June - Horse Trials Qualifier - Draycott House, Derbys

4th July - Dressage Qualifier - Sheepgate, Lincs

12th July - Show Jumping Qualifier - Eagle Moor, Lincs

12th September - BRC National Championships, Lincoln

We're on  
**FACEBOOK!**  
"Holbrook  
Springwood  
Riding Club"  
Group

*Dressage entries  
to be made in  
advance. Closing  
date Wednesday  
before each show.*

**Membership  
only £5 this  
year!!**

## Showground Tidy up Day

Every year in April, a band of helpers descends on the showground to see what damage winter has inflicted!

Various jobs are carried out, from clearing fallen branches and twigs, litter picking, repairing the show jumps, setting up the ring ropes and everyone's

favourite job — repainting the show jumps!

The day is relaxed and fun, with some people giving a few hours of their time and others staying all day.

New helpers are always welcome. Bacon butties and tea will be provided for the workforce! Traditionally, the hardy

souls who stay until the end, finish the day with a pint in The Wheel.

Please come along and help this year **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**

The date for the Tidy up day will be posted on the website, but will probably be early April.

## Clinics and demos

**Sue Eaton will be giving out a Shiatsu Demonstration** at the showground on 6th June. This will cover both equine and human shiatsu. Tickets £10 non members £7.50 members.

We will be running a number of clinics at the

showground this summer.

**Flatwork, show jumping, cross country techniques (Georgie Barnes) and dressage test riding (Jane Reid) are all planned.**

Dates still to be confirmed, so keep an eye on the website and Facebook Group. Posters will also be displayed at shows.

Discounts will be given for club members. Places will be limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

If there are any areas in particular which you would like us to cover, please let us know.

**Lindsay Wilcox-Reid will be giving an Equi-pilates demonstration** at her yard in Ripley - details to follow.

## Sponsorship

We have been fortunate enough to gain sponsorship from a number of local companies this year. This is largely down to the considerable efforts of Committee Member, Rachel McClean who has spent the winter speaking to local businesses, telling them

about the Club and how they can support us, (and twisting a few arms here and there!)

We would like to thank all our sponsors wholeheartedly for their support of Holbrook Springwood Riding Club. With their support, we are able to provide better

facilities for you, and keep the costs of competing as low as possible.

Please thank our sponsors by using their products and services whenever you can!

Details of our sponsors are available on the website or at all shows.



Riding Centre

# Schedules

Schedules and dressage entry forms are available on line at our website, but if you would like paper copies, please send a SAE (stating which forms you require) to the Club Secretary, Lynn Spray, at Callwood Farm, Belper Road, Bargate, Derbyshire.

## Friday Night Show Jumping

Same format as last year. Clear Round, 55cm, 65cm, 75cm. All welcome, and assistance given to help everyone get round. Show jackets not required, but hats to current standards and proper footwear essential.

## Dressage

Dressage classes will be run at Intro ("Have a Go"), Prelim and Novice level. All classes will be split Junior and Senior, and as a new addition this year there will be Restricted and Open sections. Competitors in Restricted Sections will be eligible to represent the club at British Riding Club events at that level. For the first time this year, we will also be running a BRC Riding Test class. This is a similar format to a dressage test, but it is the rider who is being judged, not the horse!

*Copies of all tests are available from the British Horse Society and British Dressage.*

Classes will run from 10-2. **PRE-ENTRY ONLY.** Entries close the Wednesday before shows. Times will be available on the website and by phoning Rachel Collins on 07855 251514 6pm-8pm the Friday before shows, or at Friday night show jumping. If spaces are available, entries may be taken on the day, but times must be adhered to.

## Show Jumping

Show Jumping classes will follow a similar format to last year. There will be clear round, 55cm, 65cm, 75cm, 85cm and 95cm.

75cm and larger classes will be qualifiers for the David Broome Championships of Great Britain.

Riders in these classes will also be eligible to represent the club at British Riding Club events, providing their horse does not have BSJA winnings.

We will also be introducing a BRC Jumping and Style class at 75cm. In this class points are awarded for the style of the horse and rider, as well as for jumping the fences clear!

Show jumping entries taken on the day at the judges caravan.

All shows will now be run under British Riding Club Rules. All members of the British Riding Club will also be on display at all shows.

# Membership

**Membership is due for renewal by 1st April.**

**Please return your form with payment to Club Secretary Lynn Spray as soon as possible before that date.**

**This year membership will be just £5 per person!!**

Membership forms are available on the website, or from the Club Secretary, or from all shows.

Membership entitles you to a reduced rate at all shows, clinics and demonstrations. It enables you to join the Squad and represent the Club at competitions, and receive training and coaching available only to Squad members.

Members will automatically become members of British Riding Clubs. The full range of benefits available to BRC members is available on the British Horse Society website.

## David Broome "Championships of Great Britain 2009"

We are pleased to announce that we will be running qualifiers for the David Broome Championships of Great Britain at all shows this summer.

The Championships of Great Britain are held at The David Broome Event Centre in October 2009.

### How to qualify...

Dressage - achieve 58% or more at prelim or novice

Show Jumping - achieve a double clear at 65cm, 75cm, 85cm and 95cm.

**For more details, go to [www.cricklands.com](http://www.cricklands.com)**

## Want to represent the Club at BRC competitions?

British Riding Clubs run many different competitions to suit all levels of competitors. At these shows clubs compete against each other on a team and individual basis.

We are looking to form dressage and show jumping squads of people who would be interested in competing for Holbrook Springwood Riding Club.

We want the squads to be fun, with a group of riders who want to be part of *Team Holbrook Springwood Riding Club*. All levels of competitors are welcome, and it does not matter if you have not competed much before. A sense of humour, and commitment to the Club is all that is required.

Squad members will be supported by training sessions, and all entries will be made via Chef D'Equipe, Rachel Collins. Either Rachel or Club

Chair, Liz Dobrzynski, will attend all BRC shows with squad members.

If you would like to be part of the Dressage or Show Jumping Squads, or would like to represent Holbrook Springwood Riding Club in the showing classes at the Festival of the Hunter or the National Championships, please contact Rachel on 07855 251514, via the Website or via the Holbrook Springwood Riding Club Facebook Group.

**NB Entries for Festival of the Hunter close 9th May. Please let Rachel know before 2nd May if you would like to represent the Club. For details of classes, visit the British Horse Society website.**

[www.holbrookshow.com](http://www.holbrookshow.com)