

# **BRENT KNOLL RIDING CLUB**

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Hello Everyone.

Hope everyone is fit and well.

Thank you to all the members who attended our clothing launch night at the Red Cow on 29<sup>th</sup> March. It was a very pleasant social evening and we are really pleased with how the new range of clothing looks. At the moment we have baseball caps, polo shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and saddlecloths embroidered with the BK motif. If you are interested in purchasing anything please contact Sally. We can also have anything embroidered with the emblem, so if you have anything you would like done, again contact Sally.

The committee very reluctantly decided to cancel the member's only dressage and showing show on 4<sup>th</sup> April. We really did not want to, but with a disappointing amount of entries for the dressage, it was not viable to run. Stretcholt will now only hire out their facilities for whole days, rather than half days which we used to do, so it has become very expensive for us to put on any events there. If any of you know of a venue within our area which would be available for us to hire, please let any member of the committee know. Ideally we need somewhere with two arenas and a reasonable amount of parking. Thanks.

Our hard-working secretary Lyn Wood had a very nasty fall from her horse recently. Her, normally very placid, chap got spooked by a couple of dogs whilst out for a hack and they parted company in quite a spectacular fashion. Luckily Lyn escaped with just bad bruising, but it could have been a lot worse and she is very grateful for the fact she was wearing her hard hat. Without it, she is convinced she wouldn't be with us now. I think we all tend to take our safety for granted a bit, but when you hear stories like that, it does remind you things can go wrong and it is vital we do as much as possible to ensure our own safety.

The lessons Lindsey has been arranging have been a bit hit and miss with regards attendance. If you have a particular instructor/venue/time which you would like please let Lindsey know and she will try to arrange something. See the diary dates below for lessons we have booked at the moment.

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April we have a vet talk at Langford arranged. The topic will be summer ailments, so the likes of sweet itch and flies will be discussed! (Are we going to get a summer this year?!) Please contact Bryony if you would like to attend.

We also have a showing demo at Stretcholt Stud booked for 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm. We will be looking into all aspects of the showing world from both a competitors and organisers view. So if you fancy the idea of showing, but are not sure where to start, come along and find out! Even if you already compete, I'm sure there will be some useful tips – learn from the experts! This evening is open to members and non-members. Please contact Tara if you are coming along.

Also planned for July, we have a natural horsemanship demo, but we need some horses! Bronwen Packham of Equine Harmony will show us how to correct unwanted behaviour, in a kind, quiet, sympathetic manner. Is your horse/pony bad to load, spooky, nappy, or maybe some-one has a youngster that needs stiring? If so, please contact Lynn P.

Don't forget to also keep an eye on our website [www.bkrc.co.uk](http://www.bkrc.co.uk), for the latest news. We hope to have some photos of the new clothing on there as well in the not too distant future!

See you all soon.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **APRIL**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** Members Dressage/Showing Show at Stretchholt Stud. Schedule out soon.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** Lesson with Di Higgins at Badgworth 5-6pm and 6-7pm. Groups of 4. £17.50 per person. Contact Lindsey

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** Vet Talk at Langford. 7.30pm. £2.50 members/£3.50 non-members. Contact Bryony.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** Lesson with Virginia Peters at Stretchholt Stud. 10-11am. Group of 4. £20 per person. Contact Lindsey

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** Showing Demo at Stretchholt Stud. 6.30pm. £2.50 members/£3.50 non-members. Contact Tara.

### **MAY**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** Dentistry talk by Toby Lee. Hutton Village Hall. 7.30pm. £2.50 members/£3.50 non-members. Contact Tara if you are coming.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** Showjumping lesson with Jayne Smart at Roughmoor Stables. 6.15-7.15pm. Group of 4. £10 per person. Contact Lindsey to book in.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>** Physiotherapy Talk by Gemma Green. Shipham Village Hall. 7.30pm. £2.50 members/£3.50 non-members. Contact Bryony.

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