

# **BRENT KNOLL RIDING CLUB**

NEWSLETTER MAY 2010

Hello Everyone.

Well I don't know about you, but I certainly enjoyed the dry spell of weather we've had – finally got the horses out, it seems to have been a long winter!

Our recent showing demo at Stretcholt Stud went well. We first watched a video of a “typical” show class (all be it that it was at Olympia!) before the demo began. We were then talked through how the horses and ponies are prepared for the show ring, not just a case of a quick bath and plaiting up! You could certainly see a difference from the before and after. They showed us several different “types” and explained which show classes would be appropriate for each animal. I think everyone left there with a bit more knowledge of the showing world. There is a possibility of another showing demo, but this time with members taking their own horses for tips and advice. If you would be interested in taking part, please let any of the committee know.

Our next event is a dentistry talk by Toby Lee at Hutton Village Hall, another interesting subject. We all know our horse's teeth need regular rasping, and if you are anything like me, seeing how far back the teeth go makes you realise why the dentist has to use a gag to get to them – I certainly wouldn't want to put my arm inside my horse's mouth without one! Toby always gives a good talk, which is informative and interesting, so we should all learn something! Please contact Tara if you are coming.

We also have a Physiotherapy talk by Gemma Green towards the end of the month. Often if a horse has had dental problems, he will also have other problems from holding himself to avoid the pain in his mouth, this is one of the occasions when you would need the services of a qualified physiotherapist. Gemma will help us to understand what is being done when you get your horse's “back looked at”. This talk is being held at Shipham Village Hall, contact Bryony if you wish to attend.

Looking a bit further forward to June, we have an Open show with dressage at Stretcholt Equestrian Centre. There are classes for everyone, with reduced entry fees for BKRC members. If you're not bringing your horse or pony, the committee would really appreciate any help you could give us on the day. Please contact any of us if you could help out in any way. Thank you.

We are still looking for horses for our Natural Horsemanship (Monty Roberts) demo in July. Obviously all BKRC members' horses are very well behaved! Any “problem” horse considered, or maybe a youngster that needs starting? Bronwen Packham has trained with Kelly Marks and is committed to training horses in a quiet and kind way. Have a look at her website – [www.equineharmony.org.uk](http://www.equineharmony.org.uk) Contact Lynn P if you have a horse or pony that would benefit from a session with Bronwen.

Don't forget our new club clothing range, a list of what we currently stock is below, but we can have anything embroidered for a small charge. Please contact Sally if you wish to purchase anything.

SADDLE CLOTHS £29.99  
Pony, Cob & Full

POLOSHIRTS £15.99  
Small, Med, Large, Ex.Large

SWEATSHIRTS £19.99  
Small, Med, Large, Ex.Large

JACKETS £34.99  
Small, Med, Large, Ex.Large

CAPS £ 7.50

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **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.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** Flatwork Clinic with Virginia Peters at Stretcholt Equestrian Centre. 6-7pm. Groups of 4. £20 per person. Contact Lindsey to book in.

### **JUNE**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** Open Spring Show at Stretcholt Equestrian Centre. Showing and Dressage classes for everyone. Schedule available to download from website or send SAE to Sally O'Connor, Churchill Farm, North Newton, Bridgwater, TA7 0BN

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Flatwork/showing clinic with Matthew Laurence at Badgworth Arena. 5.30-6.30pm. Group of 4. £20 per person. Contact Lindsey to book in.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** Myler Bits and Saddle Fitting talk at Shipham Village Hall. 7.30pm. £2.50 members/£3.50 non-members. Contact Bryony if you are coming.

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup>** Flatwork Clinic with Virginia Peters at Stretcholt Equestrian Centre. 6-7pm. Groups of 4. £20 per person. Contact Lindsey to book in.

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** Tack Sale at Hutton Village Hall. Contact Lyn W to book a table

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