

# **BRENT KNOLL RIDING CLUB**

NEWSLETTER JULY 2010

Hello to you all.

Well we've definitely had a good start to summer, let's just hope the dry theme continues until at least the end of September!

Our Spring show at Stretchholt went very well. Many competitors commented on how much they'd enjoyed the show. We had trophies for the winners of every class, which seemed to go down very well. It was lovely to see many BK members taking part – and doing well! Many people stayed all day and there was an impressive turnout for the Supreme Championship held at the end of the day, which was made even more special by the fitting music being played while the class was going on – “We are the Champions” by Queen and “Simply the Best” by Tina Turner when the Supreme and Reserve Champions were selected. A good way to end the (long!) day. The committee would like to thank all the members who helped at the show and also Stretchholt Equestrian Centre for allowing us to use their facilities.

We have now started our “loyalty” scheme which will be managed by Lindsey. Any members helping out at BK events for a minimum of 4 hours will be issued with a loyalty card which can be redeemed against entry fees, clothing or lessons. There will be two types of card, one for 4 hours of help, one for a full days' help. These cards must be redeemed within one year from the date of issue. Please contact Lindsey if you have any questions. Talking of help.....

Our next “big” event will be our Annual Open Show held at Lympsham on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August, which this year will be bigger than ever! We have revamped the schedule and added additional dressage and showing classes. Many of the classes are qualifiers for several different championships including SWPA, VHPS and David Broome Event Centre Championships for both dressage and showjumping. As with the Spring Show, there will be trophies for the winners and there will be a Supreme Championship at the end of the show – who knows, it could be a BK member who wins it this time! Schedules will be available soon, keep checking [www.bkrc.co.uk](http://www.bkrc.co.uk) to download a copy or send a SAE to Sally O'Connor, Church Hill Farm, North Newton, Bridgwater, TA7 0BN. If you are not planning to take your steed that day, any help would be much appreciated. Also we plan to set up on the Friday evening, so again, any help will not be sneezed at.

Before that we have a few other dates for you. The first one being our Natural Horsemanship demo at Chilton Polden on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. We have some interesting horses lined up, with various issues, which Bronwen Packham will show us how to resolve and make life more pleasant for both horse and handler, using gentle, humane methods. Bronwen trained with Kelly Marks and some of her work can be seen on her website - [www.equineharmony.org.uk](http://www.equineharmony.org.uk) Please contact Lynn P by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July if you wish to attend. Open to both members and non-members.

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July we are holding our annual Members Only Show at Lympsham. For those of you who have not been before, this is always a relaxed day and the chances of going home with an armful of rosettes is very high! With plenty of classes at only £3 each to enter, there really is something for everyone. Please contact any of the committee if you have not got a copy of the schedule yet, or if you are available to help out on the day.

Finally for July we have our social evening, “have a go at canoeing or kayaking” at Clevedon, on Thursday 22nd. To be held in an enclosed boating lake, so there is no chance of you drifting out to sea! All equipment will be provided and there will also be a barbeque. Open to both members and non-members, but numbers are limited, so contact Tara to book your slot ASAP, but Monday 19<sup>th</sup> will be the final cut-off date for anyone wishing to attend.

Lindsey has been booking more lessons, see below for the latest ones. They do tend to fill up quite quickly, so it is worth contacting her early to guarantee a space.

Just before I leave you for another month, all of BKRC would like to pass on Congratulations to club member Alicia McBride on her recent marriage to Darren Lewis. Hope you both enjoyed your day.

See you all soon.

## **CLUB CLOTHING**

A list of current 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**

### **JULY**

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup>** Natural Horsemanship demo at Chilton Polden. 7pm. Bring your own chair! £2.50 members/£3.50 non-members. Contact Lynn P for directions if you are coming.

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>** Rider confidence/jumping clinic with Anna Gallie at Stretcholt Equestrian Centre. 6-7pm. Group of 4. £12.50 per person. Contact Lindsey to book your place.

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>** Have a go canoe/kayak evening at Clevedon. 6.45pm. £5 members/£6 non-members to include food. Contact Tara to book your place before Mon 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**Wed 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.

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup>** Setting up for Annual Open Show. Many hands make light work! Contact any of the committee if you can spare some time during the evening.

### **AUGUST**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** Annual Open Show at Lympsham. Showing, dressage and jumping classes for all, including for the first time this year, a dedicated “Shetland” ring! Schedule out very soon.

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>** Showjumping lesson with Jayne Smart at Roughmoor Stables, Banwell.. 6.15-7.15pm. Group of 4. £10 per person. Contact Lindsey to book in.

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>** Flatwork/showing clinic with Matthew Laurence at Stretcholt Equestrian Centre. 6-7pm. Group of 4. £20 per person. Contact Lindsey to book in.

**Wed 18<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.

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