



Berkeley & District
RIDING CLUB



BDRC NEWS BULLETIN DECEMBER 2017

Hi All,

As we fast approach the end of yet another year, I would like to say a huge well done to all of our members that took part in the various Area Competitions this year, and also the Team Managers, who put in lots of hours to ensure teams are entered. There are various events coming up, so please do keep a look out for any emails/FB posts regarding this. We welcome everyone to enter, so do put your names forward.

It was a great shame that we had to cancel our ODE back in the summer; however due to lack of numbers it was not a viable event to run. In its place, we have started the Dress Down Dressage competitions. Thanks to Lucy Baggs and Jo Webley, these have been a huge success, and for the November date we had 60 entries for the day. Although I was in the judges box judging, it was great to see so many people coming out and having fun - do I dare say enjoying Dressage rather than Stressage???

BRC have launched some new competitions and we will start to see these filter through over the next 18 months: Dressage to Music Pairs will now have a class for Elementary and above (this is taking into consideration that BRC now run Dressage up to Advanced Medium). There will be a new Championships in 2019 with the qualifiers starting in 2018 - Arena Eventing. Heights will be from 70-100cm.

Membership year is coming to an end and you can now pay your membership for 2018 online via our website: www.bdrc.org.uk; follow the link under the **membership** tab. Also a gentle reminder that in order to renew your membership that you have notified Carrie Dailly of the hours you have completed this year. It is really important that everyone does their bit to ensure the club runs smoothly. I know there are a few members that go over and above their 5 hours, they are always the first to volunteer and help where needed - so THANK YOU!!

Date for the Diary - our AGM will be on Thursday 18th January at Falfield Village Hall. We will be starting at 7.30pm and we will be doing hot food, cake and a drink at £10/pp. Please contact Justine Jackman to confirm to allow us to cater for the correct numbers (jjackman70@gmail.com). The money from the food will be going back into much needed funds for the club.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our members a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Kate xx

**Merry
Christmas**

Details on all current rallies can be found on the riding club website
www.bdrc.org.uk and on Equo.

**SAVE THE DATE: AGM Thursday 18th January 2018 at Falfield Village Hall.
Food will be served from 7pm. £10/pp for a hot meal, cake and a drink. Please
let Justine know if you would like food by emailing on jjackman70@gmail.com**

DRESSDOWN DRESSAGE ROUND 2

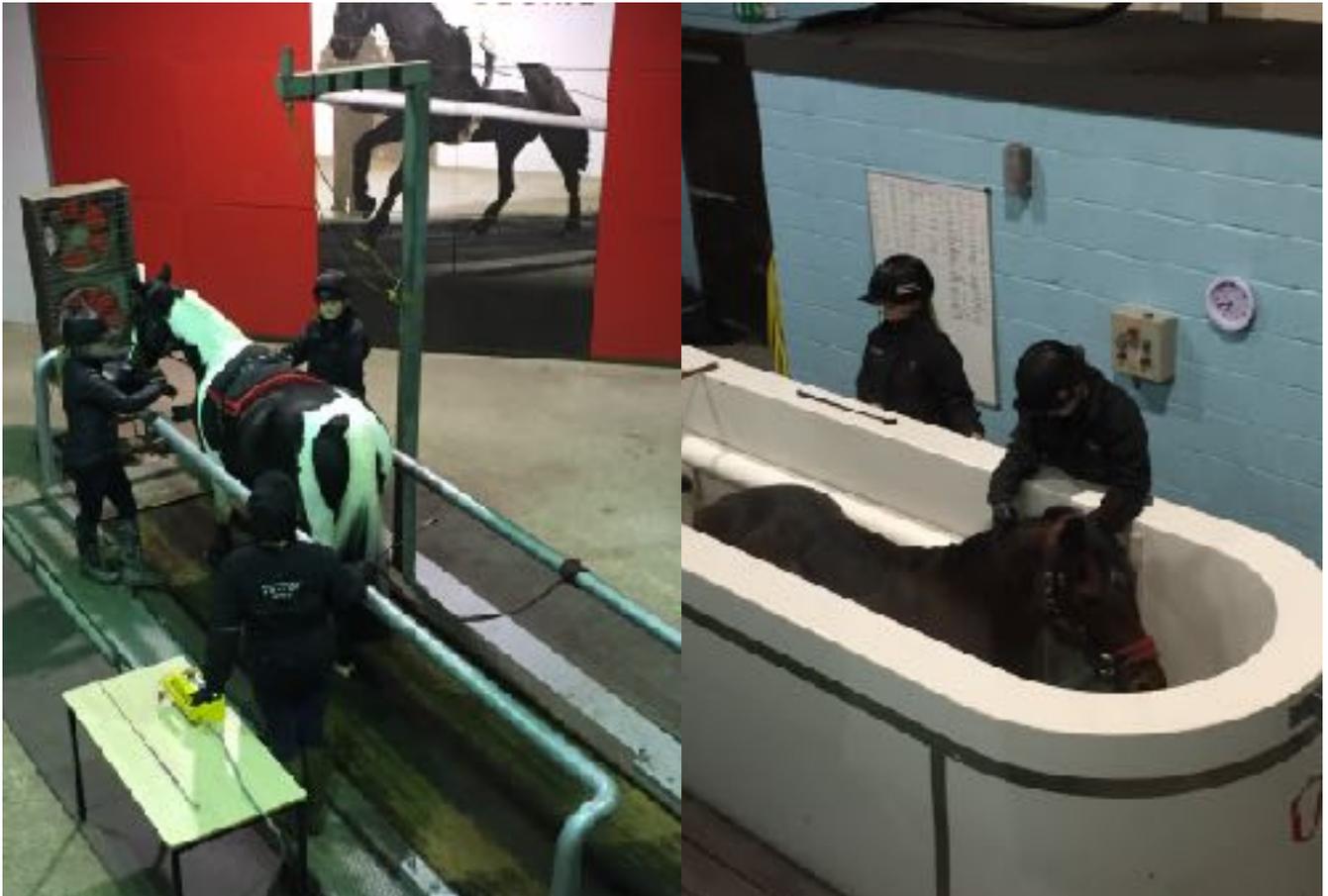
A huge well done to Lucy Baggs and Jo Webley for organising another successful Dressdown Dressage! It was fantastic to see this event being so well attended. Please look out for round 3. Details will be sent out via email, Facebook and on the BDRC web page. Below are just a few pictures from the day:



Well done to all the competitors!

VISIT TO HARTPURY COLLEGE

At the end of November a crowd of us went to Hartpury College to see their Equine Water Treadmill. We were given a very informative talk and demonstration on how the horses are introduced to the water treadmill and how it is used to treat various injuries, or just for improved fitness. Following on from this we were then given a demonstration on how the 'standard' treadmill is used. These facilities are open for anyone to book in to - just call Hartpury to arrange.



Thank you to Jill McFarland for organising this fun evening at Hartpury!

We were then given the opportunity to ride one of the three simulators available. The simulators were set for dressage and jumping. Many of us had great fun trying these out!



ANY OTHER NEWS

- Please don't forget you are always welcome to send in your horsey news and photos for us to share with all the BDRC members via the E Bulletin. Just drop an email with attachments to Justine Jackman on jjackman70@gmail.com.
- Book your meal at the AGM!
- Keep attending rallies and putting your names forward for teams!
- Renew your membership - details on the BDRC web page
- And finally.....

Have a very Happy Christmas and New Year!