

BLACKDOWN FLYER

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**FEEDING TIME AT HONEYMOON
COTTAGE!!!**

Hello everyone

Sorry you have been without a newsletter for so long . My computer developed ' the blue screen of death ' and went phutt!

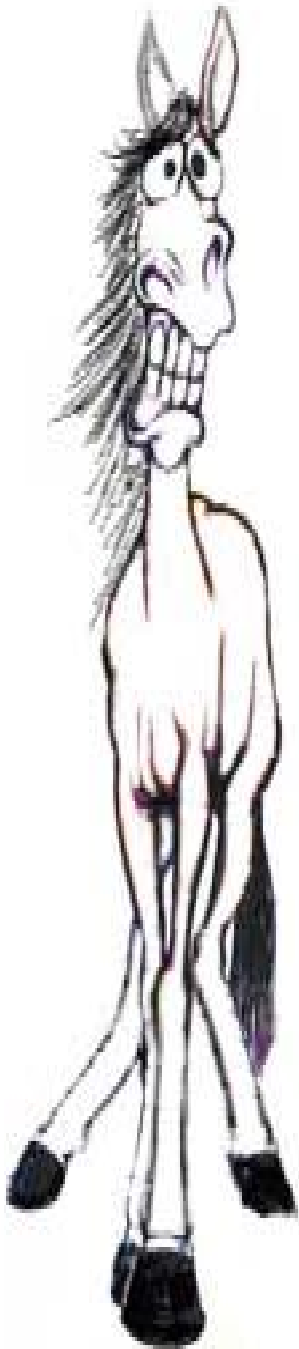
I have had to obtain another lap top and start from scratch. Hopefully you have not missed out on anything too vital. Sheila has been informing everyone via the internet so now I am hoping normal service will resume.

Saraloo

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**What to watch out for as a Horse Addict's Partner
(taken from how to live with a horse addict by Tina Bettison)**



If your addict helps out at competitions, you will be roped in. Keep a calculator in your pocket at all times, or brush up on your mental maths, as you are likely to suddenly find a sheaf of score sheets thrust into your hands for adding up .. Pronto..

You may be called upon for all manner of little jobs; from picking up a few bales of hay in your company Merc (little bits of which will be stuck like Velcro to the inside of your boot forever) to knocking together a mounting block, Blue Peter - style.

You will be required to brave howling gales and side on winds to erect electric fencing. The first time you unravel the fencing tape, it's an easy job. Once the tape has been moved around several times, has several short bits tied together and winds itself into knots, it becomes a lit-

tle more of a challenge.

Always note the existence or absence of rosettes when your addict returns from a show before saying anything, especially 'How did it go?' In either case have a G&T at the ready and an extra large one for you.

To avoid unnecessary disappointment, remember the existence of highly polished boots and a schooling whips in the bedroom does not mean your luck is in and a wild night is on the cards.

The odd weekend break may be possible, but three weeks long haul is most unlikely, even if its your honeymoon. Just accept the horse comes first; it will save much heartache later.

Riding Club Events

**APRIL 19th. OPEN SPRING SHOWING SHOW
AT NEWHALL**

JULY 5th. ANNUAL OPEN SHOW at The Gallops West
Buckland.

**SEPTEMBER 27th. (TBC). EXPRESS EVENTING
(new event)**

LOCAL PLEASURE RIDES

April 10th. (Good Friday) Lamberts Castle Ride - contact
Miss Briscoe 01297 678203

**April 13th. (Bank holiday Monday) - The Trails Trust,
Heart of the Mendips Ride - Charterhouse - contact
Jill Tovey 01761 453705**

April 19th. (Sunday) - W.S.R.C Ride - Treborough - Mrs
Farmer 01984 63056

**April 26th. (Sunday) - B.H.S Dorset Tarrant Valley Ride
Ring 01258 880318**

I will be posting up more rides for the year when I
get the information through - so keep reading!

BLACKDOWN HILLS RIDING CLUB OPEN WINTER DRESSAGE LEAGUE RESULTS

Second Event November 30th.

Class 1 Walk Trot P.C.D

Name of Rider	Name of Horse	Score	Position
Charlotte Budd	Tikkia	91	1st.
Laura Atkins	Bramble	82	2nd.
Michelle Conybeer	Vienna	79	3rd.
Theresa Butcher	Bobby	76	4th.
Pippa Jones	Jacob	75	5th.
Karen Jones	Mac	73	6th.

Class 2 Prelim 7

Name of Rider	Name of Horse	Score	Position
Hilary Bradshaw	Cariad	123	1st.
Liz Graves Morris	Roxie	120	2nd.
Laura Atkinsr	Bramble	118	3rd.
Kathy Golding	Cavalier Devon Rock	115	4th.
Theresa Butcher	Bobby	115	4th.
Sophie Hall	Tammy	114	6th.

Class 3 Prelim 12

Name of Rider	Name of Horse	Score	Position
Xanthe Smith	Miss Ellie	155	1st.
Rebecca Turner	Kocoona	151	2nd.
Hilary Bradshaw	Cariad	148	3rd.
Jenny Webber	Ruben	142	4th.
Jeanette Pezare	Essendon Daffyd	141	5th.
Liz Graves Morris	Roxie	136	6th.

Class 4 Novice 26

Name of Rider	Name of Horse	Score	Position
Rebecca Turner	Kocoona	167	1st.
Xanthe Smith	Miss Ellie	145	2nd.

Oh what a splendid day we had.

The weather was kind to us and the turn out was fantastic we even had a few spectators.

The mood was generally calm and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Both adults and children worked hard on achieving their best and there were lots of people to give help and encouragement. One caller lost her way through the test and was heard to give the instruction "Oh just do what you want, I'm lost" In good spirit the rider laughed her way round the rest of the test and managed a very respectable 2nd. The laughing didn't stop after the test and we all giggled our way through the rest of the day.

Thanks to all that helped, from the stewards , writers, caterers and judges - to the scorers and organisers behind the scenes, we couldn't do it without any of you. Our biggest thanks goes to the Sparks for allowing us to use their splendid facilities



**Laura Atkins -
riding Bramble.**

(sorry if this is wrong, I lost most of my information when my computer died.)



OPEN HORSE SHOW

&

FAMILY DOG SHOW

ON

SUNDAY 5th July 2009

AT

The Gallops, West Buckland

(By kind permission of)

Mr & Mrs Sparks

The show includes qualifiers for:

SOUTH WEST PONY ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hon. Show Secretary:

Mrs T Budd

24, Newlands Grove,

Ruishton,

Taunton Somerset TA3 5JJ

Phone 01823 442597

For schedules please include an S.A.E

Online schedules can be downloaded from:

www.blackdownhillsridingclub.com

Postal entries close 27th June 2009

Entries will be taken on the day but at an extra £2 charge per class

Medical cover in attendance

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

This years charity that we are supporting is "World Horse Welfare" (used to be ILPH)

Directions: Event can be reached from junction 26 of M5. If approaching from Tiverton side, take the A38 and head towards Wellington. Follow the ring road around Wellington. Stay on the A38. Take the turning right just before the Worlds End Pub. Drive with care and consideration through the village of West Buckland. The venue is first right after the motorway bridge. From Taunton take A38 towards Wellington, just after The Worlds End Pub turn left follow as above.

Please ring the show secretary or check our website www.blackdownhillsridingclub.com if the weather forecast is looking bad.

RING ONE - SHOW JUMPING

- Kindly sponsored by Mr D Newcombe Agricultural Engineer – Steel Fabrications – you bend it – we mend it!

9.00 start

Class 1

Junior Jumping

Horses and Ponies not to have won any money BSJA.

Riders 16yrs and under. Fences 2ft. 3” in the first round.

(£5.00 entry non members £4.00 members)

Class 2

Novice Jumping

Horses and Ponies not to have won any prize money. Fences 2ft. 3” in first round.

(£5.00 entry non members £4.00 members)

Class 3

Riding Club Team Jumping

Open to teams of 4 with best 3 scores to count. Teams can be made up of junior and senior riders. First round: 2’6”. 2nd round 2’9”.

Entry Fee: £20.00 per team

Class 4

‘Take Your Own Line’ Jumping

First round 2ft. 6”. Open to all.

(£5.00 entry non members £4.00 members)

Class 5

Open Jumping

Split into 2 and run under BSJA rules with immediate jump off.

(5a) Ponies - 14.2 and under – riders any age – jumps start at 2ft 9” in first round.

(£5.00 entry non members £4.00 members)

(5b) Horses - Over 14.2 – riders any age – jumps start at 3ft in first round.

(£5.00 entry non members £4.00 members)

Class 6

‘Chase me Charlie’

Open to all – jumps start at 2ft in the first round.

(£5.00 entry non members £4.00 members)

For Classes 1, 2, and 5 the following rule applies:

Show jumping will be run as two phase. This consists of one round incorporating around 13 fences. Should you go clear after the first 8 then you continue to jump the remaining 5 which will be timed. Should you fail to jump the first 8 clear then the judges will ring a buzzer after fence 8 and you will be asked to leave the ring.

RING TWO - MINI JUMPING & CLEAR ROUND -

9.00am

Class 7 - Clear Round

Open to all – jumps will be at different heights throughout the day.
(Pay at ringside £2.00 per round).

Class 8 - Lead Rein Jumping 10.00am start

Open to children on the lead rein – ponies under 13'2 – jumps not to exceed 1ft.6"

(£5.00 non members £4.00 members)

Class 9 - Horse and Hound Relay

Open to all. Run as a relay first person to ride the course on the pony/horse, hand over the whip – next person to take the dog around the same course. To be completed in the fastest time without faults.

(£8.00 non members £6.00 members)

(Don't forget the dog show in the afternoon)

Class 10 – Clear Round

Open to all – jumps will be at different heights throughout the day.
(Pay at ringside £2.00 per round.)

Class 11 - Minimus Jumping Start not before 2pm.

Riders to be 12yrs and under – ponies 13.2" and under.
All competitors **MUST have a neck strap on the pony** for this event.
Jumps not to exceed 1ft.6"

(£5.00 non members £4.00 members)

Class 12 - Clear Round

Open to all – jumps will be at different heights throughout the day.
(Pay at ringside £2.00 per round.)

RING THREE - IN HAND SHOWING - (Sponsored by Shelly Ashman Horse Transport)

9.00am Start - Entry for all classes- £5.00 non members £4.00 members.

Rosettes to the highest placed Blackdown Hills Riding Club member in each class/section.

Class 13 Open Youngstock

Open to yearlings, two and three year olds. All types.
Class may be split at the judge's discretion

Class 14 Open - Best Turned Out Horse/Pony and Handler

Class may be split at the judge's discretion

Class 15 Potential Competition Horse/Pony – (SWP Qualifier)

Open to horse/ponies six years and under.
Class may be split at the judge's discretion

Class 16 Child Handler - child aged between 4 – 16yrs (SWP Qualifier)

Class may be split at the judge's discretion

Class 17 Coloured - (SWP Qualifier) to include Roan, Palomino, Appaloosa and Dun

Class may be split at the judge's discretion

Class 18 Veteran - (SWP Qualifier) Special Rosette to eldest veteran

Class may be split at the judge's discretion. To be 15 years and over.

Class 19 M&M Open - (SWP Qualifier)

Small breeds – Shetlands, Exmoor, Dartmoor, Welsh A & B

Large breeds – New Forest, Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, Welsh C & D

Class 20 Pure Bred Arab/Part Bred - Must be registered with A.H.S (SWP Qualifier)

Class may be split if sufficient entries at the judges discretion.

Ring 1 Championship: Winners only of each class/section to come forward to the Championship which will be held promptly after Class 20 has finished.

RING FOUR - RIDDEN SHOWING - ((Sponsored by Horn House Livery)

9.00am Start. Entry for all classes- £5.00 non members £4.00 members

Rosettes to the highest placed Blackdown Hills Riding Club member in each class/section.

Class 22 Best Turned out Horse/Pony

Class may be split at the judge's discretion

(a) Lead rein 12.2 & under (b) Open

Class 23 Lead rein Pony – Class may be split at judges discretion (a & b) as class 22

Class 24. First Ridden – Open to riders just off the lead rein

Class 25 Best Pony Club/Riding Club Pony - (Special rosette for Side Saddle competitors)

This will be judged on manners, suitability and individual show.

Maybe asked to jump a small fence

Not to exceed 15 hands. Rider any age but must be suitable size for the pony.

Class 26 Riding Club Horse

This will be judged on manners, suitability and individual show. Maybe asked to jump a small fence.

Exceeding 15 hands. Rider any age.

Class 27 Novice Combination Horse/Pony and Rider

Not to have been placed, in any ridden/showing class of any kind.

Snaffle bridles only, no martingales.

Class may be split at the judge's discretion.

Class 28 Open Competition Horse/Pony - (SWP Qualifier)

This will be judged on manners, suitability and individual show, maybe asked to jump a small fence.

Not exceeding 15 hands

Exceeding 15 hands

Class 29 Ridden Cob - (SWP Qualifier)

Open to all types of ridden cob. No upper height limit.

Class 30 Veteran - (SWP Qualifier) 15 years and over, special rosette for eldest veteran

Class may be split at the judge's discretion

Class 31 Ridden Coloured - (SWP Qualifier) to include Roan, Palomino, Appaloosa and Dun

Class may be split at the judge's discretion

Class 32 M&M Open - (SWP Qualifier)

Open to horses / ponies registered and unregistered however please note that only those registered to their relevant breed society may qualify

(a) Small breeds – Shetlands, Exmoor, Dartmoor, Welsh A & B

(b) Large breeds – New Forest, Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, Welsh C & D

Class 33 Pure Bred /part bred ridden Arab - Must be registered with A.H.S - (SWP Qualifier)

Class may be split if sufficient entries at the judges discretion.

Ring 2 Championship: Winners only of each class/section to come forward to the Championship which will be held promptly after Class 33 has finished.

RING FIVE – WORKING HUNTER/HUNTER CLASSES

(Sponsored by Clippersharp Ltd.)

CLEAR ROUND/WARM UP - 9.00-9.30am £2.00/Round

Entry for all classes- £5.00 non-members £4.00 members

NOVICE RULES: NOT to have been placed first in ANY Working Hunter/Show Class before the date of this show. SNAFFLE BRIDLES ONLY

Start 9.30am Prompt

<u>Class 34</u>	NOVICE WORKING HUNTER PONY (Fences 2'0"-2'3" approx)	12hh - 15hh	
<u>Class 35</u>	OPEN WORKING HUNTER PONY (Fences 2'3"-2'6" approx)	12hh - 15hh	
<u>Class 36</u>	NOVICE WORKING HUNTER HORSE (Fences 2'6"-2'9" approx)	Exceeding 15hh	
<u>Class 37</u>	OPEN WORKING HUNTER HORSE (Fences 2'9"-3'0" approx)	Exceeding 15hh	
<u>Class 38</u>	NOVICE SHOW HUNTER PONY	13hh – 15hh	
<u>Class 39</u>	OPEN SHOW HUNTER PONY	13hh – 15hh	
<u>Class 40</u>	NOVICE SHOW HUNTER	Exceeding 15hh – Rider any age	
<u>Class 41</u>	OPEN SHOW HUNTER	Exceeding 15hh – Rider any age	
<u>Class 42</u>	OPEN RIDING HORSE	Exceeding 15 hh – Rider any age	
<u>Class 43</u>	OPEN SHOW PONY	Not exceeding 14.2hh	
<u>Class 44</u>	RETRAINED RACEHORSE CLASS Open to any horse that has been in training or raced. May be required to jump a fence.		small

Ring 5 Championship: Winners only of classes 34 - 44 to come forward to the Championship which will be held promptly after Class 44 has finished.

DRESSAGE ARENA – Open Unaffiliated Dressage

9.00am Start (**Sponsored by Golden Hill Pet Supplies Wellington.**)

Entries Secretary: Mrs. Joy Brown, Hidon Mead Cottage, Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon. EX15 3TJ Tel: 01823 680012

Closing date for entries – Monday 29th June 2009

**Times will be given out by phone (01823 680012) on -
Friday 3rd July between 7 – 9pm only.**

Entry form in schedule

Class 1 Prelim 1

Restricted to horses and ponies that have not been placed 1st in a dressage competition.

Class 2 Prelim 10

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Class 3 Riding Club Team Dressage

Open to all Riding Clubs. 4 competitors per team. The highest 3 scores to count. Teams can be made up of juniors and seniors.

Two riders to compete in Class 1 and two riders to compete in Class 2.

Team rosettes to 6th Place. Entries must be made on separate entry form.

Entries will be limited and accepted on a first come first served basis.

Late entries accepted at the discretion of the secretary, depending on numbers and subject to a £2 surcharge. No refunds after close of entries.

Entry fee £7.00 **non members** - £6.00 **members**

Team Entry: £28.00 per team (one cheque per team)

To be run under BRC Rules for Dressage

Conditions of Entry

All competitors take part at their OWN RISK and are expected to exercise due care at all times and obey all notices displayed. The organisers and owners of 'The Gallops' – West Buckland, accept NO responsibility for any accident, loss or damage to any competitors, spectators, animals or property. It shall be a condition of entry that competitors will hold the organisers blameless and indemnify them against any loss, damage or legal proceedings.

The BHRC recommend that all exhibitors should have adequate personal sports insurance.
All accidents/incidents/falls should be reported to the Secretary.

The Judge's decision will be final.

All Ridden Equines MUST be 4 years old & over.

All Colts / Stallions two years old and over must be in possession of a current License. (unless otherwise governed by the individual Breed Society)

IN-HAND STALLIONS AND COLTS: Stallions / Colts may NOT be LED by any Juniors who have not attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

RIDDEN STALLIONS: Children MUST have attained their 12th birthday before 1st January in the current year to compete in a ridden class with a Stallion.

All Children MUST have attained their 3rd birthday by 1st January in the current year before competing in ANY ridden classes, and must comply with the upper limit of the class entered, and be prepared to supply a copy of their birth certificate if requested.

Correct British Standard Headgear conforming to PAS015 or EN1384 or ASTM F1163 or current standards to be worn at all times when mounted, with chinstraps from 3 points on the hat fastened.

Reins that restrict the natural movement of a pony/horse MUST not be used in the ring.

NO Spurs to be worn in any ridden showing class and Showing Canes MUST not exceed 30".
(unless deemed to part of the 'dress code' for the class entered).

NOVICE RIDDEN / NOVICE WHP CLASSES, SNAFFLE BRIDLES ONLY will be accepted.

Mountain & Moorland ponies MUST be shown in their natural state and trimming MUST comply with the respective Breed Society Stud Books.

Mountain & Moorland ponies and Part Breeds must be registered with their respective Pure Breed Societies and registration numbers to be stated on the entry forms and when entered on the day, (unless otherwise stated on the individual class). These conditions also apply to horses/ponies entered as Pure-bred, Part Bred & Anglo Arabs.

The organisers may divide/amalgamate/cancel classes as they see fit, without prior notice.

The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry of persons or ponies at the committee's / secretary's discretion and without assigning a reason.

ALL dogs MUST be kept on LEADS.

Objections must be in writing and given to the Secretary within 30 minutes of the completion of the relevant class and accompanied with a fee of £10.00 (refundable if the objection is upheld)

Entry fees are not refundable.

***Please respect the owners of the field and clear any mess left by yourselves or your animals.
You are advised to ring the secretary the evening prior to the show in the event of bad weather or check our website. www.blackdownhillsridingclub.com***

COMPANION DOG SHOW

Kindly sponsored by
"The Catherine Wheel Public House"
Hemyock

To be held in conjunction
with

**Blackdown Hills Riding Club
OPEN SHOW**

SUNDAY 5th July 2009

AT
The Gallops West Buckland
(By kind permission of)

Mr & Mrs Sparks

Dog show starts at 2pm.

Entries taken at from 1pm at the ringside

All classes £2

All entries on the day

Organiser Tricia Budd 01823 442597
(Calls between 6pm and 9pm only please)

Classes

Class 1 Any Variety Puppy (6 - 12mths)

Class 2 Any Variety Terrier

Class 3 Best Veteran (8 years and over) A special rosette for the oldest dog will be awarded.

Class 4 Dog with the Waggiest Tail

Class 5 Prettiest Bitch

Class 6 Handsomest Dog

Class 7 The Scruffiest Dog / Bitch

Class 8 Child Handler (up to 11 years of age)

Class 9 Junior Handler (12 – 16 years of age)

Class 10 The dog With The Best Trick

Class 11 The Dog The Judge Would Most Like To Take Home! (may be spilt dogs/bitches if sufficient entries)

Championship for 1st prize winners of classes 1-11
Special rosette for champion and reserve champion.

Class 12 FANCY DRESS
Special rosette for the winner.

Rules of the show:

This is a fun show, for the dogs and their families

Please clean up after your dog

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times

The organisers reserve the right to change or cancel classes if deemed necessary

Anyone using strong or abusive language will be asked to leave the show ground.

The organisers cannot be held responsible for any damage to property or possessions

Cruelty towards any animal will not be tolerated

No exhibit to be less than 6months old

The judges decision is final

Any objection must be handed to the secretary within half an hour of the incident with a deposit of £10 which will be refunded if the complaint is upheld.



BLACKDOWN HILLS RC DRESSAGE ENTRY FORM

All entries to be sent to: Entries Secretary: Mrs. Joy Brown, Hidon Mead Cottage,
Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon. EX15 3TJ
Tel: 01823 680012

Entry Form

Name of rider	Name of horse / pony	BHRC MEMBER- SHIP NO.	Class No.	FEE
				First Aid £2.00

TOTAL FEE.....

Name:.....

Address:.....
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Tel No:.....

I hereby agree to abide by the show rules and conditions

Signature.....Date.....

BLACKDOWN HILLS RC OPEN SHOW entry form

Postal entries to be sent to: Mrs T Budd 24, Newlands Grove, Ruishton, Taunton Somerset TA3 5JJ

Entries taken on the day at an extra £2 per class

Entry fees: See schedule for fees.

PLEASE STATE ON THE ENTRY FORM WHICH SECTION OF CLASSES YOU ARE ENTERING.

Name of rider	Name of horse / pony	BHRC MEMBER-SHIP NO.	Class No.	FEE
				First Aid £2.00

TOTAL FEE.....

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Tel No:.....

I hereby agree to abide by the show rules and conditions

The show season is upon us!

Lack of time and motivation making it difficult to prepare your equines for the show ring?

Mobile & willing young lady available to come to your house to prepare your Neddies!

Happy to bath, tidy, plait, clip or trim.



Call Natasha on 07877900479

Available Mondays, weekends and evenings.

MAJOR NATIONAL EQUINE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

2009

April 16th.- 19th. British Open Show Jumping Championships
20th.- 24th. BHS Ragwort Awareness Week

May 7th. - 10th. Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials
13th.- 17th. Royal Windsor Horse Show
15th. 25th. Access Week
16th. - 17th. Chatsworth CCI Horse Trials
15th. - 26th. BHS Borders Festival of the Horse
27th. - 30th Royal Bath and West Show
30th. - 31st. Festival of the Hunter

June 4th - 6th. Royal Cornwall Show
11th. - 13th. South of England Show
11th. - 14th. Bramham CCI..... Horse Trials
19th - 21st. East of England Country Show
19th. - 21st. Three Counties Show
25th. - 26th. The British Jumping Derby Meeting
5th - 28th. Royal Highland Show

July 7th. - 10th. The Royal Show
14th. - 16th. Great Yorkshire Show
20th. - 23rd. Royal Welsh Show
22nd. -26th Longines Royal International Horse Show
29th. - 30th. New Forest and Hampshire Country Show