



BRIDGEWATER RIDING CLUB

New Season Welcome!

A very happy 2011 to you all!

To all, new and old, I'd like to extend a very warm welcome on behalf of the committee. We have an action packed schedule for you this season, with something for everyone and plenty to go for. As well as the regular shows, there are clinics, fun days, loads of different qualifiers and of course the very successful North West Show Jumping Championships and North

West Working Hunter Championships.

We have a new committee, all full of enthusiasm for the season ahead, including our Junior Committee who have lots of ideas and fun planned for our younger members.

Attached you will find the membership form for 2011. Sadly, due to rising costs of just about everything, we have had

to put prices up. However, it's only an extra £2, and we are still one of the most competitively priced clubs around!

So get your forms in, and let's look forward to a fantastic new season.

Ruth

Chairman

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Show Dates 2011

We have a full programme for you this year, these are our dates.

Sunday 10th April Open Show

Sunday 24th April Open Show

Sunday 22nd May Open Show

Saturday 4th June – Fun day!

Sunday 26th June Open Show

Sunday 24th July Open Show

Saturday 13th August – Fun day!

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th August

NORTH WEST SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS
NORTH WEST WORKING HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

Sunday 25th September

Perpetual Championship Trophy Show

All Open shows are either Medal or Trophy shows, and all will be qualifiers for various finals, to be confirmed but including our own NWSJ and NWWH, Midland Finals, Chaps, Traditional Gypsy Cob Association, Equifest and more.

Fun days will be as it says on the tin... Dressage competitions, gymkhana games, showing, show jumping and working hunter clinics.

Could you be our cover star??!!

We are once again looking for cover stars for our 2011 show booklet. If you fancy giving it a try, please send good quality jpeg or bmp files to my email address (above).

We will look through them and select the best to go into the booklet.

Photos need to be sent to me by Thursday 24th February.

2011 Committee

Club Officers

Chairman – Ruth Watson

Vice-Chairs – David
Pomphret & Vincent
Seddon

Secretary – Carol
Brougham

Assistant Secretary –
Rowena Sheldon

Treasurer – Helen Platt

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Becky Brougham

Marie Pomphret

Julie Horton

Lynn Salmon

Gillian Hanley

Nigel Keene

Debbie Gaskell

Debbie Wing

Jane Gerrard

Junior Committee

Sophie Horton

Jade Horton

Becky Gaskell

Megan Pomphret

Joshua Gerrard

Matthew Gerrard



Lynn Russell showing her outstanding cobs. Get those entries in for the chance to have a lesson with her!!!

OMG.... Lynn Russell comes to Bridgewater!!!!

Yes, you read me correctly, the undisputed queen of the showing world is coming up to Cheshire to do a day of clinics for Bridgewater RC! I'm sure you'll agree, this is a massive coup for the club. So this is your opportunity to have a lesson with a showing superstar! Each clinic will consist of 6 people and will last approximately an hour to an hour and a quarter. Lynn will cover all bases, from tack & turnout to ringcraft and riding. Anyone needing convincing should

look at a few Lynn Russell facts:

- 6 times Champion at RIHS
- 2 Championships at the Horse of the Year Show
- 13 Championships with Draco 2005
- 5 Championships with Polaris 2005
- 5 Championships with Polaris 2005

We also hope to have goody bags for entrants from Lynn's sponsors.

The clinics will be on Saturday May 21st at South View EC.

Priority will be given to Bridgewater members until 25th February, and then we will open the entry to all, so please fill in the attached entry form if you want to take advantage! Spectators are welcome at £5 per ticket, and this will be strictly checked on the day! If you enter a clinic, you will automatically receive 2 tickets.

I'm proud to say this is a fantastic opportunity for our members, so I guess this will fill very quickly. Any queries please contact Vinny on 07873805674.

Bridgewater needs YOU!!!!

In yet another really exciting development, Bridgewater RC has been nominated for the Equestrian Social Media Awards!!! We are nominated in category 10, Best Use of Social Media by Event or Competition, and WE NEED YOUR VOTES!!! We seriously do, as our fellow nominees are the likes of Badminton, Burghley, Blair Castle, Dublin Horse Show.... Well, you get the idea! These awards are for our use of Facebook, Twitter and our website (thanks due to Andy!!!). Now I'm proud to say I personally answer every email that comes via the website and also in reply to the newsletter. Our website and Twitter are constantly being updated (Andy again), and we all get together on the Facebook page to share pics, gossip and everything else that goes along with being horsey. So vote for us, get family and friends to vote and ask all your Facebook friends to vote!! Get yourselves along to <http://abbeyviewequine.com/awards> and get clicking!!!!

Show Jumping Clinic, anyone?

On Tuesday 1st March we are holding show jumping clinics at Forest Gate Farm, Norley, with Jane Carruthers. Everyone who has been previously has thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and Jane is a great trainer with all levels, she's very encouraging and will get the best out of her

trainees! There are 3 clinics, and you will be grouped according to ability, to a maximum of 6. Price is £13, which is a bargain, in my opinion!

- Clinic Time & Fence Height
- 6-7pm 60cm (2')
 - 7-8pm 70-75cm (2'3"-2'6")
 - 8-9PM 85cm (2' 9"+)

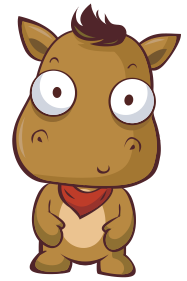
Please fill in the attached entry form and send off to Carol at the address on the form, or with any enquiries, please call her on 0790 229 0509.

Happy jumping!



Scroll down for the Junior newsletter!!!





Charlie says Hi, and welcome to 2011!!!

Hello to all Junior members!!!!

Hope you all had a great Christmas and you got loads of horsey presents. We have been busy getting the schedule ready for the new season, and can't wait for the first show. Let's hope we don't get any more snow!

We are planning more quizzes and have some great prizes this year. We also have a new competition for show days, where you

can win a prize, just for being in the right place at the right time, more details about that nearer the start of the season. We are also planning to do some more interviews and have a couple of stars lined up already.

There is a lot going on this season, with two fun days, this is a good chance to have a go at something you have never done before.

Hope to see you all soon!

**Sophie, Megan,
Rebecca, Jade,
Josh and
Matthew**



Watch this space for 'The Hunt for Charlie'....The BRC Junior mascot needs a little help being found from time to time. Details to be announced!

Competition time!!!

As you know, Bridgewater has Charlie Pony for Junior mascot. He's extremely cheeky, and isn't too keen on being told what to do (and I bet a lot of you know ponies like that, don't you?) He likes carrots, chasing dogs, and trying to find ways through the fence in his paddock. It's funny, but he can never find gaps in the fence to get *back in again!*

So he drives Ruth (BRC Chairman) mad, she keeps getting calls to go and get him back. So she decided to get him a friend to keep him

company, and hopefully stop Ruth having to go out at night and fetch him back from his travels (He does get into some terrible places... One night Ruth had to fetch him from some poor man's prize vegetable garden. Mr Smith didn't win any prizes for his carrots at the Village Fair *that* year! Even the ones left with very pretty pony teeth marks in them....

Now as you know, all ponies need company, so Charlie has a friend arriving soon! She's a mare (see her picture, right). Pretty, isn't

she? New ponies have to be introduced carefully, so she will be in the paddock next to Charlie for a week, to get used to each other, then with any luck, she and Charlie will be happy together in the same field, and Ruth can relax without thinking Charlie is out wrecking someone's garden...

The only thing she doesn't have is a name!! So, we need you... Send your suggestions in and we will select the best to suit her. Remember, she's a Welsh

pony, she's tough (not very girly, as she needs to keep her new friend in line!) and has girl power attitude. So send nice suitable names to ruth@pacificsales.co.uk and we will pick the best one. A prize for the best name will be awarded!

