

January 2011 Newsletter

Welcome to 2011 with a new jumping season soon to start.

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas festivities and are now preparing for the new season ahead.

The committee is now able to report that thanks to a very hard working fund raising committee we are now able to go ahead and make a start on the sand school improvement. This will be just Phase 1 at the moment—enlarging, draining, and putting down a new surface that we can hopefully jump on at all times. We hope to have this in place before the first rally.

When the club has raised more money we will be in a position to turn it into an all weather surface but this involves a considerable amount of funds. The current project still has a shortfall of £4,500, so if anyone would like to dig in their pockets and contribute anything at all the club would be most grateful.

Phase 2 will probably need roughly another £20,000 to complete it just for the surface as the initial groundwork will have been done. A form is enclosed if anyone feels so inclined.

On 29th January, as I am sure you all know, Sophie Bertram and her fund raising team have organized a Scavenger Hunt in the afternoon. Please do support it if you can. They have put a lot of work into it.

All details are on the Website as well as entry forms.

Sophie's telephone number is 07797 748478

We are considering changing the structure of the shows and rallies this year to encourage more novices and new members. The schedules sub committee is working on it at the moment and we will let you know when things have been formulated

The four main shows Liberation Day, Midsummer, Summer Derby and Show jumper of the Year will be made more prestigious.

The membership fee will remain the same as last year, again to encourage new membership, and we may consider extending the day membership system to allow riders to come along and give BSJA a try.

There has been a request for more mini shows in addition to the one we run in the summer. Of course this is where it all starts so we must encourage our younger members as well and we will be looking to do something at the end of March if we can.

David Cole (Advanced Course Designer) who will be building at our Liberation Day Show has volunteered to come over and do a course builders seminar on Sunday February 13th. This will take place in the morning at Devils Hole at 10 am where there will be slides and demonstrations followed by the more practical side in the afternoon with course building and jumping on Vicky Labeys all weather arena. Thank you Vicky. There is no charge for this day except for £5 for the buffet lunch at Devils Hole. This is open to all and includes all judges as well if they so wish.

Lets now hope for a good jumping season and good weather.

Angela Mitchell Chairman

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