



VVRC PRIZE GIVING, SOCIAL EVENING & AGM

BRADFORD ARMS LLANYMYNECH

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY

1. **Welcome.** Anne welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Present:** Sally Evans, Anne Roberts, Amanda Hopwood, Paula Jeffreson, Ruth Hurley, Alice Newby, Nikki Alexander, Izzy Roberts, Jo Turner, Helen Shaul, Sue Harris.
3. **Apologies:** Maureen Coxon, Elspeth Carr, Zoe Chamberlain, Laura Taylor, Sarah Anderson, Eliza Shaul.
4. **Minutes of previous meeting.** These were agreed as an accurate record – Proposed -Izzy Roberts. 2nded -Sue Harris
5. **Matters Arising:** None.
6. **Chair's Report:** Anne started by saying she would be standing down as Chair as of this meeting. She has been Chair for over 28yrs, some jointly with Julie Phillips and latterly on her own. She has enjoyed it very much. At one time VVRC had over 100 members. Anne used to attend all the area events members entered and enjoyed supporting and the sleep overs all over the country. She rode her own horses at club events – Colleen and Millie and enjoyed competing with both of them. Sadly, Colleen passed away only recently. She will miss being Chair but feels it is time to take a step back from it and let others take over.
Sally thanked Anne for all her years as Chair and on the VVRC committee. She was presented with a beautiful glass vase, a gift voucher and a lovely bunch of Spring flowers.
7. **Election of Officers:** Amanda Hopwood offered to be the new Chair. She was proposed by Sue Harris and seconded by Nikki Alexander.
Other committee members were happy to be re-elected. Maureen -secretary and Dressage organiser, Sally -treasurer and membership, Sue -clinics and some socials, Jo – social media, health & safety. Izzy is happy to stay on and organise any area teams for eventing/arena eventing. The committee does need more members, no one offered at the meeting.
8. **Presentation of Accounts:** Sally presented the accounts to the meeting. As of December 31st 2025, the current account held £3109.71p. The deposit account held £2480.46. The club made a profit this year largely due to camp making money. A breakdown of income and expenditure is included with these minutes.

VYRNWY VALLEY RIDING CLUB ACCOUNT FOR 2025			
	Income	Expenditure	Profit/loss
Membership	£394.83	£133.75	£261.08
Affiliation fees		£300.00	-£300.00
Bank Charges/Interest	£40.34	£40.00	£0.34
Other -gifts/travel		£30.00	-£30.00
1st Aid courses		£270.00	-£270.00
Website		£150.00	-£150.00
Dressage League	£2,610.28	£2,286.38	£323.90
Camp	£4,949.00	£3,498.06	£1,450.94
AGM Expenses		£243.15	-£243.15
Socials	£714.00	£562.00	£152.00
TOTAL	£8,708.45	£7,513.34	£1,195.11

9. **Membership/recruitment:** As of the AGM VVRC has 41 members.

10. **Constitution:** This had been sent out to members and it was approved by members at the AGM. This will be put on the website.

11. **Social Events:** ideas for future events, what do people like about what we currently do:

The dressage competitions are well organised and popular. They also make some monies for the club. Generally, it was agreed that the entry fees were set at a level to encourage people to enter. It was felt if they were raised it might put some off.

We need to promote other organised events eg other clinics like jumping, XC, social events. It would be good to get the members more involved as we do not see quite a large proportion of the current ones. It was suggested we tag onto other instructors organising events e.g. book out an hour with for example Sally Jackson when she is at Radfords and get a group of members to go together. Nikki asked what our age demographic is. The majority of members are over 55yr. Ruth wondered if we could set up something to make hot drinks at the dressage, maybe in the cabin and have the rosettes and result sheets put in there. Hopefully that may encourage people to congregate there and have a chat. It would also mean we didn't have people around the entrance to the arena which is a potential health and safety issue. There were discussion about making clinics etc more social events too. Amanda is organising a mini show jumping competiton in April. This will be open to Rhos liveries and Dolfor will be invited. Any non- RC member will have to have 3rd party insurance liability. Other suggestions were a cheese and wine and summer BBQ. Amanda said she would be prepared to repeat the marked picnic ride she organised over

the Gyrn last summer. The field owner charged about £30 and is more than happy to have us again. It would need some more help to organise. Thanks were given to Elspeth, Zoe and Charlotte for organising camp last year. Amanda has booked Berriewood for 21st-23rd August for camp. She will need lots of help to organise this. The format will run similarly to last year but food will be brought in. Hopefully we will be able to have a demo. Dolfor will be invited again and may be charged a higher fee. Nicky Shipp and Ticky Fletcher have been booked. Amanda will organise a camp meeting soon to sort costs etc.

The quiz Amanda organised in Llanyblodwel village hall was a great success. The food was delicious; the quiz was great and the venue easy to find with good parking. Amanda is happy to do again as a pre-Christmas event but will aim for a Friday or Saturday evening. The meal organised at Llansilin was very good but it was quite noisy as there was another party in the same area. Other future suggestions, meals out, ten pin bowling, walks, demo's e.g. Emily Pryce massage was well attended. Maybe in hand/natural horsemanship.

The polework sessions at Nicky Shipps will keep running monthly alternating Fridays and Saturdays. Clinics are booked at Alison Lewis' over the summer.

Ruth suggested organising a clinic with Ann Bondi as she has a lovely indoor arena in Meifod and can do all disciplines. She has contacted her and she would do a flat fee of an hour for £60. She prefers one to one but would have up to four. Trec was suggested - maybe a taster session. Sally would ask Kay from Dolfor. Maybe games with Patsy Pyke. Working equitation-dressage and an obstacle course. A Rebecca Adshead organises this and might do a demo.

12. **Awards:** Winter league dressage. The overall winner: Elspeth Carr, 2nd = Jonty Phillips and Alice Newby, 3rd Izzy Roberts, 4th Sue Harris, 5th Amanda Hopwood, 6th= Maureen Coxon and Alice on 'The Beast'.

The Summer league Pimms plate was awarded to Jonty Phillips, 2nd Nicky Crooks, 3rd Sue Harris, 4th Helen Shaul, 5th Eliza Shaul, 6th Ruth Hurley.

The ROR trophy was won by Ruth Hurley.

13. **Any other business:** Amanda asked Anne if she would like to become our president in honour of her having been our Chairperson for so long. This will be an honorary role which will allow Anne to participate as much or as little as she would like. Anne happily agreed.

The meeting closed at 20:50

Footnote added after the meeting:

Paula stepped down from the committee earlier last year. She was thanked for her work and was given free VVRC membership for 2026 in recognition of this.