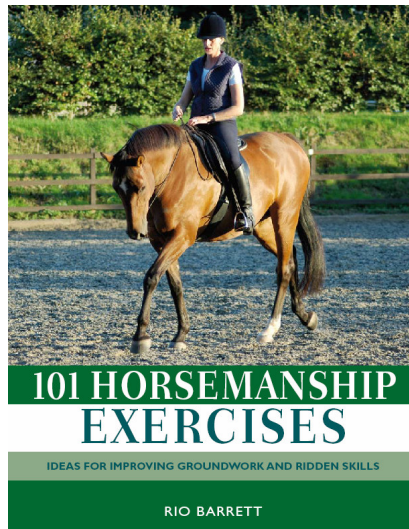




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Hello everybody,

After what seems like millions of hours typing, photographing, editing and working through the various publishing stages, the book that I started a year and a half ago under a palm tree on holiday because I had finished the novel I'd taken with me, is finally available on general sale!

It is a step by step guide to improving your horse's confidence, understanding, concentration, suppleness and obedience both on the ground and from the saddle, based on how horse's think and respond to training. The 101 exercises can be dipped into to help you understand and solve a particular problem, or worked through in sequence to develop a solid foundation.

My aim was to supply useable, practical, in depth yet affordable support material to everyone wanting to improve their horsemanship and at £19.99 this book certainly delivers exceptional value. I am very grateful to the publishers David and Charles Ltd for their belief in this project and their commitment to the movement behind it.

It will be available through all mainstream outlets from September or signed copies can be ordered direct from me by phone (01243 574 377) or by filling and returning this form to me.

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Please send me copies of 101 Horsemanship Exercises @ £19.99 each = £
 Plus postage and packing per order in UK or Europe @ £3.99 =
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Please make cheques payable to Rio Barrett – thank you

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Work continues on the Applied Equine Behaviour courses. As mentioned in my last newsletter Sue Gardner, Lynn Henry and myself have been busy over the past year developing a behavioural course to submit into the education system. As you can imagine there is a lot involved in doing this, including going back to college and taking a City & Guilds Course on Teacher Training which has been very useful on many counts, but mostly on how to prepare a syllabus, its contents and session plans, how to make sure all the work is (SMART – which stands for Specific; Measurable; Achievable; Repeatable: Time-Managed) – it has been fun trying to find ways for the education system to accept intuition/intention/focus/life up / energy and other such similar words as 'measurable'! We have had to stretch our brains to find other words or convince them of ours! We are now working with a major examinations board and will bring you more news as it unfolds ...very exciting !

Meantime, we are always looking for ideas and ways to inspire you and help you reach your goals so, for the rest of this year Sue and I will be jointly running some one or two day courses with a slightly different approach. Here is the idea, hope you like it! The first one will be over the weekend of 15/16th September.

Your Individual Road-Map

Join us here at Oakwood Horsemanship for the day or for two days, your choice. We will demonstrate with our horses showing you a variety of activities, and talk you through the process as we go, showing you what you need to have in place in order to achieve them. We realise that not everyone shares the same aims and goals so we will cover various aspects of groundwork, on line and at liberty, and also ridden work to show where it can all lead. We hope this will help you identify some goals.

After the demonstration we will sit and discuss where you are now and where you want to get to and help work out your individual road map and set up a program to help you achieve your next few steps along the route! During the morning session we will also talk about Learning Theory – it is so important to have a deep understanding of how horses learn and what we need to know to be able to be very good communicators for and with our horses.

After lunch those that have brought horses will bring them into the arena and Sue and I will help them with whatever is needed. For those without horses on this day, it is a fabulous opportunity to observe the instructors helping individual clients and their horses whether it be in-hand, at liberty or ridden, you will also be included in the individual route map program.

There is an opportunity to stay over and continue your learning for a second day, please register your interest by emailing us, your payment will secure your place.

For those who are not local, depending on numbers we may be able to offer accommodation in the tipi, or give you local contacts for b & b. Please ring or email me for further information.

The cost is £100 per day with your horse and £75 for day (1) if coming without your horse and £40 for the second day without your horse. Full payment is required to hold your place as it is only one month away. Places will be limited to 10 horses. Cheques made payable to Rio Barrett, Well Cottage, Chapel Lane, Oakwood, Nr. Chichester, W. Sussex. PO18 9AW

We look forward to hearing from you.

On an admin note – It would be great to bring you newsletters more often but the postal costs and time involved printing and stuffing envelopes are prohibitive so we have decided to only issue newsletters by email from now on. We have several hundred names on the mailing list that do not currently show an email address. If you usually receive a postal copy but now have email and would like to continue to be contacted please drop us a line at the email address below so we can update the database. For those not on email the newsletters are always posted on the website for you.

Very best wishes,

Rio and Sue

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