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Stoneleigh RC committee would like to thank all their members for their help and support throughout the year and to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year and every success for the 2018 season

Happy reading!

The Annual Stoneleigh Riding Club Awards Presentation

took place on Friday 17th November.



The winning skittles team - Neigh Idea — with Di George, Marisa Allright, Anastasia Choma, Elga Crump, Sue Dronfield and Amy Barker.

We opted for an informal evening of Skittles and a buffet at Stoneleigh Park Golf Club. The committee decided to subsidise the evening as we had not been able to provide a supper at the AGM in October.

150 rosettes to present teams were limited to one round... but a lot of fun, culminating in a win for the Neigh Idea team.

About 60 members and friends enjoyed a buffet meal followed by the skittles but with

Jim Horley then presented the 2017 rosettes and trophies. The complete results are listed below - I still have some uncollected Rosettes so if your name is on this list and you have not received your prize please contact me (07885 952809). Thanks to Jo for being photographer for the evening and to the Malka family, Nigel for scoring the Skittles, Val and Tracey for arranging the raffle and the committee for providing the prizes. We raised £169 for the Air Ambulance. Thank you all for coming.

Wendy

Jim Horley Stoneleigh Riding Club Treasurer
1993 - 2017



Jim first joined Stoneleigh RC in 1984 when he had a chestnut horse "Candy". He attended instructional rides and competed in Show Jumping, dressage and Prix Caprilli (now called riders test but then there were 2 jumps in the arena!)

Kate was also very keen and soon started riding Candy so Jim moved through several horses until he found Poppy with whom he competed for many years. I remember him helping with the setting up of our first 2 day event on Car Park 4 at Stoneleigh.

In 1993 Jim 'volunteered' to take on the position of Treasurer on the committee. This post he has held for 24 years until announcing his retirement in November this year. In that time he guided the club from basic hand written ledgers to computerised accounts as well as dealing with the membership applications and automatic payments, keeping our list up to date with RC head office database.

He is a familiar sight at our two day event, with his splendid modified Land rover busying himself with putting up the steeplechase and marking out the roads and tracks etc. and we are delighted that he has volunteered his help again for 2018.

As a token of our thanks Jim was presented with a Harriett Glenn Bronze horse "Turn out for Freedom"

Thank You Jim from everyone at Stoneleigh Riding club past and present for your long and valuable association with Stoneleigh RC.

Wendy.

Stoneleigh Riding Club Awards 2017

Members Dressage:

Intro	Prelim	Novice
1st Jo Hayward	1st Marion Smith	1st = Sue Gudge & Caroline Newton
2nd Liz Cooper	2nd Helen Foster	2nd Margaret Hughes
3rd Briony King	3rd Sue Wixey	3rd Lucy Horner

Sue Wixey Shield: 1st Jo Hayward: 2nd Marion Smith: 3rd = Lucy Horner & Marisa Allright:
5th Sue Wixey: 6th Helen Foster

AREA 5 Awards: Dressage:

Prelim	Novice	Elementary	Medium +
1st Ellie Roach	1st Naomi Cross	1st Alex Houldcroft	1st Alex Houldcroft
2nd = Marion Smith	2nd Liz Styler	2nd Naomi Cross	2nd Jess Beards
2nd= Lucy Horner	3rd Jo Hayward		3rd Sue Bullock
4th= Liz Cambridge	4th Jane Partlett		
4th = Karen Bennett			

DTM 1st Sue Bullock Crofter, 2nd Liz Styler

Riders Test:

1st Liz Cooper

2nd Abi Rose

3rd = Marion Smith

& Ellie Forbes

Style Jumping

1st Helen Foster

2nd Lucy Horner

3rd Jo Marston

4th Naomi Cross

Eventer Challenge

1st Annie Jordan

2nd Bud Jackson

SJ 70cms**SJ 80cms****SJ 90cms****SJ 100cm**

1st Alison Coleman 1st Margaret Hughes 1st Helen Foster 1st Karen Bennett

2nd = Elga Crump 2nd Jo Marston 2nd Ellie Forbes 2nd Clare Boardman

& Amy Barker 3rd Lucy Horner 3rd = Jenny Cowen 3rd Lucy Bell

& Philippa Gibbs

Horse Trials 80**Horse Trials 90****Horse Trials 100**

1st Margaret Hughes

1st Helen Foster

1st Ellie Forbes

2nd Jo Marston

2nd = Naomi Cross & Philippa Gibbs

3rd Jo Fountaine

4th Sally Thatcher

4th David Walker

5th Philippa Gibbs – Easy Breeze

6th Lucy Horner

Moon River Plate- Overall: 1st Naomi Cross: 2nd Helen Foster: 3rd Jo Marston: 4th Margaret Hughes: 5th Philipps Gibbs Spanky, 6th Alex Houldcroft.

BEC Cup for most improved rider: Elga Crump & Sue Dronfield:

Bill & Joy Smith cup: Ian Cross

Fleur Flower Pot (Area 5): Naomi Cross

AREA 5 PRESENTATION EVENING

This year's Area 5 presentation evening proved very popular with over 120 people attending. The evening started with a quiz organised by Tony Parker, which was followed by a supper of jacket potatoes and various fillings and puddings supplied by everyone. After a couple more quiz rounds, the presentation of awards were made and again Stoneleigh were well represented in all disciplines.

OPEN DRESSAGE

1st ALEX HOULDCROFT, 3rd NAOMI CROSS 5th SUE BULLOCK

RIDERS TEST

1st = LIZ COOPER

70cm SHOW JUMPING

1st = ALISON COLEMAN

90cm SHOW JUMPING

3rd= ELLY FORBES

100cm SHOW JUMPING

1st KAREN BENNETT

90cm HORSE TRIALS

1st HELEN FOSTER, 2nd PHILIPPA GIBBS, 3rd = NAOMI CROSS

SENIOR OVERALL POINTS

3rd NAOMI CROSS, 5th HELEN FOSTER

SENIOR AREA 5 TEAM AWARDS 2017

80cm SHOW JUMPING

1st BUCKINGHAM, 2nd = RUGBY & STONELEIGH

90cm SHOW JUMPING

1st STONELEIGH, 2nd CROWN

100cm SHOW JUMPING

1st SOLIHULL, 2nd STONELEIGH

PRELIM DRESSAGE

1st = SOLIHULL & STONELEIGH

OPEN DRESSAGE

1st STONELEIGH,

RIDERS TEST

1st STONELEIGH, 2nd ATHERSTONE

FOTH

1st CROWN, 2nd = NAT FOREST & STONELEIGH

90cm HORSE TRIALS

1st CROWN, 2nd STONELEIGH

OVERALL SENIOR TEAM

1st SOLIHULL - 218, 2nd STONELEIGH - 198, 3rd CROWN - 145, 4th CVRC - 115, 5th NAT FOREST- 66, 6th RUGBY – 63.

Congratulations to everyone who won an award at this year's presentation evening, and thank you to everyone who has represented the club this season and to all the friends and relatives and fellow team members who have supported and encouraged us through the season. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2018.

STONELEIGH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Following our riding club AGM in October there have been a few changes to the club committee, as you will see from Wendy's report Jim Horley has now retired as Treasurer and membership secretary and we thank him for all his hard work over the years.

The position of Treasurer has now been taken over by Tracey Malka, if you should have any queries please contact her at treasurer@stoneleighridingclub.co.uk

The membership is now being looked after by Val Malka and if you should have any queries regarding membership she may be reached at membership@stoneleighridingclub.co.uk.

Jo Hayward has been appointed training officer, I am sure you will all join me in congratulating her on her success with our show jumpers last season, if you have any queries regarding training please contact her at bericote13@gmail.com

Jenny Cowen (show jumping) and Marion Smith (instructional rides) will still be organising these training sessions If you wish to book on any of these please see their details below.

STONELEIGH MEMBERSHIP

Following our change in membership year last year, your current membership will now run out on 31st December 2017, you may renew by cheque payable to Stoneleigh Riding Club, on our website at www.stoneleighridingclub.com via PayPal or by **bank transfer to Stoneleigh Riding Club Barclays Account Sort Code: 20-48-08 Account No: 40842397, but PLEASE REMEMBER to reference your payment with your Surname and RM for renewals or NM for new members.** If your contact details have changed in any way e.g. new name, address, email address etc. please let us know so we can update our records and inform British Riding Clubs so you still receive your Rider magazine, you can do this by email to membership@stoneleighridingclub.co.uk or complete a new membership form and send this to me, details will be found on the membership form.



Christmas Drill Ride

In aid of Air Ambulance at MORETON MORRELL COLLEGE

12th December 2017 7.00pm

For those who haven't been before this is a sort of musical ride but without the music so we can hear Liz. All proceeds go to Air Ambulance. Tinsel, lights, costumes..... You don't need to be a Tuesday evening rider as its open to all members. Put the date in your diaries. At the last ride it was agreed the minimum donation this year would be £15.00 CASH.

If you are not riding please come along and share with us the punch, sadly non-alcoholic, and hot mince pies.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

STONELEIGH RIDERS MEETING

Wednesday 10th January

Weston under Wetherley Village Hall

7.30pm

This meeting is open to all Stoneleigh RC members and provides an opportunity to meet fellow members and to find out about any rule changes for 2018, competition dates, it's also an opportunity for you meet your team managers Sue Gudge for dressage and Val Malka for SJ and Horse Trials and find out what is involved in riding for the club at area competitions.

Hats can be tagged, new passports checked, old passports updated and just generally find out what the club has in store for the coming year. Look forward to seeing you all.

Early 2018 Dressage Qualifiers

Just early notice about the Novice and Intermediate Qualifiers which are both being held at Moreton Morrell, Novice on 11th February and Intermediate on 25th March. Riders need to be a member or renewed member by close of entries on 19th January to be eligible to be included in the teams on 11th February, so don't delay! Tests in February are Prelim 12 and Novice 28. I will send out an email between Christmas and New Year with further details and to gauge interest.

Thanks to everyone who rode for the club in 2017, the club were represented at all the Dressage Championships, so let's hope we can emulate this in 2018!

Sue



CONGRATULATIONS Wendy on your award from the British Horse Society in recognition of your 30 years' service.

At the end of November Wendy travelled to Saddlers Hall in London for the BHS awards ceremony where she was presented with her award by the British Horse Society president Martin Clunes.

A DATE NOT TO BE MISSED!

Stoneleigh Riding Club will be hosting an evening at Weston under Wetherley Village Hall

On

Wednesday 21st February 2018 at 7.30 pm

On

HORSE AND RIDER FITNESS

With special reference to preparing for a two day event

More details to follow in the next newsletter and keep an eye on www.stoneleighridingclub.com for more info but please put this date in your diary, should be a really interesting evening and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Flat Instructional Rides

Last newsletter of 2017. Scary how fast each year goes.

All our Tuesday flat rides will be in the indoor school at Moreton Morrell, so if your horse needs practice in this arena here's your chance! You never know you might be indoors for the qualifier in February or March. Be prepared as Baden Powell would say.

The arenas booked from 6.30 on our Tuesday rides seems to be working. So we will continue with 6.30, 7.15 and if required 8.00 starts

When 4 rides are pre-booked and paid for your 5th ride is free!!! However cancellation must be at least 48 hours before ride for refund or transfer of money to another ride. To cancel text 07813206356

Liz ideally likes to teach riders and horses working at a similar level to pitch lessons appropriately. So please let me know on form at what level you are working. If 6.30 is too early for you please let me know.

January	9th	23rd
February	6th	20th
March	6th	20th
April	3rd	17th

SJ training with Jo Hayward

Monday evening SJ training at Moreton Morrell College is still going strong through the winter and is open to all SRC members whether you are competing or not.

Jo is a UKCC Level 3 coach and can cater for all levels. The sessions are fortnightly, on the weeks in between the flatwork rides.

2018 dates:

January 15th & 29th

February 12th & 26th

March 12th & 26th

The cost is £15 per session, payable in advance. If you are unable to attend once you have booked, 48 hours' notice is required to ensure we can cover costs; any withdrawals later than that will sadly still be charged.

If you would like to join this training, or would like more information, please contact Jenny Cowen: jennycowen1@gmail.com or 07834 068601

STONELEIGH RC CAMP

Stoneleigh Riding Club are pleased to announce they will be running a camp in 2018. The venue is Foxhill Farm, Eldon, Northants. NN11 3QB. The date is Friday 15th to Sunday 17th June.

The weekend is open to everyone and appeals to all abilities, the emphasis is very much on having fun and making the most of all the facilities the camp has to offer. We kick the weekend off with a Friday night hack around the grounds and take in the local scenery. A lovely way to start the festivities. You will find that Foxhill has all the facilities you need and you can choose from the many disciplines on offer. There is a full cross country course with water complex, show jumping and dressage arena. There is also a working hunter course and large ménage.

Your horse will be stabled in a beautiful stable block and whilst there is no turnout facility the horses can all see each other and settle very easily.

Please click on this link <http://www.foxhill-farm.com> to find out more about Foxhill and all its attractions. It really is all set out to make for a memorable weekend

The owner, Leslie pays great attention to detail and whose only objective is to make sure everyone gets the most out of their weekend. The food is lovely and all cooking is homemade and meals are served at the farmhouse.

The cost of the weekend is £205 for 2 nights which includes all facilities, stables, bedding and all of your home cooked food. There are limited spaces and its first come first served, a non-refundable deposit of £75 is required unless space is filled on cancellation.

Whilst this is a camping weekend which of course is always tremendous fun, there is also accommodation on a limited basis in the farmhouse for those who prefer this option at an extra cost.

On the Saturday night there is a choice of either the local pub or on site BBQ which Leslie will host (please note there will be additional charge for the BBQ)

If you require any additional information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

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MORETON MORRELL POINT'S SHOW JUMPING

Congratulations to everyone who represented Stoneleigh Riding Club at the last Area 5 point's show jumping competition of the year, at Moreton Morrell. I cannot thank Jo Hayward enough for giving up the day to warm up and encourage all our riders and for the amazing photos. Also many thanks to everyone who came and supported holding horses, and encouraging our riders, there was a great team spirit.

70 team - 4th place Alison 1st individual! — with Bud Jackson, Elga Crump, Alison Coleman and Amy Barker.

Great results all round, our 70cm team, Elga Crump, Alison Coleman, Bud Jackson and Amy Barker were a well-deserved 4th in the team event, with first place individually for Alison Coleman.

We had two teams in the 80cm with Jo Marston, Jo Fountaine, Marisa Allright and Margaret Hughes also finishing team 4th and our other team of Marisa Allright, David Craven, Hannah Wolverson, and Anastasia Choma just outside the placings.

Our 90cm team of Jenny Cowen, Helen Foster, Marisa Allright and Lisa Davis were in great form taking first place in the team event with individual 2nd for Helen Foster, 3rd for Lisa Davis, and 5th for Jenny Cowen a brilliant result!

Then finally our 100cm riders Lucy Bell, Louisa Marley, Sally Thatcher and Karen Bennett finished on joint 16 faults with several other clubs and took 6th team place overall. Karen went through to the jump off with a double clear and came 6th individually.

Well done everyone, our season starts again at the end of January with a point's show jumping at Moreton Morrell, so look forward to seeing you all then.

Have a great Christmas everyone, and thank you for your support in 2017. If you are interested in riding for the club in 2018 please try and attend our Riders meeting at Weston under Wetherley Village Hall on Wednesday 10th January, or email me at valeriemalka@yahoo.co.uk

To Clip or not to Clip – that is the Question!?

It can be a dilemma at this time of year – do I or don't I clip? Ask yourself what you realistically are going to be doing through the winter months with your horse or pony. With shorter days it can mean we only ride at weekends and with the chance of bad weather you could even not ride at all for a week or 2.

If you want to do the odd Dressage or some Show Jumping then you may consider a 'Blanket Clip' – Hunting, all out with a saddle patch is normally more suited. Some people just clip the hair from under the neck and stomach to stop them getting too hot when exercising or hacking which helps them cool down more quickly before rugs go back on for turnout.

There are many publications and 'You Tube' give demonstrations and advice on clipping and preparation and remember you will need to have appropriate rugs to replace the natural coat for both indoor and turnout so don't be caught out!! Your horse/pony has the same reaction to the weather as you and the climate is playing some weird games for the time of year, so don't leave them to 'overheat' or 'freeze' as we have some warm days thrown in amongst those truly cold days !!!

There are people who will clip for you if you don't feel confident enough, but it is great if you can have a go yourself, but remember to follow the Manufacturers advice on the type of Blades to use and overheating, and of course, cleaning and care for clippers is very important as they are not cheap, but if serviced and looked after properly they can last for years.

Try to have someone there to help you and ensure the area is clear and free from clutter and the dog is put away!! Try not to use too much pressure, just enough to 'lean' on the skin and go through the coat against its lay and watch the corners of the clipper blades as you may accidentally clip more hair than you want and you could 'poke' the horse.

If the horse has a tendency to 'pull back' it is safer to have someone hold it through the duration and watch those 'ticklish' spots these are under the belly, near the stifle, by the elbows, on the legs, especially the inside back legs and the ears and surrounding area. Be vigilant and on your guard as the horse may spook or even kick out!!

Your Blades will start to get warm so watch this against the horses' skin and have a comfort break allowing them to cool down. It is normally here I will take the opportunity to run the Blades through some metholated spirits to help clean them and cool down and brush away any loose hair on the clippers to stop the clogging up of vents and allowing air to continue to flow through the motor keeping it cool and running freely. Try to get into the habit of putting the cable over your shoulder so that you can lift it quickly out of the way if the horse moves suddenly and you then also avoid tripping over the cable or the horse stepping on it!!

Keep safe and enjoy, remembering why you are clipping and keeping a good balance of exercise over the amount of coat taken ensuring the health and wellbeing of your horse or pony.

I hope you found this helpful and would like to take this opportunity to wish a Merry Christmas to everyone and a successful and healthy 2018!!

Sue Wixey



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 2018

From 1 January 2018, BRC will no longer accept BETA Level 3 2000.

All body protectors MUST be BETA Level 3 2009 or later.

Please remember the new back protector standards for cross country in 2018. The purple label beta 2000 level 3 WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTABLE. So please check your back protectors for the label above, they must be 2009 or after. An ideal Christmas present if yours is out of date!

AREA 5 DATES 2018

DATE		EVENT	VENUE
Sat 20 Jan 2018	P	Indoor Show Jumping	Moreton Morrell
11 Feb 2018	Q	Senior Winter Novice dressage	Moreton Morrell
17 Feb 2018	Q	100cm, 110cm SJ	Solihull
18 Feb 2018	Q	80, 90 SJ	Solihull
25 March 2018	Q	Senior Winter Intermediate Dressage	Moreton Morrell
1 April 2018	Q	Combined Training	Solihull
8 April 2018	Q	Eventer Challenge	Swalcliffe

14 – 15 April 2018	C	Winter 80cm Show Jumping and Novice Dressage	Arena UK,
27 - 29 April 2018	C	Winter Intermediate Dressage & 90, 100, 110 cm Show jumping	Bury Farm
6 May	P	Horse Trials	Moreton Morrell
19 / 20 May 2018	C	Festival of the Horse	Washbrook Farm,
26 / 27 May 2018	P	2DE	Princethorpe
10 June 2018	Q	Junior / Senior Horse Trials	Moreton Morrell
24 June 2018	Q	DTM	Moreton Morrell
1 st July	Q	Senior dressage & RT	Princethorpe
28 July 2018	Q	100 & 110 SJ	Solihull
29 July 2018	Q	Senior Style & 70, 80, 90cm SJ	Solihull
3- 5 Aug 2018	C	National Horse Trials	Swalcliffe Park
19 Aug 2018	P	Dressage and Show Jumping	Atherstone
1 – 2 Sept 2018	C	National Championships	Lincoln
23 Sept 2018	P	Horse Trials	Moreton Morrell
TBC		Quadrille Selection Trial	
28 - 30 Sept 2018	C	Dressage To Music/Quadrille Final	Bury Farm
21 Oct 2018	P	Indoor SJ	Moreton Morrell

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