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## STONELEIGH RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER JUNE 2023

### VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

How else would you spend the end of May Bank Holiday if it wasn't at the spectacular Princethorpe College for the Stoneleigh Riding Club Two-Day Event. We were blessed with the weather and the new spectator's area by the water complex, kindly hosted by Newton LDP, was a welcomed addition this year for spectators and competitors alike. A big thank you not only to Newton LDP, but also The Wigley Group who continue to support us and supplied a foot bridge across from the car park to the XC, allowing easy access to this new, well used area.

We are always so grateful to Princethorpe College for allowing us to take over their wonderful grounds, and especially to Alex Darkes together with Ed Robertson and his team of ground staff, who were such a huge help in making it all possible.

This year saw over 190 competitors come from schools and riding clubs all over the country with the new 70cm class being a welcomed addition to the schedule and a great success. Giving competitors of all ages a chance to have a go at their first long-format event and inspiring many more to give it a go next year.

Following Saturday's dressage and show jumping which ran calmly and pretty smoothly the cross country day got underway bang on time. A few horses were not sure about steeplechase but most enjoyed the once a year chance to gallop twice round the track. Thankfully the vets reported all horses coped very well with additional roads and tracks and were passed fit to continue onto Cross country following the 10 minute box. The beautifully mowed tracks and superbly built fences of Lloyd Hunt's courses rode really well and many smiling riders suggested it was much enjoyed.

There can never be a big enough thank you to the literally hundreds of people who make this event possible and happen, every job key and essential and so much time volunteered it is humbling that we manage to pull this off year on year. Always looking to improve, the planning for next year has already begun but just whether competitor or helper or often a bit of both-thank you and hopefully see you all again next year.

Philippa Gibbs

Just a few comments we have received...

Wanted to say a big thanks for a fantastic weekend. The Kings Leaze team had a fab time as well as much success.  
The whole weekend was so smoothly run and the venue was excellent.  
It was our first time and we will definitely be back next year.

A huge Thank you to all involved in making the 2 Day a success.  
Houghton and Huntingdon Riding Club absolutely love this event and look forward to it every year.

You certainly did a mega job!! New Forest Riding Club  
Members certainly appreciate all your

Thank you all so much for all your time and efforts, we had a wonderful time this weekend beautiful awards too.  
huge thanks xx

Thank you so much... my favourite event of the year didn't disappoint again!  
Amazing organisation, friendly volunteers & competitors... see you next year

Another great year at Pincethorpe  
thank you for hosting a great event.

Thanks so much for an awesome weekend

Thank you for a lovely weekend.  
We had an amazing time.  
Fabulous experience for our young rider.

My first time at this event and it was such a great weekend!  
Everyone was so helpful, friendly and supportive  
thank you for running it so well!  
I will deffo be back next year.

Thank you so much to everyone who made this weekend happen.  
Absolutely loved every second and hope to be back next year.

An awesome event. Had so much fun, thanks.

Such a great event so pleased I was able to compete in such beautiful surroundings.  
Thank you to all that made it happen.

Just amazing couple of days  
thanks to all making it happen

What a brilliant time we all had! Perfect weather and perfect organising! So worth travelling  
from the New Forest. Keep up the good work.

Thank you for another great event!!!  
It was amazing xx

Thank you

Thanks for a great weekend as always!

Fantastic event, really well organised.

Amazing team of organisers. THANK YOU from all at Houghton and Huntingdon Riding Club.  
Stoneleigh Riding Club Two Day Event we look forward to your event every year and have loved supporting it and watching it grow over the years.  
For us, it's one of the best weekends of the season and that's all credit to the amazing team who make it happen.

## A big thank you to all our volunteer's

The team here at Stoneleigh riding club is so appreciative of your help with the two-day event at Princethorpe. Every single steward/writer/pole picker/fence judge and everyone in between, Thanks to your hard work, we were able to run a successful event. We couldn't have gotten those amazing results without the help of wonderful volunteers like you.

We hope to see you again next year! So please put 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in your diaries.

Being a volunteer is a demanding task, so thank you for contributing so much of your time, energy, and efforts to it. You did an excellent job and you are so appreciated.

From all of us at SRC.



**Stoneleigh Riding Club**  
**The Wigley Group**

**Newton LDP 6 scorers**  
**Princethorpe School**  
**Over 100 volunteers**

**National Schools & Riding Clubs Two Day Event 2023**  
**#SRCTwoDayEvent2023**

**15 XC fence sponsors**  
**11 Show Jump volunteers**  
**18 dressage volunteers**  
**23 companies supporting the event**

**Over 190 competitors**  
**8,953 reached on Facebook**

## From one of our many valued helpers

Oh where do I start - what an incredible weekend at Princethorpe for our 2DE that our club organises. Everything ran like clockwork.

As a relative new member first of all I want to say how the club has made me so welcome, not only the committee but also the members who I have met doing dressage competitions, area 5 events and the Instructional Rides. Also lots of people associated with the club by helping at events that we run.

An enormous amount of work goes into running events and something like the 2DE is very complex with all the different disciplines all needing different equipment, fences, arenas etc. it must be a nightmare to organise.

I helped at last year's 2DE on the Sunday and was so impressed - not only enjoying watching the riders but how well I was looked after whilst helping. The brief before the day started was clear and easy to understand. A lovely thank you gift and snacks were given out. Later a very nice packed lunch was delivered to me at my post.

"The Crossing" was my place for the day. I was probably the luckiest steward as at the crossing you see all the riders twice. Once on the R&T and once going through on the cross country run. All the riders on the R&T have a bit of time to say hello and so many said thank you to me for being there. Lots of people who were either walking the course or who were friends of the riders all stopped for a chat and watched from a safe distance as riders passed the crossing.

This year I volunteered to help on the Saturday as well. Another amazing amount of organisation! I also got to see the "lorry/trailer" park all parked up in perfect lines. There were 4 arenas set for the dressage and I was writing for a judge who marks the riders test. Another interesting thing was it made me feel better as lots of "needs more stretch" and "could be rounder" were written and of course lots of "7's and 8's" I did learn a lot.

On Sunday, the weather was fantastic, apparently the hottest day this year. I was at the same "crossing" as last year so I knew the ropes. We still had the briefing before we all set off to our positions.

I just can't say much more than a day of full enjoyment watching the most amazing riders doing what they love to do.

Thank you Stoneleigh Riding Club and yes I have Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May 2024 in my diary for next year!

Cheers Bronwyn

Ps guess who this is:



## Can you help?

Stoneleigh Riding Club are having to look for a new home to store their event equipment.

Do you have or know of anyone that could help us?

We have our own shipping container that can be moved or looking for a similar sized, dry, secure storage area ideally local to Princethorpe but would look and consider further afield.

We only run two events a year, the Two Day event in May and the dressage in July, so wouldn't require to access many times during the year.

If you think you can help, or know someone that can please contact Val at [valeriemalka@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valeriemalka@yahoo.co.uk)

## Princethorpe Dressage Qualifier

Thanks again to every single volunteer who gave up their time for the two day event, as you know we run two events a year and that was the first one.

We have our second event at Princethorpe on the 2nd July and again we need your help. I do have some names from members who couldn't make the two day but we still need more stewards and writers.

Even if you can only spare a couple of hours anything you can do is very much appreciated.

Please either email me on [amy.barker2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amy.barker2@hotmail.co.uk) or call/text [07599858212](tel:07599858212).

Thanks again

Amy Butler

## Competition reports

### Combine Training qualifier:

Great day for Stoneleigh RC at the Area 5 Combine training qualifier kindly hosted by Solihull RC today.

Sadly we had three withdrawals before starting due to horses health issues, but hope that Chez, The Ladies Man and DHI Wiz Kid will be back out competing again soon.

Our remaining riders in the Abbey team put in some amazing results with a win for Amy Barker in the Prelim 2, second for Naomi Cross and Connor in the Prelim 12 and a win for Marisa Allright in the N27 to give Stoneleigh a win in the team section and should see them qualify for the Combine training championships at Aston le Wall on 20 /21 May.

A well-deserved 3rd place for Vicky Maggs in the Prelim 2, with Margaret Hughes, Liv McCallum, and Karen Bennett finishing just outside the placings in Prelim 12.

Well done everyone



Amy and Beau

### Combine Championships 2023

Stoneleigh RC were well represented at the Combine Challenge Championships at Aston le Walls this year.

First up were our Area 5 100cm combine challenge team which included two Stoneleigh RC members Marisa Allright on Linali Olympic Drum and Rhianne Martin on BBB Rockin Rosie who put in a great team effort over a challenging course to finish team 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

Our Stoneleigh RC combine training team were in action on Saturday as well, with Amy Barker finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in her arena, Marisa Allright and Linali Olympic Drum 8<sup>th</sup> and Laura Askew and Balouboy 10<sup>th</sup> along with Naomi Cross on Connor giving them team 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday was the turn of the Area 5 combine challenge 70cm team which included Stoneleigh member Katie Frost and Ross Caruso who again produced a great round to finish just outside the individual placings but the team came 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

## Stoneleigh RC 2DE

Alongside organising and volunteering at this year's event several Stoneleigh RC members also competed at the event as well.

Our 80 cm team consisted of Andrew Jenkins on Cavaliers Mistress, Jo Hayward on The Kossack, Molly Ellis on Lily's Chillie Billie and Di George on Savalas, with Philippa Gibbs and her new ride Rainbows Gem and Clare Smith on Harvey competing as individuals. Jo produced a great round with best dressage score of 27.8 but an unlucky pole show jumping dropped them down to individual 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their arena and the team finished 6<sup>th</sup>.

In the 90cm we had just one competitor Katie Davey on Prestons Hero, who finished on her dressage score of 34.0 to come 3<sup>rd</sup> individually, she was also awarded the Gristhills Slyfox trophy which was donated to the club by Tracey Malka and is awarded to the highest placed combination finishing with least jumping and time penalties in the Senior Riding Clubs 90cm SJ and Phases A, B, C and D only.

Our last rider of the day was Marisa Allright and Linali Olympic Drum who picked up just 1.6 time penalties XC to add to their 27.8 dressage score giving them 1<sup>st</sup> place, best dressage, best Stoneleigh RC member and she was also part of the mixed club winning team.



Marisa and Stan

## Dressage to Music Qualifier

Well what a successful day for SRC at the DTM qualifier. All our riders were in the ribbons 🥳🥳

First up was Katherine Morton on Killer Queen Liz, in the Prelim class, coming 6<sup>th</sup>.

Then we had x2 riders in the Novice without points class. Karen Bennett on Silvester's Jubilee came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pam Rose on Oxidised coming 4<sup>th</sup>.

Next up was Novice with points. Lucy Bell Chops-Rouse coming first 🎉🎉 on Powder King, Su Morgan on Quendel's Cosmos coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and Joanne Hayward on Mars coming 4<sup>th</sup>.

Then in the Elementary we had Naomi Cross, who came 3<sup>rd</sup> on Connor and Karen Owens on Celtic Connection coming 5<sup>th</sup>

So well done everyone 🥳🥳🥳🥳

## DRESS DOWN DRESSAGE

### Unaffiliated Dressage

at

### Warwickshire College

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Stoneleigh RC points dressage to include Stoneleigh Riding Club Points Sections.

[https://horsemonkey.com/equestrian\\_event/45813](https://horsemonkey.com/equestrian_event/45813)

Intro classes up to Medium.

## TRAINING

### Tuesday evening Instructional Ride

Due to various problems, we are down to one ride of 6 at our Tuesday flat rides. Hopefully things will pick up in September. The evening dressage and BBQ are cancelled/postponed. With Wayne running 3 evening dressage competitions we just thought a fourth too much. Jo still wants us to run a Prix Caprilli so maybe September could include an evening competition and BBQ. Does anybody reading this have a Food Hygiene qualification?

Now a sad piece of news: Kim has had to have her grey pony Monty put down. Regular and long term supporters of the rides many of you will remember her entertaining piece, 'Spare'.

For those new to the club here are dates and information about Tuesday evening Instructional Rides with Liz Neal. These are held at Moreton Morrell in the indoor school £15.00 a lesson, pay in advance for 4 and get 5th one free. Minimum 48 hours cancellation for refund. Payments in advance either bank transfer reference FIR and your surname, sort code 20 48 08, account number 40842397, or cash in a named envelope.

Marion Smith, 9 Savages Close, Bishops Tachbrook, CV33 9RL. Booking forms to this address or emailed.

[marismi913@gmail.com](mailto:marismi913@gmail.com) 07813 206356

Please mark on chart which rides you wish to attend, paid and free

### Tuesday Evening Instructional Rides 2023

SEP	5th	19th	
OCT	3rd	17th	31st
NOV	14th	28th	
DEC	12th		

Name

Address

Email

Emergency contact name and number

I have paid £..... by transfer or cash

### **TUESDAY EVENING SHOW JUMP SESSIONS**

#### **MORETON MORRELL**

Sessions run at :

- 6.15pm (80cm - 90cm)
- 7pm (70cm - 80cm)
- 7.45pm group if we have enough interest.

These sessions are taken by UKCC level 3 coach Jo Hayward and are relaxed, flexible sessions working on confidence and technique.

Please contact Jo if you would like to join.

£15 a session or block book 4 sessions to get your 5th free.

#### **MORE INFO**

Email Jo;  
jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com



From 1st January 2023, BRC will no longer be accepting the following 2 hat standards and therefore all hats will need to be re-tagged.

In order to ensure riders are wearing the most up to date riding hats, please note that from the 1st January 2023, the following hat standards will no longer be accepted, due to the age of hats made to these standards:

1. PAS O15 1998
2. SNELL 2001

A new **pink** hat tag will be required for BE, PC and BRC competitions from 1st January 2023.

### NEW BACK PROTECTOR STANDARDS

If you are planning on getting a new back protector for next season, as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, the purple label beta level 3 2009 standard will no longer be acceptable.

*From 1 January 2024 BRC will no longer accept the 2009 Purple labels*

*All back protectors will need to be Beta level 3 blue label 2018 or after*

### WHIP RULES

The use of the whip must be for an appropriate reason, at an appropriate time, on the correct area of the horse and with the appropriate level of response.

**Appropriate Reason:** The whip must only be used as an aid to support the natural aids in encouraging the pony/horse forward, or to help the rider to encourage the pony/ horse in the right direction. For example, it may be used down the shoulder to keep a horse straight on the approach to a fence. It must never be used to vent a rider's temper; any use for such a reason is automatically excessive.

**Appropriate Time:** As an aid, the appropriate time is when the pony/horse is reluctant to go forward under natural aids i.e. seat and legs. Its use, for instance, after a refusal when a pony/horse has turned away, is excessive. Its use after elimination is excessive. Right area of the horse: As an aid to go forward the whip may be used down the shoulder or behind the rider's leg. The use of a whip on a pony's/ horse's head or neck is always excessive use.

**Appropriate Level of Response:** the whip should never be used more than three times during any incident; and if the pony/horse is marked by the whip (skin broken or a welt) its use is excessive. (The rider is expected to know if the pony/horse has sensitive skin and must use the whip accordingly). The arm should never be raised above the shoulder whilst using the whip. The whip should always be carried and used in the backhand (handle pointed upwards) position and never in the forehand position (handle pointed downwards).



CORRECT

INCORRECT

**Misuse of a whip:** If, in the opinion of the judge/official, a whip is misused/overused the rider may face up to 25 penalties or disqualification at the discretion of the Official Steward. Correct Incorrect

**Dropping a whip:** Whips may not be picked up if dropped, with the exception of Horse Trials see HT1.10.

### **DRESS CODE RULE CHANGE**

**Jodhpurs and Breeches:** White, cream, beige, **navy, or black** breeches or jodhpurs may be worn.



## AREA 5 PROGRAMME & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

		DATE	VENUE
18 June 2023	Q	Junior / Senior Horse Trials	Moreton Morrell
25 June 2023	Q	Intro Dressage Qualifier	Moreton Morrell
2 July 2023	Q	Junior / Senior dressage & RT	Princethorpe
5 July 2023		Dress Down Dressage with Stoneleigh points sections	Moreton Morrell
30 July 2023	Q	Junior / Senior Style & SJ	Solihull RC
10 August 2023		Dress Down Dressage with Stoneleigh points sections	Moreton Morrell
4 – 6 Aug 23	C	National Horse Trials	Swalcliffe Park Equestrian, Grange Farm, , Oxon. OX15 5EX
2 – 3 Sept 23	C	National Championships	Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln, Lincolnshire. LN2 2NAC
29 Sept – 1 Oct 23	C	Dressage To Music / Quadrille / INTRO	Bury Farm Equestrian, Slapton, Bucks, LU7 9BT