



STONELEIGH RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After all the rain last summer and at the beginning of this year, we have been experiencing the complete opposite, with hot dry weather and the problems of hard ground everywhere.

Following the Two Day Event at Princethorpe, which was reported on in the last newsletter, Stoneleigh stalwarts staged the Area 5 Dressage Qualifier at Moreton Morrell on 22nd June. As always, everyone worked extremely hard to make it a success and the many Stoneleigh competitors came up trumps with great results and many qualifications for the Championships. A full report will be found further on in this newsletter.

Very many thanks to all the volunteers, who worked tirelessly to ensure that the dressage went without a hitch and without whom we would not be able to run such events.

Early in July came the Horse Trials Qualifier at Offchurch (moved from Moreton Morrell at short notice) and, once again, several Stoneleigh riders did really well to qualify for the Horse Trials Championships at Swalcliffe, which took place on the first weekend in August and are reported on below.

The Show Jumping qualifier at Solihull brought mixed fortunes, but congratulations to Jo Marston, who came 2nd in the 70cm and to the 70cm team who won. As always, full details are given below.

You will note from Naomi's piece below that BRC HQ has introduced a new system for entry to qualifiers and changed the names of dressage tests to make them distinguishable from British Dressage tests. Please read these carefully as they will affect most members.

As always the Flat and Jumping sessions have continued to be very popular on alternate Tuesdays, ably organised by Marion Smith and Jo Hayward respectively. The flat rides take a break during August, but details of both can be found below. They are educational for horses and riders and good fun at the same time, so do get names down in good time.

Wishing everyone the best of luck in the various competitions. Stay safe and enjoy your horses.

BUD JACKSON

News from Area 5

Important Updates for Riders from BRC

The Area 5 Liaison Meeting was held on Wednesday, 28th May 2025 at Weston-under-Wetherley Village Hall, and heard the following key announcements from BRC that all members should be aware of:

Introduction of the "Rider Pass"

Starting from 1st October 2025, pre-entries for qualifying competitions will be replaced by a new "Rider Pass" system. From this date Rider Passes will be available for purchase on the Sport80 website at the following rates:

- £30 annual fee for riders with up to 2 horses
- £45 annual fee for riders with more than 2 horses

Further details and FAQs are available here: <https://britishridingclubs.sport80.com/uploads/faqs-68359b300f7b4785737716.pdf>

Please note that from 1st October 2025, all riders will need to hold a current Rider Pass to compete in classes that qualify for BRC National Championships. Stoneleigh Riding Club (SRC) team managers will need to verify eligibility when submitting entries to avoid disqualifications.

Renaming of BRC Dressage Tests

To avoid confusion with British Dressage (BD) tests, the following changes will be implemented for BRC Dressage tests:

- BRC Walk & Trot 1, 2, etc., will be renamed BRC Grass Roots A, B, etc.
- BRC Prelim 1, 2, etc., will be renamed BRC Prelim A, B, etc.
- BRC Novice 1, 2, etc., will be renamed BRC Novice A, B, etc.

AREA 5 DRESSAGE QUALIFIER

Stoneleigh were very busy at the Summer Dressage Qualifier in June. It was a great success and thanks to everyone who volunteered, supported and competed on the day.

Stoneleigh had 41 entries and 7 teams competing, so many riders had to ride and volunteer on the same day ! It was a busy but luckily a slightly cooler day.

So starting with our Juniors - our Oak team; Minnie Brookes, Alice Butler, Martha Webb and Lucy Talbot came second overall. Individually; Minnie was 3rd in the Intro1 and 4th in the P1, Martha was 5th in the P1, Lucy was 3rd in the P2 and Alice was first in Intro3 and 2nd in the P1. The team has qualified for the Champs at Lincoln in August with Alice also qualifying as an individual in the P1.

Next up was the Senior intro teams. our Beech team; Mandy Howells was first in the intro1, Stephanie Ainslie 3rd in the Intro3, Marion Smith 2nd in the P1 and Olivia McCullough first in the P2, Unsurprisingly the team came first again qualifying for the champs and Mandy and Olivia also qualifying as individuals. The 2nd Intro team the Ash team was down to only 3 ; Bronwyn Adams

6th in the Intro1, Alexandra Bull 5th P1 and Zoe Kruze 4th P2 but still managed to come 4th. Individually; Hannah Wolverson came 3rd in the Intro3 on her baby horse Biscuit and Joanne Hayward came 4th in the P1

We had 2 teams in the Prelim section. the Village team; Stephanie Ainslie 5th P4, Marion Smith 4th P1, Lucy Horner 7th P2 and Leasal Chapple-Hyam 2nd P3, came 3rd. Our Park team; Zoe 6th P4, Olivia McCullough 3rd P1, Daisy Beards 5th P2 and Bud Jackson 6th P3 coming a hot on their tails in 4th place.

Individually Daisy was 2nd in the P1 and Leasal was 3rd in the P2. They have both qualified for Lincoln.

Mixed open, The Abbey team came 2nd ; Daisy Beards N1, Karen Bennett N2, Philippa Gibbs 1st N3 and Jenni Goodman E1. This has also qualified them for the Champs, with Philippa qualifying as an individual. The Manor team were down to 3 but still came 9th ; Bud, Daisy, and Hannah Wolverson 3rd in the N3. Individually; Daisy Beards was 2nd in the N2, Jenni Goodman was 6th in then N2, Philippa Gibbs was 6th in the E1 and Daisy Beards 4th in the Medium.

Well done everyone very impressive results and so many ribbons . It's going to be another busy day at Lincoln for the champs . We do need x3 volunteers for Lincoln as each team has to supply a volunteer on the day and we have 3 teams going . If anyone would like to help us out with that that would be much appreciated.

HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER

What can I say, what an amazing day for Stoneleigh Riding Club at the Area 5 horse trials qualifier.

Stoneleigh were well represented in most sections, Bud Jackson contested the 70 cm where she picked up just a few time penalties to add to her dressage score to finish 9th.

Our 80 cm team had a great day with Katie Frost, Leasal Chapple Hyam and Nicola Wyldbore Smith riding brilliantly. Leasal finished on her dressage score of 29.5 to finish 2nd, Nicola again finished on her dressage score of 37.0 to take 4th and Katie just rolled one pole to add to her dressage of 34.7 to finish 6th.

In the 90 cm Daisy Beards had two rides finishing 9th on Orion just adding a pole SJ to her dressage score. Spinway Colm again just added a pole SJ and a few time penalties XC to drop her out of the placings. Andrew Jenkins and Jo Hayward also formed part of the Stoneleigh team, both picking up some penalties on the XC to put them in 4th place in the team event.

Rhianne Martin was our only entry in the 100cm where she finished on her dressage score of 40.7 to take second place.

BRC HORSE TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first weekend in August saw several Stoneleigh riders travel to the British Riding Clubs National Horse Trials championships held at Swalcliffe Equestrian. The show jumping and XC course proved testing for everyone with many technical questions and undulating XC terrain.



Katie and Alfie enjoying the XC

Saturday saw our individual 70 competitor Bud Jackson and Barney post a 36.7 dressage and clear show jumping to go forward to the XC on Sunday. Our 80cm Team of Andrew Jenkins with 41.7 dressage and 11 SJ penalties, Daisy Beards with a brilliant 27.0 dressage and an unlucky pole SJ, Katie Frost on 33.5 dressage and 12 SJ, and Nicola Wyldbore Smith on 34.2 dressage and clear SJ, all looked forward to the XC on Sunday. Finally Rhianne Martin joined with three other Area 5 riders to form an Area 5 team

who did their dressage on Saturday along with their XC where Rhianne picked up one stop and a few time penalties over a testing course.

Sunday saw the turn of the 70 and 80cm riders on the XC course which proved testing for many combinations. Daisy produced a great round to go clear within the time to leave her on her overnight score of 31 which gave her 4th place in her section. Katie picked up a few penalties early on the course but once he got into his stride finished strongly. Unfortunately Andrew and Nicola did not complete the course, but invaluable experience was gained by all.

Rhianne went clear show jumping on Sunday and although not placed individually the Area 5 team finished in third place.

It was a great achievement to have qualified for the event and having fence judged on the second water on Sunday I know the problems many riders were having.

Well done everyone



Daisy Beards

AREA 5 Show Jumping Qualifier

Our show jumping riders were out in force again at the end of July for the Area 5 Show jumping qualifier held at Solihull RC.

First up was our junior rider Peyton Beckham on Captain JJ Sparrow in the 70cm who rode three fantastic rounds finishing clear but just pipped to first place on time in the jump off. Next up were our senior 70 cm team which did not disappoint Jo Bunyan riding three clear rounds to finish 9th on time, Karen Bennett just picking up 4 faults in the jump off along with Bud Jackson, and Katie Frost finished on 8 faults in the jump off. This left the team in 1st place and qualification for the national championships at Lincoln on 31st August.

We had one rider in the junior 80 cm section Chloe Collins Stockil, who rode three clear rounds to take 2nd place on Di George's new horse Easy with Aces she has received an invite to the championships at Lincoln on 30th August. Our senior 80 team of Andrew Jenkins, Olivia McCullough and Leasal Chapple Hyam all picked up a few penalties to drop them out of the individual placings but they finished 4th as a team, Nicola Wyldbore Smith, Molly Ellis and Vickie Cullen also just picked a few penalties to put them out of the placings.

Our 90 cm team of Rhianne Martin posted 3 super clear rounds to finish 3rd individually, Chloe Collins Stockil this time riding her horse Brownie and Daisy on Spinway Colm picked up a few penalties to finish team 2nd, Daisy this time riding Orion produced three great rounds to finish 4th individually.

Jo Hayward contested the 105cm class for points only and finished in a well-deserved 4th place.

Well done everyone and we look forward to joining the dressage riders who have already qualified.

INSTRUCTIONAL RIDES

Instructional/Flat Rides

August is our rest month. Really it means I don't make a mess of organising and Liz can have a break from all you lovely riders. On September 2nd we resume: all raring to go. Maybe not best choice of words!!

Our last ride in July had 3 rides with a total of 17 riders. We start at 6.00 each ride is 45 minutes with a maximum of 6 riders. We are so lucky to have Liz Neal instructing. Popularity proves how good she is.

Lovely to have a loyal core of riders made up of regulars, returnees and some new members. Seniors only.

If you are not a member but would like to 'try' us, you can come to two rides. Pretty sure you'll want to join so you can come for more.

These Tuesday evening Instructional Rides are held at Moreton Morrell in the indoor school. £15.00 a lesson but pay in advance for 5 and get 6th one free. Bargain. Minimum 48 hours cancellation for refund.

Dates 2025

2nd, 16th, 30th Sept, 14th, 28th Oct, 11th, 25th Nov, 9th, 23rd Dec



Here's how to pay

<https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=485989>

Marion Smith marismi913@gmail.com 078206356



Stoneleigh Riding Club Junior Flatwork sessions



Sessions at Moreton Morrell on a Thursday

6pm - 7pm

£15 a session

Block book 5 sessions & get 6th free

September dates coming soon!

We can only run these sessions if enough interest (minimum of 4) so there will be a strict payment & booking deadline of 12pm the Tuesday before & the cancellation policy will run from 4pm on that Tuesday as we can't cancel the arena or coach past this time without a charge.



If interested please email Amy for booking details:
amy.barker2@hotmail.co.uk



Stoneleigh Riding Club Tuesday evening Jump & polework sessions



Fortnightly sessions at Moreton Morrell in the covered arena.

When numbers permit we run a polework session, Jump session and polework towards jumping.

5:45pm Polework

6:30pm Jump

7:15pm Polework towards jumping

Groups are sent out on the Saturday before to confirm times.

If you'd like adding to the distribution list please drop me an email.

Book a block of 5 and get your 6th free, credits to be booked via the link below and then email to confirm which sessions you'd like to join.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me; jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com



SHOW JUMP TRAINING

The pattern changes a bit over the summer around availability of the arena, so the next block of dates are: 5th August, 19th August, break, 9th September, 23rd September, 7th October, 21st October, 4th November, 18th November, 2nd December, 16th December, Break for Christmas, 2026 dates to be confirmed.

Payment link: <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=485991>

DRESSAGE POINTS COMPETITIONS

We are pleased to announce that our point's dressage competitions incorporated within Moreton Morrell's unaffiliated dressage competitions are continuing, these are especially aimed at our grass roots riders and gain points towards awards at our end of year presentation evening.

Last competition of 2024 – 25 Season

[Moreton Morrell Evening Unaff Dress Down Dressage Competition Inc Stoneleigh RC Points](#)

**Unaffiliated dressage
at
Warwickshire
College
2025-26**

Sept 13th, Oct 4th, Nov 29th, Dec 13th, Jan 17th, Feb 7th, March 7th, April 11th, May 16th

Link for Sept 13th entries [Moreton Morrell RC Unaffiliated Dressage Competition inc Stoneleigh RC Points](#)

AREA 5 PROGRAMME & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

DATE		EVENT	VENUE
5 Oct 2025	Q	Junior / Senior Novice Dressage	Solihull
19 Oct 2025	Q	Mixed 60 cm, 70 cm, 80cm, 90cm Mixed 100 SJ qualifier	Solihull
2 Nov 2025	Q	DTM	Moreton Morrell
22 Nov 2025	Q	Intro Dressage Qualifier	Moreton Morrell
24 Jan 2026	P	Show Jumping Mixed 60 cm, 70 cm, 80cm, 90cm Mixed 100 SJ	Moreton Morrell
21 – 22 February 26	Q	Arena Eventing Qualifier	Dallas Burston
7 March 2026	Q	Intermediate Dressage Qualifier	Weston Lawns
28 – 29 March 26	C	Winter Show jumping Championships	Arena UK, Allington Lane, Allington, Grantham, NG32 2EF
11 April 2026	Q	Combined Training	Solihull RC
24 – 26 April 26	C	Dressage To Music / Quadrille / INTRO / Novice and Intermediate winter dressage championships	Arena UK, Allington Lane, Allington, Grantham, NG32 2EF
9 May 2026	Q	Combined Challenge	Solihull RC
23 – 24 May 26	P	2DE	Princethorpe
29 – 31 May 26	C	Arena eventing championships	Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls, Daventry, Northamptonshire. NN11 6RT
7 June 2026	Q	HT QUALIFIER	Moreton Morrell
12 July 2026	Q	Junior / Senior dressage	Moreton Morrell
26 July 2026	Q	Junior / Senior SJ	Solihull RC
	C	National Horse Trials	Swalcliffe Park Equestrian, Grange Farm, Swalcliffe, Banbury, Oxon. OX15 5EX
	C	National Championships	Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln, Lincolnshire. LN2 2NAC
	C	Combined Championships (formally FOTH)	Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls, Daventry, Northamptonshire. NN11 6RT