



## **STONELEIGH RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023 OUR 106<sup>th</sup> EDITION**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, DECEMBER 2023**

I am delighted to announce that we now have a new president! When Stoneleigh Riding Club was founded in 1968 for the staff at the Royal Showground, Wendy Bell was co-opted onto the committee taking on the post of Secretary back in 1969 – fifty-four years ago! For most of that time she has held the post of Secretary or Chairperson until she retired in 2021, although she did then agree to remain on the committee.

Wendy handled every event and situation with the club, good or bad, with the utmost care, kindness, encouragement, efficiency, tact and diplomacy, and we all owe her a huge debt of gratitude for her years of service in those roles.

As a committee, we felt that the time had come to release her from her duties on the committee, but we definitely don't want to lose her altogether and we agreed that we would very much like to appoint Wendy as President of Stoneleigh Riding Club. I am hoping that, as President, Wendy will continue to be the font of all knowledge for me and others to tap into as we go on. The appointment was duly made at the recent Christmas quiz and presentation evening.



Well, what a year!! Early on, I had a silly accident which meant that Philippa Gibbs took over as chair and did a wonderful job in my absence. During the year, members have come up trumps time and again, qualifying for numerous championships and flying the flag for Stoneleigh, as reported in previous newsletters. Since the last newsletter in October, there have been two more dressage qualifiers, the Novice Winter Dressage at which the four teams came third, fourth, sixth and tenth, with two new members representing the club, and the Intro Qualifier, the results of which can be seen further on.

As has already been reported, the Two Day Event and Summer Dressage qualifier at Princethorpe went extremely well, even though entries were a little down on previous years. The introduction of a 70cm class at the Two Day Event proved to be very popular.

At the AGM and Committee meetings in October it was suggested that membership should be opened up to juniors aged 10 to 18 years, and it was agreed that this should be put to the membership at a Special General Meeting, to be held just before the presentation evening on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The result was overwhelming support for the Junior Membership, so this will now be implemented. Attempts will be made to keep juniors and seniors in separate groups at the Instructional Rides and Jumping sessions where possible and we will be appointing a Co-ordinator for junior members to avoid confusion.

Jo Marston has been kept extremely busy organising entries and teams for the numerous dressage qualifiers at all levels, and Val Malka has combined organising all the entries and teams for any area competitions involving jumping,

with looking after everything to do with membership, producing the bi-monthly newsletter, posting very useful notices on our Facebook page, and keeping us up to date with BRC and Area 5 activities.

Away from competitions, Marion Smith continued to organise the fortnightly Instructional Rides at Moreton Morrell. After a quiet spell, these are being well supported and Marion has encouraged new members to come along and then have a go at the series of unaffiliated dressage competitions at Moreton Morrell, with special sections for Stoneleigh members at levels from Intro to Elementary.

Jo Hayward has continued to organise and instruct at the jumping sessions at Moreton Morrell on alternate Tuesday evenings, helping riders and their horses at all levels, and preparing them for the various competitions and qualifiers. Jo has also been instrumental in publicising and promoting Riding Club events through the newsletter and on social media. She also organised the recent Christmas Quiz and Presentation evening, which was a huge success

My grateful thanks to every member of the committee for pulling together to make the club such a success, and looking after me for the whole year. In particular, my thanks to Philippa Gibbs for her support as vice chair and, as always showing a second string to her bow by providing a delicious supper for the social evening.

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY CHRISTMAS AND A SUCCESSFUL 2024

Bud Jackson

## **STONELEIGH RC MEMBERSHIP 2024**

### **The way we process memberships has changed.....**

British Riding Clubs have joined with Sport 80 to provide a central online membership system. You will no longer pay your membership to Stoneleigh RC directly by bank transfer or cheque, all current members should or will receive a link to <https://britishridingclubs.sport80.com> to set up a password which will give you access to your account portal. If you renew any time before 31<sup>st</sup> December this year this will give you membership until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 thereafter renewals will be on a rolling yearly membership.

If you are a member and have missed the email please go onto <https://britishridingclubs.sport80.com>, click forgotten password and you will be asked to enter your email address, you will then be sent a new link but this will only be valid for 24 hours. Once you have set up your password you will then come onto your profile page. Click on edit profile, add your date of birth and click next, enter your emergency contact details and again click next, check your address is correct and click next this will bring up your email options, confirm your preferences and click submit. When you come to renew your membership click on the tab club memberships on the left hand side of the profile page, click on add membership on top right, this will bring up all the clubs available to join, select Stoneleigh RC and continue the renewal process.

When you access your portal you may find your membership number may not match the number you were given this year. This is because BRC have assigned you a unique number based on the year you first joined BRC followed by the code for the club you first joined with then the membership number you received. For team managers completing championship entries you will be required to use the member's unique number and I will circulate these to the relevant people when required.

There are 5 levels of membership

- New Senior Members £38
- Renewing Senior Members £35
- New Junior Members £32
- Renewing Junior Members £30
- Non Riding Members £24

Please ensure you apply for the correct one, payment will be online and there will be a booking fee of £1.50p. If you are a new member wishing to join Stoneleigh RC please go to <https://britishridingclub.sport80.com> and click on create account. Please remember to attend any flat work or jump training or to compete for the club you MUST be on the current membership list.

I know to some of you this may seem a little daunting but please if you have any problems feel free to message Val Malka at [membership.stoneleighrc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.stoneleighrc@gmail.com) or there is a helpful support link on the site.

We look forward to you all re-joining our club, and seeing you at various training, talks, social events and competitions during the coming season.

## **STONELEIGH RC PRESENTATION EVENING**

It was great to see everyone at this year's quiz, supper and awards evening, a huge vote of thanks to Jo Hayward for organising the tickets, quiz, and raffle which raised £45 for the air ambulance. Some great quiz rounds, making some of us realise how little we knew about horses! Amazing food as always thanks to Philippa Gibbs.

**Congratulations** to all our award winners, who are listed below, if you won an award but were unable to attend please contact Val Malka [valeriemalka@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valeriemalka@yahoo.co.uk) and we will organise getting it to you. I will be at Moreton Morrell on 10<sup>th</sup> December for the Stoneleigh point's dressage.

### **MEMBERS DRESSAGE:**

- INTRO:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bronwyn Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vicky Timms, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sophie Brereton, 4<sup>th</sup> Margaret Hughes, 5<sup>th</sup> Bud Jackson
- PRELIM:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jo Marston, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marion Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> = Margaret Hughes & Bronwyn Adams, 5<sup>th</sup> Vicky Timms
- NOVICE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Liz Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bud Jackson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jo Hayward, 4<sup>th</sup> Hannah Wolverson, 5<sup>th</sup> Marion Smith, 6<sup>th</sup> Clare Taylor Reeves
- ELEMENTARY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bud Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jo Hayward, 3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Cooper, 4<sup>th</sup> Becca Hickman
- SUE WIXEY SHIELD:** BUD JACKSON

### **AREA 5 DRESSAGE**

- INTRO:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mandy Howells, 2<sup>nd</sup> = Katie Frost (Shanna Bobby) & Bronwyn Adams, 4<sup>th</sup> Katie Frost (Currabawn Alfie)
- PRELIM:** 1<sup>st</sup> Marion Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alice Bell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Philippa Gibbs & Hannah Wolverson, 5<sup>th</sup> Naomi Cross (Chez), 6<sup>th</sup> Katie Frost & Amy Butler
- NOVICE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Carrie Stevens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Naomi Cross, 3<sup>rd</sup> = Karen Bennett, Nicki Brunt, Jo Hayward
- ELEMENTARY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Naomi Cross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Philippa Gibbs, 3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Owens, 4<sup>th</sup> Marisa Allright
- MEDIUM:** 1<sup>st</sup> = Elly Forbes & Tina Kazmi
- DTM:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lucy Bell, 2<sup>nd</sup> = Karen Bennett, Naomi Cross, Su Morgan, 5<sup>th</sup> Pam Rose & Jo Hayward
- RIDERS TEST:** 1<sup>st</sup> Naomi Cross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Bennett, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marion Smith, 4<sup>th</sup> Marisa Allright
- PAIRS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jo Marston & Naomi Cross

**ARENA EVENTING:** 1<sup>st</sup> Katherine Morton, 2<sup>nd</sup> = Rhianne Martin & Bud Jackson, 4<sup>th</sup> Marisa Allright

**FOTH:** 1<sup>st</sup> Marisa Allright, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Butler, 3<sup>rd</sup> Naomi Cross, 4<sup>th</sup> = Katie Frost & Vicky Maggs, 6<sup>th</sup> Rhianne Martin

**HORSE TRIALS** 70cm 1<sup>st</sup> Jo Fontaine

80cm: 1<sup>st</sup> Jo Hayward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Philippa Gibbs, 3<sup>rd</sup> = Clare Smith, Andrew Jenkins & Molly Ellis

90cm: 1<sup>st</sup> Hannah Wolverson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Katie Davey

100cm: 1<sup>st</sup> Marisa Allright, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhianne Martin

**SHOW JUMPING**70cm: 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Naomi Cross (Chez), 3<sup>rd</sup> Katie Frost, 4<sup>th</sup> Naomi Cross (Connor)

80cm: 1<sup>st</sup> Bud Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Jenkins, 3<sup>rd</sup> Katie Frost

90cm: 1<sup>st</sup> Samantha Clarke

100cm: 1<sup>st</sup> Marisa Allright, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhianne Martin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jo Hayward

**STYLE JUMPING**

1<sup>st</sup> Naomi Cross

Moon River Plate (OVERALL POINTS): 1<sup>st</sup> BUD JACKSON, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marion Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Cooper. 4<sup>th</sup> Jo Marston, 5<sup>th</sup> Naomi Cross, 6<sup>th</sup> Bronwyn Adams

The Fleur Flower Pot for rider gaining most points at Area 5: **NAOMI CROSS (Connor)**

BRC Trophy for most improved rider: **ALAN GEORGE**

Bill and Joy Smith (Helpers Cup): **LINDA BLYTH**

**A FIRST FOR STONELEIGH RC.....**

Following our AGM / SGM it was decided to invite junior members to join Stoneleigh Riding Club. This is a first for Stoneleigh and we are looking forward to welcoming younger members to our club who we hope will remain with us when they move on to seniors.

We are planning on organising specific junior training sessions on a regular basis, more details on this to come and we are looking to appoint a junior team manager to help organise these and look after any members who may wish to represent our club at Area 5 events. If you are interested or would like more information regarding what the role will involve please contact [valeriemalka@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valeriemalka@yahoo.co.uk).

We will still continue to run our training sessions on a fortnightly basis for senior members alternating between show jumping and flat work lessons on a Tuesday evening at Moreton Morrell.

**JUMP TRAINING**



**TUESDAY EVENING SHOW JUMP TRAINING**  
**Moreton Morrell from 6pm**

*Fortnightly sessions with UKCC level 3 coach Jo Hayward*

*Relaxed, flexible sessions working on confidence and technique.*

*For more information email Jo: [jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com](mailto:jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com)*

The committee are always looking at keeping costs down for our members, but unfortunately the instructional rides last year did lose money. To save us putting up the cost of the sessions, as of the 1st of January if you block book 5 sessions the 6th is free (rather than 4 and the 5th free) hopefully this will make enough difference to allow us to hold the session price at £15 for a bit longer.

You can book your show jump sessions using the following link: <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=441961>

**Juniors now welcome**

We are now able to accommodate juniors in the 6pm jump session, which if necessary will be a mixed junior/senior session for those happy to share.

The 6:45pm session will be seniors (and older juniors on horses if space), jumping 80cm - 1m.

If numbers warrant there will be a third session at 7:30pm (seniors) which will be pole work & jumping up to 80cm.

**2023 Dates:** 5th Dec, 19th Dec

**2024 Dates:** 2nd Jan, 16th Jan, 30th Jan, 13th Feb, 27th Feb, 12th Mar, 26th Mar

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me; [jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com](mailto:jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com)

Kind regards,  
Jo

## Flat Instructional Rides

Nearly had 3 rides last night, so exciting. Then 4 riders had to withdraw so 2 rides. Good to see numbers increasing. And the riders are such a friendly bunch. If you haven't attended a lesson do come and join in. It's such a chance to help young or spooky horses to get used to riding in a group and coping with indoor school. Potential riders are welcome to attend on foot to see what happens. For those new to the club, the Tuesday evening Instructional Rides are with Liz Neal. Liz is very safety conscious they are held at Moreton Morrell in the indoor school £15.00 a lesson but pay in advance for 5 and get 6th one free. The first ride is usually at 6.15pm and the second 7.00. Minimum 48 hours cancellation for refund.

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

Here's the test. Get 1 to 5 correct and you're in!



To aid my efficiency, so sadly lacking, if you wish to join an I R please let me have this information.

1. Your name and phone number
2. An emergency contact number
3. How you are paying i.e. cash/transfer
4. How much you have paid
5. Dates on which you hope to come

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

Anything 'special' like earliest/latest you can get to ride. Info on email or back of envelope will do.

Payment is to Stoneleigh Riding Club, Ref FIR and your surname

Sort code 20 48 08

Account number 40842397

If you pay cash correct money in named envelope please.

## 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.

Entries are currently open for 10<sup>th</sup> December see the link below

**Unaffiliated Dressage**

**at**

**Warwickshire College**

**2023-24**

**Next Stoneleigh RC point's dressage on 10th December 2023**

**Classes from Intro to Elementary**

**[https://horsemonkey.com/equestrian\\_event/52184](https://horsemonkey.com/equestrian_event/52184)**

**Other dates for your diary are**

**January 13th 2024**

**February 17th 2024**

**March 30th 2024**

**April 7th 2024**



### **ARENA EVENTING QUALIFIER**

Congratulations to all our riders who took part in the Area 5 arena eventing qualifier at Dallas Burston in October. After the torrential rain on Friday we were lucky to have a cold start but beautiful sunshine all day for the competition. Thank you to Lloyd Hunt and all the LandS Eventing team for a great weekends competition.

Sadly due to holidays we were missing a few riders this year, but Margaret Hughes and the ever dependable Joe contested the 70 cm class and finished clear with just 0.4 time penalties to take 4th place. In the 80 cm Katherine Morton on Killea Queen Liz rode a super round just clipping the final joker fence to drop her out of the placings. Lily Oyamburu competing for the club for the first time on Skye Ten finished clear with no time penalties just missing out on the winning slot by hundredths of a second to take 2nd place.

On Sunday it was the turn of our 90 and 100 riders, our 90 team of Karen Bennett, Alan George, Samantha Clarke and Laura Askew finished 5th in the team section with Laura picking up just 1.2 time penalties to finish 5th individually.

Unfortunately we lost one of our 100 riders to Covid just before the event, hopefully you are feeling better Karen Owens, and an uncharacteristic fall took us out of the team competition but Rhianne Martin and BBB Rockin Rosie rode a fast round picking up a few time penalties and just caught the final joker for an additional 6 penalties. Last to go was Jo Hayward on Jubilee Prince who rode a foot perfect round picking up 0.8 time penalties to finish 6th overall.

Well done everyone

### **DRESSAGE REPORT**

It's been an extremely busy month for dressage in November with 3 qualifiers!

We started off with the **Dressage to Music qualifier** on 4th November. SRC riders had mixed fortunes, unfortunately several riders had to withdraw due to illness, flooding and other mishaps and those that did make it had to brave the horrible weather. Marie Bak and Dazzle me were first up in the prelim class but Dazzle me found it all a bit daunting unfortunately. Next was the Novice without points, where we fared better, Karen Bennett came 3rd on Silvester's Jubilee despite a last minute crisis with her music and Pip Walker came fourth on Castle Pirate. Laura Askew rode a lovely test in the Novice with points, coming first and qualifying for the championships next year. Joanne Hayward on The Kossack came 3rd and Sue Bullock on her new horse Seabally Sergio were 4th. Great results well done

That was followed by an exciting weekend at Solihull at the re-scheduled **Novice dressage Qualifier** on 18/19th November. I wasn't there but it was nail biting watching the results come in. It was very close, Stoneleigh fielded 4 teams and ended up 3rd, 4th, 6th and 10th out of 18 teams, so well done everyone, and a big welcome to 2 new members , Beth Rapson and Olivia McCullough.

The event started on Saturday with the Intro C and P7.

Katie Frost on Currabawn Alfie came 3rd in the Intro. Mandy Howells back in the saddle but not placed this time.

Mixed results in the P7. Amy Barker on her gorgeous Beau came 1st and Naomi Cross on Chez hot on her heels coming 2<sup>nd</sup>, also in the P7 Marion Smith riding Amy's Amber, who she'd never sat on before, and Beth Rapson making her debut for Stoneleigh.

Sunday it was the P12, N24 and N27;

P12. Olivia McCullough, also making her debut for us on Artie came 2nd

N24. Hannah Wolverson on Callista Clover came 2nd, Laura Askew on Balouboy came 3rd and Joanne Hayward on The Kossack came 4th.

N27. Naomi Cross again but this time on Connor came 4th.

Great results ladies

Team results were very close, the winning team finished on a total of 7 points, 2nd team on 10 and then we were 3 and 4th both on 11 points. The Meadow team; Beth, Bud Jackson, Hannah Wolverson and Naomi Cross, just pipped the Beech team; Amy Barker, Pip Walker and Joanne Hayward not surprising as it was only a team of 3. The Oak team, Naomi Cross, Philippa Gibbs, Laura Askew and Joanne Hayward finished 6th on 14 points. and the Park team, Marion Smith, Olivia McCullough, Karen Bennett and Nicky Brunt finished 10th on 19 points.

So well done everyone

And lastly another good, albeit rather cold and damp, day for Stoneleigh at the **Intro dressage qualifier** at Moreton Morrell on the 26th.

We had 2 teams and one individual, Mandy Howells in the Intro B. Both teams finished on only 10 points. the



*Olivia and Artie*

Park team; Marie Bak, Clare Taylor Reeves, Olivia McCullough and Marion Smith came 3rd, just putting the Abbey team; Lisa Davis, Amy Barker, Margaret Hughes and Alice Bell into 4th by the 4th rider score.

Amy Barker riding her daughters pony Amber came 1st in the Intro B, so will be off to the champs at Bury farm in March if Alice lets her!

Olivia McCullough on Artie, had an amazing day, coming 2nd in the P1 and 1st in the P2, so will be joining Amy at Bury farm. Congratulations both of you.

Also Individually, Marie Bak on Dazzle Me came 5th in the Intro A and 6th in the Intro B. and Alice Bell on Laburnham Prince came 5th in the P2.

And lastly a big welcome and congratulations to

Alice Butler on Amber, our first competing junior member, coming 3rd in the junior Intro B.

So great results and that wraps up the year for the area 5 qualifiers, a big thanks to Val Malka, Wayne Rodwell and the Moreton Morrell team, and the Solihull RC team as well as all the other volunteers for all their hard work and giving up their time to make these events run so smoothly.



*Alice and Amber*

## **AREA 5 PRESENTATION EVENING**

Saturday 6th January 2024

Weston Village Hall

Join us for our Area 5 quiz, supper and presentation evening

Tickets £5 cash on the night payable at the door. If clubs could please bring a pudding to share on the evening. Tea and coffee provided please bring your own drinks.

Numbers to [valeriemalka@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valeriemalka@yahoo.co.uk) NO LATER THAN 2nd January 2024

All Area 5 members and their friends are welcome, we would especially like to invite the following Stoneleigh RC members

**NAOMI CROSS, KAREN BENNETT, KATHERINE MORTON, AMY BUTLER, HANNAH WOLVERSON, MARISA ALLRIGHT.**

## NEW BACK PROTECTOR RULE FOR 2024

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*

### NEW FLU VAC RULES

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## Flu Vaccinations 2024

### Important Flu Vaccination Update

Following advice from British Equestrian, BRC will be amending the intervals of new or restarting flu vaccination courses from 1 January 2024.

Vaccinations that are up to date and correct are not altered by this change, only courses starting after 1 January 2024 are affected.

Important reminder that 2024 is a leap year and whilst they are not counted for annual vaccinations, the extra day must be considered for the primary course (V1 – V3).

Other vaccination rules will remain the same. Full details will be found in the 2024 Handbook when available.

Vaccination courses started before 1 January 2024 may follow either of the intervals set out below.

	Intervals before 1 January 2024	Intervals from 1 January 2024
1 <sup>st</sup> Vaccination (V1)		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vaccination (V2)	21 – 92 days	21 – 60 days
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vaccination (V3)	150 – 215 days	120 – 180 days
Booster	Not more than 1 year apart	Not more than 1 year apart

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## AREA 5 PROGRAMME & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

DATE		EVENT	VENUE
28 Jan 2024	P	Show Jumping	Moreton Morrell
Sun 25 Feb 2024	Q	Junior and Senior 70 cm, 80cm, 90cm Mixed 100 & 105cm SJ qualifier	Solihull
8 – 10 March 2024	C	Dressage To Music / Quadrille / INTRO	Bury Farm Equestrian,
16 March 2024	Q	Intermediate Dressage Qualifier	Weston Lawns
6 – 7 April 2024	C	Winter Novice SJ and dressage championships	Arena UK,
Sat 13 April 2024	Q	Combined Training	Solihull RC
27 – 28 April 2024	C	Winter Intermediate Dressage & Show jumping	Arena UK,
5 May 2024	Q	Combined Challenge	Solihull RC
25– 26 May 2024	P	2DE	Princethorpe
31 May – 2 June	C	Arena eventing championships	Washbrook Farm,
23 June 2024	Q	Junior / Senior Horse Trials	Solihull RC
7 July 2024	Q	Junior / Senior dressage	Princethorpe
27 July 2024	Q	Junior / Senior Style & SJ	Solihull RC
AUG TBC	C	National Horse Trials	Swalcliffe Park Equestrian,
31 Aug – 1 Sept 2024	C	National Championships	Lincolnshire Showground,
5 – 6 Oct 2024 TBC	C	Combined Championships (formally FOTH)	Washbrook Farm, Aston le Walls