



STONELEIGH RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023 OUR 104th EDITION Vice CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well the summer weather may not be quite what we as horse riders or farmers would like and it has certainly impacted on what we can do, but Stoneleigh have still managed to be very busy and successful out and about competing but also with instructional rides and lots of very kind people volunteering and helping at our own events and others, the volunteers are the absolute backbone of the equestrian world just as much for riding clubs across the country as ours.

We ran the dressage qualifier again at Princethorpe College and despite entries being lower than usual it turned out to be a very enjoyable day.

I am not going to mention individuals here as I know the competition reports will do this but thank you to all who have competed for Stoneleigh so far this summer and good luck at Lincoln and Bury Farm for the next 2 championships.

We look forward shortly to our AGM, Thursday 26th October at Stoneleigh Village Hall, which not only reports on the year gone but hopefully looks forward to next year and is an ideal place to voice any ideas you may have for things you would like the club to do - potentially a new type of discipline or a social something- any ideas are very welcome, so please come along.

On a very sad note we learned of the sudden and unexpected passing of Emma Gann who owned, ran and was the company EmmPix photography, she had supported Stoneleigh for many years and I am sure photographed most of us at some point. Some of our committee attended her funeral a couple of weeks ago and we will be making a donation to the families chosen charity.

Philippa Gibbs

STONELEIGH RC AGM

Our AGM is scheduled to take place at Stoneleigh Village Hall, Hall Cl, Stoneleigh,
Coventry CV8 3DG

On

Thursday 26th October 2023

Tea and cake will be available with donations to the Air Ambulance.

Any questions or if you are interested in joining the committee please contact Katherine Morton: secretary.stoneleighrc@gmail.com for further information.

EMMA GANN

I am sure that by now you will all have heard the sad news of the death of Emma Gann.

Emma has taken photographs at Stoneleigh RC events for very many years and has delighted us with the quality of her work, particularly at the 2 day event where EmmPIX photography was a regular feature.

She was always smiling, friendly and professional. We shall miss her very much, our thoughts and Prayers are with Kevin and their family.

Bud, Alex Darkes and I attended the cremation on behalf of Stoneleigh RC and Princethorpe College. The club will also be making a donation in her memory to her chosen charity 'The Warwickshire Air Ambulance'.

Wendy Bell



Dressage report

Stoneleigh riders have been very busy since the last newsletter

Intro dressage qualifier

We had a very hot day at Moreton Morrell for the Intro dressage qualifier. Stoneleigh had x2 teams competing:

Our **Park team**: Hannah Wolverson on Callista Clover came first in the P1, Marion Smith and Star came first in the P2, Mandy Howells on Dromalaga Layla came 5th in the Intro B and Katie Frost on Currabawn Alfie was 8th in the Intro A, which meant the team came a very close first with a score of 7 and will qualify for the Intro championships at Bury farm on 30th Sept / 1st Oct. Well done ladies.

The **Meadow team** : Bronwyn Adams on Millersford belle, Marie Bak on Dazzle me, Margaret Hughes on Joe and Katie Downes on Cloneenagh Paddy also did very well in the heat but were not placed this time.

Katie Frost also competed in the Intro B as an individual and came 3rd

Well done everyone, especially on such a hot day, and nice to see some new faces representing Stoneleigh, it's good to have you on board. Sorry I couldn't get to see all of you but I had a very sweaty son running the Leamington 1/2 marathon and needed to be ready with water and jelly babies

Princethorpe dressage qualifier

Well, what an amazing day we had at Princethorpe for the Dressage qualifier. Everything ran like clockwork, thanks to our tireless committee and the all you wonderful volunteers who helped on the day. I hope you enjoyed it.

Our Stoneleigh riders didn't do too bad either .We have 2 teams going to Lincoln for the championships, and 8 individuals!!!!

So.. Starting with the **Intro** we pretty much wiped the board- Katie Frost 1st, Mandy Howells 2nd and Bronwyn Adams 3rd. Katie and Mandy have both qualified for the champs.

Riders Test: our **Park** team finished first. consisting of Karen Bennett 1st and Marion Smith 3rd in the P12 ; and Naomi Cross on Connor 1st, and Marisa Allright 6th in the N27. Naomi scored an incredible 87.5% and Marisa was riding a pony she had only sat on once and which had never done a dressage test, very impressive ladies.

Prelim: Our **Abbey** team came 3rd; Katie Frost 3rd P7, Marion Smith 4th P13, Amy Barker 6th P14 and Naomi Cross on Chez 2nd P18. Our **Meadow** team were 5th with a team of x3; Jo Marston 6th P7, Philippa Gibbs 1st P14 and Vicky Maggs 9th P18.

Katie, Philippa and Naomi all qualifying for the Champs as individuals.

Next up were the **Open** teams: our **Beech** team came first; Faye McKenning 4th N24, Joanne Hayward 4th N30, Nicky Brunt 1st N23 and Naomi again on Connor 1st in the E43. The **Oak** team weren't

far behind finishing 3rd; Naomi on Chez 2nd N24, Su Morgan 6th N30, Marisa Allright 4th N23 and Philippa Gibbs 4th E43.

We also had 2 individuals in the N24, Lucy Bell Chops-Rouse coming 3rd and Karen Bennett coming 1st. We only had one rider in the **Medium** Elly Mortimer who was 2nd and 5th in the M92 and M61. Karen and Elly have both qualified.

Lastly the **Pairs** which was won by Naomi on Connor and Jo Marston (I'm very excited about that)

So a very impressive set of results. Well done everyone and looking forward to our trip to Lincoln at the end of August.

AREA 5 SHOW JUMPING AND STYLE JUMPING QUALIFIER

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Area 5 show jumping qualifier at Solihull RC, some great results all round from everyone.



Katie and Shanna Boy

Our 70 cm team started the day with Katie Frost on Shanna Boy, Margaret Hughes on Joe and Jo Marston on Echrin, three lovely clear rounds from Joe to get individual 6th with the team coming 4th.



Margaret and Joe

Next up were our 80 cm riders, Andrew Jenkins on Cavaliers Mistress who also produced 3 clear rounds to finish 6th individually and along with Naomi Cross, Molly Ellis and Amy Barker who took 3rd place in the team section.

We fielded 7 riders in the 90 cm, one team of Naomi Cross, Marisa Allright, Karen Bennett, Clare Smith who had mixed fortunes but came 4th in the team section. We also had two individual riders Samantha Clarke, with two rides, Tias who finished 4th individually and Lucky for some who was just outside the placings along with Molly Ellis.

Last up were our 100 cm team Clare Holmes, Marisa Allright, Rhianne Martin and Joanne Hayward, with Jo just rolling a pole for 6th place and overall team 2nd.

Sadly Naomi had a nasty fall in the second round of the 90 cm but I am pleased to report is now on the mend.

Well done everyone. I have several rosettes still and will try and get them to you all ASAP.

HORSE TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The weekend started with Jo Fountaine who competed Friday in the 70 cm class and produced a 38.2 dressage score, she then went on to jump clear in the show jumping and XC within the time to finish on her dressage score coming 4th in her arena, a fantastic achievement on a young horse with a very bright future.



Jo and The Kinkey Blinder

Also competing Friday were Hannah Wolverson in the 90 cm dressage phase where she posted a brilliant 27.0 dressage score to put her in joint 3rd place overnight with the R & T, steeplechase and XC to come Saturday. Rhianne Martin was also in action in the 100 cm and goes into Saturday's R& T, steeplechase and XC on a 38.0 dressage score.

Mixed fortunes for our riders on Saturday and Sunday at the horse trials championships. In atrocious weather conditions Saturday, Hannah Wolverson and Rhianne Martin took on the Roads and Tracks, steeplechase and XC elements of the event with Hannah going clear inside the time in all the phases to leave her = 3rd overnight, Rhianne picked up several penalties on Phase C of the R & T and retired from the XC.

Clare Smith on Harvey started her campaign Saturday with a super 27.5 dressage and clear SJ leaving her in 3rd place overnight in her section. Sunday saw a complete change in the weather with sunshine and the odd shower, Hannah produced a great SJ round with no penalties to bring her up to second place just 0.8 penalties behind the winner.

Due to the poor ground conditions after Saturday, BRC made the decision to abandon the R & T and steeplechase for the Junior 90's and senior 80's on Sunday.

Unfortunately Harvey was not so keen on the XC and Clare retired to save Harvey for another day.

Well done everyone, especially those competing in such difficult conditions on Saturday.



Hannah and Callista Clover

A weekend at the horse trials championships from a friend / groom perspective

Oh, where do I start - I met Clare Smith a couple of years ago at Moreton Morrell on a Tuesday evening IR session. Knowing now that Clare is not only a great rider but has many other skills, we still go to the IR rides even though our riding skills are miles apart. Liz, the trainer, makes them fun but also manages to improve our riding!

Clare and Harvey were lucky to get a wild card for the BRC NAF Five Star Horse Trials Championships, which were held at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian on 5th and 6th August. I went along to watch, help, and learn more about Horse Trials.

On Saturday, the rain was pouring down; however, the lorry park was full when we arrived, and the whole place was a hive of activity. We got Harvey ready and did the tack checks, etc., and were ready to go. The warm-up area for the dressage was like being at a muddy Glastonbury (as were all the link paths around the lorry park), but the event was buzzing. I got very excited watching Clare's dressage test; Harvey went like a dream, and I was full of envy. Later on, we found out that she scored 27.5 and was running third!

Mid-afternoon, the rain had eased off a bit, but the ground was apparently still very "soft". Harvey likes the going to be soft, which was a relief. Clare and I walked the jumping course and then back to the trailer to get ready for the show jumping warm-up. The steward very loudly called Clare's number, and off she went. Amazing! I watched, using up as much energy as I think Clare did riding, seeing her do a clear round and retaining her 3rd place in a huge class was amazing.

Sunday morning, and the weather had changed. It looked as if it was going to be nice, but by 10 am, the cloud came over, and rain started - we arranged to meet late morning, so plenty of time for her 2.08 pm. cross-country start time. Still raining, we were all ready to head for the start of the cross-country course. The "going soft" had become a bog. Clare set off on time and soon found that the going was not good! After a couple of jumps, Clare decided not to continue risking injury to Harvey.

Be happy, everyone, and love and enjoy your horses like Clare did with Harvey on Sunday!
Bronwyn

FRED GARNER BURSARY

Fred Garner, as some of you will remember, was a founder member of Stoneleigh RC. He, together with his wife Eileen, our treasurer for many years, worked tirelessly to improve facilities and raise awareness of the club. He was very proud of its achievements.

When he died he left a legacy to be used as an annual award for a member who wished to improve/train in some way that would be of benefit to the club.

The committee decided to award the income the trust gained annually as the bursary. We also agreed to place 10% of the profit made when we ran competitions into the fund so that it could be perpetual. As interest rates dwindled we made the decision not to limit the award to the annual interest gain but discuss the amount according to the application with a ceiling of approx. £200.00.

In past years we have awarded it to members wishing to take specialist training courses - to become a dressage judge: to become a better SJ coach: to take BS training to become a judge. All these recipients have succeeded in their goals and returned to help the club.

Applications are invited for this year's fund. They should include a brief resume of your idea and how you can use the training to help the club in some way.

They should arrive by October 1st and will be decided by the committee at their next committee meeting.

Please send applications to Katherine Morton – secretary.stoneleighrc@gmail.com

SHOW JUMP TRAINING

TUESDAY EVENING SHOW JUMP SESSIONS

MORETON MORRELL

Sessions run at :

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

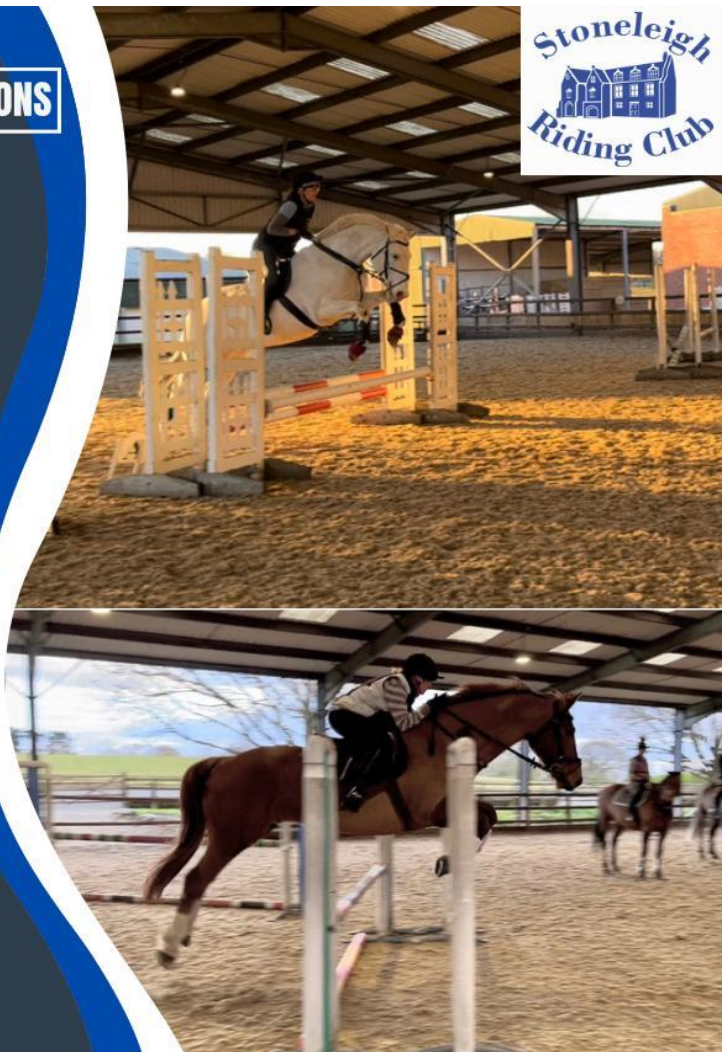
These sessions are taken by UKCC level 3 coach Jo Hayward and are relaxed, flexible sessions working on confidence and technique.

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



The jump sessions run alternate weeks to flat work restarting 15th August, For further details and the link to book session please email Jo; jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com

DRESSAGE POINTS COMPETITIONS

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

Unaffiliated Dressage with Stoneleigh RC points

Restart in September at Warwickshire College

September 9th

October 14th

November 18th

December 10th

January 13th

February 17th

March 30th

April 7th

Tuesday evening Instructional Rides

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. BARGAIN! 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 cheques to Stoneleigh Riding Club: to Marion Smith, 9 Savages Close, Bishops Tachbrook, CV33 9RL. Booking forms to this address too.

marismi913@gmail.com 07813 206356

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

Tuesday Evening Instructional Rides 2023

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| 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/cheque/cash

Marion

NEW BACK PROTECTOR STANDARDS

If you are planning on getting a new back protector, as from 1st 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 2024

| DATE | | EVENT | VENUE |
|----------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| 14 / 15 Oct 2023 | Q | Arena Eventing Qualifier | Dallas Burston |
| 21/ 22 Oct 2023 | Q | Junior / Senior Novice Dressage | Solihull |
| Sat 4 Nov 2023 | Q | DTM | Moreton Morrell |
| Sun 26 Nov 2023 | Q | Intro Dressage Qualifier | Moreton Morrell |
| 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, |