



## STONELEIGH RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022 No 98

When the last newsletter was published in June, I thought we might have a slightly quieter time for a little while. How wrong could I be?! In the middle of June, our eventers at all levels went to Solihull for the Horse Trials Qualifier, with some qualifying for the Championships at Swalcliffe, then the following weekend were the new Intro and Dressage to Music Qualifiers at Moreton Morrell – great results and qualifications once again.

Meanwhile, no sooner than we had wound down after the highly successful Two-Day-Event, we were off again, organising the Dressage Qualifier, once again at the wonderful setting of Princethorpe. Amy and Val worked very hard to get together a fantastic team of volunteers, without whom we would not be able to run any events at all, and Sue Gudge took on the role of Chief Steward, keeping everyone under control. With very little rain in the weeks before the dressage, the ground was hard but there was quite a good covering of grass to take the sting out of it and we had a good turnout, especially from Stoneleigh members who were out in force. Suffice to say, our brilliant Stoneleigh competitors came up trumps, with several teams and individuals who will be making their way to the championships at Lincoln in September.

Finally, the Show and Style Jumping Qualifier took place at Solihull on the last day of July, with the Style team winning and set to join the dressage riders at Lincoln.

Full results for all the qualifiers will be found later on in this newsletter – and will probably take up a good bit of space as there are so many. Congratulations to everyone, regardless of whether they qualified or not ... the Stoneleigh flag is flying high!

Sadly, the heatwave in the middle of July took its toll on the dressage and barbecue evening, as it was decided that, for the welfare of everyone involved, especially the horses and ponies, we would have to cancel. As it turned out, it was exactly the right decision, as it was still almost 30 degrees at 9.30 that night. There are plans to incorporate a barbecue or similar with whatever we decide to do at Christmas.

Huge congratulations and good luck to everyone who has qualified for the various championships.

Bud Jackson

### CLUB VOLUNTEERS

**Firstly** a huge thank you to all our members, friends, and relatives who have so kindly given up their time to volunteer at our events this year, without you these would not be able to run from set up to event day an enormous amount of time and effort goes into making sure they run smoothly.

Please could everyone put these dates in their diaries for 2023, Princethorpe two day 27th & 28th May and Princethorpe dressage qualifier 2nd July. We will be needing volunteers again so we are giving you as much notice as possible.

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered at one of our events this year, we truly are thankful. We have looked through our membership list at our last committee meeting and do have a few members who were unable to volunteer due to other commitments, so we would really appreciate it if you could pencil these dates in early for 2023.

Amy

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Our AGM is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm, located at Harbury Village Hall, South Parade, Harbury CV33 9JE.

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

Any questions or if you would like to join the committee, please contact [secretary.stoneleighrc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.stoneleighrc@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

### **STONELEIGH RC PRESENTATION EVENING**

We are also in the process of arranging and planning a meal and Stoneleigh RC presentation evening in late November / early December and we will post further information on this as soon as it is available

### **Jonquil Solt**



It was sad to hear the news in June that Jonquil Solt had passed away. She was in her 88<sup>th</sup> year and had been unwell for a while.

Our sympathies go to her son Quentin and his family. The funeral was held in Old Milverton Church and was a fitting résumé of her life.

She joined Stoneleigh Riding Club in the late 1970's and was an active riding member. Her interest was in dressage and she competed on our teams with her lovely horse Oberon.

Her great passion in life was the foundation and development of the RDA and she was elected the National RDA dressage chairperson

In 1980, she ran the very first international para dressage competition at Moreton Morrell and borrowed horses from us all for her foreign riders!!

She took part in club activities and I particularly remember her as part of the musical ride that we performed at the Town and

Country Festival and at several other venues that year.

Her hard work and dedication setting up the RDA dressage and from there the para dressage movement, spreading it around the world was recognised with an OBE in 2004.

Between travelling around the world developing the para dressage family she willingly gave her time locally. She was a member of our committee for many years and DC of the North Warwickshire pony club in the 1980's , she was also a listed and popular dressage judge always willing to help with local competitions.

She will be remembered for her kindness and generosity within the equine world and particularly to her dedication to and development of equine activities for disabled riders and drivers. We shall miss her friendship.

Wendy Bell

### **AREA 5 HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER**

Huge congratulations to all our Stoneleigh RC members who competed at the Area 5 horse trials qualifier kindly hosted by Solihull RC.

Our 80 cm team had mixed fortunes, 7th place for Bud Jackson and Barney adding just a few naughty time faults to their dressage score, a great dressage for Clare Smith, clear show jumping but sadly eliminated XC for jumping one of the bigger fences! and a retirement for Jo Marston and Echrin who was not his normal self today, we will hopefully see him back on form soon.

With just two competitors in the 90 cm they both had great rounds, 5th for Jo Fountaine on The Ladies Man, finishing on their dressage score, and 6th for Naomi Cross and Chez, having a great dressage but an unlucky couple of poles SJ proved costly, but a super XC round to finish within the optimum time.

Our 100 competitors were on fire today, Marisa Allright and Stanley finished on their dressage score to take 1st place which should qualify them for the BRC National Horse Trials Championships at Swalcliffe in August and 5th for Rhianne Martin adding 4 faults and a few time penalties to her dressage score.

Huge shout out and thank you to Amy Barker and her daughter Alice and Adam Jackson for being our volunteers for the weekend, without you these events would not be able to run. Well done everyone

### **BRC HORSE TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Two of our Stoneleigh riders Marisa Allright and Rhianne Martin joined forces with two Crown RC members to form an Area 5 team for the 100 cm horse trials championships at Swalcliffe Equestrian Centre on the first weekend in August.

We were hoping to get back to normality with the event incorporating the roads and tracks and steeplechase elements again this year but due to the continued dry and hot weather BRC decided to not run these for the horses and riders welfare.

Friday saw the dressage phase, with riders having to perform a championships test they were unfamiliar with in a 20 x 60 arena, with a 34.3 dressage from Marisa, 44.3 from Rhianne, and 32.5 and 41.3 from Lauren and Morgan Shelley the team were well set up for the XC phase on Saturday.

Tracey and Val Malka acting as team volunteers, along with Bud and Adam Jackson were fence judges for the day and able to see our riders fly round the XC with a clear within the time for Marisa, a couple of time penalties for Lauren and 20 penalties for Rhianne and Morgan on the XC, a great result over a testing course.

The final SJ phase was held Sunday, clears again from Marisa and Lauren left the team on a total score of 150.9 and fourth place, along with an individual fourth for Marisa, and fifth for Lauren.

A great result.

### **DRESSAGE TO MUSIC REPORT**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our Stoneleigh riders competing in the Dressage to Music Qualifier today. We had a great day with riders being placed in all classes.

First up was the Prelim class: Pam Rose coming 2nd on Oxidised , great to see them back on form after a long injury break, they were closely followed by Kim Brett on Main St lad coming 4th and 5th Leonie Alldrick on Maghroom in her first outing for Stoneleigh.

Next was the Novice: class 4a (no points) Naomi Cross came 2nd on Connor.

Class 4b (points) was won by Laura Askew on BalouBoy, so should qualify for the championships at Bury farm.

Liz Cooper and Su Morgan also rode but sadly not placed this time

We had 2 riders in the Elementary: Tina Kazmi on Colour Me Aftershock, also making her Stoneleigh debut came 2nd and Donna West on Hio Lookswell came 5th

Tina also competed in the Medium coming 3rd

So impressive results all round, well done ladies. Let's hope for a few wild card entries to the Champs so Laura has some company.

### **AREA 5 DRESSAGE AND RT QUALIFIER**

**Congratulations** to all our Stoneleigh riders who have qualified for the National Championships at Lincoln 3/9/22 -4/9/22

Please see below a copy of message from BRC that I received today. There are lots of wildcard entries, in addition to the winner's entries, so it's going to be a busy day. Not only did our Meadow Open team qualify but also the Village team.... and the Riders test team.... and several wildcard individuals. Well done everyone, great news.

Dear Jo

Congratulations on qualifying for the BRC NAF Five Star National Championships! Your Teams/Individuals representing Stoneleigh Riding Club are as follows:

#### **Naf Magic Senior Open Dressage**

Hannah Wolverson riding Callista Clover in the MEADOW Team, Test N24

Naomi Cross riding Connor in the MEADOW Team, Test N30

Rosemary Bud Jackson riding Barney's Turn in the MEADOW Team, Test N39

Tina Kazmi riding Colour Me Aftershock in the MEADOW Team, Test E43

Naomi Cross riding Harberwain Cherokee in the VILLAGE Team, Test N24

Catherine Griffiths riding Ballymore Secret Clover in the VILLAGE Team, Test N30

Donna West riding Hio Lookswell in the VILLAGE Team, Test N39

Elly Forbes riding Millfield Diadora in the VILLAGE Team, Test E43

Donna West riding Hio Lookswell as an Individual, Test E43

#### **Naf Magic Senior Riding Test**

Naomi Cross riding Harberwain Cherokee in a Wildcard Team, Test P12

Marion Smith riding Star in a Wildcard Team, Test P12

Liz Cooper riding Anaka in a Wildcard Team, Test N24

Marisa Allright riding Linali Olympic Drum in a Wildcard Team, Test N24

#### **Naf Magic Medium/advance Medium Dressage**

Elly Forbes riding Millfield Diadora as an Individual, Test M61

Tina Kazmi riding Colour Me Aftershock as a Wildcard Individual, Test M61

#### **Naf Magic Senior Prelim Dressage**

Naomi Cross riding Connor as a Wildcard Individual, Test P7

Marion Smith riding Star as a Wildcard Individual, Test P13

Hannah Wolverson riding Callista Clover as an Individual, Test P18

## AREA 5 SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER RESULTS

Congratulations to all our Stoneleigh riders who represented the club at the Area 5 style and show jumping qualifier. Huge thanks to Solihull riding club for running the event and Tracey Malka for getting the scores out so quickly

It was an early start for some with the first riders going at 8.00 am, our 70 cm team had mixed fortunes, there were no individual placings but a final team result of 4th place, well done Margaret Hughes, Wendy Talbot, Karen Bennett and Naomi Cross. Huge thanks to Clare Taylor Reeves for the loan of Frankie and we hope to see you out competing again soon.

Our next team in were the 80's, Bud Jackson, Andrew Jenkins, Clare Smith, and Amy Barker who finished in a well-deserved 5th place, Andrew competing in his first SJ competition for Stoneleigh posted 3 great clear rounds to take individual 6th place. It was great to see Amy and Beau back out after a long layoff due to injury.

The 90 cm team Karen Bennett, Marisa Allright, Naomi Cross, and Kayleigh Marie Gorman just had the odd pole, to leave the team just outside the placings against some still opposition.

While the show jumping was running our style team were busy displaying their riding skills, with Bud Jackson winning the 75 cm section with a fantastic score of 160 winning the section by 18 points, with Amy Barker taking 4th place, Naomi Cross contested the 85 cm class finishing 3rd with the team being completed by Clare Smith, resulting in a team win and qualification for the championships at Lincoln in September.

Last to go were the 100 team, Marisa Allright, Katie Davey, Rhianne Martin, the odd pole in each round resulted in an individual 6th place for Marisa Allright, and team second, fingers crossed for a possible wildcard to the champs.

Well done everyone, I have all your rosettes that have not been collected and will get these to you as soon as possible.

## DRESSAGE POINTS COMPETITIONS

We are pleased to announce that our points dressage competitions incorporated within Moreton Morrell's unaffiliated dressage competitions will be restarting in September.

These are especially aimed at our grass roots riders and gain points towards awards at our end of year presentation evening.

Entries are already open for 10<sup>th</sup> September see the link below

**Unaffiliated Dressage  
at  
Warwickshire College  
2022 - 23**

**Stoneleigh RC points dressage re commence on 10th September 2022**

**Classes from Intro to Elementary**

**<https://horsemonkey.com/search?s=Moreton%20Morrell>**

**Other dates for your diary are**

**Saturday 1st October 2022**

**Saturday 5th November 2022**

**Saturday 3rd December 2022**

**Saturday 14th January 2023**

**Sunday 5th February 2023**

**Saturday 18th March 2023**

**Saturday 22nd April 2023**

**Tuesday Evening Instructional Flat Rides**

Well, it was very sad that we had to cancel dressage evening and BBQ but it was hot! We might hold it before Christmas so think about festive dress, Jo dust off your head decoration. Don't know if a BBQ possible. Turkey burgers? I've been offered some edible glitter.

It was lovely seeing so many of you at Princethorpe: riding, helping and both.

Before the short summer break the rides were going very well. I know we have an 'old' member hoping to return and a couple of new members.

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, all paid in advance. Pay 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 cheques to Stoneleigh Riding Club: to Marion Smith, 9 Savages Close, Bishops Tachbrook, CV33 9RL. Booking forms to this address too.

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**Tuesday Evening Instructional Rides 2022**

AUGUST	30th	
SEPTEMBER	13th	27th
OCTOBER	11th	25th
NOVEMBER	8th	22nd
DECEMBER	6th	20th

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

Name

Address

Email

Emergency contact name and number

I have paid £..... by transfer/cheque/cash

Last, but not least, a speedy recovery to Jane Nicholas who fractured a bone just below her knee when dismounting. Which leads neatly into a big thank you to all who donated their evening entry fee to Air Ambulance. Very generous, thank you.

## AREA 5 PROGRAMME & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

		DATE	VENUE
18 Sept 22	Q	Combined Challenge	Swalcliffe
15 - 16 Oct 22	Q	Arena Eventing Qualifier	Dallas Burston
22 - 23 Oct 22	Q	Junior / Senior Novice Dressage	Solihull
27 Nov 2022	P	Show Jumping	Moreton Morrell
29 Jan 2023	P	Show Jumping	Moreton Morrell
18 - 19 Feb	Q	Junior / Senior Indoor SJ Qualifier	Solihull
10 – 12 March 23	C	Arena Eventing Championships	Washbrook Farm,
26 March 23	Q	Intermediate Dressage Qualifier	Aston le Walls
1 – 2 April 23	C	Winter Novice SJ and dressage championships	Arena UK,
8 April	Q	Combined Training	Solihull RC
22 – 23 April 2023	C	Winter Intermediate Dressage & Show jumping	Onley Grounds Equestrian Complex
14 May 2023	P	Horse Trials	Solihull
20 – 21 May 23	C	Combined Championships (formally FOTH)	Aston-le-Walls
27 – 28 May 2023	P	2DE	Princethorpe
10 June 2023	Q	DTM	Moreton Morrell
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	Princethorpe
30 July 2023	Q	Junior / Senior Style & SJ	Solihull RC
4 – 6 Aug 23	C	National Horse Trials	Swalcliffe Park Equestrian
2 – 3 Sept 23	C	National Championships	Lincolnshire Showground
17 Sept 2023	P	Horse Trials	Solihull RC
TBC	C	Dressage To Music / Quadrille / INTRO	Bury Farm Equestrian