



STONELEIGH RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

Chairman's Report

As always, Stoneleigh members have been representing the club brilliantly in all disciplines and the results of the most recent championships have been published on our Facebook page and are reported on below by Val Malka and Jo Marston. The most recent Championship was the Combined Training and Combined Challenge at Aston le Walls, where Stoneleigh competitors came up trumps once again. I won't try to include all the excellent results by our members, but special mention should go to Daisy Beards with Spinway Colm, who were overall Champions in the Open Combined Training, finishing on their brilliant dressage score of 26.1

I always seem to go on about the weather in these reports (one of the blessings of living in this wonderful country is the constantly changing weather!) – its either too wet or too dry for our equestrian events. As it happens, after a very dry summer, with rock hard ground, the recent rain has allowed the grass to grow a bit and there is a little give in the ground for the autumn competitions. Let us hope that it continues. Unfortunately, the long lasting dry conditions has led to a shortage of hay in this area, so lets hope that there is enough to go round for our equine friends.

Best of luck to all those taking part in the upcoming qualifiers, of which there are many, along with the "Points" competitions, which enable riders to gain points for themselves and the Club, which go towards the end of year Area 5 awards.

The Instructional Rides and Jumping sessions at Moreton Morrell continue to be well supported and my thanks to Marion Smith and Jo Hayward who organise these sessions. Also unaffiliated dressage competitions are held at Moreton Morrell each month from September through to April, with classes from Intro to Medium, where there are rosettes for Stoneleigh members and points towards the end of year awards for all those who take part.

Finally, there is the Presentation Evening at Stoneleigh Village Hall, for which details are given below. It will be a fun evening, with a delicious supper, so do come along.

Bud Jackson

*****STONELEIGH RC PRESENTATION EVENING*****

The committee would like to invite all our members and friends to join us for a fun evening of quizzes, supper and presentation of awards on Friday 24th October, 7.30pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall. Everyone welcome, please click on the link to order your tickets.

Can I also ask all last year's trophy winners to please return their trophies to myself or a committee member polished and engraved before the event or confirm you will bring on the evening.

I will be at Solihull this Sunday and Sunday 19th in the office

BOOKING LINK:

<https://forms.gle/nNKfVXEUBQZ3y4sy5>



NEW COMPETITION PASSES REPLACE PRE ENTRIES

The competition passes will be £30 plus transaction fee (for riders with 1-2 horses) and £45 plus transaction fee (for riders with 3 or more horses) for a rolling 12 months. Horse names will be required.

The competition pass is available for purchase through Sport80. A valid competition pass must be in place before competing for every competitor entering any BRC qualifier/championship. Competition passes are only valid with a current club membership. The competition pass applies to riders whether they are part of a team, a pair or an individual and covers all

disciplines and allows the holder to enter as many classes throughout the 12 months as they are eligible for.

Refunds will be granted for the competition passes if requested, for up to seven days after the purchase date, provided the member has not attended a qualifier or championship. This is at the discretion of BRC.

The transaction fee is non-refundable. Outside of the seven days there will be no refund of the competition pass. Upgrades to the 1 – 2 horse pass will be administered by the BRC office.

Downgrading within the 12 months will not be permitted. Should a membership or competition pass lapse between entry and the qualifier or championship date, they must be renewed prior to competing.

BRC National Dressage Championship

An amazing day at Lincoln at the end of August, as the Stoneleigh riders were on fire. We had 3 riders winning their individual sections and having to do the new extra ride off tests against the other section winners.

First up were our Intro team; Mandy Howells, Bronwyn Adams, Marion Smith and Olivia McCullough. They came 4th overall with individual rosettes for Olivia 2nd, Bronwyn 6th on her new ride Twiglet.



Olivia and Rebel Rua

Next was the Prelim team; Lilly Cullen, making her debut for Stoneleigh, Marion Smith and Olivia McCullough again and Leasal Chapple-Hyam who came 8th in her section. The team wasn't placed this time but Olivia won her section. She also won her third test as an individual so had to do a fourth test in the "ride off" which she also won, with an impressive 72%, making her overall champion in the Prelim section. Massive congratulations to her and Rebel Rua, what an amazing achievement.

The Mixed open team; Daisy Beards, Karen Bennett, Philippa Gibbs and Jenni Goodman were hot on their heels coming 4th overall. Karen was 6th in her section and Daisy was 1st, so again



Alice and Amber

had to ride a further test to determine overall champion where she came 6th. Congratulations Daisy.

On Sunday it was the junior event, where our Intro team came 9th overall with a team of only 3.

Poppy was 6th, Minnie was 11th and Alice 3rd. Alice also came 1st



Daisy and Orion

in her 2nd test so again as involved in a ride off which despite a mixed up from the judges she managed to come 3rd. well done Alice .

So a lot of Sashes for Stoneleigh. Well done everyone. hope you all enjoyed the experience.

Lastly a big thanks to our 4 volunteers who drove all the way to Lincoln to help us out; Marion Smith, Mandy Howells, Katie Frost and Sue Forbes without you our teams would not have been allowed to compete.

Great start to the Riding Club championships for Stoneleigh RC in the show jumping, huge congratulations to Peyton Beckham in the junior 70 cm, who took top spot with three super clear rounds in the fastest time.

Our 90 cm team of Daisy Beards, Alan George and Chloe Collins Stockil had mixed fortunes and were not placed as a team on this occasion but I am sure will be back to fight again another day.

Our 70cm team of Bud Jackson, Karen Bennett and Vickie Cullen, also had mixed fortunes but good experience gained by everyone, and we need to remember it's a great achievement to qualify for the championships as the Area 5 qualifier is such a strong competition.

Thank you to Naomi Cross for acting as team volunteer for the event.



Peyton and Captain JJ Sparrow

COMBINED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Great start to the Combined Championships for Stoneleigh RC. Individual 9th for Katie Frost and Alfie in the 70cm challenge. A good dressage score from Leasal Chapple-Hyam but some show jumping penalties proved costly. Individual 5th for Hannah Wolverson on her new horse Biscuit stepping in for Callie, with a 34 dressage and clear showjumping. This afternoon Daisy Beards and the ever consistent Spinway Colm posted an amazing 26.1 dressage and with a clear show jumping took the win in the Prelim 2 / 90cm section and also overall best score for all the sections. Vanessa Jensen also produced a good dressage but sadly was eliminated in the SJ but I am sure will be back to fight another day. The open CT team finished 14th out of 31 teams. Also individual 8th for Rachel



Daisy

Hickman on MRF Archway in the P1 / 80cm individual section.



Rachel and MRF Archway

Sunday saw Stoneleigh continue their success at the combined championships with our 90cm combine challenge team of Andrew Jenkins, Joanne Hayward, Rhianne Martin and Daisy Beards finishing 4th overall, with a double clear within the time to give Rhianne individual 9th.



90cm Team- Daisy, Jo, Rhianne

Our Novice combined training team kicked off with Margaret Hughes who picked up an unlucky 4 faults in the jumping phase to finish 10th individually. Jo Bunyan finished just outside the



Karen and Diva

placings on her dressage score. Katie Frost and Bobby finished on their dressage score of 34.6 to take fifth place in their arena, and last to go was Karen Bennett, who again finished on her dressage score to take second in her arena, and secure a fourth place finish for the team.



Margaret and Joe

Brilliant results over the whole weekend, well done everyone. Many thanks to our team volunteers Leonie Alldrick, Amy Barker and Vanessa Jensen for giving up their time so our riders could compete.

Instructional/Flat Rides

Well, after the August break we resumed with full rides.

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

14th, 28th Oct

11th, 25th Nov

9th, 23rd Dec not sure about 23rd as it's very close to.....what's that festival called?

2026

6th, 20th Jan

3rd, 17th Feb

3rd, 17th, 31st March

14th, 28th April

Hope these dates are correct. I know January and February are.

Here's how to pay

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

Marion Smith marismi913@gmail.com 07813 206356



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.

5:30pm Polework

6:15pm Jump

7:00pm 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



Fortnightly pole and jump sessions, Tuesday evenings at Moreton Morrell.

Dates: 7th & 21st Oct, 4th & 18th Nov, 2nd & 16th Dec....30th Dec - tbc

2026 dates: 13th & 27th Jan, 10th & 24th Feb

Groups of between 3 and 5.

All sessions will potentially be mixed Senior and Junior.

We require 48 hours notice of cancellation for a refund for that session.

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

You can book for each session individually (£15 + booking fee) or a block of 5 (£75 + booking fee) which gives you an extra session free - 6 credits.

Session credits can roll over and don't have to be taken in a row.

For further details or to be added to the mailing list for these sessions, email Jo: jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com



Stoneleigh Riding Club Junior Flatwork sessions



Sessions at Moreton Morrell on a Thursday

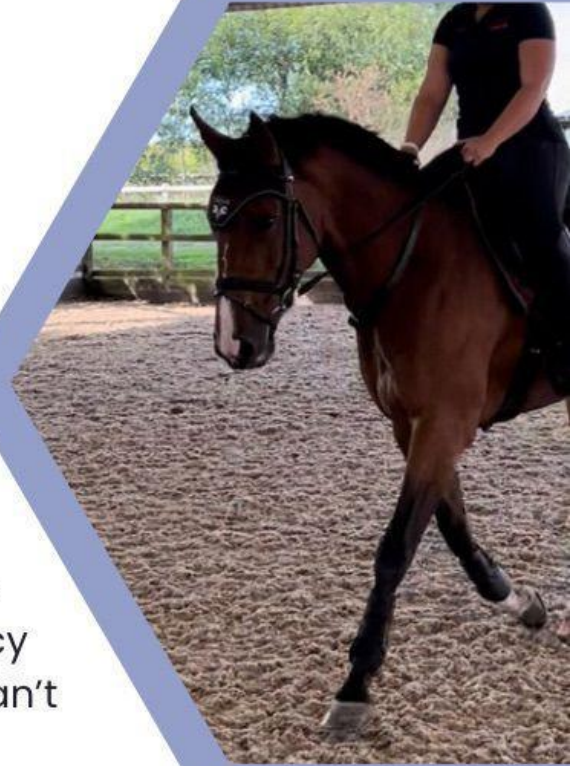
6pm – 7pm

£15 a session

Block book 5 sessions & get 6th free

October 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

DRESSAGE POINTS COMPETITIONS

We are pleased to announce that our points dressage competitions incorporated within Moreton Morrell's unaffiliated dressage competitions have re started.

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

**Unaffiliated Dressage
at**

Warwickshire College

2025- 26

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

Link for Nov 29th entries <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=517340>

AREA 5 PROGRAMME & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-26

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