



## STONELEIGH RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023 OUR 101st EDITION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that Christmas is well behind us and we are now into February. We are delighted to see that we are getting lots of new members and we wish them a warm welcome to Stoneleigh, along with all the returning members for 2023. We were pleased to see some of these new members meeting fellow club members at the Riders' Meeting earlier in January, to find out about proposed changes to rules, get hats tagged and passports checked and updated ready for the new season.

Area competitions are already under way, with the Points Show Jumping taking place at Moreton Morrell last weekend, as a warm-up for the 70 and 80cm qualifiers at Solihull during February and the 90, 100 and 110 cm in early March. Moreton Morrell has also continued to host the series of unaffiliated dressage competitions each month, including sections for Stoneleigh riders to gain points for the end of year presentations. These competitions are especially aimed at encouraging riders to try a level higher than they are used to in a calm environment. The full list of area competitions and championships is shown at the end of this newsletter. It is always worth checking the dates, as alterations sometimes have to be made.

Arrangements for the Two Day Event at the end of May are continuing apace and we are looking forward to another fantastic event. This year there will be qualifiers at 70cm in Horse Trials and we have therefore incorporated 70 cm sections for riding club and schools competitors. We have already received our first entries, even four months ahead of the event but don't worry if you haven't seen the schedule – it will be sent separately to Stoneleigh members so that the discount on the entry fee can be applied. Please see below for full details of the event and don't forget that we need loads of volunteers to write, steward or help to set up for the event – many hands make light work!

Most members will know Wendy Bell, our longest standing member, who has served tirelessly on Stoneleigh's



committee in various posts for over 50 years and continues to do so! In recognition of this amazing record, Wendy was presented with a bronze horse's head and (because a little bird told us that she particularly liked them) a giraffe – no not a real one, just a model! I am sure that everyone will share with me in giving a massive vote of thanks to Wendy for all she has done for the club since its inception. I felt very daunted by the prospect of taking over the mantle of chairperson after so many years, but Wendy has been so supportive and guided me along the way. Thank you Wendy.



## MEMBERSHIP 2023

Memberships are now due for the 2023 season, for those of you who have not already done so, if you wish to renew (which we hope you all do!) could you please go to the [www.stoneleighridingclub.com](http://www.stoneleighridingclub.com) website and click on the membership link.

If you are a new member please complete a membership form and pay either by cheque made out to Stoneleigh Riding Club and sent to the membership secretary whose address details can be found on the website or BACS payment to the account details again displayed on the website. If you are a renewing member you will be unable to complete a membership form please pay by BACS transfer and reference with your initial and Surname and RM, if there are any changes to your details i.e. new email or telephone number please email details to [membership.stoneleighrc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.stoneleighrc@gmail.com) so we can update our database, all new members should reference their payments with Surname and NM.

Due to an increase in membership fees paid to BRC we have had to increase the membership fee for yearly non-riding and new and old members renewing on 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December to £20, the club have decided to absorb this increase for new and old members renewing for the full year.

We look forward to you all re-joining for the new season, when hopefully we can enjoy an uninterrupted year of riding.

Val Malka Membership Secretary

## CHRISTMAS CRACKER DRESSAGE COMPETITION

Two of our Stoneleigh riders took part in the BRC Christmas Cracker dressage championships in December, both doing extremely well. Tina Kazmi on Colour Me Aftershock, came 4th in the Medium event; and Cat Griffiths on Ballymore Secret Clover was 3rd in the Novice. Well done both of you and I think Tina should get an extra prize for her amazing costume!



*Tina and Colour me  
Aftershock*

## MORETON MORRELL AREA 5 POINTS SHOW JUMPING

Congratulations to all our riders who took part in the Area 5 points show jumping competition at Moreton Morrell on Sunday

Mixed fortunes for our 70 cm riders Jo Marston and Wendy Talbot but good practice for the coming qualifier at Solihull in a few weeks. Our 80 cm team of Bud Jackson, Di George and Andrew Gloria Jenkins produced super clear rounds over the first part of the course putting them into a possible first place for the team award but a Sat Nav error dropped us to second but still a well-deserved result. Bud and Barney produced a super double clear to take individual second, with an unlucky pole for Andrew. Sadly Katie Davey had to withdraw from the 90 and 100 class due to a horse injury but Marisa Allright produced a super double clear but not quite fast enough to be placed and Samantha



*80cm team, Bud, Andrew and Di*



Clarke representing the club for the first time had an unlucky 4 faults but we look forward to her joining us again for more competitions.  
Marisa Allright was our sole entry in the 100 cm and again produced a super double clear giving her second place individually.  
Well done everyone

## 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;  
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The jump sessions run alternate weeks to flat work so the next block of dates are: 7th February, 21st February, 7th March, 21st March, 4th April, 18th April, 2nd May.

## 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 3<sup>th</sup> December see the link below

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

**Next Stoneleigh RC points dressage on 5th February 2023**

**Classes from Intro to Elementary**

**Please visit [www.stoneleighridingclub.com/dressage](http://www.stoneleighridingclub.com/dressage) for link to entries**

**Other dates for your diary are Saturday 18th March 2023**

**Saturday 22nd April 2023**

## Flat Rides

Well, the Prix Caprilli didn't happen due to lack of interest, maybe we'll have another try in the summer. There are a few spaces on rides but that's a January thing. We have welcomed some new members.

Although not on booking form we usually hold a dressage evening and BBQ in July.

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

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

## Tuesday Evening Instructional Rides 2023

FEBRUARY	14th	28th
MARCH	14th	28th
APRIL	11th	25th
MAY	9th	23rd
JUNE	6th	20th
JULY	4th	18th

Name

Address

Email

Emergency contact name and number

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

**Withdrawals** from rides are usually 'business' like but this one made me laugh a lot so I thought I would share.

'You may have long suspected it but my family are a group of good for nothings!! Why have I come to this conclusion? because my daughter and her father have decided that my needs do not come above everyone else's and accordingly my daughter is spending time with her mother in law (on the occasion of her mother in laws birthday) and my husband has a rugby canoe club meeting - both of these events happen on the next IR night-(17 Jan) hence Monty and I have no driver and shall be unable to attend.

I am being interviewed by channel 4 about this grievous injustice later today. I am awaiting a book offer- though I am sure it will come, I could just do with a writer to help me write it.

Hopefully I am aiming for a reconciliation with my family prior to the IR on 31 January

Otherwise myself and Monty will be quite "spare" – Kim

Marion

## NEW HAT RULE FOR 2023

From 1st January 2023, BRC will no longer be accepting the following 2 hat standards and therefore all hats will need to be re-tagged.

In order to ensure riders are wearing the most up to date riding hats, please note that from the 1st January 2023, the following hat standards will no longer be accepted, due to the age of hats made to these standards:

1. PAS O15 1998
2. SNELL 2001

A new **pink** hat tag will be required for BE, PC and BRC competitions from 1st January 2023. If you would like to get your hat tagged before the season starts and are attending the Stoneleigh RC points dressage at Moreton Morrell on 5<sup>th</sup> February bring your hat along and it can be tagged for you.

## NEW BACK PROTECTOR STANDARDS

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***

## 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.



## STONELEIGH 2DE



**STONELEIGH RIDING CLUB TWO DAY EVENT 2023**

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**27TH & 28TH MAY 2023**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
If you are able to help  
please email:  
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Emma Ginn Photography

**Stoneleigh Riding Club**

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SRC 2 Day volunteers needed! Plans for the two day event are all starting to come together and now we are starting to get some people coming forward to volunteer. Thank you so much anyone who has already sent me details, we really are grateful.

Please if you can spare a day or just a few hours we would really appreciate whatever you can offer. I will be sending an email to all members in the next couple of weeks with more details.

Friday afternoon 26th May set up.

Saturday 27th May Dressage and Show jumping.

Sunday 28th May fence judging, XC hospitality, R & T crossing stewards.

## EQUINE FLU VACCINATION UPDATE

Flu Vaccination Shortage Statement 15-month flu vaccination allowance ending on 31 December 2022.

During the months of September and October the equestrian world was in the midst of an unprecedented influenza vaccination shortage.

As such, British Riding Clubs amended the vaccination rules to permit a 15-month interval instead of the usual 12-months for the annual booster vaccination.

This 15-month booster must be followed by another booster, no more than 9 months later. Essentially still ensuring 2 annual boosters are given in a 24-month period. A veterinary letter or indication in the passport should be shown when flu vac checks are carried out, acting as dispensation not to restart the course of vaccinations for the late 12-month booster. It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure the 15-month booster is followed by a booster within 9 months.

At BRC events from 1 September until 31 December 2022, 12-month boosters may be extended to the 15-months as outlined above. From 1 January 2023, where a 12-month booster is due it must be done according to the BRC Handbook. Annual boosters due on or before 31 December may utilise the 15-month interval if needed and vets must indicate this as above in the passport/letter. This must only be used if your vet practice has a shortage of vaccinations. E.g., if your annual vaccination is due on 1 December and your vet practice are unable to vaccinate due to a shortage, you can extend the annual vaccination by up to 3 months. Annual vaccination can therefore be administered on or before 1 March, then following the

guidance above must be vaccinated with an annual within 9 months. Ensure you have confirmation from the vets this is the case when attending a competition.

Annual boosters due on or after 1 January 2023 must revert to the usual 12-month interval found in G7 of the BRC Handbook.

## AREA 5 PROGRAMME & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

		DATE	VENUE
19 Feb 2023	Q	Junior and Senior 70 cm 80 cm SJ qualifier	Solihull
5 March 2023	Q	Junior and Senior 90 cm and mixed 100 and 110 cm SJ qualifier	Solihull
10 – 12 March 2023	C	Arena Eventing Championships	Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls, Daventry, Northamptonshire. NN11 6RT
19 March 2023	Q	Combined Challenge	Swalcliffe
26 March 2023	Q	Intermediate Dressage Qualifier	Aston le Walls
1 – 2 April 2023	C	Winter Novice SJ and dressage championships	Arena UK, Allington Lane, Allington, Grantham, NG32 2EF
15 April 2023	Q	Combined Training	Solihull RC
22 – 23 April 2023	C	Winter Intermediate Dressage & Show jumping	Onley Grounds Equestrian Complex, Willoughby, Rugby CV23 8AJ
20 – 21 May 2023	C	Combined Championships (formally FOTH)	Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls, Daventry, Northamptonshire. NN11 6RT
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 & RT	Princethorpe
30 July 2023	Q	Junior / Senior Style & SJ	Solihull RC
4 – 6 Aug 23	C	National Horse Trials	Swalcliffe Park Equestrian, Grange Farm, , Oxon. OX15 5EX
2 – 3 Sept 23	C	National Championships	Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln, Lincolnshire. LN2 2NAC
TBC	C	Dressage To Music / Quadrille / INTRO	Bury Farm Equestrian, Slapton, Bucks, LU7 9BT