

# FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER No 95



**Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2022.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** I hope you all had a good Christmas and that the continued Covid restrictions in the New Year have not caused too many issues. At least it seems that we can ride and compete with a certain amount of normality as long as we all continue to be sensible.

Stoneleigh competitors have come up trumps over and over again, with victory in the Christmas Cracker Dressage and our teams doing extremely well again in the points show jumping at Moreton Morrell – full results reported below. Also Liz Cooper's brilliant third place with Anaka in the Dressage to Music Championships was a massive achievement. Huge congratulations to all concerned.

Arrangements for the Two Day Event at the end of May are continuing apace and we are looking forward to a fantastic event. 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 the requests for volunteers to write, steward or help to set up for the event – we need lots of people and many hands make light work!

Finally, many congratulations to Annie Choma and her horse Henri de Boistron who won the ROR Horse Personality of the Year and, at the other end of the spectrum, commiserations to poor Di George who suffered a serious injury following a nasty fall – wishing you a speedy recovery Di.

The remaining qualifiers for winter competitions are coming up thick and fast, along with the Championships for the Arena Eventing, and the Novice and Intermediate Dressage and Show Jumping Championships. Good luck to all our competitors.

Bud Jackson

## **Héni wins Retraining of Racehorses Horse Personality of the Year Award**

On Saturday 22nd January, we were invited to the historic Jockey Club Rooms for the RoR Awards which celebrated the achievements of former racehorses across a range of disciplines before concluding with the announcement of the winner of RoR Horse Personality of the Year award,

which attracted over 200 nominations and was judged by leading jockey Hollie Doyle.



I was able to bring 3 guests with me and there was no doubt that I was going to invite Di George, Marisa Allright and my mum. All of whom, plus many others (Alan George), help me tremendously with Héni. Di had suffered a broken hip after a fall less than 2 weeks previously but was a trooper and still managed to attend! We had an unforgettable

evening at the Jockey Club rooms, which is full to the brim with English history and elegance.

The award celebrates former racehorses who have shown “exceptional character” in transitioning to a new career and have had a positive impact on those around them. When entries opened for the award, I knew I had to enter Hénri. He was my rock, and still is today, when I was diagnosed with breast cancer in July 2019 and this was a fantastic opportunity to honour what a fabulous horse he is.

Fortunately, I was able to continue looking after and riding Hénri throughout my treatment and a hack with Hénri would always help with the brain fog following chemo and he looked after me, put a smile on my face and kept me going. Through our amazing local equestrian community, I also met fellow Stoneleigh member Clare Taylor Reeves, who helped me through my diagnosis after going through the same diagnosis two years previously.

Clare and I would hack out together every week, giving us a chance to talk about our experiences and that’s when we’d make plans for fundraising and raising awareness of breast cancer. And that really was my therapy! With Hénri and Clare’s awesome pony Frankie, we won the Lands Eventing pairs class in December 2019 and hacked 100km through the month of October 2020 raising over £2,000 for Breast Cancer Now.

Winning this award is very special. It’s well-deserved for Henri. His temperament is testament to how incredible former racehorses are. It would all have been so much harder without him. I am so grateful to him.

Judge Hollie Doyle said: “I loved how understanding Hénri was in helping Anastasia through her treatment and recovery, how he responded to her when she was feeling weak or unwell. It really goes to show how sensitive horses can be and how good the rider and horse’s relationship must be.”



### **STONELEIGH RIDERS MEETING**

WESTON VILLAGE HALL

28th February 2022

7.30 pm

We would like to offer a special invitation to all our new members to come and meet fellow club members, find out about proposed changes to rules, get your hats tagged and passports checked and updated ready for the new season, ask any questions you may have regarding the club, training and competitions.

## STONELEIGH RC 2DE

Our 2DE is fast approaching and we are now looking for volunteers to help at this event, please pencil this weekend in your diaries and contact Amy Barker at [amy.barker2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amy.barker2@hotmail.co.uk) if you are available to help.

Please remember that as part of joining Stoneleigh RC, all members must help at either our 2DE or dressage qualifier held at the beginning of July.

**STONELEIGH RC  
TWO DAY EVENT  
MAY 2022**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



Set up Friday 27th,  
Dressage & SJ Saturday 28th,  
XC Sunday 29th



**DRESSAGE**  
Friday set up  
Saturday writers  
and arena stewards



Roads & Tracks and XC  
Sunday fence judges & crossing stewards

Showjumping



Friday set up  
Saturday arena party/pole pickers

## STONELEIGH 2DE SPONSORSHIP

### SPONSOR A X-COUNTRY FENCE

We are also looking for sponsorship, it would be appreciated if you as members could look around



you and suggest to those who have businesses about the opportunity to help support this event and promote their venture for just £25 they can sponsor a fence on the cross country phase, where your company name will periodically be mentioned over the event tannoy system when rider & horse jump that fence. You also may be able to place on or near by the fence, your own advertising banner (with X-Country stewards' permission). You will also have a mention of you company name in the 2DE programme and links to our live website.

In addition for an additional £25 you can also take out a 1/2 page advertisement in the programme.

### ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS.

Promote your Business with a 1/2 page advert in the 2DE programme.

Take out a 1/2 advert in the Stoneleigh & Princethorpe College 2DE programme. For just £25 you can have half a page (or for £50 a full page) in the program, which will go out to all competitors, grooms, supporters and general public in other words the bible for the event. A great opportunity not to be missed please do not hesitate to contact me direct or any member of the SRC committee if you can help in this area looking forward to your continued support

Contact me via email at [eddie.stoneleighrc@gmail.com](mailto:eddie.stoneleighrc@gmail.com) or Call 07715 076182 for further information

### Dressage report:

Firstly, Apologies to Liz Copper and Naomi Cross who due to an oversight in the last newsletter were not featured.

Liz and Naomi represented Stoneleigh in the **Dressage to music Championships** at Bury farm on 2nd October. Congratulations to Liz and Anaka who did brilliantly coming 3rd in the Prelim class. Naomi and Harberwain Cherokee did well but unfortunately not placed this time.



The next event was the **BRC Christmas Cracker dressage** competition held in December, where our Stoneleigh team of Katie Davey, Cat Griffiths, Naomi Cross and Marion Smith came first out of



40 teams!!! Katie and the amazing Rosie scored 76% and not only won their class but had the top score out of all the entries -about 160 riders.

Cat on Ballymore Secret scored 72.8% and were 2nd in their section, Naomi and Conner scored 73% and were 7th, and Marion on Star weren't placed despite a great score of 68%. All four scores counted, and it was a very tight competition, so a massive congratulations to you all ladies. I think they are getting a write up in the next BRC magazine so watch out for that.

Everyone on the membership list should have received an email about the intermediate dressage qualifier.

You as a combination can enter up to two classes but can only be in one team, the other test must be as an individual.

## C Marksway HorseHage and Mollichaff Winter Intermediate Team & Individual Junior and Senior Dressage Qualifier

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

**Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls, Daventry, Northamptonshire NN11 6RT Kindly organised by Warwickshire Hunt Riding Club**

	Class Name	Eligibility
1	Senior Winter Intermediate Team Dressage Qualifier	Open to Senior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year. Senior Intermediate Winter Dressage, for teams of 4 riders, with 3 best scores to count (all team members are automatically entered in the individual competition). One rider will ride either P14 (2006), N27 (2007), N34 (2009), E44 (2002)
1A	Senior Winter Intermediate Dressage Team & Individual P14 (2006) Qualifier	Open to Senior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year. Unlimited Prelim Points and novice points, up to 35points at Elementary or 0 points at medium or above. Competitors who have completed under FEI rules in the past 5 years are not eligible. Competitors who have completed under FEI rules in the past 5 years are not eligible.
1B	Senior Winter Intermediate Dressage Team & Individual N27 (2007)Qualifier	Open to Senior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year. Unlimited Novice Points, Up to 35 Elementary Points, 0 points at Medium or above. Competitors who have completed under FEI rules in the past 5 years are not eligible.
1C	Senior Winter Intermediate Dressage Team & Individual N34 (2009)Qualifier	Open to Senior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year. Unlimited Novice Points, Up to 35 Elementary Points, 0 points at Medium or above. Competitors who have completed under FEI rules in the past 5 years are not eligible.
1D	Dressage Team & Individual Senior Winter Intermediate E44 (2002)Qualifier	Open to Senior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year. Unlimited Elementary Points, Up to 35 Medium Points, 0 points at Adv. Medium or above. Competitors who have completed under FEI rules in the past 5 years a
4	Junior / Senior Winter PICK A TEST Dressage Qualifier M71 (2002) / AM93 (2004)	Open to Junior / Senior members of an affiliated Riding Club that have paid their membership for the current year. Medium class - Unlimited Medium Points, Up to 35 total points at advanced medium or above. Competitors who have completed under FEI rules in the past 5 years are not eligible. Adv.Medium – Unlimited Adv. Medium points up to 50 total points at Advanced or above. Competitors may compete in both the Medium and Advanced Medium sections

Entry fees are :

£14 as a non-qualifier

£23 for a Qualifier team entry and £25 for a qualifier individual entry.

If you haven't received this please contact [jomarston.stoneleighrc@gmail.com](mailto:jomarston.stoneleighrc@gmail.com)

## AREA 5 POINTS SHOW JUMPING

Many thanks to Wayne Rodwell and all his team for putting on an Area 5 point's show jumping competition at Moreton Morrell.

Stoneleigh RC had a great start to the Area 5 point's show jumping at Moreton Morrell, a win individually for Jo Marston and Echrin in the Senior 70 cm and a win for Margaret Hughes, Rachel Hickman, Katherine Morton, and Jo Marston in the Senior 80 cm team event.

Not wishing to be outdone our 90 team of Becca Hickman, Lucy Bell Rouse, Jo Hayward and Katie Davey finished on zero penalties but just lost out on time to Warwickshire Hunt to finish second, with individual 4th place for Lucy Bell Rouse, and 6th for Jo Hayward.

An unlucky pole for Alan George put him just outside the placings.

Clare Holmes contested the 100 cm class, but was unplaced on this occasion.

Well done everyone

### Congratulations

**Congratulations** to Jo-Anne Wilson who some of you will know through attending the Tuesday evening rides and competing at Moreton Morrell. Jo has been awarded the MBE for her services to veterans because of her work at The British Legion's Galanos House. She is also a Queen's Nurse. Well done Jo and we look forward to you re-joining the rides soon.

Marion

### **Flat Instructional Rides**

Rides are going well. As well as our regulars we have returnees and new members. Many thanks to all who complete booking forms. You never know might help me be less confused!

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 then email to me.

### Tuesday Evening Instructional Rides 2022

FEBRUARY	1st	15th	
MARCH	1st	15th	29th
APRIL	12th	26th	
MAY	10th	24th	

## Tuesday Evening Show Jump Instructional Rides at Moreton Morrell

The show jump instructional rides are currently running two sessions, 6.15pm (fully booked) 7pm (occasionally space available)

There would be room for a 7.45pm group if we have enough interest.

Please contact Jo if you would like to join, even if you don't want to commit to every fortnight she will let you if there is space for you join in.

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

If you are interested or would like further details please drop Jo an email on [jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com](mailto:jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com)

Up and coming dates;

8th Feb

22nd Feb

8th March

22nd March - Jo not available, Sarah Hurley stepping in

5th April

**JUST REMEMBER.....**

**In less than 5  
weeks, it'll be  
March.**

**Daffodils** 🌼,  
**sunshine** ☀️,  
**warmer days** 👗,  
**longer days** 📅 &  
**new beginnings** 🐣



**Keep going  
everyone, we can  
do this** ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

## AREA 5 PROGRAMME & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

MP = Members Points, C = National Championships, Q = Area 5 qualifiers, P = Area 5 points competitions,

		DATE	VENUE	Vac due
19 / 20 Feb 2022	Q	Junior / Senior Indoor SJ Qualifier	Solihull	ANNUAL
11-13 March 22	C	Arena Eventing Championships	Washbrook Farm,	ANNUAL
20 March 22	Q	Intermediate Dressage Qualifier	Aston le Walls	ANNUAL
26 / 27 March 22	C	Winter Novice SJ and dressage championships	Arena UK,	ANNUAL
Sat 9 April 2022	Q	Combined Training	Solihull RC	ANNUAL
22-24 April 2022	C	Winter Intermediate Dressage & Show jumping	Bury Farm Equestrian	ANNUAL
8 May 2022	P	Horse Trials	Moreton Morrell	ANNUAL
21 / 22 May 2022	C	Combined Championships (formally FOTH)	Washbrook Farm,	ANNUAL
28 / 29 May 2022	P	2DE	Princethorpe	ANNUAL
12 June 2022	Q	Junior / Senior HT	Solihull RC	ANNUAL
18 June 2022	Q	DTM	Moreton Morrell	ANNUAL
3 July 2022	Q	Junior / Senior dressage	Princethorpe	ANNUAL
30 / 31 July 2022	Q	Junior / Senior Style & SJ	Solihull RC	ANNUAL
5 – 7 August 22	C	National Horse Trials	Swalcliffe Park,	ANNUAL
3 - 4 Sept 2022	C	National Championships	Lincolnshire Showground,	ANNUAL
11 Sept 2022	P	Horse Trials	Solihull RC	ANNUAL
TBC	C	Dressage To Music / Quadrille Selection Trial		ANNUAL
TBC	C	Quadrille Final		