



STONELEIGH RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER JUNE 2021 No 91

Stoneleigh Riding Club 2 day event May 29th & 30th 2021

We are the only Riding club who currently run a long format 2 day event and last weekend was our 20th. The first took place in No 4 Car Park at Stoneleigh in 1995

For the past 6 years Princethorpe College have been our hosts. We cannot thank them enough for allowing us to

take over the grounds and welcome 240 competitors from all over the country. Teams from Schools and Riding Clubs, juniors and seniors.

We hosted 240 competitors and their family 'bubbles' with approximately 100 helpers over the weekend, mainly SRC members, present and past and their friends.

After several weeks of rain the sun shone and dried up the fields leaving excellent going for all phases.

Once again Lloyd Hunt provided us with an excellent cross country course using the natural features of the ground to best effect and causing some serious thought with his variety of questions.

We are very fortunate with our loyal Sponsors, without whom we would not be able to run. The Wigley group whose water splash has matured and merged into the landscape providing a significant feature on the course, and Howkins and Harrison who joined us in 2019 and provided a welcoming hospitality unit this year.

On Saturday we had dressage arenas running all day and a beautifully decorated show jumping course built by Mike Benfield both phases setting the standard for the week end. Alex darks keeping us all up to date with the activity in the jumping ring.

Sunday was Princethorpe Time day, all watches synchronised with the first off on Phase A at 8.15, then into the 10 min box at 8.50 having had a great ride around the grounds and a gallop around the steeplechase course. Then off on the cross country, at 9 to tackle Lloyds course and testing the fitness of both horses and riders.

The day ran to time and to plan thanks to Gina and her team in the x country control box.

The scorers worked tirelessly collating the phases and with us not able to have score boards getting the scores onto the internet.

It was disappointing not to be able to gather around the score board and very sad that the sponsors were not able to present their rosettes and trophies this year.

Our thanks to Princethorpe College for making it all possible, to Andy for masterminding the week end and my particular thanks to all the SRC committee who worked tirelessly to make it all possible within the confines of Covid-19 regulations.

Wendy

THE TWO-DAY EVENT – From a rider's perspective

I've always thought that Stoneleigh's Two Day Event was the pinnacle of all Riding Club events and this year's did nothing to dissuade me. Andy, Gina and the whole team ran it like a well-oiled machine, leaving riders, successful or not, to just have the time of their lives. Barney and I did just that, spending the whole time with broad grins on our faces, and who cares that we had a pole down show jumping and I made a mess of our timing on the cross country – we both loved every moment! Judging by the numerous messages, I am not alone in feeling that way. Huge thanks to everyone involved.

Rudi

A massive thank you to all our fence judges and phase stewards who gave up their time to help at this year's event. Without you all this event would not be the success it is. Don't forget to put Sunday 29th May 2021 in your diary for next year, I will be in touch!! Val

JUST A FEW OF THE MANY MESSAGES OF THANKS.....

Dear Alex, Andy, Wendy and all the crew, Thank you so much from all of us at Bloxham for the use of the wonderful facilities at Princethorpe once again and the seamless and good humoured organisation of the whole event. All our girls and parents enjoyed themselves and personally, it is always a pleasure to be there in whatever capacity! With very kind regards to you all, Berni

Andrew, just wanted to say thank you on behalf of our riders who attended your event over the weekend. The event must be the friendliest, professionally run event that I have been to.... nothing is too much trouble and the event was amazing. I was most impressed with the lady who started us cross country who was delightful, she spoke to us using our first names as we entered the start box, at a time when we are the most nervous, which was a very lovely touch.

Evening Andy Thank you to your team, Stoneleigh Riding Club and all your wonderful volunteers for such a brilliant weekend. It was the first time for our five Evenlode RC riders and we loved it. The event had such a lovely friendly vibe, it took away all the jitters about the long format sections that were new to us. We loved the prep Zoom and all your stewards were so welcoming and helpful. Can't believe we've never been before! Look forward to returning next year. Many thanks
Melanie, Evenlode Riding Club

Hiya Just to say a massive thank you for a super weekend. The last time I completed your two day it was at Offchurch. So it has been a few years. We all have thoroughly enjoyed it and as always it was so well organised and everyone is sooooo friendly and helpful. Already looking forward to next year.
Thanks again Hannah

Hi we wanted to thank you for an amazing weekend. We travelled from Calderdale to compete for the first time at your fabulous event. Everyone, from the stewards to the ice cream man to the fence judges to the grounds staff at Princethorpe, have made us feel welcome and gone out of their way to help. What a friendly club. We came to have a fun weekend... we didn't think we would win!!! We wanted to thank you for a well-run, fabulous event and to extend our thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the event happen. Thank you. Olivia, Megan, Jo and Heather. Calderdale Saddle Club

Hi Andy I just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone involved in running the 2 day event. It was a fantastic event and everyone was so friendly. Can't wait to enter again for next year. Thank you Paula

I had the most fantastic weekend! Don't think I stopped smiling the whole time. Such a wonderful event. To all of the organisers, hosts, and volunteers it's a huge "Thank you" from me. Thank you for a wonderful weekend from all of Shillington Riding Club (Bedfordshire, Area 7) it was our first year and we all had a fantastic time, so well run, thank you to all involved, we look forward to returning next year!

Hi Andy, as always, a fabulous event and certainly to us it seems to run like clockwork. We always enjoy ourselves but this year was really special so thank you to all your team for working so hard, and for arranging sunshine. See you next year. Kate Derrick Thanks for a great event at Princethorpe was really good, lovely atmosphere- great supporters on and around the course - most enjoyable day! Kind regards Nicola

Hi Andy, I would just like to say on behalf of everyone competing for Warwickshire riding club at Princethorpe, a jolly big thank you. As always you put on a great weekend. It was run like clockwork and all the stewards and helpers were very efficient and friendly, the ground and course were amazing, and you even managed to find the sun that had gone missing for a while. Already looking forward to next year, Tracey

DRESSAGE QUALIFIER – SUNDAY 4th JULY 2021

Firstly, massive thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time for the two day event. The event could not run without you and the lovely comments we received from competitors about the friendliness and helpfulness and of everyone involved says it all.

Inevitably, with that behind us, I am now looking for helpers for the Dressage Qualifiers on Sunday 4th July. We are now permitted to provide writers for judges and, with five arenas running all day, we will also need lots of stewards. As I keep repeating, in accordance with our constitution, we ask that every member helps out at either the Two Day Event or the Dressage, or nominates a friend or relative to do so in their place. It's great to be involved with these events, so please, don't be shy!

The "jobs" that need to be covered are:

Friday 2nd July - Set-up of dressage arenas from 2.00 pm – cream tea and cake provided when we have finished.

Sunday 4th July - Stewards and writers - refreshments provided

Please email **bud.jackson@btinternet.com** with your preferences. Let's make this another event to remember. Many thanks.

Bud

AREA 5 DRESSAGE QUALIFIER

Thanks to everyone who has already responded with a definite entry to the dressage qualifier on 4th July 😊. I'll be sending a separate email about who wants to do what.

Marion

Katie

Liz

Marisa

Su

Pam

Maxine

Rachel

Have I missed anyone??

There were others who showed interest to the first email but I'm not sure if you still want to enter, could you let us know asap as Bud and I will need to do pre entries for the teams by Friday, so need to sort it out by this Thursday at the latest.

Is there anyone else who would like to enter?? Looks like we might have one RT team, x2 Prelim teams and x2 Novice teams but still spaces available in all. Come on Stoneleigh ...Give it a go, we need to fly the flag at our own competition. If you are interested in taking part please email jomarston.stoneleighrc@gmail.com ASAP

Looking forward to the flood of responses

Jo Marston

EQUIPILATES COMPETITION WINNER

Back on the first of January I was very lucky to win an Equi Pilates session with Clare Taylor Reeves. However, like so many things it had to be put on hold due to Covid - Today, just over 5 months later we finally met up.

Clare offers classes in Equi Pilates, Franklin Ball and rider alignment assessments. I know Clare and Jo Haywood organised some rider alignment sessions a little while ago. I have practiced Pilates for several years - so I was keen to give the Equi Pilates a go and experience the difference.

At the start of the conversation Clare said one of those words that I dread - proprioceptors. It means knowing where your body is in space. I have a distinct lack of this talent, however I do know I can train myself to be better at it.

We looked at Franklin Ball exercises - focusing on "waking up" the proprioceptors and Pilates exercises using core strength to stabilise our limbs when they are away from the body.

Some of the work was novel to me - even as a Pilates regular. The exercise I found most challenging was lying on the foam roller and lifting one leg at a time - whilst holding my arms up and breathing. I could lift my right leg with a couple of little wobbles - but I did it. The left leg however was almost glued to the floor - I couldn't manage to keep any weight in my right leg to support me. Those of you who have seen me ride knew that already!



We did at least 10 different activities - it was well paced and I felt the support and guidance that comes with a 1-to 1 session. I have been given some home work to do to help me work on my "unevenness", as I was very stiff on the left side.

A couple of good stretches and then a recap on exercises and what to work on finished the session.

I found the session very enjoyable - and beneficial. I imagine it will help me more than my "standard" Pilates as my goal is to be fit and able to enjoy my pony. Hopefully as I work on some of the issues Monty will also notice.

I shall definitely book another session with Clare. The studio was easy to get to with ideal facilities and we could also talk horses in-between and during exercises - always a plus in my opinion.

Today has definitely encouraged me to recommence Pilates and I also would like to try the rider alignment session - but perhaps when I am a bit straighter.

Thank you again Clare

Kim Brett

A new quiz for our June edition, a photo of several Stoneleigh RC members taken in the 1990's, how many can you recognise? The person recognising the most members or in the event of a tie, the winner will be drawn from a hat will receive a £15 voucher which they may use towards a lesson, competition entry or towards membership for 2022.



So come on and have a go, I think I can do four, I am sure a lot of you can do better! All answers to Val Malka at valeriemalka@yahoo.co.uk no later than Sunday 25th July 2021

Tuesday Evening Instructional Flat Rides

The rides are going very well. Occasionally there are spaces when horses and/or riders are lame or sick.

A diary date: 20th July evening dressage competition and maybe even a BBQ!

Also, we are hoping to run practice dressage tests, on grass with a judge talking you through how to improve on your marks. Date, time, venue etc. to follow. Ideally this will be before Princethorpe qualifier on 4th July. All depends on weather and hay making.

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.

marismi93@gmail.com 07813 206356

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

April	13th	27th
May	11th	25th
June	8th	22nd
July	6th	20th Dressage Evening

Name

Address

Email

Emergency contact name and number

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

SHOW JUMP TRAINING

Tuesday Evening Show Jump Rides -fortnightly and we continue through the summer
(15th & 29th June, 13th & 27th July, 10th & 24th August)

Show jump sessions with Jo Hayward.

Moreton Morrell

6.15pm: Session full

7pm: Session full

7.45pm: Spaces

£15.00 a lesson, pay in advance for 4 and get 5th one free, payments via My Riding Life for either individual sessions or the full block.

Please email Jo to book; jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com

Jo



Members Show Jump Training

Alternative Tuesday evenings to
the flat work rides at Moreton
Morrell in the covered arena.



UKCC level 3 coach Jo Hayward
Groups of up to 5
£15 per session.
Book and pay for 4 get 5th free

Still spaces in the later group
at 7.45pm
Email Jo.Stoneleighrc@gmail.com
to book.

VIRTUAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

"At the end of April, while we were still in lockdown, the BRC held a virtual dressage Championship which combined Novice and Intermediate Winter Championships from 2021, and the rescheduled 2020 Novice and intermediate Winter Championships. Stoneleigh Riding club had four entries ; Sue Bullock on Lynwood Crofter who did amazingly well winning both the 2020 and 2021 advanced medium championships, Pam Rose on Oxidised who was 5th in the 2020 novice winter dressage championships, and Marion Smith and Amy Barker who both qualified but were not placed on this occasion. Congratulations to all four of you.

ARENA EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ASTON LE WALLS

Huge congratulations to Margaret Hughes on Wolferlow St Joe, and Marisa Allright on Linali Olympic Drum who represented Stoneleigh RC at these championships in the 80cm and 100cm classes respectively.

Although not placed they both had amazing runs and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Margaret Hughes

Had an amazing day today at BRC Eventer challenge championships

Joe was amazing, giving me a double clear! But I was extremely proud of him, he gave me a great run.

Not bad for a 19yr old, ridden by a granny!



Marisa



Stan at the arena eventing championships at the weekend. The rider let him down at the joker but it is always a fun time with this horse.

Marisa flying one of the XC jumps

SOLIHULL HORSE TRIALS

This was our first points horse trials of the 2021 season, run under strict Covid rules, but it was great to be back out competing.

It proved to be a great day out for our eventers.

Bud Jackson on Barneys Turn led the way with a win in the 80cm section, with our team of Bud on Barney's Turn, Sarah Blackmore on Malin Megan and Rachel Hickman on TLWS finishing in 2nd place. We also fielded two riders in the 100cm class, with Marisa Allright on Linali Olympic Drum coming 2nd and Lucy Bell Rouse 3rd on Blue Saffron.

A great start to the season ladies.

STONELEIGH 2DE

Following on from the rain of a few weeks ago, the sun shone on our riders at the Stoneleigh 2DE.

In the 80cm class we fielded two teams,

Abbey	Bud Jackson	Barney's Turn	Park	Di George	Park Dreams
	Sarah Blackmore	Malin Megan		Annie Choma	Henri de Boistron
	Lucy Horner	Toureen Sam		Lisa Davis	Primitive Coinin
	Jess Goodwin	Spinway Colm		Phillipa Gibbs	Craigontheyard

Each team suffered mixed fortunes Bud finished as best Stoneleigh rider in 11th place in section A and Lucy best Stoneleigh member in 14th place in section B. Riders had travelled from all over the country

to take part and in the Area 5 RC section our Abbey team came 2nd gaining valuable team points for the end of year awards.

We had just one rider in the 90cm, Sophie White on Cornhill Rose who although not placed thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Marisa Allright on Linali Olympic Drum contested the 100cm and had a brilliant run picking up just 0.8 time penalties XC to add to her dressage score of 25.5 to finish in 2nd place.

Here are just a few pictures of our competitors over the weekend



Lisa and Rabbit



Annie and Henri



Marisa and Stan

AREA 5 CALENDAR 2021

Details of all up and coming competitions will be circulated to members in the weeks prior to the competition date. If you are interested in representing the club in area 5 competitions please contact Val Malka for SJ, Horse Trials, Eventer Challenge, Combined Training and Arena Eventing at valeriemalka@yahoo.co.uk for dressage competitions please contact Bud Jackson bud.jackson@btinternet.com or Jo Marston jomarston.stoneleighrc@gmail.com

DATE			VENUE	HOST CLUB
13 June 2021	Q	Junior / Senior HT	Moreton Morrell	Moreton Morrell
19 June 2021	Q	DTM	Moreton Morrell	Moreton Morrell
3 / 4 July 2021	Q	Junior / Senior dressage	Princethorpe	Stoneleigh RC
24 / 25 July 2021	Q	Junior / Senior Style & SJ	Solihull RC	Solihull RC
6 / 8 Aug 2021	C	National Horse Trials- ALL TO BE RUN AS ODE'S	Swalcliffe Park Equestrian,	
4 / 5 Sept 2021	C	National Championships	Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings,	
26 th Sept 2021	P	Horse Trials	Moreton Morrell	Moreton Morrell
TBC	C	Dressage To Music / Quadrille Selection Trial		
TBC	C	Quadrille Final		