

Kings Leaze Riding Club

Newsletter

February 2015

Coming soon:

NEW

Jumping Show
26th April 2015

Residential Camp
10 – 12th July @
Pontispool

All the usual
rallies & training

See
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for a full dairy of
forthcoming
events

All KLRC
schedules are
available on the
website

From your Chairman

We are now into 2015 and hopefully spring will not be too long in arriving. Once again we are all in danger of growing webbed feet, and the wet conditions have made it difficult to keep up with our horses training regimes. However, we have been fortunate in the fact that the Duchess has kindly allowed us to use her indoor school for our flatwork rallies with Nikki Hand, for which we are very grateful.

We have had a busy and very sociable time since your last newsletter.

We had an afternoon and evening at Whatley Manor, which was most enjoyable. A tour of the gardens, a film in their own private cinema, all rounded off with a superb dinner!

In October we hosted a veterinary seminar with Australian vet John Kohnke, which was very informative and enjoyed by all. Thank you for your support with this event.

We held the AGM in November at Badminton Village Hall which was a very sociable evening with super refreshments and meeting up with members, old and new.

In December we had our Christmas meal which was held at the Fox and Hounds at Acton Turville. This was a lovely evening with a super meal and lots of chatting with everyone. Thank you to Hayley Godwin for organising this evening.

The Collett family once again ran the Hobby Horse Race Night which was such good fun and a huge laugh. It is a pity that more members do not come to this as it really is a knock out. The kitchen was manned by Nickie Coombs and her team and what a jolly good job they did too. The ploughman's supper was one of the best that I have ever had, so thank you ladies!

As usual I would like to thank all of the people who have kindly allowed us to use their facilities as this enables us to hold our training and events.

Also a big thank you to the hard working committee who have given up their valuable time and support for the club. This all helps towards the success of the club, after all, we want to be the best in the West!

Daphne Smith

Rallies

As we eagerly await the better weather and the spring / summer season of competitions we have a series of rallies organised which will hopefully cater for all of your needs. From specialist dressage training to fun flatwork group sessions, novice jumping to those who fancy the bigger, more technical courses we hope that you can find something you are interested in doing! We have a couple of new instructors we are bringing in so please check out the diary on the website and facebook for the latest information for any additional rallies which haven't made it at the time of going to press. As the evenings get lighter we will also start holding evening rallies. If you have any suggestions for rallies or special request we will try to accommodate so please contact any member of the committee.

Please remember to help out the rally organisers, the preferred way to book is to email the rally organiser confirming your name, contact details (including emergency contact name) and mobile phone number, confirmation that you are a member of KLRC for 2015 and the level you and your horse are working at (e.g. height you want to jump or level of flat work). Facebook is a great way for us all to communicate however please ensure that any booking made by commenting on facebook posts is followed up with an email with the details requested to confirm your space. A gentle reminder that the club rule for members cancelling any rally space booked is 24hrs notice or greater must be given. Otherwise full payment must be made.



NEW

KLRC JUMPING SHOW

Sunday 26th April 2015

at

**Newnton Dairy Farm,
Long Newnton, Tetbury, Glos**

More details to follow shortly

British Eventing Grassroots Championships 2015, Badminton

KLRC are delighted and honoured to be asked again to provide the mounted stewards for the cross country section of the Badminton Grassroots Championships on Wednesday 6th May. To volunteer for this you must have a sane and sensible horse and commit to the briefing on the evening of Tuesday 5th May and attend the full day with your horse on Wednesday 6th May. If you are unable to commit the full time then please do not put your name forward. You and your horse will need to be fit enough for the whole day as you will be spending about 6 hours in the saddle!! If you are interested in volunteering then please email Nickie Coombs (robandnickie@btinternet.com) by Friday 6th Feb 2015.

Kings Leaze Junior's Report

The Junior dressage team had another successful day at Summerhouse back in November when we qualified for the championships at Hartpury, which is always a delight to compete in such lovely arena and lots going on to look at and watch other teams competing whether ours or others in our area.

The team going forward for the championships is April Joynson, William Collett, Emma Comley and Abbey Read. We wish you all very good luck.

We are also sending our first team to the intermediate dressage qualifiers which are to be held at Leyland Court on 1st of March, and if possible a team for the show jumping on 14th March at Summerhouse.



If you are interested in joining in our teams then please email or ring me so we can add you to our list of juniors willing to compete for the club.

For the show jumping horses/ponies cannot compete in the novice show jumping and intermediate and must not have more than 20 BE points or BS £500 winnings.

Margaret Read

KLRC Treasure Hunt 2015

Back by popular demand date to be confirmed

Kings Leaze Senior's Report

Our novice show jumping team for the area qualifier on the 2nd November 14 competed at Summer House in Gloucestershire. The team were Lynn Barrett and Jolly Ollie, Fran Dark and Matcho, Chesley Evans and Perrots Hill and the fourth member was Sue Ravenhill-Handley and Stirling Silver Hill. The team were 11th overall with Fran achieving a double clear over the two rounds and coming 4th individually. Thank you to everyone for coming along and supporting the club.



On the team front it has been quiet over the winter months but now its full steam ahead with the new years competitions. I have taken over as senior manager for all teams now so please contact me either through Face book or the form on our website or via email klrc_sarah@sky.com if you would like to be on a team or just to know more information about up coming events.

Due to popular demand, BRC have introduced a new Championship for 2015. The Intermediate Winter Championships will take place on 2 and 3 May 2015 and qualifiers will start from 1 October 2014. This new Winter Championship will be held at Bury Farm Equestrian Village, Slapton, Bucks LU7 9BT.

With classes for both seniors and juniors, including dressage for teams and individuals, with one prelim, two novice and one elementary test and Intermediate show jumping teams, round one starting at 95cm.

The new Intermediate show jumping qualifier will be held on Saturday 14th March 15 at Summerhouse currently there is no schedule but it will be for teams of four.

The first round will be 95cm and it states to be built to BS standards with fillers etc. Horses must not have more than 20 BE points or £225 BS notional winnings, ponies must not have won 20 BE point and £500 BS notional winnings.

The new Intermediate dressage qualifier competition is to be held at Leyland Court on Sunday 1st March 2015. This is a Team Competition for Senior and Junior teams, with 4 riders each riding a different test – Prelim 13 (2006) Novice 28 (2008) Novice 34 (2009) Elementary 42 (2008).

There will be an area qualifier for The Festival of the Horse and this will be an Eventers challenge to be held at Wickstead Horseplay, Highworth on Sunday 12th April 2015. This competition is designed to be a test of a horse and rider's ability to negotiate a show jumping course together with a cross-country course. The Challenge consists of seven to ten show jumps followed by fifteen to twenty-five cross-country efforts, which may include up to three dressing fences in the Junior and Senior Pairs Championships (optional at Area Qualifiers). Qualifiers will be run at Club and Area level to give members the maximum possible chance to qualify.

There are six challenge classes:

- Senior 100
- Junior 100
- Senior 90
- Junior 90
- Senior Pairs 90
- Junior Pairs 90



We are holding training rallies for simulated XC and show jumping and the first one will be at Mendip Plains Equestrian Centre on Saturday 17th January 2015. This seems to have been a very popular rally so we will try and repeat it in the next couple of months.

Pony Club and Riding Club Eventer Challenge sponsored by Dodson & Horrell held at Blenheim Palace Horse Trials and although the competition is not to Thursday 17th September 2015 we have to put entries in by 2nd March 15. These very popular events are grass-arena-based competitions, held in the Bladon Arena, over a testing course of 1.05m show jumps and cross country jumps with an optimum time for completion. For teams from Riding Clubs or Pony Clubs the team with the lowest cumulative score are the winners, but there is also an award for the most stylish rider.

This is a great opportunity to ride at The Blenheim Horse Trials this is quite a stiff competition so you need to be capable of competing at BE100 level. Teams consist of four and can include one junior member. So if you would like to go to this competition let me know.

Please keep checking our website or Facebook pages to keep up to the minute on what rallies and instruction is available. I will also keep sending emails out with our news, if you haven't had anything from me and would like to receive the latest news please send me an email and then I will know I have the correct address for you.

As stated above I'm now organising all senior teams and I'm always looking for members to have ago so if you haven't been on a team before maybe 2015 is your year!!

Sarah Palmer

Senior Team Dressage Report

At the beginning of November we sent two teams to Summerhouse for the Winter Novice Qualifier for Hartpury.

Our first team was made up of Adrian Palmer, Francesca Dark, Sue Bromyard and Gill Penberth, they all rode well but were not placed.

Our second team of Sarah Palmer, Elaine Chamberlain, Chantelle Symonds and Karen Joynson, they came 2nd and qualified for Hartpury in April.

Well done to all the team members.

Hayley Godwin

KLRC Residential Camp July 10th - 12th 2015 @ Pontispool

This year we are returning to Pontispool for our Residential camp.

Last year proved to be a great success with 30 riders and horses having a brilliant weekend at this fantastic venue....we all left smiling having achieved so much and enjoyed quality time with our ponies!

If you would like to come to camp this year please fill in the form enclosed in the newsletter (or downloaded from the KLRC website) Return completed form to myself along with £50 deposit.

Looking forward to a great weekend again.

Beks

Dressage Report

We have two more winter dressage competitions in the series before the Championships in April. So if you haven't qualified yet you still have two more chances!

As a club, we are running two qualifiers again for the Badminton Dressage Championships which are being held in July.

One qualifier will be at Elmleaze Stud, and the other at Burrows Court Farm.

The schedules will be advertised as soon as they are to hand.

We have a senior and a junior team who have qualified for the Championships at Hartpury in April, so the best of luck to all of them and we hope it is a successful day!

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking senior manager, Hayley Godwin and junior manager Margaret Read for all of their hard work with the teams. Also thank you to Nikki Hand, team trainer who shows great support to the team members.

There is a new area dressage event this year, which you have no doubt seen advertised on our website. Sarah Palmer is taking all entries for this event so if you are interested in joining a team contact her.

As we did last year, we are hosting the Area 9 Dressage to Music Qualifier at Burrows Court Farm on Saturday 6th June. This event is great fun so if you are interested please let me know nearer the time.

Wishing you all much success with your competing, and remember, we do it for fun!!

Daphne Smith

Puissance Competition

The puissance was great fun and it was lovely to see you all taking part and enjoying it. We had a tie for the final with Adrian Palmer and Russell Collett both clearing the wall at 5ft 1in. Quite a feat I would say!! Everybody jumped really well and it was lovely to see you all. Thank you Ian Adsetts for organising this, and also thank you to Sarah and Adrian Palmer for your huge part in this. Roll on the next one!



Olympia 2014

Sunday before Christmas 09.00. The coach left Chipping Sodbury and collected most of us at The Cross Hands – many thanks to Louise Fry for kindly offering the parking there. Then on to pick up the last two passengers at Leigh Delamere and we were on our way to London.

It took about two and a half hours so there was a little time for shopping and/or lunch before we all took our seats for the first class – The Mini Stakes. This was a great inspiration to the younger members of our group (we ranged in age from under 5 to over 60!). The 128cm ponies jumped amazingly well for their young riders, aged between 9 and 12. The class was won in an exciting jump off by Harry Wood on Birchill Harmony, definitely one to watch for the future.

Then there were the demos, a brilliant musical ride by the Metropolitan Police who jumped through fire and ended up by removing their saddles while cantering round the arena, what a feat. There were some Cossack stunt riders too who were pretty spectacular, The Shetland Pony Grand National and the dog agility competition.

After the interval (more shopping) was the big class – the Longines World Cup qualifier. It was won in great style by the German rider Marco Kutscher on Cornet's Cristello.

Then the finale! Olympia is always visited by Santa Claus at the end of every performance, accompanied by festive pantomime characters and numerous children and small ponies. The “snow” always falls as we all stand to sing the traditional Olympia carol – The First Noel. Our younger members all really enjoyed this especially as we were right by the arena entrance with a really good view. It's a great start to Christmas.

We all arrived back at the coach laden with carrier bags and Chauffeurhire took us all safely back to where we started.

Anyone wishing to go to Olympia in 2015, please let me know as we are already planning the next trip.

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