

# Thank You



**Liz Harding**

Sadly, due to work commitments, Liz has decided it is time to step down from her role on the committee. We would like to say a huge *Thank You Liz* for all the hard work and support you have given the club over the last few years. We hope to see you out and about enjoying club activities next year Liz!

**Clare Holt**

Unfortunately for us but fortunately for her, Clare is expecting her second her second baby! She therefore feels she is no-longer able to give the website her undivided attention so has decided it is now time to step down.

*Thank You Clare* for establishing our wonderful website and maintaining it over the last few years. We look forward to hearing about your newest family member very soon!



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Please join us at our AGM followed by refreshments, mulled wine and a raffle.**

**Wednesday 21st November**

**7.30pm at Didmarton Village Hall**

*We currently have vacancies on our committee to be elected at the AGM.*

*If you are interested please contact Sina or Daphne.*

# Kings Leaze Riding Club

## Newsletter

September 2012

### Coming soon

- Annual General Meeting
- Winter Dressage Series
- Area 9 Winter Novice Dressage
- Area 9 Winter Show Jumping
- Christmas Party
- Olympia

All the usual rallies and training sessions

See [www.klrc.co.uk](http://www.klrc.co.uk) for a full diary of forthcoming events.

All KLRC schedules are available on the website.

### From your chairman

Hi everybody,

Well I wonder how many of you got your shorts out in the end! What a difficult summer for everyone. So many events cancelled because of the dreadful summer.

Unfortunately it has a knock on effect, the hay was cut so late that the quality will not be very good, further more the corn was so late being cut that the straw will also not be too good, probably dusty, not brilliant if you have a horse with a dust allergy.

Look on the bright side, London 2012 was fabulous, and we should be so proud of our equestrians. I hope that you all had a chance to watch history being made with our riders, especially our dressage riders. Wasn't Charlotte amazing? She is one cool cookie, a pleasure to watch and an inspiration to all dressage riders at whatever level they are competing at. To all of you show jumpers, you also have riders to look up to and hopefully emulate! Not forgetting our eventers, they also did us proud, it makes you feel good to be British!

On another note we have a full and varied diary of events again, so I do hope that we have catered for you, and that you will take advantage of the very experienced trainers that we have in place for you all, at whatever level you are training at.

It was great to see some fresh faces coming forward this summer offering their help at different events, remember we are a friendly club and hope to get everyone involved, one way or another, and hopefully form a united front. We are a good club and I would like to think that we can go from strength to strength and really do well in all that we do.

Good luck in all that you do.

**Daphne Smith**



## Christmas Party



**Join us for our annual Christmas Party on Thursday 13th December for an evening of fun and festivities.**

**The venue is to be confirmed so please follow us on our Facebook page and website for further information.**



## Dressage Report

Weren't we lucky with the weather for the Summer Series? They say that the Sun shines on the righteous, but on the other hand the devil looks after his own! Whichever interpretation you care to put on it, we were so blessed. So many events have been cancelled this year but our Summer Series was able to continue. Many thanks to all of our helpers. Lovely to see new faces helping us, especially the juniors, thank you one and all.

A huge thank you to Hayley and Andy Godwin for the use of their facilities, also to Hayley for providing us with super bacon butties, they were fab.

As you know, we had a new section in the competition this year. The first two placings in classes 2 and 3 go forward to a special Championship class, to be held in conjunction with Badminton Dressage Qualifiers at Elmleaze Stud probably in April of next year. The first prize is £75 plus a trophy, and the second prize is £25. Well worth trying for!

Below are the qualified riders and horses:-

Victoria Bailey	Flint
Tash Bailey	Darius
Liz Harding	Mango
Lesley Liddle	Poacher
Nuala Dunne	Barney
Claire Jackson	Sidney
Lynn Davidson	Doogie
Lizzie Donaldson	Mulberry
Becky Casewell	Scruffy
Katherine Lansdown	Lady Shakespeare
Steph Hunter	Cara Tom
Poppy Clark	Henry Grove

Our Winter Series Starts on Sunday 21st October at Elmleaze Stud so we hope to see everyone there, and especially all you qualifiers named above!

Good luck to everyone in all that you hope to achieve.

**Daphne Smith**

## Blenheim eventing challenge 2012

The team this year was Lizzy Donaldson riding Mulberry (Bean), Catherine McBeth riding Sir Loin (Steak), Steph Hunter riding Cara Tom and Margaret Hopkins riding . The day started early for Catherine and I as we were the first pair to go for our team. We arrived in plenty of time to walk the course and watch a few other competitors jump their rounds, who all seemed to be jumping well. Both feeling quite happy with the task ahead of us we warmed up our horses.

I was first to go for our team and had two fences down and a run out at a skinny brush so I ended up with a score of 28 plus time faults, 20 for the run out on the cross country part and 8 for the 2 show jumps down. Next was Catherine and Steak and whilst biting my nails they had a faultless clear spot on the allowed time. Perfection!

We then had a few hours to kill before Steph and Margaret were jumping so we went shopping.

Steph was our 3rd team member to ride and again a faultless round spot on the time. At that moment I was beginning to think we may have a chance of getting a rosette... Then Margaret! We all had our fingers crossed. Unfortunately Margaret had 4 faults and some time faults as well. Even with the three good scores from Catherine, Steph and Margaret we still didn't get placed. Better luck for the team next year. I would recommend teams to you all! If you're at all interested please contact Nickie Coombs she's a great team manager.

Lizzy Donaldson

### KLRC NEEDS YOU!

We are always on the hunt for new team members to compete representing our club at British Riding Club events.

We have teams for all disciplines to suit all abilities and ages.

In addition to fantastic training opportunities within the club, it's a great way to compete with great support and without breaking the bank!

Please don't be shy to contact team managers or any member of the committee for further information.

**British Riding Club Horse Trials Championships 2012**  
**Aston Le Walls**  
**Senior Intermediate 3 Day Event**

What a great weekend. Many thanks to the Kings Leaze riding club, especially Nicola Coombs and also my husband for encouraging me to go for it.

Having not done a three day event before and the prospect of doing roads, tracks and steeplechase phases was a bit daunting, however I decided to give it a go. Unfortunately (but I have to say to my relief) about a week before the championships they decided to take out the roads, tracks and steeplechase phases due to the wet ground conditions.

So off we set on the Thursday afternoon into the unknown with my trusty stead, Maximillian, myself and my helper for the weekend Leonne. But we need not have worried, when we arrived everyone was very friendly and extremely helpful allowing us to settle in quickly.

Friday morning the sun was out and off we went to the vet inspection, which we passed with flying colours, leading us next to the dressage. We did a fairly good test and after the first day we were lying 7th in our section and 45th out of 100 in the championship.

Saturday was the cross-country day, our favourite phase. We had a great round and finished inside the time, moving us up to 5th in our section and 24th overall.

Sunday morning and the weather not so great, but stayed dry for the second vet inspection, again relieved to pass with no problems.

Show jumping, not our strongest phase and just before I get on Max the heavens decided to open and it poured down. Not surprisingly the collecting ring was very wet and slippery, so we just did a few practice jumps before we went in. One pole down and no time penalties lead to a very happy horse and rider, even though the course and ground conditions seemed to be causing a few problems



At the end of it all we ended up 6th in our section and 29th in the championship, it was a very close competition with very few points separating the final placings.

Great fun, extremely well organized and I would highly recommend it.

*Dawn Richardson & Maximillian*

***Junior Championships Report***

We set out at 4.30am on a Friday morning with the thankful thought that at least it was the both of us (my sister Abbey and myself) who had qualified, and not just one of us. We made up the area 9 team along with a member from bath and another from Swindon with mum acting at team manager.

After dressage Abbey and myself were both lying 4th in our allocated sections and were delighted when we both happened to move up to 3rd after a clear from both of our horses show jumping. The cross country (as usual) was the downfall for us both. Carats stubbornly refused to jump while Magners managed to get half way around before deciding he didn't want to play ball. So after a fantastic start, we both ended up with an E by our names. Unfortunately, so did one of the other members of the team, however the 4th member managed to get placed!#

The following day Mum and Abbey went down as volunteers to help steward on the cross country course and, as with the winter championships, had a great day meeting new people and mucking in.

Despite our misfortune, we had two very enjoyable days at the championships.

Gemma Read

## Senior Jumping and Eventing Teams

KLRC have had a successful summer since the last newsletter update, with good results at the Horse Trials qualifier that had to be rearranged at the last minute from Stonar to Larkhill due to the bad weather. Our Thanks go to Bath Riding Club and all the other people involved in the organization who made the change of venue go smoothly allowing the event to run efficiently. The going on the XC was perfect and they even booked the sunshine which was a rare event this summer! Dawn Richardson and Kay Webb both qualified for the National Horse Trials Championships. Dawn at Intermediate level and Kay at Novice. At the championships in Aston Le Walls in August Dawn finished 6th in her arena on a very good score of 38.3. Kay's horse took a dislike to the very wet conditions on the XC course so unfortunately for Kay they did not finish but I am sure they will be very successful at the RC and eventing competitions next year.

The final event of the team summer competitions was the Blenheim Horse Trials RC Eventers Challenge Competition. This event is run in the Blagdon Arena as part of the Blenheim Horse Trials competition and is a fiercely fought competition with clubs from all over the country. The course is a mixture of Show Jumps and XC fences max height 1.05m. The KLRC team of Steph Hunter, Catherine Macbeth, Lizzie Donaldson and Margaret Hopkins had an enjoyable sunny day competing and then shopping at the horse trials on Thursday 6th September. Lizzie was first to jump and she had an unfortunate stop and 2 poles down in the SJ section. Catherine was next to jump with a lovely double clear, 0.3 seconds under the optimum time. This year they changed the format so 2 members jumped in the morning and 2 in the afternoon which meant there was a long wait for the final two members to jump. Rider number 3 was Steph who was rode a good clear round on Tom and showing her competitive edge ended up 0.45 seconds away from the optimum time which put KLRC in a very strong position going into the final rider. Margaret rode a lovely round but unfortunately having been clear through the first SJ section, she had the very last fence on the course down, a set of wavy planks after jumping a big hedge on the XC part. We ended up as a team on a score of 8 which I think is our best result since the Blenheim team have been running this format for the competition. Thanks to everyone who helped and to Tom Buckland for his training.

Next team jumping competition is the Novice indoor SJ on Sunday 18th November, max height of fences 85cm. If you are interested in competing in this then please email me on [robandnickie@btinternet.com](mailto:robandnickie@btinternet.com) or ring 07796 990204. We are always looking for new team members so I'll encourage all of you who are jumping this height to come and give teams a go!

## Summer open dressage report

*The summer dressage qualifier was moved from Rabson Manor, which unsurprisingly was under water, to Caron Roberts equestrian centre a perfect and very friendly venue. Thankfully luck was on our side and we had a dry day for it and the team performed very well. Sadly we did not manage to qualify for Lincoln, however we were not far behind in 3rd place. The team pulled off some very good tests but the competition proved extremely hot.*

*Firstly Steph Hunter did a very nice test to be individually 5th, followed by Sophie Tsabet, a new recruit, who was 2nd a very elegant test on her little grey mare. Adrian Palmer, as consistant as ever, took 4th with another perfect test. Last but not least another new recruit Victoria Bailey did an amazing test to come 4th on the hunter Flint, bless them he had only ever done a couple of prelim tests before and we threw them in at the deep end to do an elementary test! It was a big question to be asked but was definitely worth while as got placed as well. I would like to thank them all for taking part with competing and doing so well.*

*I feel with future team training we will get that red rosette again and qualify for championships! However in the mean time it will take a great deal of dedication and time but will be well worth while so please keep up the hard work and do contact me if you are interested in riding for Kings Leaze dressage team.*

*Many thanks*

*Hayley Godwin*

## Kings Leaze Riding Club Winter Dressage Series



Sunday 21st October 2012

Sunday 18th November 2012

Sunday 16th December 2012

Sunday 20th January 2013

Sunday 17th February 2013

Sunday 10th March 2013



*Qualifying Classes for the KLRC Winter Dressage*

Championships Sunday 7th April 2013

**To be Held at Elmleaze Stud**

**By the kind permission of Mr I Adsetts**



**KLRC at Blenheim  
RC Eventers Challenge**

# Events Diary - Autumn/Winter 2012

Date	Details	Entries to
<b>October</b>		
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	An evening with Sarah Price, Human and Equine Physiotherapist. Badminton Village Hall, more details TBA.	Chris Ticehurst
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Emily Clark Dressage Rally. Wick Farm Luckington. 2 sharing £17.50, Individual £27.50.	Hayley Godwin
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nicky Hand Dressage Training, Venue TBC. 2 sharing £17.50, Individual £30.	Hayley Godwin
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	KLRC Winter Dressage Series Competition, Elmleaze, Didmarton. See Schedule for details.	Daphne Smith
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Show Jumping training with Tom Buckland, Smiths, Acton Turville. £17.50 per person, 1-3pm. Max 5 per group.	Claire Jackson/ Liz Harding
<b>November</b>		
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nicky Hand Dressage Training, Venue TBC. 2 sharing £17.50, Individual £30.	Hayley Godwin
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Area 9 Team Competition: Winter Novice Dressage. Summerhouse Equestrian Center	Hayley Godwin
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lucy Dixon Jumping rally at Ivyleaze, Acton Turville. Max 3 in a group of similar ability. Please state experience when booking. £15 per person.	Nickie Coombes
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	KLRC Winter Dressage Series Competition, Elmleaze, Didmarton. See Schedule for details.	Daphne Smith
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Area 9 Team Competition: Winter Show Jumping. West Wilts Equestrian Center	Nickie Coombs
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Show Jumping training with Tom Buckland, Smiths, Acton Turville. £17.50 per person, 1-3pm. Max 5 per group.	Claire Jackson/ Liz Harding
<b>December</b>		
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lucy Dixon Jumping rally at Ivyleaze, Acton Turville. Max 3 in a group of similar ability. Please state experience when booking. £15 per person.	Nickie Coombs
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nicky Hand Dressage Training, Wick Farm Luckington. 2 sharing £17.50, Individual £30.	Hayley Godwin

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KLRC Christmas Party Venue TBC	Wendy Dawson
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	KLRC Winter Dressage Series Competition, Elmleaze, Didmarton. See Schedule for details.	Daphne Smith
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Alltech Christmas Puissance, Olympia	Jenny Lomas
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	KLRC Winter Dressage Series Competition, Elmleaze, Didmarton. See Schedule for details.	Daphne Smith
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Nicky Hand Dressage Training, Wick Farm Luckington. 2 sharing £17.50, Individual £30.	Hayley Godwin
<b>January</b>		
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	KLRC Winter Dressage Series Competition, Elmleaze, Didmarton. See Schedule for details.	Daphne Smith
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Nicky Hand Dressage Training, Wick Farm Luckington. 2 sharing £17.50, Individual £30.	Hayley Godwin

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*If you would like to get more involved with your club then please contact any of the committee members above*

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