

Kings Leaze Riding Club

Newsletter

January 2013

Coming Soon...

- Winter Dressage Series
- Skittles evening
- British Riding Clubs Winter Championship
- Family Quiz
- Winter Dressage Championships
- Residential Camp
- Badminton Horse Trials
- Festival of Dressage
- Treasure Hunt

See
www.klrc.co.uk
for a full diary of
forthcoming
events.

All KLRC schedules
are available on
the website.

From your chairman

Hi Everybody,

Another year gone. I do hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year, albeit very soggy. It has been a difficult time for us horse owners, what with flooded fields and soggy schools. However that cannot be compared to those poor people who have had their houses flooded. Fingers crossed for a drier time to come.

We had a very successful year within the club with our teams all doing well throughout the year. Managing the teams can be a very frustrating task so thank you to all of the team managers for their hard work and dedication.

We have a few committee members retiring this time so a special thank you to them for all of their hard work over the past few years. On which note I would like to welcome the new committee members joining us, and look forward to working together with you all.

As a club we do have some excellent trainers for all disciplines so do try and come along to try and improve you and your horse in your chosen discipline.

We do have a busy diary once again so I hope that we have catered for all members in all that they wish to do. If we have fallen short in this field please let a member of the committee know.

I would again like to thank those of you who have allowed us to use your facilities for our various activities, it is very much appreciated.

May I wish all that you wish for yourselves in 2013, and here is to another successful year with the club.

Daphne Smith

The Winter Dressage Series started well in October with good entries. The November competition had to be cancelled because of lack of entries, and then you all came back in abundance for the December date!. Thank you very much for all who entered. This is a fun event and we cater for all levels so come and join us.. We do have the special Championship class in April where competitors placed first and second in Classes 3 and 4 go forward to the Championship where the first prize is £75 and the runner up wins £25. This class will be run in conjunction with Badminton Dressage Championship qualifiers, so well worth entering for.

As our dressage team won their Area qualifier they go forward to the Championships at Hartpury on March 30th so it would be lovely to see you all there supporting our riders.

Have a successful year with your horse and most of all, enjoy it!

Daphne Smith

Senior Teams Update

Well done to all those who represented to club in the Senior Team area show jumping qualifier at West Wilts in November. It was great to see some new faces coming forward for the teams and although we weren't placed this time we had a great day and even managed a picnic in the sunshine..... In November!!

We also sent 2 Senior Teams to the winter qualifier at Summerhouse in November it was a beautiful dry sunny day and the teams shone. One team consisting of Claire Jackson, Nuala Dunne, Liz Harding and Victoria Bailey won and are off to Hartpury in March with having to drop a score of 70% (I wish i could just get 70%) - it shows that it was a very hot team. All four members had individual placings so a huge success. The other team only just missed qualifying they were 3rd overall and they were Lesley Liddle, Lyn Davidson, Adrian Palmer and Elaine Chamberlain they all did excellent tests and I appreciate all the training each member had done and for all their time they put in, it just shows all the hard work pays off.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nikki Hand for all her hard work in training the teams. I wish the team the best of luck for the championships lets hope they bring home gold.

It would be nice to see you all at Hartpury on the 30th March for the championships to support the dressage team. Sadly we are one team member down Nuala Dunne who had a skiing accident and has to have an operation on her knee we wish her all the best and hope she will be back competing soon. I

f anyone is interested in riding in a Kings Leaze dressage team please do not hesitate to contact us or just come along to a flatwork rally which we run every month.

Hayley Godwin and Nickie Coombs

Junior Teams Update

On November 11th we sent two teams of juniors off to Summerhouse to compete in the area qualifier for the dressage.

Bonnie Jordan and Gemma Read rode the Novice test and Abbey Read and Ellie Berry rode the prelim test. Bonnie and Abbey came first in their arena's and Bonnie came first in her arena for the Juniors and the Seniors, overall the team came 2nd. The second team was represented by William Collett and Emma Comely riding prelim tests with Fran Dark riding the Novice test. This was the first time for this team competing for our riding club.

On November 25th we sent a team to West Wilts for the show jumping qualifier which we won in style with three clear rounds! Well done Abbey Read, Fran Dark, Gemma Read and Emma Comley for leading us to victory allowing the club to have qualified for the winter championships at Hartpury in March 2013.

Well done to all!

Next competition is the Royal Windsor qualifier for the dressage on February 23rd at Leyland Court.

Best Wishes for the New Year

Margaret

HELPERS

Without help at our events, we would not be able to run.

Helping out at our events is a great way to get to know people within the club and is invariably good fun!

We are looking for helpers at all events run by the Riding Club this year – Please look at our diary for dates and contact a member of the committee if you are able to offer your help.

Whether you can spare an hour or a day we always appreciate it so please get in touch if you can!

BADMINTON GRASSROOTS

We have the honour again of providing the mounted stewards for the badminton grassroots competition cross country section. As last year's event was cancelled the volunteers have been carried over to this year's event however we need a reserve list in case of anyone is unable to make it. If you have a sane sensible but fit horse and are available on Thursday 2nd may 2013 for the whole day and would like to volunteer

KINGS LEAZE CLAIM TO FAME!



One day back in October 2001 a group of people sat around Ian's kitchen table at Elmleaze, and the Kings Leaze Riding Club was born.

Amongst those people who founded the club was a lady called Caroline Cartwright, who competed at dressage. Her twelve year old daughter Lucy, subsequently joined the club as a junior member. She had a lovely New Forest pony called Willoway Thomas on whom she competed with the club in both eventing and dressage., having great fun and much success.

When Lucy was sixteen she went to work for Carl Hester, staying for six years, and was lucky enough to ride Valegro as a four year old. Their first outing was to a judges seminar, followed by their first show.

In 2006 Lucy competed Valegro in the four year old class at Badminton Dressage Championships where they were first, beating Carl into second place with Uthopia!

The next year Carl competed Valegro and Lucy groomed for them. It was very wet at that time which meant that they could not drive back to Carl's yard with the horse, so he went for a sleepover at Lucy's mother's yard. (I wonder if she has a plaque over the door?)

The rest as they say, is history.

We are very privileged to have had Lucy as a member of our club.

Daphne Smith



KLRC Dressage at Elmleaze: A junior member and her friend check the score board. A future Charlotte maybe?!

Olympia Festivities

We've been to Olympia on several occasions but had always wanted to go and see the puissance having watched it on T.V. many times. This year we joined a group of fellow riding clubbers on the trip organised by Jenny Lomas. We arrived in London just after 2 where we were released into the shopping hall.

We had plenty of much needed time to shop although I'm sure the bill payers would have preferred a little (lot) less time! We headed into the arena at 6.45 and were taken back once again by how small the arena looked even though we'd seen it many times before.



To start we watched a speed round, only realising quite how massive the fences were when we saw the riders walking the course. This was followed by the natural horsemanship display containing a very cute Shetland pony. I'm sure those of us who've had Shetlands have never seen one so willing to behave! Then was the Shetland racing and dog agility.

Finally we got to see what we'd all been waiting for, the big red wall! I'm not sure I'd ever be brave enough to jump anything that big. The class was commentated lightheartedly with banter between the Italian style of jumping compared to the British. It was amazing to see so many British riders especially our Olympic champions. It's safe to say the roof was raised when they jumped! The puissance was won by Ben Mayer at the grand height of 7'1.5 although not clear.

A massive thank you to Jenny for organising the trip. It was definitely enjoyed by all!



Kings Leaze Dressage Series
Championship Class 2013
Qualified Riders and Horses



15th June 2012

Class 3

Victoria Bailey *Flint*

Tash Bailey *Darius*

Class 4

Liz Harding *Mango*

Lesley Liddle *Poacher*

6th July 2012

Class 3

Nuala Dunne *Barney*

Claire Jackson *Sidney*

Class 4

Lynn Davidson *Doogie*

Lizzie Donaldson *Mulberry*

3rd August 2012

Class 3

Becky Casewell *Scruffy*

Katherine Lansdown *Lady Shakespeare*

**The 2013 Championships
are sponsored by**

BADMINTON HORSEBOXES

Class 4

Steph Hunter *Cara Tom*

Poppy Clark *Henry Grove*

21st October 2012

Class 3

Adrian Palmer *Mr. Darcy*

Abbey Read *Orions Gold*

Class 4

Samantha Kellett *Newtown Butler*

Bonnie Jordan *Baldassario*

16th December 2012

Class 3

Samantha Kellett *V Ramzes Z*

Debie Kellett *Newtown Butler*

Class 4

No new qualifying members.

*There are still opportunities to qualify
for the Winter Championship Class.*

*See our Winter Dressage schedule for
further details*

RESIDENTIAL CAMP April 12TH - 14TH, 2013

Camp 2013 going to be held once again at Stonar School with their excellent facilities for both horse and rider.

For those of you that have never been this is a great opportunity to have up to 7 hours of tuition over the weekend consisting of flat, XC, Showjumping and gridwork with a combined training session again on the Sunday afternoon.

Get to know your fellow members, have a swim in the pool & enjoy fun in the evening with quiz's & camp awards.

We have Tom Buckland and Lucy Dixon confirmed as instructors for the weekend and Spillers will be there Saturday to weigh your horse and give you feeding advice.

If there is enough of you that would like flat work only lessons then we can also accommodate this but we need at least 3-4 people.

We have kept the costs the same £180 which includes all the lessons, food for you for the whole weekend & accommodation for you & your horse.

Please can you send in the attached form as soon as possible with a £50 deposit to secure your place - there will be a maximum number.

For any information on anything to do with camp please contact:

Rebecca Casewell or Wendy Dawson

Kings Leaze Treasure Hunt

25th May 2013

A fun ride of about 11 miles with questions to answer!

Teams of 2 – 4 on horses or bikes

Great prizes!

BBQ for all



More details to follow soon!

Loan/share: Bay gelding, 16hh, 16 years. TB
Sound. Lives in/out, complete with all tack rugs etc.
5* home or could stay at present yard in Acton Turville.
All rounder, mainly used for hacking, been to camp, nice mover
Easy load, clip, shoe, good manners in/out of stable.
Under used at present.
Contact Jenny 07748716148 for more details.

KLRC FAMILY QUIZ

**EASY QUESTIONS
& LOTS OF FUN!**

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

7:30PM

TEAMS OF 2-6

£7.10/person INCLUDING SUPPER

**THE OLD ROYAL SHIP,
LUCKINGTON**

SOCIAL SKITTLES

AT BADMINTON VILLAGE CLUB

SAT 23RD FEB

7.30PM

£2.50

INCLUDING FINGER BUFFET

ALL WELCOME

**CONTACT LYNN BARRATT
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
AND TO RSVP**



Most people walk their dogs; but not your Chairman!



*Time to sit down with a cuppa
and meet our instructors...*



INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: TOM BUCKLAND

Tom Buckland has been one of the main instructors in the Gloucester/Bristol area for over 15 years. Originally from a non-horsey family he has honed his craft with years of experience in nearly every equine discipline from racing through to dressage.

He has ridden and produced horses from unbroken to the top level in both show jumping and dressage and even had a brief spell eventing. Early on in his career he rode for one of the country's biggest dealers as well as a racing yard and a dressage yard at the same time! Concurrently he even found time to squeeze in his BHS training in the evenings at Hartpury College.



In more recent years Tom has concentrated on his main passion for Dressage, and in the last few years has had regular placing on various different horses at both regional and national championships. In fact in 2010 and 2011 Tom was placed in the top 5 of all three young horse championships each year. A highlight was coming 4th out of strong class of over 50 horses in the prestigious Badminton Young Dressage Horse final; the eventual winner being, the now world breeding champion, Farouche.

He spent 2 years riding for Abbey Dressage where he began training with Olympic gold medalist Carl Hester and to this day regularly trains with Carl which he feels is invaluable as he can then pass on Carl's methods to his own clients.

To add to this Tom has run a successful training yard for nearly ten years where he takes in horses to compete, school, sell etc... A horse he produced through to the grand prix level at home was even sold to Erik Theilgaard (Carl Hester's trainer)!

Tom is passionate about his teaching and has so many client success stories. He has trained riding clubs, pony clubs, and private individuals right through to championship level and continues to do so.

Website **www.tom-buckland.co.uk**

Facebook **Buckland Equine**

Twitter **@dressagecoachuk**

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE:

LUCY DIXON

Are you looking to improve your horses way of going and your partnership?



Lucy can help you achieve a correct elastic contact, through improving your position and knowledge of how to train your horses correctly for all three disciplines.

As a rider Lucy has competed to Advanced level eventing and has had much success internationally. Lucy also regularly competes in affiliated dressage and show jumping bringing on youngsters and ex-racehorses.

Lucy has a wealth of experience with all types of characters, enabling her to help where others have failed. She is a firm believer of getting the foundations right and going back to the basics when problems arise.

As a trainer, Lucy has a friendly, approachable manner. She regularly trains a wide variety of horses and riders in many disciplines.

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: NIKKI HAND

My interest in dressage started when I had a chance meeting at sixteen with a trainer called Baron Hans von Blixen-Finecke. He took me under his wing and with him I developed a love of training and although I did event for many years the dressage element was always my strongest and clearly what I would end up doing full time.

I am now trained by Tessa Thorne and due to Tessa now being unable to ride I have become the rider for all the horses that come in for training. This has meant that although I have not yet had a horse of my own competing above advanced medium, I do have horses that come in for me to ride often up to PSG level, I also did the day to day riding for Tessa's Grand Prix horse prior to him being sold . As much as I love to ride I do also love to teach, I get much enjoyment from watching the combinations I help progress.

COMING SOON!

NEW FOR 2013

DRESSAGE AND FLAT RALLIES WITH PAUL TAPNER
(winner of Badminton horse trials 2010).

VENUE: BADMINTON INDOOR SCHOOL

Dates to be arranged, to start in March

KLRC Winter/Spring 2013 Events Diary

Date & Time	Details	Entries to
February		
Friday 15th	Nickie Hand Dressage rally, Wick Farm, 2 sharing £17.50, Individual £30.	Hayley Godwin
Saturday 16th	Lucv Dixon Simulated Cross Country, Iveylease, Acton Turville. £15, max 3 per group. To suit all abilities.	Daphne Smith
Sunday 17th	Winter Dressage Series , Elmlease Stud, Didmarton	Daphne Smith
Wednesday 20th	Tom Buckland Flatwork rally, Smiths, £15 for 1hr hour lesson, max 5 people in a group, 5 –7pm	Claire Jackson
Saturday 23rd	SOCIAL SKITTLES, Badminton Village Club, 7.30pm £2.50 /person including finger buffet. All Welcome	Lynn Barratt
Saturday 23rd	Tom Buckland Jumping rally, Smiths, £15 for 1hr hour lesson, max 4 people in a group, 10am –2pm	Claire Jackson
March		
Sunday 10th	Winter Dressage Series , Elmlease Stud, Didmarton	Daphne Smith
Friday 15th	Nickie Hand Dressage rally, Wick Farm, 2 sharing £17.50, Individual £30.	Hayley Godwin
Friday 15th	KLRC Family Quiz, The Old Royal Ship, Luckington 7:30pm. Teams of 2-6. £7.10/person including supper.	Jenny Lomas
Saturday 16th	Lucv Dixon Simulated Cross Country, Iveylease, Acton Turville. £15, max 3 per group. To suit all abilities.	Daphne Smith
Wednesday 20th	Tom Buckland Flatwork rally, Smiths, £15 for 1hr hour lesson, max 5 people in a group, 5 –7pm	Claire Jackson
Sunday 24th	Tom Buckland “Get yourself going XC” at Star Farm, Avening, Tetbury. £15, 1hr lesson, all abilities	Nickie Coombs
Saturday 30th	Tom Buckland Jumping rally, Smiths, £15 for 1hr hour lesson, max 4 people in a group, 1.30–3.30pm	Claire Jackson
Saturday 30th	British Riding Clubs Winter Championships , Hartpury College	Team managers
April		
Sunday 7th	Winter Dressage Series including Championship Classes , Elmlease Stud, Didmarton	Daphne Smith
Friday 12th- Sunday 14th	Residential Camp , Stonar School. For all abilities. £180 all inclusive (see newsletter for details)	Wendy Dawson

KLRC Winter/Spring 2013 Events Diary cont...

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Friday 19th	Nickie Hand Dressage rally, Wick Farm, 2 sharing £17.50, Individual £30.	Hayley Godwin
Saturday 27th	Tom Buckland "Get yourself going XC" at Star Farm, Avening, Tetbury. £15, 1hr lesson, all abilities	Nickie Coombs
May		
2nd– 6th	Badminton Horse Trials	
Saturday 25th	KLRC Treasure Hunt Venue TBC	Lizzie Donaldson,
Monday 27th	KLRC Festival of Dressage, Burrows Court Farm	Daphne Smith

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