

Kings Leaze Riding Club

Newsletter

June 2016

Coming soon:

**SUMMER
DRESSAGE
SERIES**

**KLRC OPEN
SHOW
JUMPING
(including
Derby)**

Sunday 14th
August 2016

All the usual
rallies & training

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

All KLRC
schedules are

From your Chairman

We have had another busy time since the last newsletter. Lots of rallies in all disciplines, and members competing for the club. The team managers will fill you all in with the news of that.

I would like to thank all members who gave up their time to represent the club, it is very much appreciated as this sometimes involves travelling long distances, so thank you all. Thank you also to the team managers for all of the hard work and support which they put in to these events.

Jenny Lomas and Adrian Palmer organised a quiz for us, which was great fun and a jolly evening for everybody. Not a horse in sight! What a change, so thank you both.

Well we have just had a glorious Badminton. What beautiful weather and great thrills and excitement. I would like to thank Nickie Coombs for organising the mounted stewards for the Grassroots competition. As always she did this with great efficiency and enthusiasm. It is not an easy task as public safety is of paramount importance when sending our members out amongst the busy and exciting atmosphere. Therefore it is so important that she ensures that the people who take their horses to this environment can behave in a manner which does not endanger the general public. Well done Nickie!

Thank you also to the members who were in the main arena collecting the dressage score sheets for the scorers. This again requires people who have a knowledge of dressage and the knack of making themselves invisible! You were all perfect, so thank you all very much.

We are in the process of installing an online entry system, which I hope that you will all find easier and less trouble than using the old way of entering events. It will certainly make my life easier as I then won't have my kitchen table littered with entry forms and cheques! Room for lunch at last!

I would like to thank the owners of all the venues which we use for our events, it is very much appreciated, so thank you.

We are lucky in having such a hard working committee, who all put a lot of time in to creating all of the rallies and competitions which you attend, so a big thank you to them for all of their support.

Daphne Smith

KLRC Open Show Jumping
Including DERBY
at Leyland Court
on Sunday 14 August 2016

Classes from 70 – 90 cm

See website for schedule coming soon

Entries can be made online via www.equoevents.com

KLRC would like to thank the following companies for their sponsorship

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Dressage Report

I would like to thank all of our members who so kindly represented the club so far this year. We have had some excellent results and we appreciate you giving up your time. Your managers have done a wonderful job in organizing everyone and supporting you all.

I am afraid that the start of the year was disrupted by an outbreak of strangles at Elmleaze Stud, which caused a lot of hardship for Ian and his staff, not to mention the horses concerned. However he is now clear so we can visit him again soon! As it was brought into his yard via a hunter, I was reluctant to relocate the Winter Series as most of the yards had hunters stabled there.

Our next event is the Dressage Festival at Burrows Court on Monday 30th May, where we are running qualifiers for the Badminton Championships. If any of you would like to help at this, please contact Louise Fry, she will be very pleased to hear from you.

Once again we are hosting the Area 9 Dressage to Music qualifier which will also be held at Burrows Court on Saturday 4th June. This event does require quite a lot of helpers. so we would be pleased if any of you could give up your time. We need writers, stewards, and somebody to help with the scoring. The smooth running of this event does depend on the amount of help which we get, so help out your Club and offer your services to Nickie Coombs who is secretary for the day. I can assure you of a lovely day as all concerned have an enjoyable time.

On Sunday 19th June we are running another Badminton qualifier at Elmleaze Stud, so you guessed it, more help needed please!

It is great to see so many junior members taking part in our competitions now, and really enjoying themselves. Who knows, we may have a future Carl or Charlotte among them! That would put Kings Leaze on the map!

The summer series will commence in June so watch out for the dates to be announced. Everybody loves this series, it is great fun and has a party atmosphere to it, unless it is raining of course!

So sharpen up your spurs all and get practicing for all this stressage!

Daphne Smith

Junior Dressage Report

On 10th April 2016 our Junior dressage team went to Keysoe in Bedfordshire to the National Winter Novice Dressage Championships.

Our team was made up of William Collett, April Joynson, Poppy Richardson and Abbey Read and also Poppy qualified as an individual.

As a team we came 4th out of 19 teams, well done to everyone and as individuals April and Abbey came 3rd and Poppy came 4th in there arenas.



A great effort by everyone and thanks to the parents for taking your Juniors all that way.

Abbey Read qualified as an individual for the Winter Intermediate Dressage Championships at Bury farm on 1st May, and she came 7th well done.

Margaret Read
Junior Team Manager

Senior Jumping Team Reports

With all the wet weather and many events being cancelled (including the Area 9 Combined Training Competition at Rabson Manor) we were really pleased to hear that the organisers Wessex Gold Riding Club had found a new location to allow the event to go ahead, a big thank you to them and all their helpers.

We relocated to a field just off the A38 near Dursley bkpo Tumpy Green Equestrian Centre, the field was a little soft in places and some lorries parked a bit randomly on entering the field but they were easily towed out when home-time came. The weather was sunny and quite warm at times which helped make the day relaxed and enjoyable.

The dressage warm up and arenas were a little soft in places but everyone managed very well. There were four arenas so the later competitors had a clean arena for their test.

The Show jump arena was soft but rode quite nicely and the organisers moved a few jumps for the 85cm class.

The team Louise Fry, Jane Fowler, Jane Humphries, Claire Richards had three clear rounds and a pole down and managed get placed 9th. Everyone enjoyed the day and competing for KLRC, for Louise Fry this was a first and to actually remember the dressage test and get a clear round made her day, nicely topped off by lemon drizzle cake from the snack van!

Lizzie Poole

Senior Team Manager

**PLEASE NOTE ALL COMPETITION ENTRIES CAN BE MADE
ON LINE NOW – www.equoevents.com**

Senior Dressage Report

The senior dressage team had their first outing of the year to Leyland court to do the intermediate competition.

The team came 4th overall which consisted of Steph Bond doing a consistent prelim test, Sue Ravenhill performed a good novice test, Sue Bromyard did the test of her life on Jewels winning a novice test and then Chantelle Symonds won the elementary so all brilliant results.

With winning her arena Sue qualified for the championships at Bury farm where she did an impressive test but sadly not getting into the ribbons this time, Chantelle had also qualified to go to the championships but unfortunately was unable to go.

I would like to thank the team members for all their time and efforts for representing the riding club.

We do have other dressage team events this summer so if anyone would like to be considered to ride for the team please contact me.

Many thanks

Hayley Godwin

Once again we are going to Olympia for the Christmas show Sunday 18 December for the afternoon performance.

We've managed to get 34 very good seats in the front of the back block similar to last year but this time in blocks 9, 10 and 11. A great view for all the smaller (and bigger) people as the majority of the seats are straight onto the walkway with no-one blocking the view.

Please let me know ASAP if you want to come and either send a cheque made out to KLRC to:

Jenny Lomas, Five Pines, Acton Turville, Badminton, GL 9 1 HD

Or transfer money to:

Sort code 40-47-34 Account number 41338366

Tickets are £54.75 each and this trip is open to all members, family and friends

Rally Update

We've had a fabulous time at the klrc spring rallies with lots of you turning out in the glorious sunshine for the XC clinics at Rabson Manor with Tom Buckland and Lucy Dixon in March and April and the regular Maria Griffin pole work rallies at New House Farm are as popular as ever with the rallies filling very quickly and waiting list being held. Tom show jumping rallies at New House Farm are always successful and Lucy has also built on the theme set by Maria's pole work to focus on poles and small jumps to improve suppleness and balance, running these from Ivyleaze in Acton Turville. Over the winter we also ran a series of dressage rallies with Nicky Hand at Badminton Indoor School which proved popular and it was a great treat to be able to ride in this lovely venue especially with the wet winter we had!

The KLRC committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the owners of all the venues we use for rallies, as without their fabulous facilities we would not be able to run the events.

Looking forward to the summer we have more XC training booked in May and June as well as the usual run of flat, pole and jumping rallies. Aside from rallies we will be running the summer dressage series which caters for all levels, from little ones on lead reins (with a fit mum or dad doing the hard work!!) to novice level tests, a great opportunity to come and compete in a lovely friendly environment getting the club show jumps out for the clear round jumping. Keep an eye on facebook and the website for more details of all of the above activities or ask a member of the committee.

I hope we have something for everyone. If you have any feedback on the rallies then please let any of the committee know and we will see if we can accommodate your requests.

Nickie Coombes



Mitsubishi Motors Cup Mounted Stewards, Badminton 2016

KLRC again had the honour of providing the mounted stewards for the crosscountry section of the MM Cup (formally Grassroots championships). This year the weather was glorious (unlike the monsoon rain of 2015!). All of our members were impeccably turned out and worked very efficiently all day to ensure the scorers were kept busy with the sheets coming back quickly.

Thanks to the Mounted Stewards of Margaret Read, Abby Read, Lyn Bridgeman, Sue Ravenhill-Handley, Rowena Baker, Jane Humphreys, Libby Poole and Mandy Kingwell and their hard working horses.

Also thanks to the on the ground helpers Liz Webster, Kate Lucas, Jane Fowler, Emma Newby, Lizzie Poole who made the day run smoothly and allowed the riders the chance for a break at lunchtime!



Mounted stewarding at Badminton Horse Trials by Rowena Baker

I was one of the lucky members to have my name drawn out of a hat from the list of volunteers to be a mounted steward at Badminton for the cross country section of the Mitsubishi Motors Cup (formally grassroots championships), something I have never done before. Partly because I have only recently rejoined the club and partly because I didn't have a suitable mount until now.

What next ? The official envelope came from the horse trials office. I had to provide my own packed lunch but wait, there were badges and tickets in there too. I read the instructions. Plaited, no problem she's hogged. Hacking jacket, eek, I didn't have one - I do now !

The morning arrived. 6.30 alarm, not too early I know but it is for me ! Len (hubby) and I got the horses in and fed them giving Cocoa, my pony for the day, extra breakfast. All cleaned up we set off, leaving Len to kindly poo pick the field and take the dogs home. Traffic and lights conspired against us but we just about got to the meeting place in time. Packed lunches in Nickie's car tacked up and ready for group photo.

9.00am and off we all went, in our pairs, to get acquainted with our jump judges. Sue, my partner for the day with her horse Spud and I had the first part of the course. This took us from the start box to the lake. It was a very busy stretch with lots of vehicles going about their business as well as a steady stream of spectators to avoid.

The first horse started at 9.30 and for the next almost 3 hrs we trundled backwards and forwards collecting all the judges slips and passing them to the next pair at the lake.

We managed about 20 mins for lunch where we were able to pass our mounts to some kind grooms (KLRC volunteers!!) waiting for us at Nickie's car.

The afternoon continued with the next class which finished around 4.30pm. I must admit that after 6 hrs in the saddle at about 3pm I am just beginning to feel it. Cocoa, bless her, kept going regardless. She was pretty well behaved throughout the day - Sue might disagree - only becoming a bit hungry and tired towards the end. We had a few minor mishaps - Cocoa got my foot caught in the string on the edge of path and dragged it with us for a few metres. A kind spectator put it back in place for us. Cocoa started anticipating the route which I found a little amusing - slow on the way to the lake, eager on the way back to the start box.

After 8hrs in the saddle my backside was buzzing a little. Other than my legs a bit tired the following day Cocoa and I were fine.

I'd like to think that we were all fast, friendly, efficient and upheld the name of the Club.

And would I do it again if I had the chance?.....Yes I would!

Memories from KLRC Camp 2015 @ Pontispool

Camp is designed for all Rider & Horse combinations. From Baby horses or Nervous riders to the more experienced combination flying over fences.

Our instructors are chosen for their enthusiasm, encouragement and expert knowledge.

The weekend is a great way to bond with your equine; with everybody coming away with huge achievements, but more importantly everyone leaves with a big smile on their face.

Its all about enjoying a brilliant weekend with you horse.

If you are unsure or would like to discuss any aspects of camp please do contact the team.

Thank you

Beks, Elizabeth & Lizzy x



Rider experience of Camp 2015

Having been to KLRC camp at Pontispool for the past two years I am really looking forward to going again this year. Lots of time with your horse, great company, great facilities having all your meals cooked, while you play, two nights away feels like a major holiday.

Your days are well planned by the camp organisers who do their best to accommodate everyone's preferences.

There is so much choice on the xc course you can choose what you are comfortable jumping or even push yourself a bit. Nothing is too much trouble for the organisers, last year my pony was a bit green on the cross country and even though I had ticked the box on my camp form to go out on the xc course twice I changed my mind and was slotted into a show jump rally instead.

For anyone who has never been to camp I would highly recommend it.

Louise Fry



Elizabeth & Miss Mcvite

KLRC Member lands dream job

For those of you that know me you will know that a couple of weeks ago I landed my dream job.

After 10 1/2 years of Policing the mean streets of South Glos I have broken free and have started training as a Mounted officer.

At first I thought my training would be easy...how wrong I was!

Good and bad parts so far.

I ride for around 4 hours each day which sounds great however I have to mount the horses from the ground. The smallest horse is 17hh. The training involves more lateral work than I knew existed. This helps to present the horses to crowds side on and then have the ability to move more people along. The turns on the haunches are used to get out of tight spaces...I could go on as all the school moves serve a purpose however I am trying to keep this short.

I have jumped lots (I will literally be jumping through hoops soon!)

I have been shocked by the horses behaviour. Last week I patrolled over the suspension bridge where road works were being carried out. My horse seriously looked at a noisy flappy, clunky generator and yawned (whilst we were photographed more than Justin Bieber.)

At the moment my training is based at Bower Ashton but we will be moving to the Hand equestrian soon.

Next week I start riot train so will be hitting things whilst chasing my colleagues! Similar to jousting!

I will keep you all posted about my progress and look forward to organising a trip for the club to come and meet the amazing horses.

Kara

