

Kings Leaze Riding Club

Newsletter

May 2014

Coming soon:

Summer Series
Dressage

Summer Clear
Round Jumping

Residential Camp
18 – 20th July @
Pontispool

All the usual
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From your Chairman

Well doesn't time fly. Here we are in May and it seems no time at all since we were all in danger of developing webbed feet! Hopefully all that is behind us now, and we can start enjoying the summer months.

As usual we have a busy calendar for you with a variety of events in all disciplines, so come and make the most of them. Your committee have worked hard to provide you with a varied list of things to attend, so please try and support them.

We will be running the clear round show jumping again at Alderton Grove Farm. This is an enjoyable event to attend, as it is a very relaxed evening and newcomers can come and enjoy the experience with no pressure on them or their horses. The more advanced can come and polish up their skills in time for various competitions. We do cater for all, at whatever level you are riding at.

Once again we have the Summer Dressage Series at Wick Farm, Luckington. This is another super series as the atmosphere is lovely and very sociable. Once again young ones, you have your own class!

We have had teams competing at Championships this year so the Team Managers will fill you in on all of the details. Thank you to all members who kindly represented the Club.

We are having another visit to Whatley Manor on Monday 22nd September. This is a super afternoon and evening out so get your names down early for this.

We ran a Treasure Hunt in April which was an outstanding success and raised over £700 for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, a very worthy cause I am sure you will agree. Thank you so much to the committee members for all of their hard work which they put into this.

We would not be able to stage so many training clinics and competitions without the generosity of all those who allow us to use their facilities, so a huge thank you to you all.

Finally I would like to thank all of the committee members for all of their hard work and dedication within the Club.

We look forward to seeing you all over the next few months.

Daphne Smith

DEMONSTRATION WITH ALICIA HAWKER

Thursday 29th May 2014 at 5.00pm

at Gardners Farm, Hullavington

Alicia Hawker is a very successful event rider and she joined Kings Leaze Riding Club at an early age and had great success within the Club.

Alicia wanted to give something back to our Club and offered to do a demonstration with her horses and has also invited two junior members to bring along their ponies for help and instruction from her.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this evening and if you are intending to come along to watch please can you email border.line@virgin.net so that we know numbers beforehand.

Daphne Smith

Junior Festival of The Horse Qualifier

2nd March 2014 Larkhill

The long awaited day arrived having had the thought will it or won't it run for the last fortnight. I had arranged two training sessions at Lucy Dixons prior to the event as we have not been able to school our horses due to wet weather so the use of a school is invaluable to us. So thanks you Lucy for teaching us at your yard.

5.30am the alarm goes off all up, Gemma was already up as she needed washing done before going back to Leicester University tonight. Look out of the window is it raining no not yet the forecast was not good it will rain at some point.

Car was loaded last night with as many changes of wet weather gear for us and the horses as I could get in still leaving room for us.

Part of putting a team or individuals into a competition is that helpers are required!!

No helpers came forward for the juniors so I was just delighted when I had the email telling me what help I was to give.

To be at Larkhill for 7 am briefing and be a fence judge until 3 pm when I would be relieved. Horror descended the idea of being at Larkhill by 7 am would mean leaving home at 5.30 with the horses in toe on of which would be jumping at 9.15 the other at 1.15 with the class finishing at 5pm getting home at 7 pm then Gemma had to get back to University. As you can see this was not good news.

Sina put out another plea for helpers on facebook still no one came forward so I had to ring the organisers and say that I just could not fit all of this in on one day could I just do between the hours I would be there.

All loaded and off we go no rain at the moment and a good trip to Larkhill not many people get up on a Sunday before 8.00am as we hardly saw a car, we picked up a lorry who had just come off the motorway junction at Swindon and was going the same way in front of us, I couldn't help thinking hope this is not going to hold us up as short of time as it is. NOT a chance we had a job to keep up.

We arrived at Larkhill to the smiling face of Sarah Palmer who was car park assistant on behalf of the Senior team. So dually parked off we set on the long

walk to the show jumps to check the course out, having learnt this back to the trailer to get Gemma on her horse as she is now a senior no time to walk the xc course.

Back to the show jumps with two horses as a long time for Ben to stay in trailer. Gemma does her round and then off xc, all done for Gemma back to the trailer put horses back and off to the secretary to put in the declaration for Alice McGrory who is competing on Teddy Bear in the 90cm class and Abbey Read who is competing in the 100cm class both as individual's passports checked numbers picked up and off to see if Alice has arrived.

Alice has arrived and is off to walk the xc course. We are by now starving so I get the gas stove out and have a bacon and sausage roll of breakfast and very nice too.

Alice is now getting ready to start her round which consists of a course of 8 show jumps and then off round the xc course which is 16 jumps. Alice starts with a clear round in the show jumping comes out of the ring to be counted down ready for the start of xc which is a good gallop around a good going course a really nice one for the start of the year as flat in a few minutes Alice is back clear. Well done Alice. All done before the rain.

It is raining nicely now so it is Abbey's turn now so off we go to the show jumps some of the pairs have still not turned up yet so have to wait. Eventually on pair arrive off they go and the class is closed, the show jumps raised and then the class starts Abbey clear in the show jumping then held before the xc as the course has not been given the all clear yet by now I am really quite wet then course ready and off she goes first in the class to go round and back double clear for Abbey as well.

Alice came 3rd and has qualified for the Championships on 1st June at Aston Le Walls and Abbey came 1st in her class and has also qualified.

Load the horses up and off we go back home in the rain having had a good day with results for the juniors to be proud of.

Margaret Read

What a difference a day makes

Saturday 29th March we were all getting rather excited about our team going to Hartpury for the junior show jumping championships as in past years we have done really rather well there, as it is a familiar place.

Our team members were Fran Dark her last time to compete as a junior, Emma Comley, Abbey Read all three have been in a team jumping at Hartpury before and our newcomer Alice McGrory.

Facebook starts off, Fran's mum has had an accident in her car she is alright but car now out of action so Fran is unable to get a lift with anyone so is now unable to come to Hartpury which we were all very sad about but logistically an impossible situation.

Sunday we go with three of us so as we had an early time we asked to change times to Fran's so instead of being there for 9.00am we didn't need to be there until 11.00am, much more civilised.

This meant Emma would be first to jump and then a phone call, Emma's horse's passport is not up to date with vaccinations and the organisers were really helpful as Emma's mum was sure the pony had had her vaccinations so they said if the vet can verify this then she could still ride. Sadly this was not verified so Emma had to go home.

This is a team competition and not individual but they let Alice do her round, 8 faults, and Abbey did hers, clear, and then we were sent home as well.



A sad end to a very promising day but a lesson to learned for the next competition. Keep vaccinations up-to-date and make sure you have them at least 7 days before next competing.

Next on our list is Alice McGrory going to the Festival of the horse championships on 1st June to take part in the 90cm combined training competition so we wish her good luck with it.

Margaret Read

Senior Team Reports

Sunday 2nd March 14 we entered a senior team in the Senior Challenge 90 which was an area Qualifier for the Festival of the horse. This competition consisted of a show jumping round followed directly by a cross country round at Larkhill on Salisbury Plain.

The weather had been atrocious leading up to this competition and to be honest we didn't think it would be able to run as you would probably need a duck as the ground was so wet. But Swindon RC managed to run the competition and the ground at Larkhill stood up to the day very well.

The team didn't fair so well but we had some very good individual results so well done to Gemma Read and Blackmore Clover who individually came 5th and to Lydia Fenton and Bertie who came 9th individually and thank you to Lizzie Poole and Sarah Milsom for representing the club and making up the team.



Saturday 29th March 14 was the final off the Novice show jumping held at Hartpury College which our team had qualified for back in December 13. I think everyone enjoyed the show but it wasn't to be our day. Well done to Lynn Barrett, Janet Donaldson, Catherine Macbeth and Kay Webb for making it to the finals.

<http://youtu.be/6qSN32v3TuQ>

Check out this video for a feel off the day and especially at 1.30 seconds.



Easter Sunday 20th April 14 saw the combined training competition at Rabson Manor we started off with lots of people wanting to do this competition so we entered two teams, unfortunately for one reason or another all the Novice combinations apart from 1 were unable to compete on the day so we ended sending everyone as an individual. I think everyone had a good wash as the heavens opened just as they were about to go jumping and Lynn Barrett put in a good effort with a lovely clear in the jumping which helped her and Ollie to 6th place so thanks to everyone who completed Claire Richards, Lizzie Poole, Imogen Morgan, Lauren Hall and Kay Webb you all did brilliantly on a very wet day.

The next jumping competition is the One day event at West Wilts Equestrian Centre which will have competitions at 80cm, 90cm and 1m on Sunday 22nd June 2014 we would like to enter a team so let me know if you are interested

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Sarah Palmer



Senior Dressage Report

This spring the senior dressage team competed at the Hartpury championship, the team consisted of two prelim riders, Nuala Dunne and Staci Cox and two novice riders Jade Woodward and Claire Jackson.

The team did exceptionally well coming ninth with Nuala getting individual fifth and Claire coming sixth so a good day all round.

I would like to thank them all for competing for the club and to thank Nikki Hand for all her hard work training the team.

We have two team dressage competitions this summer so if anyone would like to represent Kings Leaze to do a prelim or novice test please contact Hayley to arrange to come forward for selection.

Hayley Godwin



KLRC Dressage Report

Well another Winter Series is over, and a most enjoyable one. We had to cancel the February competition because of all the flooding but apart from that we carried on as normal.

This was rounded off by the Championships in April, where we had a very exciting event with a lovely lot of entries.

Thank you to all competitors for your continued support.

The Championships were sponsored by Kohnke's Own. John Kohnke is an Australian vet who has produced a remarkable range of products for horses. Having tried some of these products, I can personally vouch for them, they are amazing and are good value for money, and they do exactly what they promise. John provided his products as prizes for this event, for which I thank him very much.



April Joynson receiving her prize at the Championships



Karen Joynson receiving her prize from judge Emily Clarke

In March we ran qualifiers for the Badminton Dressage Championships to be held in July. This was also very well supported, and an enjoyable day.

Huge thanks to all of our judges and helpers who help to make these events successful.

On Monday 26th May we are hosting another Badminton qualifier at Burrows Court, so if you would like to try and qualify for this do come along and have a go. It is always a super day.

On Saturday 7th June we are running the Area 9 qualifier for Dressage to Music. This should be interesting and huge fun I expect!

Thank you to the team managers and trainers for all of their hard work and support throughout, you have been wonderful.

A big thank you to Ian Adsetts for allowing us to run our dressage events at Elmleaze.

We have been extremely lucky in the winter months that Her Grace, The Duchess of Beaufort has allowed us the use of the indoor school for our training. It has been invaluable for everybody keen to carry on with their training in what has been a very trying winter. I thank Her Grace very much for this facility.

The summer series gets off to a start in June, to be held at Wick Farm, Luckington by kind permission of Hayley and Andy Godwin. This series is always great fun and very relaxed, so come along and make the most of it.

Look forward to seeing you all at these events.



Claudia Wallis who qualified for the
Badminton Championships on 8th
March at Elmleaze

Daphne Smith

KLRC Treasure Hunt 2014 – Raised £700

This year Adrian was helping organise the Treasure Hunt along with Lizzie, Jenny, Rob, Nicky, Kate and Rachael amongst others. This meant for quite a few months before he was going to secret meetings which seem to mainly involve the pub and could be seen driving around Nettleton at ½ a mile an hour snapping random signs and land marks. He then kept all the photos hidden and could be heard giggling away as he thought off some wicked cryptic clues but fortunately Jenny Lomas then screened.

As I had not been involved in the arrangements for the first time this year I rode the course with my friend Anne we named our team “Clueless” and sadly we did seem to live up to our team name. We both had a very enjoyable ride which really picked up at the half way point as we were fed Cadbury cream eggs and orange squash as it was Good Friday.

There was a great team spirit riding round with everyone trying not to squeal too loudly with delight as they worked out a clue as at certain points we did catch up with various other teams and didn't want to give anything away!

It was a great route well thought out and when we got back to the lorry park there was a super BBQ waiting for us!! The KLRC treasure hunt that was a great success due to the participants and helpers we had over 70 people taking part including a uni cycle that Lizzie Poole tried and failed badly to ride, over £700 was raised for the Wiltshire air ambulance.

1st the reigning champions Hayley Godwin at the helm the Definites & Maybe's

2nd 12 legs & 3 Wheels Rebecca Casewell & Elizabeth Webster

3rd West Kington Whizz Kids

4th The Stratton rangers

5th Team PoDoCo

6th Bonnie & Clyde

All the teams did really well answering the clues and collecting flowers enroute and it came down to the tie break question. Big thanks to everyone on the committee for organising and to all the people who supported the cause by giving such lovely prizes and their time to make sure the day ran smoothly especially to Lizzie Poole and Jenny Lomas.

Sarah Palmer

British Eventing Grassroots Championships 2014, Badminton

KLRC again had the privilege of providing the mounted stewards for badminton grassroots championships. A lovely day was had by all despite the heavy rain showers and ever increasing windy conditions! Thanks go to the mounted team of Sarah Milsom, Liz Webster, Leah Tuck, Gill Penberth, Lydia Fenton, Emily Small, Laura Harris and Chris Ticehurst. Also a huge thank you to Lara Rudge, Sue Handley and Megan handy for helping on the ground!



Below are some reports from the mounted stewards.

Today was a very exciting day for me. Ever since I was a child walking around Badminton Horse Trials I always wanted to one day be a mounted steward, and then when reading the KLRC newsletter there was an advert to put names forward for the Grassroots day at Badminton. As I needed a safe and sane horse, my sister kindly agreed to let me ride horse for the day.

We arrived in time to get Emma plaited and smartened up, and then there was a "photoshoot" of the Team before we then headed off to our fence sections. In the morning, Liz Webster and I had fences 8 to 15 going along toward the Lake in front of Badminton House, which was lovely. We did enjoy a nice canter or two, but the more canters we did, the more excited Emma started to get! We then headed back to the start box for a spot of lunch. I decided it would be a good idea to eat my lunch out of my plastic carrier bag...not a good idea! Emma was terrified and for a few moments we had a loose horse on our hands but luckily she had attached herself to Liz's horse in the morning! In the afternoon, we did fences 1 to 8 which was faster paced, but great fun and we spent a lot of time at fence 5 which seemed to be causing a few problems during the day.

The day ended at about 5pm with some rather tired horses. It was a lovely day and to have ridden on the grounds around Badminton House is very special!

Laura Harris

Everything was going smoothly. We'd congregated in the lorry park at the correct time, waited for the rain to pass before removing our macs and then unloaded our beautifully turned out horses. Following the photocall we proceeded across the road and into the Park where we split off into our pairs and headed out to find the section of fences we were responsible for and plan the best route to take between them. Laura and I introduced ourselves (and our trusty steeds) to one another as we wended our way past the Grassroots obstacles. The previous evening when we walked the course even the BE90 fences had appeared rather large and challenging; seeing them again the next morning from an elevated position they all seemed even more imposing and my admiration for the day's competitors grew greatly.

Emma and Miss McVitie were keen to get going and were disappointed not to be allowed to hoon off up the hill and across the open grassland. As I said, it was all going smoothly. We had 10 minutes before the first runner and the horses were alert but behaving brilliantly - then we saw them. The Hounds. 200m away and out for their daily leg stretch. Immediately both horses decided they were obviously there to go hunting and took a little convincing that they were not imminently joining the party and were instead required to witness the magnificent spectacle of the Hunt chasing across the lush pasture as they themselves walked sedately towards our first fence judges' position.

We had a similar reaction to the first rider/horse pairing to gallop past us but both our horses realised very early on what was required of them and they travelled happily backwards and forwards along our assigned stretch as we collected the small slips of paper from the various fence judges as well as the photographers' SD cards. The sun was almost shining, it hadn't rained for ages and the wind wasn't as strong as I had been expecting... Well, not until after lunch!



I wasn't in the Pony Club as a child but I suspect that it would have provided excellent training for the rigours of the afternoon. Gusty winds made the hand-overs rather risky as we sought to control our horses whilst delving into our pouches to retrieve the wads of precious paper.

And then, all too soon, it was over. The last round was finished, the score sheets were delivered safely and we were heading back to the lorry park.

Miss McVitie and I had the most wonderful experience yesterday and we went back to her stable feeling rather tired and a touch hungry. We'd made new friends and been privileged to represent the KLRC at such an auspicious event. Everything was going smoothly, right up to this morning when I attempted to walk briskly to the main arena to watch the first session of the dressage. I'm hoping the waddle I've adopted will have worn off by Saturday and I'll once more be striding off around the glorious grounds of Badminton.

Elizabeth Webster

It finally happened – a ride at Badminton Horse Trials.... OK, now to put it back to reality – slip collecting at the Grass Roots Championships.

Having spent my Pony Club days in Cornwall, the Beaufort Pony Club option of slip collecting had passed me by, so when the possibility of doing so at the Grass Roots Championships came up, this was an opportunity not to be missed.



The day dawned wet & windy with sunny spells in between and luckily the rain kept off after we all got on for a photo call at 10.30am. Leah Tuck and I had been allocated the final part of the course in front of the house and lake. This also included the car park entrances and parcel drop off points. Thankfully, Leah's horse, Bella was an old hand at this game and helped to keep my horse, Millie in control of herself. I did think that she might have "lost it" when we saw the hounds on exercise, but luckily, they kept their distance and all remained calm.

After a couple of trips up and down our allocated route, everything settled into a routine. The only scary thing was the KBIS tent by the garden complex. Millie was convinced that it was unsafe, and when we returned after lunch to find it in a tangled heap, she was obviously proven to be right.

It was a long day, finishing at about 5pm, but great fun too (and we had a good view of the first few horses in the main event's trot up). My thanks to Nicky Coombes for organising us all and to those in the club who have made the opportunity possible. Everyone looked really smart and it was an honour to represent the club. Just goes to show that even if you missed the chance at Pony Club, it's never too late!

Gill Penberth



Kings Leaze Riding Club

Patron Her Grace the Duchess of Beaufort

Summer Clear Round Jumping will be back!
Dates will be set as soon as the grass has been
taken off the paddock so please watch the
website and facebook page for further updates.

Starting at 6pm 1ft 6' and gradually increasing in height
as the evening progresses.

Last entry dependant on weather conditions and light levels.

To be held at:

Alderton Grove Farm, Littleton Drew, South Glos,

By the kind permission of Mr & Mrs T Smith

Refreshments available

For further information contact Nickie Coombs
Robandnickie@btinternet.com, 07796 990204

We will also be looking for volunteers to help set the jumps up
as well so if you haven't already offered to help the club this
year now's your chance!

Have a go dressage with Casey Stickland

**Wick Farm Luckington
on Saturday 28th June**

Come and ride a dressage test and then get feedback from the judge who will advise you on how to improve your marks.

Sessions are 45 minutes.

The cost is £20 per person plus £2.50 school hire.

Choose a test from the following:

KLRC Walk & Trot 1

Prelim 7 or Prelim 18

Novice 28 or Novice 30

Elementary 42 or Ele 44

Casey is

- Currently competing up to Inter 1**
- Competed as a Junior and Young Rider for Great Britain**
- Member of BEF Excel Talent Programme from 2011-2013**
- BHS Stage 3 and German Federation Performance Medal level 4 and 3**
- Has regular training in Germany with Canadian Olympian, Leonie Bramall**

**To reserve a space please email Daphne Smith on
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