

# ***Kings Leaze Riding Club***

## ***Newsletter***

**September 2016**

Coming soon:

**WINTER  
DRESSAGE  
SERIES**

**FASHION  
SHOW  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
October 2016**

All the usual  
rallies & training

See  
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for a full diary of  
forthcoming  
events

All KLRC  
schedules are  
available on the  
website

### ***From your Chairman***

Summer is nearly over, and the autumn will soon be here. It has been a busy summer with dressage competitions, show jumping and a BBQ.

Jenny Lomas and her team ran a show jumping derby at Leyland Court in August. This was a huge success and the day ran really smoothly, mostly due to Jenny's organisation and the help which so many of you gave. A lot of you were there all day, some of you even the day before to set up the course, it was a long day and your help was very much appreciated, so thank you to all of you. Russell Collett designed the course and made an excellent job of it too, so we are very grateful to him also. Added to which, him and William were at the show for the entire day to be on hand to alter courses etc. Thank you to you both.

We had a BBQ which was provided by Robin Butterworth and what a splendid spread he put on for us all, so thank you Robin. It had rained heavily for most of the afternoon, but hey presto the sun came out in time for the BBQ and we had a lovely evening. It was great to see so many children there and all enjoying themselves. Thank you to all who attended.

We have been busy organising events for the diary and hope that we have catered for all tastes.

As always we have lots of rallies in all disciplines, which are always very popular. We cater for all abilities so have a look, I am sure there is one to suit you all somewhere in the Diary.

We have the winter dressage series at Elmleaze Stud commencing in October. There will also be another Christmas Show on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December at Elmleaze. This will consist of various classes and of course include the puissance, which is very popular with riders as well as spectators.

We have a Fashion Show presented by Wadswick Country Store on Friday 28th October. This will be held in the Old Hall at Badminton House, by kind permission of the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort.

Your commentator for the evening will be Mr Michael Tucker whom I am sure needs no introduction! This promises to be a great evening so come along and support it.

I wish you all the best of luck with your horses, in whichever discipline you choose, and most of all have fun!

***Daphne Smith***

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**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**

**FASHION SHOW**

**Presented by Wadwicks Country Store**

**Commentator - Michael Tucker**

at The Old Hall, Badminton House  
by kind permission of The Duke and Duchess of Beaufort

**Friday 28th October 2016**

**Details to follow!**

## Dressage Report

We are currently having a lull with the dressage competitions before we restart with the Winter Series at Elmleaze Stud in October. We hope to see lots of you there, as we do cater for all abilities in these competitions and they are fun!

At the end of May we held our Dressage Festival at Burrows Court, which included qualifiers for the Badminton Dressage Championships in July. The day ran really well, with people giving up their time to help us out, so thank you to all concerned. Ian Adsetts made a wonderful steward, as he always does, very professional, so thank you Ian.

In June we hosted the Area 9 Dressage to Music qualifier, and as always, this was a super day. So many of you offered your time to come and help the day run smoothly, which it really did, so many thanks to you all it was very much appreciated. A big thank you to Nickie Coombs for acting as secretary on the day so that I was able to compete. You did a marvellous job Nickie, thank you.

We entered two teams for the Badminton Dressage Championships and they all performed very well. More details from Hayley, the team manager.

The Summer Series at Wick Farm went very well with everybody having a great time. Many thanks to all helpers and Judges, who gave up their time to help at these events it is very much appreciated as without your help we could not run these events.

The results for the Summer Series are as follows:-

Overall winner of the Series	William Collett
Second Place	Fiona Hicks
Third Place	Rebecca Edwards
Novice Winner	William Collett
Grass Roots Winner	Isobel Coombs

Well done to all of you and your awards will be presented at the AGM on Thursday 17th November, at Badminton Village Hall.

***Daphne Smith***

## Senior Dressage Report

The dressage teams had an exciting day at the Badminton Dressage Championships in July.

Out of all the dressage competitions the club has competed at this year this is by far the hottest of them all.

The teams were early to go which does have its disadvantages but first team to go were Sarah Palmer, Corrie Hart, and Adrian Palmer.

Sarah did her best test ever on Yogi, Corrie a new team member on Leo followed with performing a very pleasing test and Adrian on his new stunning mount Chilli did an excellent test which was a pleasure to watch (not like Flashes test where we all use to pray they would stay in the arena!)

This team got exceptional scores and we led for a long time which was very exciting but sadly we got knocked down into second which is where they finished.

The next team had a hard task as well they were Jane Fowler another new team player and one to watch out for in the future doing a pleasing test, Sue Bromyard did a nice test but I think the judges needed to go to Specsavers as they were mean with her result and last but not least Sue Ravenhill-Handley did an impressive test, this team were also in the ribbons by coming fifth.

The highest score member in each team gets to go in for a ride off this was Sarah Palmer and Sue Ravenhill-Handley, Sarah coming 8th and Sue coming 9th.

So a brilliant day was had by all and I would like to thank all the team member for representing the club and giving up their time.

***Hayley Godwin***

# **Olympia Christmas Show 2016**

There are still plenty of tickets available for

**Sunday December 18**

Afternoon performance

Very good seats with unrestricted view of arena at

£54.75

Please email me on [jennylomas04@gmail.com](mailto:jennylomas04@gmail.com)

If you would like to join us

It's a brilliant show with wonderful atmosphere

(and great shopping!)

## **KLRC Charity Treasure Hunt is back for 2017!**

Enjoy a beautiful ride in the south Cotswold countryside whilst answering questions and collecting treasure! Teams can be 2 to 6 in a group and on horseback, bike or any other non-motorised transport – previous years we had unicycle and roller blades!

Exact venue TBC but there will be the usual great prizes for the winning team and BBQ / refreshments afterwards.

Perfect for families and a great way to see a new part of the countryside.

**SAVE THE DATE Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Keep an eye out on the KLRC website and on facebook page for more details nearer the time.

# Camp 2016 Report

What another brilliant residential weekend Camp. So many achievements and brilliant memories made at Pontispool again this year.

We decided this year we would slightly change the format and have two Cross Country lessons for everyone, with the option to opt out of the second rally and use the school with an instructor if preferred.

Everyone arrived on the Friday; some nervous, more excited but all looking forward to the weekend ahead with our horses. The rallies got underway Friday afternoon and the fun began. Friday evening Chris Ticehurst gave us a talk regarding sport massage therapy and advising us to stretch more before and after riding – this later on in the weekend some of us wished we had taken more notice!

Rallies continued over the weekend with a session of flatwork and Show jumping included.

Saturday evening, we handed out the well-deserved awards!

Most improved riders: Rosie Allen, Katie Morton

Most improved Horse: Leo (Jane Fowler)

Horses Instructors would most like to take home: Miss Mcvitie & Eddie,  
Owned by Elizabeth and Callie Webster.

I'd like to say a big thank you to our instructors Di Sealey, Sin Brown and Chris Jonhson, who once again inspired us all to kick on and enjoy the venue facilities to its fullest.

Thank you to everyone who came to camp and made it such a brilliant weekend. Looking forward to Camp 2017... dates to be confirmed soon.

***Beks, Elizabeth and Lizzy***









## Show Jumping Derby 14 August 2016

This show had been a long time in the planning as we had booked the venue (Leyland Court) back in January. On-line and postal entries were pretty thin on the ground so it all depended on entries on the day.

We were lucky to be able to set the course for the first class on the preceding day and Russell, William and their trusty helpers, (Alex martin, Sarah and Adrian Palmer), made sure we were all ready for a prompt start on Sunday morning.

We needn't have worried about entries, there were lots, both KLRC members and non-members; the beautiful weather made it a splendid day for all concerned.

The whole show ran very efficiently thanks to our army of brilliant helpers and a special thanks to Russell and William Collett for setting the course, Alex Miller, Cathis Jenkinson, Anna and Tania Dando, Isobel Coombs and Jamie Ticehurst for picking up poles and helping with jump building. Also thanks to Nickie, Chris and Beks for running the collecting ring so efficiently, Bonnie Jordan and Louise Fry for coping with the numerous entries and Eric and Clare for judging and commentary.

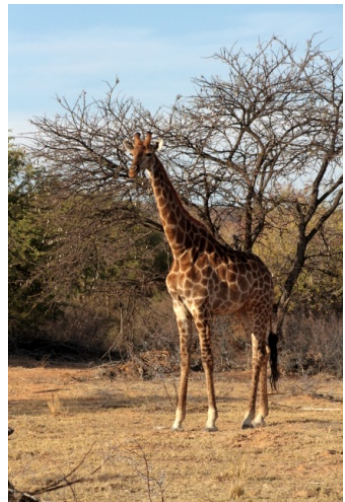
It was good to see so many members competing and winning classes, Jane Humphries had a particularly good day winning classes 4 and 5 on different horses (see results below). Also well-done to Olivia Collett, Libby Poole Naomi Waheed and Cathering Macbeth. It is particularly good to see our juniors coming forward and being placed in such good company.

Here are the winners:

Class	First	Second	Third
1	Libby Poole Golden Imp	Naomi Waheed King	Eva Hola-Smith Corderry Milly
2	Katie Keen Minstrel	Charlotte Church Apache	Terry James Max
3	Cathy Sanders Jack	Naomi Waheed King	Holly Preece Blue
4	Jane Humphreys Eddie	Olivia Collett Harry	Katie Keen Larry
5	Jane Humphreys Siri	Alfie German Mara	Charlotte Walters Holnest Frodo Baggins

## Holiday of a Lifetime

At the end of June I set off to Heathrow for the night flight to Jo'berg. Landing at 9.30am I met up with friends who had flown from Paris and we grabbed our hire car. We set off for Ants Nest, a game reserve 3hrs north of Johannesburg in the Waterberg region of South Africa. There are two guest properties on the reserve Ants Nest (12 guests) and Ants Hill (16 guests). They have wonderful facilities including beautiful cottages, suites, pools, outdoor dining, gardens and over 100 horses between them. There is a massive range of sizes, temperaments and breeds and it is not long before everyone has their favourites. Rides are twice a day morning and late afternoon depending on the season and each accompanied by two knowledgeable local guides. There are usually three groups slow, medium and fast so everyone is catered for. For those wanting a rest or not riding the truck is always available for a game drive. This is an amazing place with beautiful lodges and the friendliest of staff for whom nothing is too much trouble. June is the winter season here with beautiful blue skies and sunshine and much less green than the summer season. Days are very warm but falling to near freezing at night. With no leaves on the trees you would think it would be easier to spot the animals but their camouflage is fantastic. Riding within a few feet of giraffe, buffalo, rhino, wildebeest, warthogs and many breeds of antelope is just surreal. As



there are no big cats on this reserve the horses are able to roam free in the bush returning to the homestead for food!! There are stables which some overnight in the winter. At the end of the evening ride we stopped for the great tradition of "sundowners". The truck has preceeded us to the rendezvous either on an open plain or up on the hill. Table and chairs all set up with drinks and nibbles, tack loaded onto the truck and horses turned loose we sit and watch the sunset with a G&T! There is a rhino breeding programme on this reserve and 24hr security to prevent poaching.

We were fortunate to meet Sophie and Scorchers little calf. The rhino are fed in the evening at the owner Ants home which is a unique experience. We were also fortunate enough to experience game capture when Egor the old male buffalo got injured in a fight and needed treatment. He was darted by a vet from a helicopter and then we went in by truck to help clean the wound and give antibiotics. We returned to the truck while the vet reversed the sedation and the buffalo was back on his feet in 20secs. (Thats why we were told to move quickly!!)

What an experience I can't wait to go back!

***Nuala Dunne***



# **KLRC AGM**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**at**

**Badminton Village Hall, Badminton**

**Starting at 7.30pm (prompt)**

**Everyone welcome**

## ***Christmas Fun Show***

**OPEN TO ALL**

***Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2016***

**To be held at**

**Elmleaze Stud, Didmarton, South Gloucestershire**

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

**PLEASE NOTE ALL COMPETITION ENTRIES CAN BE  
MADE ON LINE NOW – [www.equoevents.com](http://www.equoevents.com)**