

Carleton Riding Club Member newsletter

February 2025



Welcome to our monthly Member newsletter.

We've got lots to update on, so grab a brew and take a read. If you've got any feedback or an idea for an article, be sure to let us know.

Introductory and Dressage to Music Qualifiers

Over the weekend of 1 & 2 February, 11 Carleton members made the journey down the A140 to Tophthorn Arena near Stowmarket for the Area 14 Junior & Senior Introductory Qualifier and the Dressage to Music Qualifier.

On Saturday morning, Karen Dorling and Junior member April Waterlow competed in the mixed Elementary DTM qualifier. April was 5th with 65.58% and Karen was 2nd with 68.65% just behind the winner. We're keeping everything crossed for a wildcard for Karen. Claire Iaccarino came 1st in the Prelim DTM with 68.06% and are now off to Arena UK in April for the Championship.

In the afternoon, Darcie Ball competed in the Intro 1 and Prelim 1 Junior Introductory Qualifier and was a brilliant 2nd in the Prelim. The winner of her class was also in the winning team so Darcie will also be off to Arena UK in April!

On the Sunday it was the turn of the Senior Introductory Qualifier and Carleton had 2 teams competing, the Seahorses; Becca Martin, Christy Seaman, Ellis Bull & Katie Balderstone (with baby Florence at her first ever dressage qualifier) and the Unicorns; Nicola Broughton, Ella Craske (who stepped up at the last minute and her horse who was returning to competition after an injury lay-off and also his first dressage qualifier), Claire Iaccarino and Harly Moon.

All the combinations rode brilliantly and there were many plus 70% scores. The Seahorses were a fabulous team 2nd and the Unicorns were 3rd. Becca Martin, who was competing at her first qualifier since her horrific show jumping accident at the Summer Show Jumping Qualifier 2 years ago, was 2nd in her test with 69.32%, Again, as the winner of her test was also in the winning team she has also qualified in the individual event.

Christy Seaman and her lovely Dales Pony Griseburn Orla who were competing in their first qualifier for Carleton scored an amazing 70% and were joint 3rd in Intro 2 with Nicola Broughton and Aberhosan Fiery Jack.

Harly Moon and Longacres Supernova were competing at their first qualifier since his return from injury and scored 2 x 70%+ tests, winning the Prelim 2 test with 73% and another Carleton member with a golden ticket to Arena UK.

A fabulous weekend for Carleton. All competitors and their horses did the club proud.



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Member Training update

On Saturday 15 February, we welcomed 5* Eventer, all around nice guy and club favourite Simon Grieve back for our first member training clinic of the year.

It wasn't without it's challenges. First we had to move the venue due to a Strangles case at WHW. We are very grateful to Mousehold Farm in Rackheath for accommodating us at such short notice. It's a new venue for us – we were very impressed. Judging by the feedback so were you!

Finally, the weather threw a curveball at us. Who ordered snow?!

Still everyone keeps going and I believe Simon thawed out eventually.

Here's just some of the feedback:

- Fantastic lesson, first with Simon & will definitely like more! Also first time at Mousehold & love it!
- Loved my lesson- Simon was brilliant! Helping me jump again after a long time, just loved it. Thankyou very much for organising. Mousehold is a really great place, very lovely facilities and so friendly!
- Fab lesson - our first with Simon (and Carleton) - the venue is fantastic - we thoroughly enjoyed it.
- Great lesson and venue - I've been to a few clinics at Mousehold and hired it out over the summer. it's a super venue, great facilities, friendly people and very convenient just off the NDR.
- Simon fabulous. Big thanks to photographer you got some great snaps also . Very happy first timers.
- Arena and surface spot on. Really easy to get to. Lush cafe and toilets (Very important). We were over the moon to have a lesson with Simon so it could have been anywhere.



March Member Training – Saturday 15 March

We will be back at Mousehold Farm for our next member training clinic. This time we will be holding two clinics!

In the morning, we will be offering an introduction to Formation Riding. An activity where riders work together in a group to perform choreographed movements on horseback.

In the afternoon, we will be getting show ready with Charlotte Wright.

Charlotte, a local showing producer who has shown all over the country and regularly competes at Hickstead RIHS, Hoys and previously Olympia. Charlotte competes a range of horses and ponies, native and plaited as well as enjoying jumping.

Both clinics are open to all members and can be booked on MyRidingLife.



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CRC Seaside Camp – 20 – 23 June

Our fourth seaside camp at Mill Farm, Wells Next The Sea on the weekend 20 – 23 June.

Our aim is to make it a fun, friendly stress-free weekend. There will be opportunities to ride on the beach throughout the weekend in small groups.

You can pop round a small course of jumps, ride a dressage test in front of a dressage judge or generally chill out with likeminded people and ponies.

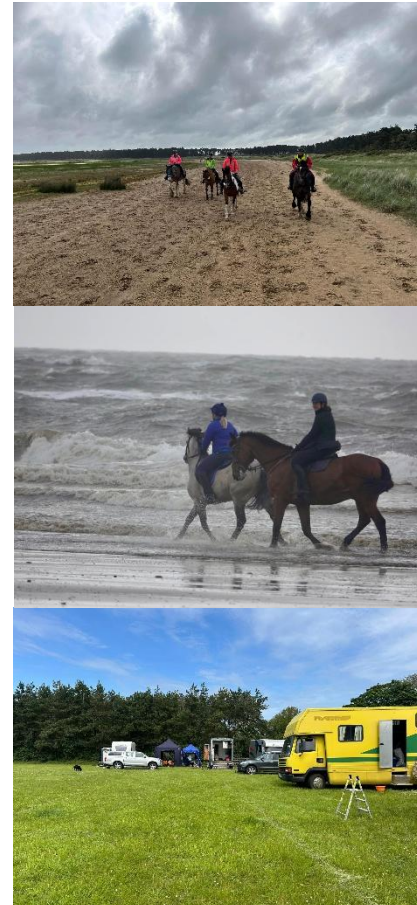
This weekend really is for everyone and all activities are optional. Food is provided at all meal times except Sunday evening.

There will be LOTS of cake!

We're now taking a £50 deposit towards each horse the remaining payment will be due one month before. Prices are:

- 3 night stay - per person with horses in paddocks £150
- 2 night stay- per person with horses in paddocks £125
- Person only no horse £60
- Stables £5 extra per horse per night.

You can find more details on My Riding Life.



Quiz & Chips – 21 March

Don't forget we are holding our third Quiz & Chips night on Friday 21 March.

We'll be back at Filby Bridge Restaurant from 7pm. Teams are limited to 6 people. It's £14 per person. That includes your fish & chips or vegetarian option.

Tickets are available on My Riding Life. Closing date is Wednesday 12 March (or before if full). And start swatting!

Massive thanks to Joanne Watts and Debbie White for organising this.

