

Carleton Riding Club Member newsletter

January 2024



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.

New Year, New Chair

At our AGM, we announced that Anna Goodley was standing down as our Chair and that Vicky Harris would be taking on the role. We caught up with Vicky to find out a bit more about her:

Lots of you will know me but I'm sure there are a few of you that don't. I feel like I have got some big shoes to fill. Thank you to Anna for all your hard work over the years and before Anna, Sara Campbell.

I have got to the age where we refer to ourselves as a 'lady of a certain age'!! I have nearly spent my entire life being pony then horse mad. My lovely husband refers to it as my obsession which always takes priority! Well he is probably right!

I grew up in various places, moving with my Father's work but I always had a pony. I was active in the pony club. Mainly doing as much XC riding as possible and the pony club mounted games! What fun. I left school a lot of years ago, then went to work at a Dressage yard to complete my AI. I hated this. Riding was not for fun or pleasure, so qualification complete I left working with horses.

I decided to fuel my adrenaline junky attitude by joining the ambulance service so I could work front line and drive on blue lights. I loved it. Still love it 33 years later! During my paramedic training, getting married, moving house etc, I always had horses but mainly bumbled around SJ and XC. Until I realised to do XC in the summer, it was called eventing and included a dressage test!!

I bought a new horse in 2006 and actually thought maybe I should attempt to do dressage. A friend suggested I have some lessons and join a club. So in 2007, I joined Carleton and did my first ever dressage test. We were placed 2nd. I couldn't believe it. Maybe I could ride properly after all!!

I loved being a part of the club straight away and took part in everything that I could. I soon decided to join the committee. They all made me feel so welcome and got me involved in all sorts of things. Since then I have been the team manager for the Horse Trials teams and travelled to Oxfordshire several times to the Championships. Some years with a horse competing, other years just to support the other riders. I have competed in lots of team events - some with qualifications, some not. The Champs at Lincoln is always a favourite, for horses and social activities. I have enjoyed a few Winter Championships too, which is still all good fun - with the right clothing on.

I am very excited about becoming the chairman this year and totally plan on changing, nothing! With our fantastic committee and our committed Members, I really don't think there is anything that we could do any better.

See you all at our shows, I will be the one on either a grumpy but very pretty (when her ears are forward) chestnut mare called Cressida or on a very sappy dark bay gelding who will spook at a feather called Fangaroo.



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Upcoming training – February

5* Eventer (and club favourite) Simon Grieve is back at World Horse Welfare on Sunday 11 February. This month, the focus will be on riding a course.

We'll keep groups to 3 maximum - all jumping around the same height. Training with Simon usually books up fast, so get your entry in quick.

Sara Campbell will be offering flatwork lesson at Hill Farm, Hardingham on Sunday 18 February. Private or shared lesson available.

All of our training can be entered on My Riding Life.



Dressage to Music and Intro Championship Qualifier - January

Well done to everyone who braved the cold for a trip to Tophorn for the Dressage to Music and Intro Championship Qualifier on 7 January.

We had a hugely successful weekend and the following members will make the trip to Bury Farm in March for the Championships:

Elementary DTM - Karen Dorling
Intro B Individual - Harly Moon
Prelim 1 Individual - Harly Moon
Prelim 2 Individual - Harly Moon
With 3 amazing 70%+ tests
PYO Adv Med/Med DTM - Vicky Foster

Team Carleton Blue
Vicki Partridge
Nicola Broughton
Emma Broughton
Abby Steel - who scored a fabulous 75.53%

Fantastic scores and placings

Bella Knaapen
Lauryn Canham

A big thank you to Nicola for stepping in at the last minute and competing in the pairs with Lauryn when Michaela had to unfortunately withdraw.

And a special mention to our only Junior participant Daisy Sawyer who was 2nd in her test, just losing out on qualifying by 1 mark.

Well done everyone - you're all a credit to Carleton.



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2024 Dates for your diary

Call us super organised, but we've put together a calendar for 2024. This contains the dates for all our shows, training, qualifiers, championships and anything else we can think of!

As a club, we are committed to bringing you as much value as we can for your membership. Seeing it in one place, makes you realise how much we actually do.

We'll publish this on our FB Group too. Don't forget to renew your membership using the new Sport80 portal. You should have received an email with all the details.

Date	Training/Show/Qualifier/Championship	Whats on?	Venue	Eligibility
6/7 th January	Area 14 Qualifier	Intro + Dressage to Music	Topthorn, Stowmarket	Juniors/Seniors
Sunday 14 th January	Training – Theresa Edmonds	Flatwork	Hill Farm, Hardingham	Members Priority
Saturday 27 th January	Training – Simon Grieve	Simulated XC	WHW, Snetterton	Members Priority
Sunday 11 th February	Training - Simon Grieve	Ride A Course	WHW, Snetterton	Members Priority
Sunday 18 th February	Training – Sara Campbell	Flatwork	Hill Farm, Hardingham	Members Priority
8 th -10 th March	BRC Championship	Quadrille, Music & Intro Dressage	Bury Farm Equestrian Club, Leighton Buzzard	Qualifying Teams/Individuals
Friday 15 th March	Social	Quiz & Chips	Filby Bridge Restaurant, Great Yarmouth	Open To All
Sunday 17 th March	Training – Theresa Edmonds	Flatwork	Hill Farm, Hardingham	Members Priority
Saturday 30 th March	Training – Judith Barker	Polework	WHW, Snetterton	Members Priority
6/7 th April	BRC Championship	Novice Winter Dressage/Showjumping	Arena UK, Grantham	Qualifying Teams/Individuals
Sunday 21 st April	Show	Dressage AM/ Show Jumping PM	Easton College, Norwich	N/A
Saturday 27 th April	Training – Judith Barker	Simulated XC	WHW, Snetterton	Members Priority
27/28 th April	BRC Championship	Intermediate Winter Dressage/Showjumping	Arena UK, Grantham	Qualifying Teams/Individuals
4/5 th May - TBC	Training – Michelle Lowe & Sara Campbell	Training for an ODE	Blackwater Farm, Lenwade	Members Priority
Sunday 19 th May	Area 14 Qualifier	Horse Trials	Poplar Park, Woodbridge	Juniors/Seniors
Sunday 26 th May	Show	Dressage AM/ Show Jumping PM	Easton College, Norwich	N/A
31 st May – 1/2 nd June	BRC Championship	Arena Eventing	Aston Le Walls, Northamptonshire	Qualifying Teams/Individuals
31 st May – 1/2 nd June - TBD	Training	Beach Camp	Mill Farm, Wells Next The Sea	Members
Sunday 16 th June	Show	Dressage AM/ Show Jumping PM	Easton College, Norwich	N/A
Thursday 20 th June	BBQ Fundraiser	Morley Agricultural Association	Morley St Botolph	Volunteers Required
Sunday 23 rd June	Area 14 Qualifier	Showjumping	Geldeston, Beccles	Juniors/Seniors
Saturday 29 th June	Training – TBD	Ride A Course	WHW, Snetterton	Members Priority
Saturday 6 th July	Area 14 Qualifier	Dressage	Norfolk Show Ground	Juniors/Seniors
Sunday 7 th July	Area 14 Qualifier - TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sunday 21 st July	Show	Dressage AM/ Show Jumping PM	Easton College, Norwich	N/A
2-4 th August	BRC Championship	Horse Trials	Swalcliffe, Banbury	Qualifying Teams/Individuals
Sunday 25 th August	Clear Round – Carol Johnson	Clear Round Arena Eventing	WHW, Snetterton	Members Priority
Monday 26 th August	Area 14/7 Qualifier	Combined Challenge	Horseheath, Cambridge	Juniors/Seniors
Saturday 31 st August	BRC Championship	National Championship	Lincolnshire Show Ground	Qualifying Teams/Individuals Seniors
Sunday 1 st September	BRC Championship	National Championship	Lincolnshire Show Ground	Qualifying Teams/Individuals Juniors
17 th – 19 th September - TBD	Training – Emily Lochore	Camp	Grange Farm, Kings Lynn	Members
Sunday 22 nd September	Show	Dressage AM/ Show Jumping PM	Easton College, Norwich	N/A
5/6 th October	BRC Championship	Combined Challenge/ Combined Training	Aston Le Walls, Northamptonshire	Qualifying Teams/Individuals
Sunday 13 th October	Show	Dressage AM/ Show Jumping PM	Easton College, Norwich	N/A
Saturday 26 th October	Training – TBD	Simulated XC	WHW, Snetterton	Members Priority
Sunday 27 th October	Area 14 Qualifier	Arena Eventing	Suffolk Equestrian Centre, Bury St Edmunds	Juniors/Seniors
Saturday 2 nd November	Show	Dressage AM/ Arena Eventing PM	Easton College, Norwich	N/A
Sunday 10 th November	Area 14 Qualifier	Novice Showjumping	Topthorn, Stowmarket	Juniors/Seniors
Saturday 16 th November	Area 14 Qualifier	Novice Winter Dressage	Easton College, Norwich	Seniors
Sunday 17 th November	Area 14 Qualifier	Intermediate Winter Dressage	Easton College, Norwich	Seniors
Saturday 23 rd November	Training – TBD	TBD	WHW, Snetterton	Members Priority