



Carleton Riding Club Member newsletter

March 2026

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.

BRC Equetech Dressage to Music Championships & BRC Howden Winter Dressage Championships – 24-26 April

After what seems like months since everyone qualified, seven Carleton members made the trip up to sunny Grantham to Arena UK for the BRC Howden Winter Dressage and BRC Equetech Dressage to Music Championships.

The first people to arrive were Vicky Foster and Karen Dorling. Vicky was competing in four tests over 2 days - two freestyle to Music and two pick a test Advanced Medium and Medium on Hillgrove Rockstar's Ruby. Vicky and Ruby had an amazing championships. They came second in three of their tests and fourth in the other.

What a super achievement at this level, well done! Just look at those sashes!

Karen and Phonex Boy had a difficult start in the Elementary Freestyle, with Smokey not being particularly cooperative in his first test of the Championships.

Saturday morning came and it was the turn of the open mixed team of Nicola Broughton, Karen Dorling, Olivia Howard and Oakley Turff deputising for Louise Nevard. As this was the open competition, it was always going to be highly competitive.

Everyone put in excellent performances but unfortunately no placings. There is definitely more to come from all of these partnerships and all combinations will have learned lots from the experience of being part of the Championships.

The last day was the turn of the juniors Molly Magnus and Esie Longhurst. Unfortunately, Esie had transport issues on the Saturday where her lorry had to be recovered back so unfortunately her and Joey were unable to compete.

Molly and Blaengwen Belemy scored a great 66.36% - definitely one for the future competing at their first BRC championships.



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Last to go was Claire Iaccarino and Clogheen Anita. Competing in their second ever Novice test and the second time they had performed their Novice freestyle to music test there was no ribbons for them but very pleased with their 65.42% score.

More marks hopefully to come once they are established at this level.

Some amazing results for Carleton but also lots of experience gained – every member conducted themselves and represented the club fabulously.

The championships was a lovely event, well organised with a lovely atmosphere. Well done to all members who qualified and attended.

Member training update

We have two training opportunities for you in May.

We're really pleased to announce that Stephanie Brooks (EquiVie - Coaching for Equestrians) will be holding a XC clinic for us at Blackwater on Sunday 10 May.

For those who don't know Stephanie. She's run a number of clinics at Blackwater, whether your building confidence or improving your competition riding, Stephanie work with riders to understand their own performance in the saddle and support them to develop as riders in a calm and positive way.

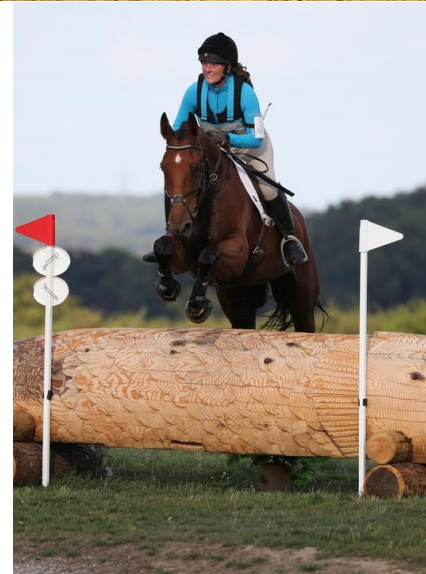
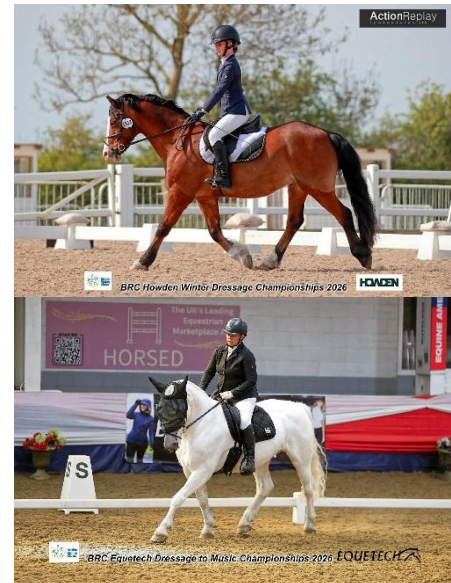
As a rider-centred coach she is passionate about mindset, position and great training. The horses are at the heart of being a passionate coach, supporting riders get not just the best from themselves but understand their horses and partnership better too.

This clinic is open to member and non-members.

Our next Member training will be on Saturday 16 May with Lewis Palmer (Neric Equestrian).

Many of you know Lewis, but if you don't, he has a proven record at BE and BS. He regularly runs his own clinics at a number of venues as well as teaching across the county.

You can book both on MyRidingLife.



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Thank you!

We wanted to say a BIG thank you to everyone who joined us for our first show of 2026 on Sunday 19 April at Easton College.

It was a full house and judging by the feedback, people had a really good time. Speaking of judges, we welcomed some new ones for this season. After many years in the box, Julia and Tony Grover have stepped down as our show jumping judges. We are pleased to let you know that Paul Brighten and Penny Brown will be our show jumping judges going forward.

Our new 40cm class was a hit too. Our next show is on Sunday 24 May. Entries are open now on MyRidingLife. We look forward to seeing you there!

Meet the Sponsors

We're very grateful to our wonderful sponsors. We have a number of them, who've sponsored jumps or one of our shows. We want to shine a spotlight on them as our way of saying thank you.

Our May show is sponsored by Chapelfield Veterinary Partnership. We caught up with them to find out a bit more about how they can help you.

Chapelfield Equine Practice is situated in Brooke, Norfolk, and is well situated to provide professional equine veterinary care to Norfolk and Suffolk clients, with affordable zone visit days proving particularly popular with clients, as we cover a huge area including North of Norwich up to Holt/Felbrigg, East of Norwich up to the coast, south of Norwich up to Badingham and Southwold, and West of Norwich up to Saham Hills.

Our friendly and experienced team include a medical certificate holder and a vet currently undertaking her dental certificate, with the remainder of the team having a wide skill set from dermatology to lameness and everything in-between!

Another popular draw to our client base, is our preventative Equine Health Plan, which spreads routine care costs (but to also include a significant financial saving) of vaccines, worming treatment and egg counts & saliva tests, annual routine dentals and further discounts on some medications, supplements, diagnostics and visits.

The Brooke purpose-built clinic is set in 6 acres, with a full sized menage, and stabling for 8 horses. The facilities include: operating theatre, padded induction rooms, treatments rooms and standing stocks for endoscopy, gastroscopy, digital x-ray and ultrasonography. We are available 24hrs a day 365 days a year to provide an emergency service for your horses with our own equine vets and nurses on call.

Chapelfield Equine Vets will have some team members attend the May show and will be offering free weigh tape and body condition assessments, advice, a raffle to raise money for World Horse Welfare and free goody bags for anyone who visits their stall and has a chat with them!

