

# Carleton Riding Club Member newsletter

## March 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.

### Dressage to Music & Introductory Championships – 8/9 March

On 8/9 March, the qualified members of Carleton ventured to Bury Farm to compete at the BRC BioGenie Dressage to Music Championships and the BRC Introductory Championships. This championship was previously held in September and has been moved to March where it will stay.

Vicky Foster and Hillgarth Rockstar's Ruby were first to compete in the Medium Dressage to Music. They were placed 6th with 68.17% in a hotly contested class.

Karen Dorling and Phonex Boy achieved a very creditable score of 66.25% in the Elementary Music. A fantastic score on her young horse, competing up a level than normal.

Well done both.



In the BRC Intro Championships, the Carleton team (Emma Broughton, Vicki Partridge, Abby Steel and Nicola Broughton) were unlucky to just be out of the ribbons, placed 11th out of 31 teams.

Abby and Curinte van de Kapel were placed 4th in their arena with a brilliant 69.21%.

Emma and Hawkesdown Pandemoniun had also qualified to ride as individuals in the other Prelim test and were 3rd with 68.95% after spending an agonising wait having been in the lead for a long time!

Harlyann Moon and Longacres Supernova also qualified in 3 tests as individuals, 1 intro and 2 prelims, achieving 7th, 10th and 7th placings. This was Nova's first experience of a busy championship and he didn't put a foot wrong.

Everyone rode brilliantly and you all are a credit to the club. Well done.



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### Training update – March

On 30 March, L3 BE and BS coach, Judith Barker held a pole clinic at World Horse Welfare for our members. The feedback was really positive and judging by the smiles the horses and riders had a good time.

### Upcoming training – April

Judith will be back next month taking our monthly training at World Horse Welfare on Saturday 27 April. The focus of this training will be Simulated XC using a mix of show jumps and portable cross country style jumps.

Theresa Edmonds will be offering flatwork lesson at Hill Farm, Hardingham on Sunday 21 April. Private or shared lesson available.

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

### Quiz & Chips – 15 March

Our second Quiz & Chips was even better than our first! We sold out and a good time was had by all. There were some good scores too!

We raised nearly £400 on the night. Massive thanks to Joanne Watts and Debbie White for organising it.





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### **Our first show is approaching – 21 April**

Our first show of 2024 is approaching. It'll be held on Sunday 21 April at Easton College. There will be dressage in the morning and show jumping in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there.

You can find the dressage and show jumping schedules on our Facebook page. Please can you take a moment to read the supporting information on the schedules. It gives details of what to expect and how we run things.

Sometimes governing bodies make changes to their rules. As a club, we do our best to adhere to these as well as making it fair for everyone competing.

This season, we've listened to your feedback and are making a few changes to the dressage schedule. We've added a new BE test class. This will offer a choice of two BE tests and will be judged on a percentage basis. This is a great chance for Eventer (and wannabe Eventers) to run these test in a competition environment. You might want to enter the show jumping afterwards. Well that's two thirds of a One Day Event.

And don't forget we will be holding some cross country training later in the year.

We're also pleased to announce that we will be running a Rug League again this year. More details on that next month.

Speaking of Leagues, as a thank you to everyone who volunteers throughout the year, we're going to create a Volunteer League too. Again, more details on that next month.

### **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.

One of our long-standing sponsors is MotorBitz. This family run garage is based in Attleborough. They offer servicing and repairs on all makes of cars and vans. They can also do your MOT. And should the worst happen, they offer a recovery service.

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