

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.

Our first show – 19 April

Our first show is on Sunday 19 April at Easton College. There will be dressage in the morning and show jumping in the afternoon. Entries are now open on My Riding Life.

We are now a Sunshine Tour registered venue for some of our dressage classes and all of our jumping classes. We are also a BRC Club Jump Series venue for some of our jumping classes.

Here's a reminder of what that means:

Sunshine Tour Qualifiers (Dressage): All Short Arena and Elementary Long Arena classes will run as qualifiers for the Sunshine Tour Championships.

Sunshine Tour Qualifiers (Jumping): All classes will run as qualifiers for the Sunshine Tour Championships.

In order to comply with Sunshine Tour Qualification rules, there will be two sets of results for each jumping class. One with placings split into Seniors and Juniors for Sunshine Tour Qualification only.

League points and Rosettes will only be awarded for placings split into Ponies and Horses.

Qualification dates are between 1 January and 31 July 2026.

The Championships will be held at the most famous British showground, The All England Jumping Course, Hickstead on 17-20 September 2026.

Further information on how to register and qualify can be found at Qualification & Registration – Sunshine Tour Championship.

BRC Club Jumping Series: cross poles/40cm, 50cm and 60cm classes will run as qualifiers for this series.

The qualification period runs from 1 December 2025 – 30 September 2026. The Finals will be on 10 October 2026 held and run by Bury Farm Equestrian, LU7 9BT.

For more information on qualification please visit BRC Club Jumping Series.

Withdrawing: If you find yourself in the unfortunate/disappointing position of needing to withdraw, you must email CarletonRCMRL@gmail.com before the times have been published for either a refund (less transaction fees) or a transfer to the next consecutive dated show.

Refunds or transfers will NOT be offered once the times have been published. You may offer your entries for sale on the Carleton Riding Club Facebook page. Please email any changes to the above email address.

Look forward to seeing you at our first show of 2026!



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Use of Whips

For a number of seasons we have been complying with British Showjumping whip rules for type and length. Our Eagle-eyed Stewards will be checking.

Before our first show, we wanted to remind you about the rules for use:

- you may use your whip a maximum of 3 times within the competition arena.
- the whip **MUST NOT** be used to punish the horse.
- the whip **IS NOT** to be used immediately after a refusal or elimination.
- the whip **MUST ONLY** be used behind the rider's leg or on the horse's shoulder
- if used on the shoulder, the riders hands must both stay on the reins.

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 first show is sponsored again by Martin Travel –Not Just Travel. They will be at the show if you want to have a chat about your next adventure.

Oh and if you don't know, we've partnered with them. So when you book a holiday with them, they give the Club a slice of the commission! All you need to do is mention the riding club when you enquire about your next holiday. They will do the rest.

This partnership is not just limited to the members of the riding club anyone can book with them and as long as they mention the riding club they'll make sure the club benefits so be sure to tell all your friends, family & work colleagues about the partnership!

<https://notjustholidays.com/carleton-riding-club>

Quiz & Chips – 20 March

What fun we had at our 4th Quiz & Chips night. Back at Filby Bridge Restaurant, it was a sell out!! Good food, great company and a cracking quiz.

The evening raised £400 for the club.

Well done to the winning team. Thanks to everyone who came along.

Massive thanks to Joanne Watts and Debbie White for organising such a fun night.



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Member training update

On 7 March, we welcomed Justine Ward back to World Horse Welfare for our Member training. It was another great session judging by the feedback. Well done everyone!

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.

He will also be taking our September and October Member training dates.

Our June and August dates will be taken by L3 BE and BS coach Judith Barker. She's also an Advanced Event Rider. She's passionate about horses and empowering individuals to be their best.

With all of our training, we do our very best to make sure that we put you and your horse in the best group possible. We can only do this if you are realistic with your abilities on your entry. So please let us know where you are at the time of booking. Not where you have been or where you want to be. Our instructors will push you if that's what you want. Or cater for any confidence issues in the lesson. We want everyone to get the most from these training sessions.

Other ways to get involved

Throughout the year, we will be offering you the chance to represent our club at BRC Qualifiers. There's a variety to choose from and you may end up going to a Championship.

The first of these is the Area 14 Horse Trials Qualifier is being held on Sunday 17 May at Poplar Park, Suffolk. Once more, it will be mixed teams for all classes. Classes start at 70cm through to 100cm. If you're interested, get in touch with Vicky Harris or comment on the post in our FB Group.

Other dates for your diary are:

- 21 June – Area 14 Summer Show Jumping, Geldeston
- 4 July – Area 14 Summer Dressage, Norfolk Showground
- 5 July – Area 14 Combined Training, Norfolk Showground
- 26 July – BRC Team of 3, Hickstead
- TBC August – Area 14 Combined Challenge, Horseheath
- 11 October – Area 14 Open Show Jumping, Suffolk Rural
- 18 October - Area 14 Novice Show Jumping, Suffolk Rural
- 25 October – Area 14 Arena Eventing, Suffolk EC
- 21 November – Area 14 Grassroots, Intermediate Winter Dressage, Easton College
- 22 November – Area 14 Open Winter Dressage, Easton College

