

Carleton Riding Club Member newsletter

February 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.

New year, new Chair

Last month, we announced that Vicky Harris was standing down as our Chair and that Emma Broughton would be taking on the role. Most of you know Emma, she's been a member of the club for a very long time. She's been part of the Committee for nearly 25 years.

Emma is also the Chair of Area 14 and a BRC Official Steward. She has a wealth of horse knowledge as well as truly understanding how riding clubs work.

For many years, she has been our Club Secretary. Gabby Viscito will now take on this role going forward.

Emma is Carleton through and through. Her daughter, Nicola, was practically born into the club. The Committee Meetings were held at her house when Nicola was small. Now Nicola is a member of the Committee too.



Away from the Committee, Emma has represented our club at countless qualifiers and Championships. She and her power cob, Panda, can often be seen dancing between the boards.

Quiz & Chips – 20 March

We're holding our annual Quiz & Chips night on Friday 20 March from 7pm. This is a fun night out in our club social calendar. It's open to members and non-members.

We'll be back at Filby Bridge Restaurant. Teams are limited to 6 people. It's £15 per person. That includes your fish & chips or vegetarian option.

Tickets are available on My Riding Life. Closing date is Wednesday 11 March (or before if full). So get entering and start swatting!

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



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Good new for our competitors

We have registered our Club Shows for two other competitions giving our competitors more opportunities.

BRC Club Jumping Series

The aim of this series is to create an accessible and inclusive SJ series for BRC riders who currently don't take part in qualifiers.



Classes eligible for this competition are: cross poles/40cm, 50cm and 60cm.

You will need to complete two clear rounds at the relevant height to gain qualification. 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.

In order to qualify, you will need to purchase a qualification card from BRC. There are restrictions in place, so please check you are eligible on their website.

Sunshine Tour Championship of Equestrian Competition

The most fun and exciting championship series in the UK for novice, amateur and unaffiliated competitors It's held at the most famous British showground, The All England Jumping Course, Hickstead on 17th-20th September 2026.

Competitors who come 1st – 3rd place in our eligible dressage or jumping classes will have the chance to compete at the finals.



You need to register both horse and competitor within 2 weeks of the qualifying competition.

Again, there are restrictions, so please check your eligibility on their website.

We've put together an overview document showing the pathways. You can find this on our Facebook Group.

Carleton Rug League

Every year, we run a number of member leagues. Each show jumping height or dressage level have their own league, with trophies being presented at our AGM.

We also have a Rug League for the best all rounder. To qualify, you must compete in at least one show jumping class and one dressage class.

This season, we've made a change to this Rug League. It will now be based on the horse / pony and not the rider.

We are also introducing a new rule that once a horse /pony has won the league, it can't win it again. This change will be effective for 2026 season onwards.

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Club Shows

We're holding 6 regular shows at Easton College. This is a fantastic venue for us. We will be continuing with our usual format: dressage in the morning (from Intro to Advanced Medium) and show jumping in the afternoon. There will now be a cross poles / 40cm to allow us to run as a BRC Club Jumping Series venue. This does mean that we have had to remove the 1m class from our schedules.

The dates for your diaries are:

19 April	14 June	20 September
24 May	19 July	18 October

We will publish the schedules on our FB page and you can enter online via MyRidingLife.

It takes a lot of time and energy to organise these shows. The Committee are all volunteers who give their time willingly to the club we love. But it's not just the organising, running the shows takes an army of volunteers. So all we ask of you as a member is to give some of your time to be part of the show team. There are many roles that need doing on a show day. From dressage scoring to picking up poles.

Before each show, we will put out a post on our FB Page with the roles we need covering. So let us know what you can do. Without our volunteers, these shows couldn't happen. You can also volunteer to help at one of our member training clinics or an Area 14 Qualifier. There's plenty of opportunities!

Show Sponsors

We're on the look out for sponsors for our club shows. This is a great opportunity to get your business in front of a different audience.

What do you get?

At your show, we will print your business name on the 1st place rosettes. We'd love you to be there to hand them over too. If you don't fancy that, you're welcome to have a presence at our show. From a banner to a stand, we'll find you a good spot where you can have a chat with our competitors. Some of our previous sponsors have given out goodies too. Who doesn't love a freebie?!

They also offered discounts or had offers just for our members.

You will get a write up in this newsletter and on our Facebook page. You can also post in there to raise awareness yourself.

It's £100 per show. If you're interested, contact Pip Langley for more details.

