

Carleton Riding Club Member newsletter

January 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.

Committee changes for 2026

As we start 2026, we have a number of Committee changes to update you on. At our AGM last November, Anna Goodley and Rachael Key sadly announced that they were stepping down from the Committee. They have both been members of the Committee for many years and will be missed.

This year, Jo Stock has also decided to step down. She may have only been on the Committee for a short time, but she has been instrumental in securing our Show Sponsors.

We'd like to thank them all for the massive contributions that they have all made to our club during their time on the Committee.

New year, new Chair

Our Chair, Vicky Harris, has also decided that due to personal circumstances it is time for her to step down as Chair and also leave the Committee.

She has been a part of the Committee for nearly 20 years and our Chair for the past two years. She has been a huge support to the club, especially on show days.

She has offered to remain as Team Manager for the Horse Trails and will be hosting our Member Summer Party on 24 July.

We would like to thank her for everything that she has done over the past 20 years. We will miss you.

We are pleased to announce that Emma Broughton will be taking on the role as our Chair. Emma has been a part of the Committee for nearly 25 years, so knows what's what. We will catch up with her in the next newsletter.



Who's who

As there have been a number of changes to the Committee, we thought it would be a good idea to let you know the dedicated volunteers who help to make this club the success it is.

Our Committee is now:

Emma Broughton
Nicola Broughton
Lauryn Canham
Michaela Canham
Willow Haxby

Claire Iaccarino
Pip Langley
Becca Martin
Anna Savage
Gabby Viscitio

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Santa Simon came to sleigh

We were very lucky to secure 5* Eventer (and Club Favourite), Simon Grieve for five training dates during December and January at World Horse Welfare. Unfortunately, the snow put pay to one of these dates though.

Over the remaining four remaining dates, Simon taught 89 riders (65 individuals).

The feedback was brilliant, with everyone getting something from their lesson.

Massive thanks to Molly Norman Photography and Matt Smith Photography for capturing these lessons. To our helpers who not only put the jumps out and away, but were on hand to help Simon throughout the days. To Anna Goodley for hosting Simon. To Michaela Canham, who had the mammoth task of doing the times and groups.

And of course to Simon for giving us his time, sharing his knowledge and bringing his infectious enthusiasm to Norfolk (despite the cold).

We have secured training dates for 2026 at World Horse Welfare. Our Training Committee is working hard on securing top instruction for you and we will let you know more details as we get them.

For now, here are the Member training dates for your diaries:

7 March	22 August
16 May	12 September
27 June	31 October
25 July	29 November

We've created a list of all of our Riding Club Dates for 2026. This includes our Club Shows, BRC Qualifiers and BRC Championships. You can find it on our Facebook Group.

40 years young

2026 is set to be an exciting year for our club as we celebrate our 40th anniversary.

We have lots of plans to mark this milestone. Including a Black Tie Ball on 3 October. This will be held at The Assembly House, Norwich.

More details to come on that soon...

We're looking to create an album of memories, so if you have any photos from years gone by, please can you send them to Emma Broughton.



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Carleton in 2025

At our AGM, we shared a few facts and figures from Carleton in 2025. It was another busy year for us.

172 Members	1 BBQ Fundraiser
7 Club Shows	610 entries to Club Shows
2 Area Dressage qualifier (Summer & Winter)	
1 Area Combined Training qualifiers	1 Area training event
8 Member training events	100 clinic spaces filled
1 Beach camp	

Co-winners of the Area 14 Chairman's Trophy.

We were represented at every BRC Qualifier and BRC Championship. And came home with more rosettes than we could count.

It's been inspiring watching the progression of our members over this year. Whether at our Club Shows or Member Training. Thank you to each and everyone of our members for making 2025 another successful year.



We need you!

Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at riding club competitions? Thinking about volunteering but not quite feeling confident enough yet? You're not alone — and that's exactly why we'd love you to join us.

Our team is friendly, supportive and happy to guide you every step of the way. You'll never be thrown in at the deep end — we'll explain, demonstrate and make sure you feel comfortable before you do anything independently.

Volunteering is also a great way to meet like-minded people, make new friends, and feel part of a welcoming riding club community. Many of our volunteers start off nervous and end up staying for the laughs, the friendships and the shared love of horses.

Everyone starts somewhere — and we'd love to help you start with us.

If you're interested or want to know more, get in touch with Emma Broughton.