

Carleton Riding Club Member newsletter

October 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.

BRC Open SJ Qualifiers – 29 September

On Sunday 29 September, Carleton were represented at the BRC Open SJ Qualifier at Tophthorn EC. We'd entered two teams and three individuals. Sadly, there were a number of withdrawals before the qualifier, but we were still able to field two teams.

First up was our 80cm Team - Kimberley Fulcher, Ella Craske, Helen Wiseman and Amy Fisher. It was a testing track so no team or individual placings. Then it was our 90cm Team – Jacqueline Anderson, Ysabelle Daly and Lily Spruce. Fielding only 3 riders, every score counted. The team did really well to take 5th place.



Combined Championships – 6 October

6 October saw the last of the riding club Summer Championships. We were lucky enough to field a team in the Combined Training event. After the horrible rain covering most of the county earlier in the week, we were all a bit anxious about travelling to Northamptonshire. When we arrived on Friday afternoon there were some concerns about the mud entering the field. That soon dried up and the sun shone down on us.

It was a relaxed start to the competition on Saturday morning with Vicky Harris and Rachael Key doing sweet dressage tests. They moved on to the show jumping phase and finished their competition before the rest of the team even started!

In the afternoon, Joanne Watts and Casey Norman started their competition. Poor Casey had to wait till after 4pm as she was the very last dressage test of the day. Having both completed their show jumping (again Casey being the last to go at 5:15pm,) it was a long wait till the prize giving at 6pm!!!

But it was all worthwhile with Joanne taking an individual 2nd place and Rachael individual 6th place resulting in the team taking overall 3rd place out of 33 teams!

Well done everyone and thank you for representing our club. We're proud of each and every one of you.



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Upcoming training - November

On Sunday 3 November, we have not one, but two top class eventers and instructors for you!

Nicola Wilson and Simon Grieve are coming exclusively for our members. Nicola will be teaching at Wakefield Stud, Foulsham and Simon will be teaching at Hill Farm, Hardingham.

All details can be found on My Riding Life. Spaces are filling up fast!



AGM update

We will be holding our AGM on Thursday 21 November. More details will be coming soon, so save the date. Please can any trophies be returned to Emma Broughton or at our next show.

Horse of the year update

As we think about our AGM, we caught up with last year's Horse of the Year winner – Missy. Or rather her owner, Carla Allsopp. Here's what they've been up to.

'Missy and I have had a fantastic year getting to know each other better. She came home to me in January and quickly settled into family life.

We have enjoyed many outings this year, to include lots of training camps at Forest Edge (our happy place), clinics, pleasure rides and competitions in both dressage and show jumping with some successful results.

Our goal this winter is to try our hand at arena eventing and to hopefully finish up competing in the BE sections. We will keep you posted.



As always Missy continues to be that horse which gained her the Horse of The Year title in 2023. A wonderfully brave, inquisitive and caring little horse with so much to give and a real zest for adventure. I so totally get what Martine saw in her and look forward to spending many more fun times together.'

Who will be our Horse of the year 2024? We'll be asking for nominations soon so get thinking.

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Our next show – 13 October

Our next show will be on Sunday 13 October at Easton College.

This is our PINK show. Please donate a few pounds or as much as you like in exchange for wearing pink - either your horse / pony and /or yourself.

This is a very personal cause for our club as we have a couple of members undergoing breast cancer treatment.

This year we are supporting a small local charity called “Little lifts” who support breast cancer patients. You can find out more about them on their website - <https://www.littlelifts.org.uk/>



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 October show sponsors are Dengie Horse Feeds. Founded in 1968 as a farmer’s cooperative, Dengie is still run today with the same ethos of supporting the local farming community. They grow as many of their own ingredients as possible which keeps the ‘feed miles’ low and provides the best traceability possible – every bag of their horse feed can be traced back to the field it was grown in.

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Wanna keep in touch?

We’ve set up a WhatsApp community chat so that we can keep everyone up to date on Club activities. We’ve set it up so you can’t reply to messages. This is another way to try and keep you up-to-date with all things Carleton. Scan the QR code to join.

