



Patron Her Grace the Duchess of Beaufort

June 2009

**Congratulations to Liz Harding, Lyn Davidson, Elinor Lee and Chris Ticehurst
in winning the Winter Dressage National Championships at Hartpury**

**Also to Lauren Darby who won the Area Junior Riding Test Qualifier and is off
to the Nationals in September**

Yet another quarter has flown by. This one, unfortunately, has been marked by the sad event of George making the decision to let Roddy go. Roddy is now happily ensconced at the R.D.A. in Bristol, but the rest of us are sorely missing George's company, together with the early morning phone calls, getting us up and organised to go on rides here there and everywhere. His 'pet' event, quadrille, continues to flourish. We were oversubscribed at the last one, as we couldn't run a second hour due to Ian's school being in high demand.

We have done nothing adventurous in George's department since his departure, excepting, of course, that wonderful post- Badminton ride around the park and the jumps. The jumps looked even more awesome from a horse's back. My poor old O.J. got a second lease of life as he thought he ought to have been jumping them, so behaved like a total pain throughout! About six groups of ten or less went round the park, led by long suffering instructors who went into the technicalities of riding the course. Tom Buckland on Lakestreet Paladin led ours. It must have given the horse ideas as he has gone on to win a B.E. event! Catherine Martin led another one of the rides; she travelled all the way from Cornwall with two of her horses to escort it! Catherine is a qualified instructor who used to belong to KLRC a few years ago when she lived in the area. She has represented KLRC at the National Championships for Open Show Jumping as well as competing in all other teams' qualifiers! She had a lovely evening with the members in her ride and would like to thank the club for giving her the opportunity to come back and ride at Badminton!

Poor Karen had to have an operation on her elbow which she damaged, as you might remember, last year, so she had to step down from organising camp at the last moment. Sue Giddings jumped into the breach and the happy campers went off happily! A very close shave! We are so indebted to Sue and wish Karen a speedy recovery.

The Burrows Court Dressage Festival attracted some ninety entries and was a very successful day. I would like to give a great thank you to all the helpers and especially to Daphne Smith for taking the entries and doing sorting the times. It was particularly good to have the company of three non riding members, Kath, Caroline and Steve, working hard for on that day. If you go to the web site, you will see the link to Steve's site and there you can admire the pictures he took of our members performing.

There have been many other activities, both at area and local, that have been well supported by our members and everyone has been having fun taking part. The more people taking part, the better and if there is something you want to do that we are currently not offering, just let one of your committee know.

Celia Horner (Hon Chairman)

Teams Update

Well what a good start KLRC has had to 2009! The KLRC Winter Dressage Team became National Champions at Hartpury College in March 2009! What an amazing result for the team of Liz Harding on Stanhopes Orion, Elinor Lee on Wickhams Fancy, Chris Ticehurst on Sir Darcy and Lyn Davidson on Silver Dollar. Read more about the teams' experiences in the separate report!

Since the last newsletter, as well as basking in the glory of the dressage teams success we have been busy competing in the other area qualifiers. First was the Cross Country qualifier at Crown Farm where we had entered 1 novice team (Anna Macdonald, Sam Doyle, Lyn Barrett and Kay Webb) and 1 open team (Liz Harding, Chris Ticehurst, Dawn Richardson and Lizzie Donaldson) as well as a novice pairs (Nickie Coombs and Lizzie Donaldson). Special congratulations to Anna Macdonald, Lyn Barrett and Liz Harding for their clear rounds and bad luck for just missing out on the rosettes.

Next it was the junior SJ and dressage qualifier on 17th May where we had team representation in the dressage, Novice SJ, Style Jumping and Riding Test competitions so it was fantastic to have so many junior members interested in competing for the club. The junior members competing were April Joynson, Jack Joynson, Harriet Smith, Lauren Darby, Katie Barrett and Alicia Leonard. Well done to all of you who in spite of having to ride during the worst rainstorm of the year to date managed to be placed 3rd in the riding test team, 4th in the dressage team competitions and Harriet Smith was 5th individually in the style jumping. The star of the day from Kingsleaze was Lauren Darby who rode a lovely Riding Test to win her section and she will now be going on to represent the club at the National Championships in Lincoln in September so congratulations Lauren!

After this it was the turn of the seniors again for their SJ qualifier. I was unfortunately unable to compete as I caught my daughter's tummy bug so ended up being ill all weekend! Not nice! Firstly it was the Novice team who were down to a team of three because of me (!) Miranda Baker, Lyn Barrett and Sam Doyle had a couple of unfortunate poles between them so were not placed this time. The Intermediate team was Lizzie Donaldson, Anna Macdonald, Sue Ravenhill-Handley and Gemma Todd. Anna and Lizzie both did nice clear rounds in the first round but had poles down in the 2nd so again the teams were not placed. The style jumping team of Anna, Lizzie, Sam and Lyn were all set for a good placing until a couple of forgetful brains out there missed fences out... you know who you are (!) We will be working more on course walking in the future!!!

The next event was our own Burrows Course dressage festival team event. The red team of Lauren Darby, Judy Barker and Karen Joynson came 2nd and the blue team of Sam Doyle, Anna Macdonald and Nickie Coombs came 5th.

The final qualifier for this newsletter was the horse trials team event at Broadway. We had 2 novice teams competing (red team Nickie Coombs, Tina Myles, Sam Doyle and Liz Harding and blue team Lizzie Donaldson, Miranda Baker and Lyn Barrett), 2 senior intermediate individuals (Anna Macdonald and Gemma Todd) and 1 novice junior individual (Harriet Smith). The day started well with all doing respectable dressage tests and Tina achieving a spectacular 25 pen. A good start to the next 2 phases! On to the Show jumping where KLRC excelled themselves with 5 members from the novice teams and Harriet going clear. The cross country sorted things out though. Sam was first up for the Novice team on Nos who was feeling the hard ground so was unfortunately eliminated at the water, and then it was Tina who flew round making it look easy! Then it was my turn and we started well as scruffy flew the first part of the course but had an unfortunate run out at a double of hedges, which then led to a stop at the next fence as well! Gutted as I then rode him properly to finish the rest of the course ok!! Lyn did a lovely clear on Black Jack who also made it look easy and then Miranda who had 1 stop on Tess Then it was Liz's turn riding my little arab, Mulberry – she'd only ridden him 3 times before the competition and had not taken him cross country before, but they seem to gel as a partnership and flew the course making it look easy! Last to go in the novice was Lizzie on her young mare who found the whole occasion very exciting but had a couple

of stops on the course and a misunderstanding at fence 10 resulting in a bruised backside for Lizzie! Ooops! All okay though. Harriet then went in the junior novice and unfortunately had 2 stops at the double of hedges. In the intermediate Anna did a lovely clear XC and Gemma had 2 stops on the course with a very strong Kenny! Tina ended up 2nd in her arena and Liz 3rd in hers so very pleased with their results as it was their first time at this level. Unfortunately the teams were not placed this year.

We now look forward to the Novice and Open dressage, and riding test team qualifier events as well as Badminton Dressage team. Good luck to all the KLRC members competing at this event. We have also had our entry accepted for the Eventers challenge at Blenheim horse trials this year. It is a team event for 4 and comprises of a short SJ course followed by several XC fences. The max height of the fences is 1.05m. As this will be quite a testing track we have arranged additional training sessions with William Miflin over the summer to select the team. If you would like to be considered for this please let me know. There will be spaces for non-team people at the training but these will be given on a first come first served basis so if you want a space please send your rally slips in asap!!

Dressage

The Dressage Festival at Burrows Court on the 25th May, was a great success, with the weather being kind to us this year! It is a lovely venue and our hosts, Rosie and Noel Hargan are very helpful, and Noels bacon rolls and burgers are to die for!

We had 97 entries which was fantastic, but also a headache working out the times. Fortunately I had the expert help of Nickie in this quarter, and I think you will agree that she did a marvellous job.

The Riding Club team class was won by Isis Babes, with the KLRC Red team coming second, and our Blue team were placed in fifth place. Well done to them all. Many thanks go to all of our helpers on the day, it was a long day and they did a grand job.

Well the Summer series has started, and we had good entries for the first competition. There are some good prizes to be won at the end of the series, so enter your horse and come along to a fun evening.

Daphne Smith

Olympia Trip, Saturday 20 December 2008

08.30 AM and Chipping Sodbury car park was unusually busy as KLRC members arrived to catch our Chauffeurhire coach for Olympia. We left promptly and, after a second pick up in Hullavington made excellent time to arrive in London at 11.00 AM.

47 members, families and friends then made their way via the extensive shopping mall to their seats. The shopping opportunities were great and I don't think anyone went away empty handed!

We were there early enough to catch the final of the SEIB British Riding Clubs Quadrille of the Year, won in style by Moat View Riding Club's tribal dance, which was well choreographed and wonderfully dressed. The competitors even dyed their tongues blue with food dye! This is the second consecutive win for Moat View and the standards were, as ever, very high.

The main afternoon performance began with the Speed Stakes, won in style by William Whitaker on Its Super Girl from Laura Renwick on Beluga.

The afternoon continued with Dog Agility, Lorenzo the flying Frenchman and his Camargue horses, the Shetland Pony Grand National and the musical drive of the Kings Troop, Royal Horse Artillery

The Kings Troop had not performed at Olympia for five years but was as stunning as ever. The arena is very small for their four gun carriages each pulled by a team of six horses and absolute precision was needed to avoid a collision. The climax was the deafening firing of the salute followed by a flat out gallop out of the arena by all the teams, no mean feat. It was wonderful!

The final jumping competition was the Renault Christmas Masters. The seven leading riders after Friday night qualified for this class, in which they chose a fence to be raised before they jumped. A fence down incurred immediate elimination, while a clearly jumped course pushed up the winnings by £500.

After the fourth round, only two riders remained for a jump off against the clock. These were Ellen Whitaker (CS Online) and Penelope Leprevost (King Solier). Ellen jumped first and lowered three fences so all Penelope had to do was produce a slow clear round to win. This she did, clearing every fence, which stood up to 1.70m high and 1.70m wide, with room to spare. Penelope trains with Michel Hecart in France.

After the Grand Finale it was back to our coach and homeward. Again, our driver Ian made excellent time and we were back in Chipping Sodbury by 8.30 PM. Everyone agreed it had been a great day out.

Jenny Lomas (Sorry this missed the last newsletter – Ed)

Winter National Championships

To win the qualifier for the Winter National Championships at Hartpury in February was a superb achievement for the club. This meant the next three weeks in the run up to the championships were a little hectic! Especially as Stan had stood on his hind legs and waved at everyone (including the judge!) during the qualifier, deciding he couldn't possibly go near one end of the arena, horses have great ability to bring you down to earth with a bump!!

Stan and I spent the run up to the championships working very hard, at home, in training sessions with Sam Rahmatalla and competing anywhere and everywhere we could, learning to do as he was told when he was asked and stamping out his brat like behaviour!

The championships took place on a very windy cold day at Hartpury, Lynne started the team off with a lovely test in the Prelim on Dollar, and she did us all proud. Next to go was Stan, nobody breathed during his test and lucky for him and me, he did a super test; I then removed the 'for sale' sign from his backside! Elinor was next in the Novice with Finn, he too did a very rhythmic correct test for a good score. Chris was last to go, she had the worst of the weather, the heavens opened and the wind roared but Chris and Darcy produced a great test for a super score.

We then waited for the final scores and to our delight we won on a score of 19, this was a real achievement and a fantastic team effort as the competition was tough and close at the top, with the second team finishing on 20 and the third team on 21.

We then had to tack up and enjoy the mounted prize giving. I'd like to thank Sam, Nicky, my mum and dad and all the members that came to support us, they were brilliant, and a great day was had by all. Let's keep our fingers crossed and kick on for the summer qualifiers.

Liz Harding

Annual In-hand Show at Elmleaze Stud

Although this Show was not run by KLRC this year but a team lead by Lady Carole Guise wish to say thank you to members who supported it. About £500 was made for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Badminton Course walk with William Miflin

Whilst some of the KLRC members were sipping Champagne and nibbling canapés at the Badminton Horse Trials cocktail party (our Chairman included!), 16 of us risked the forecast of rain to walk the cross country course with William Miflin in aid of Cancer Research UK. William has competed at Badminton 5 times and is a BE accredited trainer, including training our very own horse trials and SJ teams! He gave a very enjoyable and informative commentary at each fence, giving us advice on how to ride the line correctly (pick a fixed point on the horizon, not something who can be moved or hidden by the crowd as the fences look very difference on cross-country day!) and on the importance of walking all your options at each fence as you never know when you need to make a quick decision to revert to plan B when riding your cross country course. It was great to get the perspective of someone who has ridden at this great event, especially his experiences of actually riding the fences and his view on this years course, so much so that we didn't really notice how wet we were getting! We raised £79.50 for Cancer Research on the night and many people who could not attend promised donations after so thank you to everyone who contributed. A huge Thank You to William for giving up his valuable time for this event. Hopefully we will be able to hold this again next year and finger crossed the weather will be a bit better so a few more of you can join us. It really is an enjoyable evening and a chance to meet other members as well as helping this very worthy cause!

Nickie Coombs

Badminton Charity Ride

What a fantastic end to the Badminton Horse Trials weekend to be able to ride round the cross country course in glorious sunshine on the Monday evening. I was privileged to be put into one of the fast groups so, with William Miflin as our lead, we set off into the park. William gave us fence by fence commentary as we rode round, stopping at each fence to look at how we'd jump them (in our dreams maybe!!). During the middle section of the course William took us up to advanced speed to give us an idea how fast they really go! We had a great time playing in the lake - there are plenty of photos on the internet to prove it although I don't think anyone fell in! Thank you to Karen Joynson for organising such a fun charity event for the club, all the helpers on the day and of course Hugh Thomas and The Duke of Beaufort for allowing us to ride round this beautiful park.

Nickie Coombs

The Badminton Ride was well supported with lots of members old and new enjoying the ride around Badminton Park and with some fabulous photos to remember the evening. It was great to get up close to the jumps and see just how enormous they really are, it also makes you realise the event riders at this level are just truly fearless as are their horses and just how much trust they really have in each other. We raised £330 in donations and this will be given to the air ambulance and Horsecworld charities.

Karen Joynson

Skittles at the Beaufort Arms

Our Spring Skittles event on the 27th March had somehow missed the Club programme but by word of mouth among the regulars we had a packed room enjoying a relaxed evening of food, drink and individual play.

This was encouraged by offering cash prizes to several highest and lowest scores and still being left with £40 which was donated to the Macmillan Nurses. Special thanks go to Martin Horner for keeping scores on a very complicated board, Karen Joynson's family as stickers and Helen Russell for organising the raffle which made the donation possible.

Another evening has been arranged for Friday 6th November – full details in next newsletter.

George Shattock

Kings Leaze Cross Country – Leyland Court – 13th May

Well true to form again it rained – if you want rain then just book me to organise an event. It had its up's and down's but in true Kings Leaze fashion we managed to pull it off. It was very disappointing that we only had two teams and a disappointing amount of runners for the other classes but maybe this was a blessing in disguise as I am sure that those of you who were out on course were very pleased it was a shorter day. Congratulations to Miranda Baker who was the highest placed Kings Leaze member – the trophy will be presented to her at the AGM in October.

My thanks go to all of you who offered your help to make the event run so smoothly. In particular I would like to thank my family for putting up with me waiting for meals, answering the phone and above all giving me their support and being understanding.

Sandra Hayward

Kings Leaze Summer Camp - Monday 15th to Thursday 18th June - Stockland Lovell

I was sorry that Karen was unable to go to Camp and hope her arm is on the mend now. Many thanks to Sue Giddings for stepping in at short notice – she did a great job and I am sure everyone enjoyed our few days at Camp as much as I did. Lessons with Tom Buckland and Richard Ayres were very enjoyable and helpful. Other than a few minor falls no one ended up in plaster this year!

The catering staff excelled themselves as usual even cooking a Mexican meal for our Mexican evening. Evenings were very relaxed betting on Sue's racing game, chatting and drinking. On the last evening playing with Julie's massage machine which proved very popular and relaxing. We all had a go with the machine and watched various members' reactions to it.

All the Stockland Lovell staff were so friendly and welcoming and the facilities are great even the horses had 5 star accommodation.

Thank you to all concerned for making 2009's Camp successful and hope to see you all again next year with your massage machines etc.

Jill Carless

Junior Team Dressage

My name is April Joynson and I am 9 years old, I think I am the youngest member of KLRC, my brother Jack is also a member he is age 11. We took part in two dressage classes and were really pleased that our teams came 3rd and 4th overall. My brother Jack had a go at the style jumping and team jumping but sadly his pony was having a bad day, we found out later that he had a bad tooth which was affecting his sinus and has to have an operation, as he is normally a good jumper. We hope to represent the riding club again one day and thank you for letting us take part.

Manor House Horse Show, Didmarton - Sunday 13th September 2009

This date has changed from the August date after realising it clashed with Gatcombe Horse Trials. This is our riding club show and we would ask that all our members try to help support this show either by taking part or helping the day to run smoothly, or help pack away after the event. There are classes for everyone from mini show jumping, ridden showing classes and dressage with lovely rosettes and trophies.

Karen Joynson

Cross Country Rally with Janet MacDonald

We are thinking of running a cross country rally with Janet. Her jumps are in the 2'6 to 2'9 region. This could be at a weekend or on an evening, depending on what is wanted.

We are always well supported on her regular monthly rallies, as many of us blossom under her style of teaching. We could use one of our slots for cross country, if our usual customers would like to have a go.

Janet, as I'm sure most of you know, was a Badminton competitor who took home produced horses to the competition, so she has a lot of experience to offer at all levels, as well as those that she is famous for in our club. So please do contact me if you would like to fit this into your busy schedules and I will be happy to oblige.

Celia Horner

For sale numerous items of tack including saddles

Please contact **George Shattock 0117 9567360** if you are interested.

For sale

1 pair of Schenider Riding Boots excellent condition size 6 ½ slim leg - £150 and
1 pair of Cavello Riding Boots excellent condition size 6 ½ slim leg (slightly wider) - £90

Please contact Julie Williams on 07738 876304

<p>BHS flat work clinics now 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at Hyde Riding Centre with instructor Julie Crew. Cost £10 each. Open to all from 6pm. Contact Judy Barker to book a place.</p>
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Coming Events - See KLRC Diary – Summer/Autumn 2009 which is enclosed with this newsletter.

Training has been arranged with Janet Macdonald (Flat work and/or Jumping), William Miflin (Show Jumping), Tom Buckland (Show Jumping), and Hayley Watson Greaves, Sam Rahmatalla, Sara Miflin (Dressage) and John Green (Quadrille).

Summeer BBQ – 13th August – details enclosed

Combined Training – 31st August

Manor House Show – 13th September

Have a Go Dressage – October date tbc

AGM -22nd October – more details in next newsletter

Schedules can be down-loaded from website when available – www.klrc.co.uk

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Chris Ticehurst is the Bridleways contact for the Riding Club. If there are any bridlepaths that need attention in any way please contact her by e-mail which is chrissetice@yahoo.co.uk or on telephone number above and she will report it to the appropriate authority.

The new website is updated on a regular basis. We thank Clare Holt for her hard work in keeping this up to date. Please e-mail Clare if you would like to add anything to the website through the webmaster button on the site.

Results

Winter Dressage Series- Championship 12th April 2009			
BD Intro A – 1a		BD Intro A -1b	
1 st	Natasha Bailey – Frizzbee	1st	Elaine Chamberlain – Do I, Don't I
2 nd	Linda Painter – Mayleaf	2nd	Lizzie Donaldson – Mai-tryx
3 rd	April Joynson – Popcorn	3rd	Chris Ticehurst – Goran
4 th	Mary Leonard – The Jay Walker	4th	Judy Barker – Bugsey
5 th	Jack Joynson – Twinkle	5th	Katherine Hills – Sir Toby
		6th	Imogen Morgan – Miss Mayhem
Prelim 13 – 2a		Prelim 13 – 2b	
1 st	Danielle Mason – Mayleaf	1st	Emma Lovell – Rolo
2 nd	Alicia Leonard – The Jay Walker	2nd	Jo Greenaway – Alexsandro
3 rd	Ester Hudson – June Solstice	3rd	Natasha Bailey – Frizzbee
4 th	Katherine Hills – Sir Toby	4th	Kay Webb – Symonton
5 th	Alex Bank – Galadrielle	5th	Lyn Davidson – Silver Dollar
6 th	Julia Cole - Emma	6 th	Judy Barker – Bugsey
Prelim 18 – 3a		Prelim 18 – 3b	
1 st	Lilly Hudson – Tally Ho Mill	1st	Jo Greenaway – Alexsandro
2 nd	Esther Hudson – June Solstice	2nd	Beth Harding – Venus
		3rd	Lyn Davidson – Silver Dollar
		4th	Lauren Darby – Aza Baba
		5th	Di Seeley – Peppeer
		6th	Nicci Phelps – Solo
Novice 26 – 4a		Novice 26 – 4b	
1 st	Lilly Hudson – Tally Ho Milly	1st	Beth Harding – Venus
		2nd	Lauren Darby – Aza Baba
		3rd	Nicci Phelps - Solo
Dressage Festival – Burrows Court – 25th May 209			
Class 1 – Prelim 4		Class 2 – Prelim 12	
1 st	Victoria Withers – Aerostar	1st	Gabrille Withers – Take a Rein Check
2 nd	Samantha Doyle – HendaL Hwyr Nos	2nd	Suzie Wood – Lakestreet Kefalonia
3 rd	Anna Macdonald – Rivertown	3rd	Shelby Dowding – Sainwood Goldfinger
4 th	Gabirelle Withers – Take a Rein Check	4th	Susannah Wood – Rosie
5 th	Sally Cullen – Domino	5th	Lauren Darby – Aza Baba
6th	Lindsey Ritson - Taylormade	6th	Victoria Withers – Aerostar
Novice 26		Novice 32	
1 st	Tina Miles – The Pye Eyed Piper	1st	Chloe Little – Croft Limited Edition
2 nd	Chloe Little – Croft Limited Edition	2nd	Tina Miles – The Pye Eyed Piper
3 rd	Suzannah Wood – Rosie	3rd	Julie Riley – Henry Harber
4 th	Suzannah Wood – Lake Street Kefalonia Rosie Hargan – TJ	4th	Rosie Hargan – TJ
5 th	Janine Robertson – Millie B Magic	5th	Julie Bush – Whiddy Solo
6 th	Julie Riley – Henry Harber	6 th	Hayley Godwin – Mickey
Teams Prelim 13			
1 st	Isis Babes	4 th	Isis Belle
2 nd	Kings Leaze Red	5 th	Kings Leaze Blue
3rd	Cotswold Edge	6th	Veteran Horse & Pony

