



STONELEIGH RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

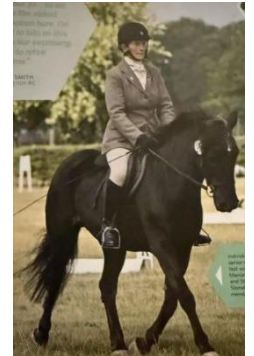
It has been a great year for Stoneleigh Riding Club, with almost every championship (of which there are very many!) having several Stoneleigh members, all of whom did extremely well to qualify and then produced tremendous results at the Championships. Special mention must go to two particular members, one senior and one junior, who

each became overall champions. These were Marion Smith with Star in the Riders' Test and Daisy Beards with Spinway Colm in the junior Dressage.



Daisy and Colm

In their first year of membership, our juniors have been doing extremely well, qualifying for numerous championships.



Marion and Star

At the recent Area 5 presentation evening, our members won many awards and gained lots of points for Stoneleigh, which led to our winning the trophy for the club with the most points overall. As the winner of the most points at Area level, Olivia McCulloch is now custodian of the trophy, which she brought with her to show to everyone at the Club's presentation evening. Congratulations everyone!

The AGM this year was held online as a Teams meeting. Sadly, not too many members attended to help Committee members to make decisions for the coming year.

The weather this year has not been particularly kind to horse owners and competition organisers. It has gone from very wet and knee deep mud, to hard rough ground and back to wet and muddy almost overnight. This has meant the cancellation of numerous events, but we managed to run both the Two Day Event at Princethorpe and the Area 5 Dressage Qualifier at the new venue of Moreton Morrell. Both events were highly successful and we managed to help those competitors who had been unable to get their horses out because of the ground conditions, by putting on a short format event alongside the usual long format Two Day Event. We probably will do this again in the future, to give as many riders as possible the opportunity to compete at the wonderful setting of Princethorpe College.

For those who want to compete and those who don't, the Instructional Rides taken by Liz Neal and the Jumping Sessions run by Jo Hayward on alternate Tuesday evenings are ongoing and continue to be well

supported and popular. Flat lessons for juniors are now on alternate Thursday evenings at Moreton Morrell. Many thanks to Marion Smith, Jo Hayward and Amy Butler for continuing to organise these.

It was great to see everyone at this year's quiz, supper and awards evening, a huge vote of thanks to Jo Hayward for organising the tickets, quiz, and raffle in aid of the Air Ambulance. Some great quiz rounds, making some of us realise how little we knew about anything! Wonderful food as always, thanks to Philippa Gibbs. We were delighted to welcome our President, Wendy Bell, to present the prizes, and to Val Malka and Jo Marston for sorting out all the points. The results of the presentations for the winners of the greatest number of points in all disciplines throughout the year are listed below.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR IN 2025.

Bud Jackson

AGM Report

The AGM this year was held online as a Teams meeting in the hope this may encourage more members to attend. Sadly, this was not the case with only a couple of non-committee members attending. Following on from the meeting, we would like to thank all the committee for their hard work over the year and especially Sue Gudge who has this year retired from the committee after many years of support for the club as secretary and latterly as our dressage judge coordinator.

We are now in need of two replacements on the committee, one as Dressage judge coordinator and another as dressage writers and stewards coordinator, so if anyone would be interested in joining the committee please drop our secretary Elly secretary.stoneleighrc@gmail.com a message, we welcome new members on to the committee as they always bring new ideas and we are a friendly bunch and can provide lots of support if needed.

Our treasurer also put forward a request to move our club accounts end of year from 31st August to 31st December due to her heavy work commitments at this time. This was agreed by those attending, so the next club accounts will be produced on 31st December 2025.

AREA 5 PRESENTATION EVENING

Stoneleigh RC were well represented at this year's Area 5 awards ceremony, with many of our riders enjoying success in many disciplines. After a hotly contested quiz and enjoyable supper the rosettes and trophies were awarded for the year. Our Stoneleigh rider's results are below, but huge congratulations to everyone who has ridden for the club this year and helped towards Stoneleigh RC being crowned Area 5 team champions for 2023-4.

JUNIOR AREA 5 AWARDS 2023-24

JUNIOR DRESSAGE: Winner – Daisy Beards (Stoneleigh RC)

JUNIOR RT: Winner - Daisy Beards (Stoneleigh RC)

JUNIOR SJ: Winner – Abi Braine (Stoneleigh RC), Runners up Peyton Beckham (Stoneleigh)

JUNIOR HT Winner – Daisy Beards (Stoneleigh RC)

KHAN TROPHY Winner – DAISY BEARDS (STONELEIGH)

JUNIOR OVERALL POINTS

1st Daisy Beards (Stoneleigh RC) - 56, 2nd Sarra Chaudry (Solihull) – 39, 3rd Millie Warnes (Atherstone) – 36, 4th Charlie Franklin (Atherstone) – 35, 5th Millie Morgan (Solihull) – 29, 6th = Pearl Berryman & Lucie Munton (Solihull) - 22

OVERALL JUNIOR TEAM

1ST SOLIHULL = 120, 2ND ATHERSTONE = 71, 3RD ALVEHURCH = 34, 4TH STONELEIGH = 7

SENIOR AREA 5 AWARDS 2023-24

DRESSAGE:	Winner – OLIVIA McCULLOUGH (STONELEIGH)
RIDERS TEST:	Winner – SHELLY PARISH (CHERWELL VALLEY), R/U MARION SMITH (STONELEIGH)
SHOW JUMPING:	Winner – JO HAYWARD (STONELEIGH),
COMBINE CHALLENGE	Winner – SARAH EVANS (ATHERSTONE), R/U BUD JACKSON (STONELEIGH)
COMBINE TRAINING	Winner – AMY BUTLER (STONELEIGH)
SENIOR OVERALL POINTS – 1ST RACHEL PUNCH (RUGBY) 40, 2ND NATALIE WOODWARD (ATHERSTONE) 37, 3RD OLIVIA McCULLOUGH (STONELEIGH) 25, 4TH = HANNAH WOLVERSON (STONELEIGH) & SOPHIE WOOSTER (SOLIHULL) 22, 6TH = SHELLY PARISH (CHERWELL VALLEY) & JO HAYWARD (STONELEIGH) 21	

OVERALL SENIOR TEAM

1ST STONELEIGH 154, 2ND SOLIHULL 149, 3RD KINGSWOOD 104, 4TH = ATHERSTONE & ALVECHURCH 90 6TH BUCKINGHAM 69

STONELEIGH RC AWARDS EVENING

Thank You to everyone who attended the Quiz & Awards Evening!

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who joined us for the Quiz & Awards evening. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and to have the opportunity to catch up in a relaxed setting—without the horses!

A special thank you goes to those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the success of our club events. We are incredibly grateful to Val and Jo Marston for their organisation of the points and presentation ceremony, to Jo H and Marion for organising the quiz rounds, and to Philippa for preparing the fantastic supper that everyone enjoyed.

The success of all our club events and training sessions is down to the hard work and dedication of the entire committee. Your ongoing support is invaluable, and we are always grateful for any extra help. Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted with the clean-up at the end of the evening, we hope you all enjoyed your evening.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that the raffle raised £86 for the Warwickshire Air Ambulance—thank you to all who contributed.

We look forward to seeing you at future events!

MEMBERS DRESSAGE:

INTRO: 1st Alice Butler, 2nd Mandy Howells, 3rd Bronwyn Adams, 4th Kim Brett, 5th Emma Scott, 6th Margaret Hughes

PRELIM: 1st Marion Smith, 2nd Sue Bullock, 3rd Jo Marston, 4th= Pip Walker & Katherine Morton, 6th Rachel Hickman

NOVICE: 1st = Bud Jackson & Jo Marston, 3rd Sue Bullock, 4th Marion SMITH, 5th Jo Manicom

ELEMENTARY: 1st Bud Jackson, 2nd Jo Hayward, 3rd Hannah Wolverson, 4th Clare Smith

SUE WIXEY SHIELD: Bud JACKSON

AREA 5 DRESSAGE

INTRO: 1st Amy Butler, 2nd Katie Frost, 3rd= Katie Frost & Marie Bak, 5th Margaret Hughes, 6th Mandy Howells

PRELIM: 1st Olivia McCullough, 2nd Philippa Gibbs, 3rd = Marion Smith & Alice Bell, 5th Amy Butler, 6th Naomi Cross

NOVICE: 1st Karen Bennett, 2nd Naomi Cross, 3rd = Hannah Wolverson & Jo Bunyan, 5th Laura Askew

ELEMENTARY: 1st Naomi Cross, 2nd Karen Bennett, 3rd = Vanessa Jenson & Jo Bunyan

MEDIUM: 1st Elly Forbes

DTM: 1st Laura Askew, 2nd =Jo Hayward & Karen Bennett, 4th =Pip Walker & Sue Bullock, 6th Marie Bak

RIDERS TEST: 1st Marion Smith, 2nd =Hannah Wolverson & Philippa Gibbs, 4th Naomi Cross

PAIRS: 1st Naomi Cross & Karen Bennett

ARENA EVENTING: 1st Lily Oyamburu, 2nd Margaret Hughes, 3rd Laura Askew, 4th Jo Hayward

FOTH: 1st= Bud Jackson & Amy Butler, 3rd Lucy Horner, 4th Vanessa Jenson, 5th Karen Bennett

HORSE TRIALS 70cm 1st Katie Frost, 2nd Bud Jackson, 3rd Jo Bunyan

80cm: 1st Olivia McCullough, 2nd = Andrew Jenkins & Karen Bennett, 4th Molly Ellis, 5th Katherine Morton, 6th Philippa Gibbs

90cm: 1st Hannah Wolverson, 2nd Chloe Collins Stockil

100cm: 1st Lucy Bell Rouse, 2nd Rhianne Martin, 3rd Chloe Collins Stockil

SHOW JUMPING 70cm: 1st Bud Jackson, 2nd Katie Frost, 3rd Naomi Cross, 4th Stephanie Ainsley

80cm: 1st Katie Frost, 2nd Andrew Jenkins, 3rd Karen Bennett

90cm: 1st Hannah Wolverson, 2nd Vicky Maggs

100cm: 1st Jo Hayward, 2nd Rhianne Martin

STYLE JUMPING 1st Bud Jackson

JUNIOR SJ: 1st Abi Braine, 2nd Peyton Beckham, 3rd Chloe Stockil Collins

JUNIOR HT: 1st Daisy Beards, 2nd Chloe Stockil Collins

JUNIOR DRESSAGE: 1st Daisy Beards, 2nd Alice Butler, 3rd Myla Reeves, 4th Chloe Stockil Collins

MOON RIVER PLATE (OVERALL POINTS): 1st Bud Jackson, 2nd Marion Smith, 3rd Jo Hayward, 4th Jo Marston

THE FLEUR FLOWER POT for rider gaining most points at Area 5: **Olivia McCullough**

BRC Trophy for most improved rider: **Mandy Howells**

Bill and Joy Smith (Helpers Cup): **Bronwyn Adams**

STONELEIGH RC MEMBERSHIP

Members can renew in the last 30 days of their membership. All memberships purchased on the platform in 2023 will expire on the 31st December 2024. Any membership purchased on the membership platform after 1st January 2024 will run for 12 months from the point of purchasing the membership.

Members who chose to make a single payment when they purchased their membership will be sent renewal reminders 30 days, 10 days and the day before their membership expires. These include a link to the platform to log in and renew. When renewing, they can select a different membership type if needed, for example if they are going from a junior to a senior membership or new to renewed. Members will pay whatever the current membership fee the club has set at point of purchase. Twelve months will be added to the current expiry date of their membership so they can renew early without effecting this date.

Members who have selected to auto-renew when purchasing will receive a reminder 7 days before their membership renews that this money will be taken. They will automatically renew on the same membership type. If they wish to cancel your auto-renewal you can do this by going into your club membership page and clicking on the three dots under actions at the end of your club membership line. This will give you the option to cancel your auto-renewal.

If you have any problems or queries please contact Val Malka on membership.stoneleighrc@gmail.com

DRESSAGE REPORT

We have had 3 dressage qualifiers since the last newsletter so apologies if this is a bit long.

First in October we had the Novice winter Dressage qualifier. Stoneleigh were out in force, we had 5 senior teams and one junior team competing.

Our Beech team, (Katie Frost, Marion Smith, Olivia McCullough and Mia Allison) WON and will qualify for the Championships at Arena Uk in April. They were closely followed by the Abbey team (Mandy Howells, Jo Fountaine, Katherine Morton, and Hannah Wolverson) who were 4th and the Meadow team (Margaret Hughes, Amy Barker, Karen Bennett and Karen Arlott who were 5th. The Ash team (Rhianne Martin, Nicola Wyldbore-Smith, Kelly Wright, and Robin Fortune) were 10th. Impressive results as there were 26 teams competing. Sadly our 5th team was down to x2 only, Bud Jackson and Hannah Wolverson, due to withdrawals so were disqualified.

Individually; Congratulations to our new member Kelly Wright who won her section in the P2, so will also qualify for the Championships next April. Hannah Wolverson was 2nd on Connor and third on Callista Clover, closely followed by Katherine Morton 6th. Olivia McCullough was also 2nd in the other P2 section .So I can safely say SRC pretty much dominated that class.

In the P1: Amy Barker was 3rd and Marion Smith 4th

In the Novice 1: Hannah Wolverson was 2nd on Connor 2nd, Mia Allison 4th and Karen Arlott 5th.

Our junior Oak team (Peyton Beckham, Alice Butler and Abi Braine) came 6th, with only a team of x3 , with Alice individual 3rd in P1 and Peyton 5th in the Intro 3. Well done girls.

So a very successful day. Congratulations everyone. I'm hoping we will get some more wildcard qualifiers too.

Next was the Dressage to music qualifier at Moreton Morrell. Stoneleigh were well represented in most sections. Congratulations to Vanessa Jensen on Ashley's Lanchello for winning the Elementary class, and qualifying for the Champs next April.

Also in the ribbons were Karen Arlott and Leonie Alldrick in the Novice with points class, coming 3rd and 4th. Well done ladies.

Katherine Morton and Kim Brett competed in the prelim class, coming 8th and 10th.

Well done everyone

There was another busy day at Moreton Morrell the following week, this time for the Intro Dressage qualifier.

We had one junior team and two seniors out competing.

The junior team came 4th overall. Lettie Harwar was 2nd in the P2, Myla Taylor-Reeves was 3rd in the intro 2, Katie Taher 4th in the Intro1 and Alice Butler 5th in the P1. So everyone came home with a ribbon 🏆🏆🏆

In the seniors our Meadow team, Margaret Hughes, Katie Frost, Marion Smith and Olivia McCullough came a very close 1st. So will be off to Arena UK next year. 🏆🏆🏆

The Abbey team; Clare Taylor Reeves, Mandy Howells, Joanne Hayward and Bud Jackson just missed out on a ribbon coming 7th.

Individually;

Intro 1 - Margaret was 5th

P1 - Olivia was 1st and Marion 5th

P2 - Olivia again 1st, Kelly Wright, as an individual 2nd and Bud 4th. Kelly should also qualify as Olivia was in the winning team.

Rhianne Martin also competed in the P1 as an individual, not placed this time but apparently sat some very impressive bucks.

Well done everyone, especially Oliva with her double qualification.

I hope you all saw the picture of Marion Smith and Star in the Rider magazine this month, full page spread regarding her win in the riders test this summer.

DAISY CONTINUES HER SUCCESSFUL SEASON

★ BRC's [@seib insurance SEIB Search for a Star](#) champion takes the Supreme Your Horse Live title ★

Daisy Beards piloted her stunning grey Connemara, Spinway Colm to win. Stoneleigh Riding Club member Daisy said: "The atmosphere was just great, I went in with the attitude to have fun and at the same time try our absolute hardest. What an experience! He was brilliant from start to finish!" Daisy has competed in lots of different Riding Clubs competitions including the Winter and Summer Riding Clubs Championships.

Head of British Riding Clubs, Rachael Hollely-Thompson said: "Congratulations to everyone who took part in SEIB Search for a Star this year. We are delighted to offer this new opportunity to BRC members and are grateful to the Search for a Star team for hosting the BRC classes. I hope members out there are inspired to have a go next year as it's such great fun and you never know - you may end up as the 2025 champion, just like Daisy and Colm!"



INSTRUCTIONAL RIDES

Only one more ride this year on 10th December. But we're back on 7th January 2025.

We usually have 2 full rides, occasionally 3, starting at 6.00 or 6.15. We are so lucky to have Liz Neal instructing. Popularity proves how good she is. Lovely to have a loyal core of riders made up of regulars, returnees and some new members.

If you are not a member but would like to 'try' us, you can come to two rides. Pretty sure you'll want to join so you can come for more.

These Tuesday evening Instructional Rides are held at Moreton Morrell in the indoor school. £15.00 a lesson but pay in advance for 5 and get 6th one free. Bargain. Minimum 48 hours cancellation for refund.

Dates 2025

7th, 21st January, 4th, 18th February. 4th, 18th March, 1st, 15th. 29th April
13th, 27th May, 10th, 24th June, 8th, 22nd July

If you wish to join an I R please let me have the following information.

marismi913@gmail.com 07813 206356

1. Your name
2. An emergency contact number
3. How you are paying i.e. cash / transfer
4. How much you have paid
5. Dates on which you hope to come anything 'special' like earliest / latest you can get to ride.

Info on email or back of envelope please.



Link for payment <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=485989>

Happy Christmas and New Year
Marion

JUNIOR REPORT

This is our first full year with junior members done and what a year it has been, we have had juniors flying the flag at lots of competitions including championships and coming home with ribbons. As our junior member numbers grow we hope to be able to see more members qualifying next year.

Our junior flatwork currently runs on Thursday nights at Moreton Morrell and we are now starting to run more consistently. We do offer a taster session if anyone has friends who might be interested in joining who would like to come along to a flatwork session to try it out before becoming a member. Our December flatwork sessions will be on the 5th and the 19th at 6pm, I will email the week before but any questions just drop me an email amy.barker2@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you to all the parents who have rallied round to support our junior members and hopefully we will have another very successful year in 2025.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Amy



Stoneleigh Riding Club Polework Clinic Monday 30th Dec



Group polework sessions with UKCC Level 3 Coach Jo Hayward at Moreton Morrell in the covered arena.

Group session (max of 5)
Mixed junior & senior
£15 each

Sessions will run from 3pm

Keep an eye on emails for booking details or drop Jo an email for further information

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me; jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com





Stoneleigh Riding Club Tuesday evening Jump & polework sessions



Fortnightly sessions at Moreton Morrell in the covered arena.

We now run a polework session, Jump session and polework towards jumping.

5:15pm Polework

6pm Jump

6:45pm Polework towards jumping

Groups are sent out on the Friday or Saturday before to confirm times.

3rd Dec, 17th Dec, 14th Jan, 28th Jan, 11th Feb, 25th Feb

Book a block of 5 and get your 6th free, credits to be booked via the link below and then email to confirm which sessions you'd like to join.



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me; jo.stoneleighrc@gmail.com

Booking link <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=485991>

AREA 5 ARENA EVENTING QUALIFIER

Stoneleigh were well represented at this year's arena eventing qualifier, with the senior 70 cm and 80 cm classes taking place on Saturday 12th October and the 90 cm and 100 cm on Sunday 13th.

The 70 cm course proved challenging for many of the competitors but our team of Bud Jackson, Mair Bunyan, Jo Bunyan and Katie Frost finished in second place with Mair on Rusheen Blathin individually 3rd and Katie 8th.

In the 80 cm we had only one competitor Karen Bennett on Harberwain Cherokee who finished clear but just outside the placings having picked up a few time penalties.

On Sunday our 90 team Kelly Wright, Nicola Wyldbore Smith, Andrew Jenkins and Mia Allison finished in a well-deserved second place, Kelly took individual 1st, Nicola 7th and an unlucky 4 faults in the show jumping section for Andrew in his first competitive class at 90 cm for the club.

The day finished with our 100 cm team finishing 3rd Jo Hayward was individual 2nd just tenths of a second behind the winner, Alan George was 8th, and Robin Fortune and Rianne Martin complete the team.

Kelly should qualify for the championships on 31st May / 1st June, at Aston le Walls and fingers crossed for a wild card for our second placed teams.

Well done everyone.

AREA 5 NEWS

Important Rule Changes October 2024

General

- **Team completion:** When a team competitor is eliminated, they will now be given a penalty score so all teams can still complete. **At qualifiers 3 or more members must complete in the team to be invited to champs** (e.g. not have been carried through on the new penalty points).
HT, CH & CT a penalty of 250 for each eliminated combination in each phase.
SJ penalty of 100 for each round. Dressage 50 penalties. – **From 1st Jan 2025**
- **Scoring:** Team tie breakers will no longer use the 4th riders (drop score) result. For dressage team ties, the collective marks for top three team members will be added together. For SJ, HT, CH & CT – Any reference to 4th rider score being used to be removed.

Championship Changes

Horse Trials:

- The championships will be run over two days in 2025. With all classes run in a 2-day event format and will be mixed. Classes will be Mixed 70, Mixed 80, Mixed 90 and Mixed 100.
- Order of classes will be published on a provisional schedule (subject to change based on entry numbers) released before the summer qualifiers begin.

National Championships:

- The schedule for the event has been reviewed and will result in classes being on different days to previous years. A provisional schedule will be published shortly.
- Due to the continuing depleting numbers in the Riding Test & Style jumping, these classes have been removed and will be replaced with a 60cm SJ class and Introductory Dressage class.
- The senior & junior 90 classes will become one mixed class.
- Senior Open Dressage is changing to a Mixed Open Dressage.
- Junior Dressage will become Junior Prelim Dressage.
- Winners of each section in the dressage classes (excluding the Pick A Test) will go forward to a **'ride-off'** to determine the overall individual winner. All riders will be judged by the same judge, with the highest score to determine the Overall Individual winner. Ride-off tests to be confirmed, competitors will ride the same level as their championship test. Callers will be allowed for the ride-off section. For this championship only.

Combined Championships:

- Combined Training classes will become mixed with additional heights being added.
- Mixed Combined Training will be Prelim and Novice with jumping at 60, 70, 80 & 90. Team options will be:

Novice Combined Training – 2 riders at Prelim & 60, 1 rider at Prelim & 70 and 1 rider at novice & 70 **Open Combined Training** – 1 rider at Prelim & 80, 1 rider at Novice & 80, 1 rider at Prelim & 90 and 1 rider at Novice & 90.

Rules

- Whip rule being reviewed to include use from ground and number per incident – **to be confirmed in 2025 Handbook.**
- **Spurs will be banned for any Intro level dressage test, across all classes.**
For example, the Novice Winter Dressage class Intro test, Intro Pairs class etc. They are still permitted in the Introductory Winter Class Prelim tests. – **From 4th November 2024.**

DRESSAGE POINTS COMPETITIONS

We are pleased to announce that our points dressage competitions incorporated within Moreton Morrell's unaffiliated dressage competitions have re started.

These are especially aimed at our grass roots riders and gain points towards awards at our end of year presentation evening.

**Unaffiliated Dressage
at
Warwickshire College
2024 - 25**

**Next Stoneleigh RC points dressage on December 7th 2024
Classes from Intro to Elementary
Link for entries can be found on our website when available
www.stoneleighridingclub.com**

Other dates for your diary are:

- December 7th 2024**
- January 11th 2025**
- February 1st 2025**
- March 8th 2025**
- April 12th 2025**

AREA 5 PROGRAMME & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

DATE		EVENT
26 Jan 25	P	Show Jumping Mixed 60 cm, 70 cm, 80cm, 90cm Mixed 100 SJ
23 February 25	Q	Mixed 60 cm, 70 cm, 80cm, 90cm Mixed 100 SJ qualifier
Sat 8 March 25	Q	Intermediate Dressage Qualifier
5 – 6 April 25	C	Winter Show jumping Championships
13 April 25	Q	Combined Training
25 – 27 April 25	C	Dressage To Music / Quadrille / INTRO / Novice and Intermediate winter dressage championships
4 May 25	Q	Combined Challenge
24 – 25 May 25	P	2DE
30 May – 1 June 25	C	Arena eventing championships
22 June 25	Q	Junior / Senior Horse Trials
6 July 25	Q	Junior / Senior dressage
27 July 25	Q	Junior / Senior SJ
TBC	C	National Horse Trials
30 – 31 Aug 25	C	National Championships
27 - 28 Sept 25	C	Combined Championships (formally FOTH)