



## MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

### **THANK YOU**

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank, once again, Linda Penman for her many years of dedicated service to this club. She has been the backbone of the club for more years than we can count and as a fountain of knowledge she will be greatly missed. Enjoy your retirement Linda, and we hope to see you out and about at club days in the future.

### **NEW COMMITTEE**

Let me introduce to you your new committee for 2024:

Chair	Jenni Surgeon
Vice Chair	Gillian Thomson
Treasurer	Jenny Dall
Secretary	Alison Sangster
Memberships	Margaret Elphick
Social Media	Sophie Hughes
Sponsorship Team	Pamela Ligget
Sponsorship Team	Audrey d'Orleans
Events Admin	Lynn Taylor

Please feel free to contact any member of the committee if you have any questions at all. We are all here to help the club run as smoothly as possible.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

At our first meeting, the committee have organised the following events for the first part of 2024.

**March 30, 2024**, Club Day at SNEC, training with Pauline Herbert and Catriona Leckie along with dressage and SJ competitions.

**May 18, 2024**, Training with John Hill at Trolleywells

**May 23, 2024**, SJ league at Champfleurie

**June 1, 2024**, ARC Open Showing Show at Champfleurie

**June 27, 2024**, SJ league at Champfleurie

**July 25, 2024**, SJ league at Champfleurie

If you have any enquiries about any of the events, please feel free to contact [Lynn Taylor](#).

The following dates have also been booked for SNEC for on later in the year.

September 8, 2024

October 5, 2024

November 3, 2024

## **HELPERS**

As a condition of your membership, members are required to help at a minimum of one event a year. This can be helping to set up the night before, first aiding at events (if the required certification is held), dressage writing, pole picking, scoring, clearing away at the end of the day the list is endless. None of the tasks are difficult and there will always be experienced members on hand to help if necessary.

Please take a little time to consider the amount of effort that goes into organising and running these events for you, the members, and put your name forward to help. If we can't get enough helpers, then it is possible that we may have to cancel events at short notice, something that we do not wish to do.

Please contact [Margaret Elphick](#) to book your helper slot.

## **TEAMS**

In the past Almond Riding Club have put forward teams in Show Jumping, Dressage, Style Jumping, Riding Test and Horse Trials, and have been successful enough to travel to the Championships on many occasions.

If you have an interest in competing for your club in any of these disciplines, please get in touch with [Jenni Surgeon](#).

Dates for the Summer Qualifiers are:

Dressage to Music, 5<sup>th</sup> May at BEIRC Barstobrick, hosted by Galloway & SW Scotland RC

Horse Trials, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at Auchlishie by invitation of Area 22

Dressage and Riding Test, 7<sup>th</sup> July at Morris EC

Show Jumping and Style Jumping, 21<sup>st</sup> July at Muirmill

Please be aware that if you have competed for another club in the last competition year, you will not be eligible to compete for Almond.

## **SPONSORSHIP**

We are looking for sponsors for our Open Showing Show in June. If you or any of your contacts would be interested in supporting the club to raise much needed funds, please contact either **Pamela Ligget** or **Audrey d'Orleans** for more information.

## **CAMP**

We have been asked if we will be running a camp this year. As we are a new committee (and less experienced) we have decided that it is something we will look to run in 2025. If any members have suggestions of suitable camp locations, please contact any member of the committee and we can look into it.

## **MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS**

We are now using Sport80 to process membership. If you have not heard from them already you can set a password and access your account from

<https://britishridingclubs.sport80.com/public/wizard/a/1562>

You will have a membership number allocated by Sport80, which might not be the same as your Almond membership number.

To enter Almond events, you should use the one allocated by us which will be of the form 24587\*\*\*  
If you have any queries regarding your membership, please contact **Margaret Elphick**.

We look forward to seeing many of you out and about at our events during the year.

Jenni Surgeon  
Chair, ARC