



Kilmacolm and Kilallan Riding Club

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Summer: 'Second or hot season of the year'
Concise Oxford Dictionary

Hello All,

Well, I would imagine quite a few of us would like to re write a definition or two! It is to be hoped that we will enjoy a spell of weather that suits animals and competitors alike. We had a most enjoyable Country Ride around Houston on Easter Sunday. Marion Armour stood out in the crowd with her most fetching Easter Bonnet! Thanks to Catherine for organising this one. A couple of weeks ago the BHS organised a ride along the core paths in Inverclyde. Many of our members took part in this. It may be possible to organise something else along these lines...watch the web site!

The competition season is in full swing. The first Area Qualifier has taken place...the show jumping at Biggar. It is with great pleasure that I can report that committee member Rhona Campbell came individual 4th in the Novice section.....Rhona's first jump off!! were only four double clear in the whole competition, so congratulations to Rhona, and many thanks for keeping the club name in the frame!

The eventing season is well under way, with some good results. Fiona Muirhead, Wendy McLeod and Debbie Rodwell are bowling round the Novice sections, which is great. Andrew and Fiona Malcolm had good results at Burgie in the 'Taster 2' section, with Sara Kent completing her first 'taster' on Albert. David Gatherer had a terrific run on Schiller, coming second in the 2 star, following a good run on Hugo in his first 1 star. Walker also completed the 1 star. Catherine Moody has shown there is nothing to worry about at Pre Novice, and Esther Knox has had excellent Intro runs. Wendy is heading for Blair this year, so we wish her well.

Our dressage enthusiasts are out and about, both indoors and outdoors. Indoors, Niki Underhill is consistently placed in BD classes. Niki arrived here less than three years ago, with 25 dressage points....she now has 88!! Cathy Lee on Janet Spen's Haver has had excellent results and Julie McQueen has also been successful, competing in the un affiliated sections at affiliated events.

Catriona Varini and Jenny McBain were both successful at the Strathclyde Dressage Group's recent show.

Fiona McLeod , Wendy's Mum, has decided to give this sport a go.....and things are looking good with a 5th at a recent cross country event!

At the end of May we held our training weekend. Linda Penman and Aileen Craig were both extremely busy with the dressage and show jumping .Muriel Colquhoun and David Gatherer also had very full sessions at Houston House Cross Country. The club has put fair bit of effort in sprucing up the jumps at Houston...a big thank you goes to Niki Underhill , Muriel Colquhoun and Grant McDonald . We have been working on the in order to create more training opportunities for those wishing to enter the BE Intro sections. There is more work to be done, but it is looking good! We will be training there approximately once a month.

We would like you all to check your cupboards as we could do with some plastic flowers to liven the jumps up a bit .! If you find anything phone Jennifer on 01505 690563 We are also using Houston for our show jumping trainingand the Members Competitions . We held the first dressage one last week, a glorious evening, just could have done with a few more competitors!!

So, in order to persuade you all we have decided to offer a prize of a sack of feed to the person collecting the most points from 2 of the 3 scheduled competitions . Competitors may enter 2 tests each time.

Could you please enter the members competitions using the rally booking form.

We have quite a number of new members. I hope you enjoy the club. As always, if there is some training you particularly require, do get in touch, or if you have an idea for a outing!

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer, and meet all the challenges, whether they be mental, nN medical, or veterinary!

Jennifer