Sid and Otter Valley Riding Club

SID AND OTTER VALLEY RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER September 2026

Welcome to the September Newsletter and welcome to any new members that have joined us since the last one. We hope you have found your way round the website and joined the members page on Facebook which is key for advertising upcoming training and competition dates.

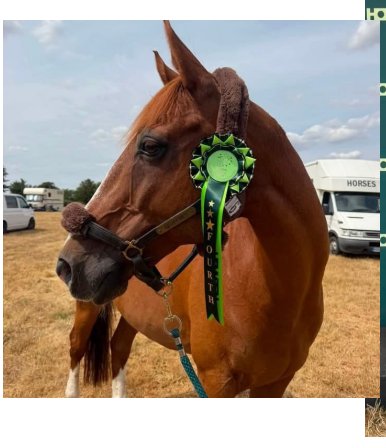
Chair Persons Foreword

Welcome to the latest newsletter after what's been a very long hot summer. Now that we've made it through the heatwave, it's time to dive into what's new, what's next and what you won't want to miss this autumn. Despite the heat, we still had lots of events going on, with many successes to celebrate. You might also have spotted some of that success being reported in the most recent edition of Rider magazine for our 70cm Arena Eventing champions!



2026 Competition Success!





BRC Eventing Champs

70cm: 4th Holly Bayldon
100cm: 2nd Charlotte Radley & 7th Charly Hosking
Well done Guys!

Club Dressage

28th June

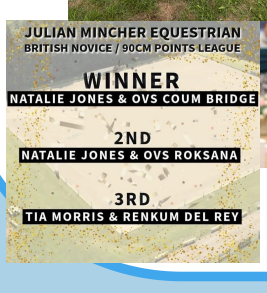
Intro 2: 2nd Natasha Brent, 3rd Sarah Hitchings & 5th Sophie Goodall
Prelim 2: 1st Nina Marsh, 2nd Charley Glover & 5th Sarah Hitchings
Prelim 5: Joint 1st Tash Brimblecombe & Nina Marsh, 3rd Hayley Foss, 4th Cheryl Beer and 6th Sarah James
Novice 4: 1st Hayley Foss & 4th Sarah James
Novice 6: 1st Jane Murray
Elementary 4: 1st David Arranz

23rd Aug

A good amount of entries and SOVRC turnout for this competition.
Intro 1: Several members had success in this class. 2nd Sophie Goodall, 3rd Sarah Waller and 4th Sarah Groves De-May.
Prelim 1: 1st Katie Down, 2nd Demelza Barnes, 5th Sam Cole &6th Sophie Goodall.
Prelim 4: 1st Kerry Brown, 2nd Katie Down, 4th Demelza Barnes & 6th Charlie Watsom
Novice 4: 1st & 2nd Helen Buckland, 3rd Kerry Brown, 4th Nina Marsh & 5th Sarah James
Novice 6: 1st & 3rd Helen Buckland and 2nd Nina Marsh







Combined Champs

Maria Chakraborty 1st 70cm Qualifier and then 10th place at the champs themselves.

Non RC Competitions

Nat Eastwood winner and 2nd in the British Novice/90cm Bicton Arena points league
Tash Brimblecombe had a brilliant time at the RoR Nationals at Aintree with a 1st and several placings across the weekend
Holly Bayldon 3rd Cotswold Cup champs
Well done to you all!

Upcoming Competitions

- 1st November: Area 12 Intermediate Winter Dressage qualifier. KSEC
- 21st November: Winter Show Jumping qualifier. KSEC
- 29th November: Area 12 Dressage to Music. Bicton College
- 7th February: Winter Dressage. KSEC.
- TBC. Arena Eventing Qualifiers.
- TBC . Show Jumping Qualifiers.
- May; Eventing Qualifiers. Pontispool
- 3rd July: Dressage Qualifiers. Chard
- Aug: SWWRC Champs.Hartpury

If you would like to represent the club contact your team co-manager – details of these will be on Facebook but are:
Mercedes Pemberton-Finch: mercedespf90@outlook.com (dressage) &
Sarah Box-Adair: sarahboxadair@icloud.com & Joanna Lee:Joannalee83@hotmail.com (all other competition).
All events are open for everyone within our riding club to compete in - either as an individual or part of a team, qualifying or non-qualifying. Sid and Otter love to field teams, and you do not have to do this as qualifier, it's just nice to take part with other club members. However, if you commit to taking part in a qualifying team or individual, you are committing yourself to going to the championships (if you qualify!)

Upcoming Training

- 16th Oct: Mandy Frost. Rollestone
- 21st Oct: Mark Boxall. Rollestone
- 31st Oct: Mat Baker. Bicton College
- 18th Nov: Mark Boxall. Courtway
- 20th Nov: Mandy Frost. Rollestone
- 28th Nov: Mat Baker. Bicton College
- 20th Dec: Mat Baker. Bicton College

QUIZ TIME

Ottery St Mary Cricket Club:
9th October 7:30pm.
Teams of 4.
Bring your own drinks and snacks!
Contact Jo joannalee83@hotmail.com to let her know numbers

AGM: 27th November. Ottery St Mary Cricket Club. 7:30 start. A light buffet will be provided, please let Jo know for numbers. Come and hear our 2026 successes and see who has won one of our fabulous trophies, who knows, it might be you!

Camp 2026

Camp was well attended, with some non-members joining us adding fresh blood to the mix.
New trainers Mark and Mat were welcome additions with lots of great feedback and requests for return in 2027.
Camp fell in the middle of a heatwave but as we had weeks to acclimatise both horses and riders coped well.
Evening entertainment was a great mix of organised events and general relaxing with a few drinks.
Interesting dressage coaching demo provided by Mat and one of his pupils.
Lots of positive feedback about how friendly and welcoming camp was in general which is great to hear and lots of people already asking about camp 2027!







If you have any ideas for training, demos, informative sessions, fun activities etc, please let us know. We are always thinking about how we can get our members together more and make the most of the club.