



JANUARY 2026 NEWLETTER

Happy New Year to you all, and I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

As you are aware, Ali Power stepped down as Chair at our AGM in December after spearheading the club for the last seven years, and I have been voted in to continue the good work that Ali and all our previous Chairs have done.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ali once again for all the work she has put into the club over many years. Whilst she has stepped down from the committee, she is still happy to continue running the Gymkhanas and assisting with fundraising, for which we are very grateful.

I would also like to welcome Beth Mason to the committee. Beth has not only helped at shows but has been a member for many years and has represented the club as a team rider since she was 15 years old. She will also be bringing her expertise in social media platforms to the role.

The committee has now been confirmed, with members holding the following positions:

- Jo Mason – Chair
- Rachel Atkinson Parsons – Vice Chair / Public Relations / Camp
- Jenna Davies – Treasurer
- Jess Ball – Secretary
- Viv Edwards – Membership
- Beth Mason – Social Media and Website
- Nicki Lush – Showing
- Carol Chisnell – Show Jumping
- Rachel Lofthouse / Sue Timmis – Dressage and Combined Training
- Rachel Lofthouse – Clinics
- Sue Timmis – Fundraising Treasurer
- Gail Oliver – Sponsorship
- Jo Mason – Teams Manager

One of our aims this year is to be more open and approachable. We are therefore proposing to send out regular newsletters and to include a 10-minute open session at the beginning of our committee meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:15pm. Members will be welcome to raise any matters during this time. If you are unable to attend but would like to raise something, you are welcome to email us in advance. After this, the formal meeting will begin and members may stay to listen but will not be able to contribute. If any confidential matters arise, the meeting will move to a closed session.

We have also shared a survey on Facebook and on our website and would really appreciate you taking the time to complete it. Thank you to those who have already done so.

We are planning more social evenings where you can simply come along for a drink and a chat, so please keep an eye out for these. They are a great way to stay up to date with THRC matters while catching up with friends.

EVENT DATES

24th January – Bingo – Thorrington Village Hall

14th February – Equestrian Boot Sale – Green Lane Farm, Weeley

8th March – Pole Clinic – Water Farm

April

5th – Show Jumping

8th – Junior Rally

19th – Showing

25th – Gymkhana

26th – Dressage and Combined Training

May

6th–9th – Camp – Forest Edge

10th – Show Jumping

30th – Gymkhana

June

7th – Show Jumping

13th – Junior Rally

14th – Dressage and Combined Training

July

5th – Annual Show

18th – Junior Rally

August

2nd - Showing

16th - Family Fun Day

September

13th – Show Jumping

20th – Dressage and Combined Training

27th – Showing

All events will be posted on:

- Facebook: Tendring Hundred Riding Club
- Website: tendringhundredrc.co.uk
- Fundraising Facebook Page: Tendring Hundred Riding Club Fundraising

Clinics and additional events will be added throughout the year, so please keep an eye out.

PRESENTATION EVENING – 24TH OCTOBER

Please remember that for end-of-year trophies, your top two scores from classes attended at shows will count, provided you have attended at least two shows and were a current member at the time. There are trophies across Dressage, Combined Training, Show Jumping and Showing, as well as special awards for Most Improved, Best Helper and Novice Combination. A full list of trophies is available on our website under “Results”.

MEMBERSHIP

Due to an increase in British Riding Clubs (BRC) fees, we have had to adjust our membership prices. Seniors will now be £37 and Juniors £32, which remains very competitive compared with other riding clubs.

Could we also ask members to check that all personal details are up to date on Sport80, and to untick the auto-renew box if you do not wish your membership to renew automatically.

FIELD HIRE

This year we have reduced the cost of field hire to £8.50. In addition, any member who helps us on the club field when we have requested assistance will receive one free field hire session, provided they are a current member. This is required for insurance purposes.

AGM – 5TH JANUARY 2027

Please find attached a draft copy of the minutes from the 2025 AGM. These will be formally approved at our next AGM.

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

As you know, we have planning permission to install hardstanding in part of the parking area and to create an all-weather surface. We hope to begin Phase 1 (hardstanding) towards the end of this year once the field has closed for winter, so this will not affect any shows. Phase 2 (the all-weather surface) will only commence once sufficient funds have been raised, so your support at fundraising events is greatly appreciated.

All activities will continue to be advertised across our media platforms. Anyone wishing to help with fundraising or field work is very welcome to email us at tendringhundredrc@outlook.com.

Upcoming fundraising events:

- 24th January – Bingo – Thorrington Village Hall
- 14th February – Equestrian Boot Sale – Green Lane Farm (in barn)

We are also replacing the shed in the warm-up ring and hope this will be in place when the field reopens in April.

I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year at our events, both on and off the field. Please do also feel free to attend our committee meetings if you would like to raise any matters.

Jo Mason

Chair