



TENDRING HUNDRED RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2026



Good Afternoon everyone,

I hope you are all keeping well and managing to survive this particularly wet winter while still finding time to ride your lovely horses and ponies. Hopefully we are now through the worst of the weather.

Our grounds person, Shaun, has begun preparing the showground and we are hopeful that the field will reopen in April, provided we do not experience any further heavy rain. Over the winter some of the fencing was unfortunately blown down, so this is currently being reinstated, and the grass will soon be cut in preparation for the upcoming show season.

We are also hoping to bring the jumps out towards the end of this month. Any help with this would be greatly appreciated as it takes a little time to bring them out of their winter “hibernation” and many hands certainly make light work. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on when this will take place. If you are able to come along and help, it would be wonderful to see you there. Perhaps we can enjoy a coffee and a chat afterwards and catch up on what everyone has been up to over the winter months.

Once the field reopens, field hire will again be available to all members. This year we have reduced the hire fee to £8.50 per horse, which includes the booking fee.

Events

The committee has been busy finalising the remaining schedules and clinics for the year alongside our regular shows. We are also pleased to be introducing several new training opportunities.

In May we will be running “Have a Go Dressage” and “Have a Go Show Jumping” mornings. These sessions will be held in a relaxed and friendly environment and are designed for anyone who would like to try dressage or show jumping in a non-competitive setting, regardless of experience. Dressage participants will receive test sheets and show jumping will run as clear rounds with rosettes.

Schedules for these events can be found on the website under the Field Improvement tab – 2026 Fundraising Events, as any profits from these sessions will go towards our field improvement plans.

Our camp, organised by Rachel Atkinson Parsons, will take place at Forest Edge from 6–8 May, with instruction from Tammy Ruffles and Marg Foxen. At present there is one place still available, so please check the events page if you would like to join what is always a very enjoyable camp.

We are also delighted that Vicki May Northover will be running three clinics for the club this year, offering both flatwork and show jumping sessions. Riders will be able to choose their preferred discipline when booking. In addition, we are hoping to organise an Equitation Clinic and Tammy Ruffles will also be running a Formation Riding Clinic, which promises to be great fun with riders working together side by side.

Event Dates

There have been a few changes and additions since the January newsletter, so please note the updated schedule below. Our Showing, Show Jumping and Dressage/Combined Training events will once again act as Sunshine Tour qualifiers this year.

We will also be hosting the BRC Club Show Jumping Series, which is an accessible, entry-level competition for members with classes at 40cm, 50cm and 60cm. Riders can qualify for the final at Bury Farm on 6 September by achieving two clear rounds at any of our show jumping competitions between 1 April and 18 August 2026.

April

- 5th – Show Jumping
- 18th – Junior Rally
- 19th – Showing
- 25th – Gymkhana
- 26th – Dressage & Combined Training

May

- 2nd – Vicki May Northover Clinic (Flatwork / Jumping)
- 6–8 – Camp – Forest Edge
- 10th – Show Jumping
- 24th – Have a Go Dressage Morning
- 31st – Have a Go Show Jumping Morning

June

- 7th – Show Jumping
- 13th – Junior Rally
- 14th – Dressage & Combined Training
- 20th – Gymkhana
- 21st – Formation Riding Clinic with Tammy Ruffles

July

- 5th – Annual Show
- 12th – Vicki May Northover Clinic
- 18th – Junior Rally

August

- 1st – Showing
- 8th – Gymkhana
- 16th – Family Fun Day

September

- 13th – Show Jumping
- 19th – Vicki May Northover Clinic
- 20th – Dressage & Combined Training
- 27th – Showing

October

- 24th – Presentation & Trophies Evening

January 2027

- 5th – AGM

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 for updates. We will also be doing some evening clinics too.

Survey

Many of you will have seen that we recently carried out a survey for both members and non-members to gain a better understanding of how we can continue to develop the club and provide events that our community would enjoy.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey and for the positive feedback we received. We will do our best to incorporate as many of your ideas and suggestions as possible. In fact, the feedback received is what inspired the introduction of our “Have a Go” mornings.

We are also planning to make our Annual Show even more enjoyable by bringing back some of the traditional fun classes that used to run alongside the regular competition classes. However, I’m afraid the class involving galloping to the end of the arena, knocking back a gin and tonic, and galloping back again will not be happening — much to the disappointment of some of you!

The results of the survey will be available on the website under the Results tab.

Field Improvements

Some of our clinics and events this year will contribute towards fundraising for our Field Improvement plans. Your support for these events would be greatly appreciated as the sooner we can raise the funds, the sooner we can begin work towards building an all-weather arena, which will of course be a significant investment for the club.

As part of this, we are currently looking for someone who may be able to assist us in developing a Sponsorship Toolkit and helping to connect with local businesses. This role has been advertised on our Facebook page. Anyone who would be interested in supporting the club with sponsorship or fundraising would be very welcome to contact us at: tendringhundredrc@outlook.com

Teams

May, marks the start of the BRC Summer Season qualifiers, which include Horse Trials, Show Jumping, Combined Training, Dressage and Combined Challenge classes. If you have experience in these disciplines and would like to represent the club, please take a look at the Teams section of our website for further information.

Finally, we would like to wish Rachel Joslin and her horse Torment the very best of luck as they head to the Show Jumping Championships at Arena UK at the end of March. We will all be cheering them on.

Thank you all for your continued support of Tendring Hundred Riding Club. We look forward to seeing many of you at our events throughout the season and wish you all an enjoyable and successful year with your horses and ponies.

Best wishes,

Jo Mason

Chair

Tendring Hundred Riding Club

