

STONAR



SENIOR SCHOOL

Equestrian Handbook

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Stonar Equestrian Centre



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Welcome to the Equestrian Centre

Our ethos is based around a holistic approach to equestrianism – we are all about the ‘hands-on’ experience here at Stonar.

We strongly believe that developing the skills required to care for horses to a high standard not only helps to develop the horse and rider bond, but also provides pupils with a deeper understanding of the horse and its psyche, which in turn produces riders who are ‘in touch’ with their horse - who can train and develop the horse independently, and who can lead by example.

Our belief is that through this experience, pupils can gain much in the way of transferable life skills, as well as benefiting from the emotional sense of well-being that comes with a relationship with horses. As the quote attributed to Winston Churchill says, *‘There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man’*.

This handbook is designed to provide you with all the information pupils (and parents) may need when navigating their way through the various aspects of equestrian life here at Stonar. Our fantastic team of dedicated staff are here to help - please feel free to ask questions.



Stonar Staff

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of the Equestrian team who will be happy to help.



Miss Halsey
Director of Riding



Miss Chilcott
Senior Coach



Miss Allen
Senior Yard Manager



Mrs Arthur
Yard Manager and Coach



Mrs Barnard
Assistant Yard Manager & Coach



Miss Stone
Coach



Mrs Holt
BTEC Teacher of Equine
Management & Coach



Mrs Kerslake
Equine Centre Secretary

In addition, we regularly welcome external coaches to support specialist clinics, the Stonar Academy and assist with competitions.



Our Facilities

Stonar offers fantastic equestrian facilities. We are a British Horse Society approved establishment and examination centre, and an official Pony Club Centre.

Set in 80 acres, our facilities include:

- Stabling for 62 horses
- Turn out paddocks
- 20m x 40m indoor school
- Floodlit Olympic-sized outdoor school
- Horse walker
- Hacking track around the perimeter of the school grounds
- Two full sets of BSJA show jumps
- Cross country courses built to BE standards, designed by David Evans (Olympic course builder and designer)
- Separate tack rooms for school horses and liveries
- Changing rooms with showers
- Parents' viewing area
- Lecture room





Riding Lessons

Arranging Lessons

Point of Contact Miss Chilcott

To have the opportunity to receive riding lessons at Stonar a rider registration form must first be completed and returned to the Equestrian Centre. When you first join Stonar, or start having lessons at Stonar, you will receive an assessment riding lesson with one of our instructors, following which you will be allocated a suitable riding lesson which fits in with both your school timetable and our riding timetable.

The riding timetable will be posted in the Riding Office so that you can check when your riding lesson will take place. If, for any reason, the lesson you have been allocated is not convenient please let a member of staff in the Riding Office know as soon as you can and Miss Chilcott will check the timetable for an alternative lesson space.

Riding lesson spaces are limited and so we may not be able to change a riding lesson to fit in around another club or activity you wish to join. If you are a day pupil and have your own horse at home you are very welcome to bring your horse to Stonar each week for your riding lesson. Please let Miss Chilcott know at least 24 hours before your lesson if you are planning to bring your own horse so that she does not allocate you a school horse. You may book a day stable, provided there are stables available and the yard is not full. Stables must be booked in advance by contacting the Equestrian Centre.

Riding lessons run from term to term and a full term's notice in writing is required if you wish to stop having riding lessons.

Absence from Riding Lessons

If, for any reason, you are not able to attend a riding lesson please let us know in advance.

We are only able to make up a missed lesson if you are representing the school at a sports or other fixture, or if you are on a compulsory school trip or taking an exam. In these cases, you must notify the Equestrian Centre in advance.



Dress for Riding

- A protective helmet (for riding and turning out) that complies with the current required Health and Safety standards is required. Hats must have been correctly fitted by a reputable saddler. Please be aware that some retailers' hats do not comply with current standards. Hats will be checked on a regular basis. Any hat not found to be of the correct standard will be confiscated, as will hats that are damaged or weak
- Long hair should be neatly secured in a hair band or hairnet
- A Stonar Equestrian Centre fleece, polo shirt or sweatshirt
- A long sleeved cross country shirt is worn for cross country lessons
- Jodhpurs or breeches in navy
- A pair of dark coloured riding gloves
- A body protector is recommended for show jumping and is compulsory for cross country. A body protector must be fitted by a reputable saddler
- Black or brown riding boots, preferably jodhpur boots (most comfortable and easiest to ride in). Half chaps may be worn with jodhpur boots; they protect the lower leg, prevent from rubbing and also help to keep the rider's leg in the correct position whilst riding. Half chaps must be black or brown only, tassels are not allowed. Long rubber boots are not ideal for a younger rider as they make it difficult for the rider to put the leg in the correct position and therefore apply the correct aids. They may also be uncomfortable
- A Stonar Equestrian Centre uniform coat is necessary when riding outside in the winter (uniform coats may be purchased from Schoolblazer and waterproof coats may be purchased from the Equestrian Centre) and must be fastened at all times, in order not to flap and frighten the horse
- Jewellery is not allowed.
- Ensure all rider clothing and equipment is clearly labeled.

Changing for Riding

You must change into and from your riding clothes as near to the lesson time as possible and you must travel to and from school in school uniform.



Loan and Livery Options

Loaning

Point of Contact Miss Halsey / Miss Chilcott

There are several Stonar horses available for pupils to loan. This is a very popular option and is available to day and boarding pupils joining the School for two terms or more. Permanent and 1 year applicants will be prioritised. If there is availability then 2 termers may be able to loan a horse. With a limited number available, we will look at applications on a first come, first served basis and aim to allocate you to a suitable horse based on your individual profile, riding experience and the horses we have available. Please be aware that an application does not guarantee that you will receive a loan horse. Prior to the new school year starting we will review all loan applications and supporting videos and then allocate a potential match. This match will then only be confirmed during the first week of term when you have been observed in riding lessons, stable management and in your overall handling of the horse.

Once you have been allocated a loan horse, you will be responsible for the complete care of the horse or pony during term time. You must muck out, etc in the mornings and evenings and will be able to ride up to 6 days a week, enter the Accumulator and join clinics. If you and your

horse are of a suitable standard, you will be able to take your horse to compete at West Wilts on Tuesday evenings.

Stonar will provide tack, horse clothing and equipment. Shoeing, vaccinations, vet's fees and worming costs will be covered by Stonar.

If, for any reason, you are not able to come down to the yard to look after your horse you can either ask a suitably experienced friend to care for the horse, or you can ask the yard. If you ask a friend, please let the Yard Manager know in advance who will be coming to look after the horse for you. The yard staff will care for your horse at no charge if you are representing the school at a sports or other fixture, or if you are on a compulsory school trip or taking an exam; in any other instances care by staff will incur a charge. In all cases, you must notify the Equestrian Centre in advance. We have a very limited number of loan horses available for competing, and would recommend that riders who are competitively ambitious bring their own horse. If you no longer wish to loan a horse, we require a full term's notice to cancel the loan.

Liveries

Point of Contact Miss Allen / Mrs Barnard / Mrs Arthur

We have various stables available for pupils in Year 5 or above wishing to bring their own horse to Stonar. The stables are allocated on a first come, first served basis and applications for livery should ideally be placed at the same time as applying to join the School. Once we have received your completed livery application form, we will confirm if there is availability of a suitable stable and will ask your parents to pay the livery deposit. A Yard Manager will be in touch with your parents to make suitable arrangements for your horse's arrival. If you no longer wish to bring your horse to Stonar, we require a full term's notice to cancel the stable.

Absence – Loaners and Liveries

If, for any reason, you are not able to come down to the yard to look after your horse you can either ask a suitably experienced friend to care for the horse for you, or you can ask the yard. If you ask a friend, please let the Yard Manager know in advance who will be coming to look after the horse for you.

Half-Term Livery

We have a limited number of spaces available for liveries to stay at Stonar during half-term and priority is given to overseas pupils. We are not able to offer holiday livery for Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays.

There is a list of local livery yards that pupils use for longer holidays in the "Useful Contacts" section at the end of this Handbook.



Horses Upkeep

Horses Arriving at Stonar

At the beginning of each term the Equestrian Centre opens between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on the day before the start of term for horses to return. Our Yard Managers will contact your parents before the beginning of each term to confirm the date and opening times.

The welfare of all horses at Stonar is important to us.

Please do not bring your horse to Stonar if any of the following apply:

- Your horse shows any signs of ill health including lameness, fever, nasal discharge;
- Your horse has had a temperature in the last two weeks;
- There is any chance your horse could have come into contact with an infectious disease.

Procedure for horse arrivals:

All horses will undergo a health check upon arrival at the Equestrian Centre by a member of staff who will check the following:

- Your horse's passport – this must remain with Stonar whilst your horse is at livery with us. This is a legal requirement;

- Vaccination record - this must be up to date (Equine Influenza and Tetanus). Please note that the primary (first 2 vaccinations) must have been completed 7 days PRIOR to arrival, also your horse should not require to be vaccinated within 7 days of arriving. Currently, horses must have received an Equine Influenza booster within 6 months upon arrival. Failure to meet this requirement will mean your horse will be turned away;
- The health and soundness of your horse, this will involve a walk and trot up (horses with any signs of ill-health including raised temperature will not be admitted onto the yard);
- The date of when the horse was last shod/due to be shod;
- Feeding requirements;
- Tack is safe and well-fitting, this may involve the horse being tacked up;
- Confirmation that Livery documents are fully completed;
- Horses will not be turned out for the first 7 days of a new term for biosecurity reasons.

Horse Equipment

There is limited space for horse equipment. Please only bring what is necessary, for the attended term. Rugs and head collars are the only items to be stored outside stables. All other equipment must be stored in the tack room cupboards, these can be locked with a small padlock (not supplied) or your lockable trunks in the pupil storage area. There are racks and pegs for tack. We strongly advise that you purchase a lockable trunk for equipment and that all equipment is clearly named.

Feeding and Bedding

All feeds are made up and horses fed by a member of the yard staff. Feeding times are as follows:

- Morning feed: 6.30am
- Evening feed: 6.30pm

A basic feed of chaff, nuts, competition mix and sugar beet is included within the Livery package, although you are more than welcome to use your own feed instead if you wish. Further feed can be purchased locally and added to the school delivery.

We use a Miscanthus dust extracted bedding. At the start of each term you will find your bed made ready for your horse. Over the course of the week you can add additional bags of bedding to keep your horse comfortable. One bag of bedding a week is included within your livery and loaners package.

Turn Out

We believe in the importance of turning horses out and allowing them time to 'be a horse'. However, this can be subject to change and restrictions due to weather, ground conditions, or pasture/field management preparation. Pupils are to check the whiteboard in the indoor barn for current turn out arrangements.

Use of the Horse Walker

Pupils can request to have their horse put on the horse walker. This must be done by a member of yard staff. During busy periods, priority will go to horses who have restricted turn out or exercise, or who may be under veterinary supervision or advice.

Extra Services

We can offer clipping and trimming services as follows:

- Trace clip
- Blanket clip
- Hunter clip
- Full clip (including legs)
- Clipper hire (for you to clip your own horse)
- Mane pulling
- Tail pulling

The cost of these services will be added to the school account at the end of term.

We can also care for a horse for a morning or evening session, or exercise or school a horse for you for an extra charge, which will be added to the school account at the end of term.





The Yard

Point of Contact Mrs Barnard / Mrs Arthur

The Weekday Yard Rota

7.15am	Morning Yards
8.00am	Yard closes for breakfast
8.50am	Yard only open for pupils having riding lessons
10.45am	Yard opens for pupils during break time
1.05pm	Yard opens for pupils during lunch time
2.10pm	Yard closes for registration
4.15pm	Yard opens for evening yards and free riding
6.00pm	Yard closes for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10
6.30pm	Privilege Yards closes for Years 11, 12 & 13

The Weekend Yard Rota

8.30am	Yard opens
12.30pm	Yard closes for lunch
1.30pm	Yard opens
	Free riding until 4.30pm
4.00pm	Evening Yards
5.00pm	Yard closes

Yard Rules

- Horses must always be tied up inside to be groomed and mucked out
- Horses must never be tied up outside during yards, or to be fed
- Horses should always be well groomed and never go into a lesson dirty
- Feet must be picked out every time a horse leaves the stable and stable doors closed
- Litter must be placed in the bins provided
- String should be placed in the bin inside the hay barn, not on the muckheap
- To prevent back injuries and to keep the yard tidy at all times, hay and bedding must always be carried in a wheelbarrow
- All gates must be shut at all times including field gates, even if they were already open
- Pupils must not ride another pupil's horse without permission from both sets of parents. The Equestrian Centre staff may veto this arrangement if it is considered inappropriate or unsafe
- Pupils must always wear a hat and gloves when taking horses to and from the field.



Conduct on the Yard

- A quiet relaxed atmosphere is essential for the horses' well-being
- No running, shouting or screaming
- No mobile phones
- No radios
- No smoking on the yard (including visitors and parents of livery owners).

Dress on the Yard

- Stonar Equestrian Centre fleece, polo shirt, navy jodhpurs and stout boots should be worn during morning and evening yards
- Only navy jodhpurs are permitted
- A riding hat and gloves should always be worn for turning out, lunging and loose schooling
- Full and half chaps may be worn (no tassels).

Forbidden Dress on the Yard

- Trainers
- Vest tops
- Jewellery
- Jogging bottoms
- Pashminas
- Earphones/airpods

Stable Helping

Point of Contact Mrs Barnard / Mrs Arthur / Miss Allen

If you would like to stable help please see one of our Yard Managers who will let you know what is involved and, if needed, will organise some stable management sessions to help get you started.

If you stable help for us all week then you will earn a free ride at the weekend. Don't forget to check the time of the ride with our Yard Managers as it may change from week to week.

Day pupils who attend the yard in the mornings to loan, livery or stable help are entitled to go for breakfast with boarders.

Permissions to Ride Other Horses

You must have permission from both your parents and the parents of another pupil's horse before you are able to ride another pupil's horse. Equestrian Centre staff may veto this arrangement if it is thought inappropriate. Given that much can change over the summer break, new permissions must be given at the start of the school year.

Visitors to the Yard

Stonar's duty to protect its pupils and to uphold health and safety protocol means that parental access to the Equestrian Centre cannot be unrestricted.

- 1 All visitors, suppliers and contractors must sign in at the Equestrian Centre Reception and wear a lanyard prior to entering the yard, the exception of this is point 2.
- 2 The beginning and end of term (and half-term) are recognised as times in the school year when pupils may have a significant quantity of equipment to be moved between the yard and home, and at these times parents/guardians are granted access to the Equestrian Centre.
- 3 Parents/guardians will, of course, be encouraged to watch their own children riding in their scheduled lessons. In order to facilitate this, all adult visitors to the Equestrian Centre are asked to report to the Riding Office on arrival.
- 4 During weekdays, parents/guardians will be accommodated on the yard between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. Again, please sign in at the Riding Office.
- 5 At weekends, parents/guardians will be encouraged to visit the yard between 10.00am and 12.00pm, and between 3.00pm and 5.00pm.
- 6 Adult visitors to the Equestrian Centre may not enter either of the two riding arenas without first gaining permission from the senior member of staff on duty at the time.
- 7 Adults visiting pupils at the Equestrian Centre are expected to respect the School's no-smoking policy.
- 8 The use of video recorders and cameras at the Equestrian Centre is not permitted without the express permission of the Director of Riding.
- 9 External suppliers or contractors are permitted only with permission from the Director of Riding.



Free Time

Riding in Your Free Time

Loaners and liveries have the opportunity to ride in their free time after school (between 4.05pm and 6.00pm) and during yard opening times at weekends. (Loan horses must have one day off at the weekend.)

Hacking is permitted around the school site, in groups of two or three (weather conditions and daylight permitting). Riders must seek permission from the Duty Manager and sign out and in if they wish to go on a hack.

Jumping is not permitted unless you are riding in a lesson, or taking part in the Stonar Accumulator. For liveries there is the opportunity to join a supervised jumping session at the weekend if you wish to jump outside of your lesson times, usually made available on a Sunday.

Indoor and Outdoor Schools

The indoor/outdoor schools may be used at no cost for riding after school and on a weekend. The Ride List (located in the Riding Office) indicates when the schools are being used for lessons. Permission must be sought to use the schools from a member of staff.



Hacking

In 2014 a specially designed riding track was created which is routed around the perimeter of the school site. This track offers riders the opportunity to hack and experience riding across the country. In order to ride unsupervised around the school site you must follow our hacking out policy:

- Ask permission from the member of staff on duty prior to going hacking;
- You must be in groups of 2, or 3 maximum;
- Reflective clothing must be worn when riding on Stonar grounds;
- Do not hack out when dark or failing light;
- Do not hack out in extreme weather conditions eg. fog, high winds, heavy rain, snow;
- Avoid hacking during morning and evening drop off/pick up times and until the school buses have left;
- Sign out on the whiteboard opposite the Feed Room, giving the following information:
 - Date
 - Names of pupils
 - Names of horses
 - Time of departure
 - Details of where you are going
 - Approximate time of return.

- You must have a mobile phone with you and write the number on the whiteboard;
- You must have the mobile number of the member of staff on duty and the Equestrian Centre number (01225 701765).

Riding School Rules

- Knock loudly on the door prior to entering
- Enter when permission has been given
- Pass left hand to left hand
- Avoid walking on the outside track once trotting has commenced
- No halting on outside track
- Give way to horses in canter
- The doors/gates to the schools must always be closed when riding

Exams, Competitions and Scholarships



BHS Exams

Point of Contact Miss Chilcott

The BHS Career Pathways offer you the opportunity to progress your career with horses and learn practical, real-world skills within a structured platform. As part of your journey we are here to guide, advise and support you through every stage of your development towards securing equine jobs and equine careers in the future.

At Stonar pupils are able to work towards BHS assessments alongside their academic studies. The Equestrian Centre is an approved training centre and hold assessments throughout the school year.

The Ride Safe assessment can be taken from the age of 11 years, Stage 1 from 13 years, Stage 2 from 14 years and Stage 3 from 16 years of age. Stages 1 to 3 comprise both Riding and Care sections to work towards.

Pupils in Years 7 to 11 can join the Development Programme to work towards these assessments. Pupils in the Sixth Form can join the BHS course which runs alongside their A Level subjects, and must also have group riding lessons at Stonar.

Pupils who would like to take their BHS exams but who are not in the Sixth Form, or are not signed up for the Development Programme, can still train at Stonar for an extra fee.

To find out more information regarding the BHS assessments please contact Miss Chilcott.



Stonar Accumulator

Point of Contact Miss Stone

We hold a weekly Accumulator competition every Wednesday after school, which alternates between dressage and show jumping. If you enter the Accumulator regularly you will earn points throughout the year and the pupil with the highest points at the end of the school year will be awarded a trophy.

If you wish to sign up for the Accumulator a sign-up sheet is available on the notice board in the Indoor Barn the previous Thursday.

The Stonar Accumulator is open to all riders of appropriate ability. If you do not have your own horse, or a horse on loan, we may be able to offer you a school horse, to ride, although this is subject to availability.

Inter-House Competitions

Point of Contact Miss Chilcott / Miss Stone

Each term we run an inter-house show jumping competition.

If you would like to take part in the competition, keep an eye on the notice board and sign up for your Sports House. The inter-house is open to all Stonar riders who are able to ride a course of show jumps. If you do not have your own horse you may be able to ride a school horse, subject to a suitable horse being available.



Evening Competitions at West Wilts EC

Point of Contact Mrs Kerlake / Miss Halsey (Dressage) / Miss Chilcott (Show Jumping)

Once you have had some experience competing in Stonar's Accumulator, you will be able to sign up to compete at West Wilts evening show jumping and dressage competitions. West Wilts trips take place on a Tuesday evening and alternate between dressage evenings and show jumping evenings. Stonar runs the dressage Accumulator to coincide with West Wilts show jumping week.

Sign-up sheets go on the Riding Office notice board a week or two before each competition. Stonar organises horse transport and Miss Chilcott or Miss Halsey attend the evening to coach during warm up and to help and support throughout the evening.

We will need your parents' permission before we can enter you, and there is an extra charge for this trip. If you pull out once entries have been made to West Wilts, your parents will have to pay anyway.

Trips to West Wilts EC are open to pupils who loan a Stonar horse or own their own horse.

Stonar Riding Academy

Point of Contact Miss Halsey / Mrs Kerlake

Members of the Stonar Riding Academy will come under the direction of a specialist Academy Coach who will provide training sessions within the school environment and at external venues, alongside accompanying pupils as they represent Stonar in team competitions throughout the year. We will be targeting NSEA competitions, BS Just for Schools and BD My Quest and Team Quest competitions alongside inter-school ODE's, Royal Windsor and Hickstead SJ classes. Only members of the Academy will be eligible to compete in these competitions.

Participation in the Stonar Riding Academy is by invitation only and the criteria is as follows:

- Pupils who have achieved three top five placings in any NSEA competitions within the current or preceding calendar year;
- Continuing participation in riding lessons and contributing to the equestrian community at Stonar;
- Pupils competing in BE 80 classes, or above;
- Pupils competing in BD novice classes or above, and achieving percentages of 62% or above;
- Pupils competing in BS British novice classes or above.
- Consideration will be given to pupils competing in other disciplines;
- Pupils must have their own horse or a horse on loan to be a member of the Riding Academy.



Stonar Team Kit

Point of Contact Mrs Kerslake

A selection of team kit is available to purchase as follows:

- Stonar numnah
- Stonar cross country top
- Stonar exercise sheet
- Stonar waterproof jacket

Riders competing regularly for Stonar must have their own Stonar numnah to use at competitions when representing the school. Riders selected to represent Stonar in Horse Trials or other competitions that require cross country shirts to be worn must also purchase a cross country shirt. Order forms are available from the Riding Office.

Scholarships

Point of Contact Admissions Department

Stonar offers a limited number of Riding Scholarships to candidates entering at Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form.

We offer two types of Scholarship:

- General Riding Scholarship
- Performance Rider Scholarship

If you would like more information about our Scholarships please contact our Admissions Department.

Clubs, Trips and Clinics



Pony Club

Point of Contact Mrs Kerslake



Stonar is an approved Pony Club Centre and we run weekly sessions for pupils. If you are a member of the Pony Club you will be able to work towards achievement badges and tests. To join the Pony Club please contact Mrs Kerslake and she will be able to pass on the relevant paperwork to become a member. There is a charge for the weekly sessions which is added to your school account at the end of term. The Pony Club also charge an annual membership fee.

If you have signed up for the Development Programme and are a member of the Pony Club you can work towards tests as part of the syllabus. The Pony Club is an international voluntary youth organisation for young people interested in ponies and riding. The objectives of The Pony Club are:

- to encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding;
- to give instruction in riding and horsemastership and to educate Members to look after and to take proper care of their animal;
- to promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty to create strength of character and self-discipline.

Riding Committee Meeting

Point of Contact Miss Halsey / Mrs Kerslake

Once a term Miss Halsey gets together with pupils for a Riding Committee meeting. This is a great opportunity for you to tell us your thoughts, concerns and ideas for the yard. Please come along and support the meeting!

Clinics at Stonar

Point of Contact Mrs Kerslake

A number of external coaches visit Stonar each term to offer extra lessons to pupils. Parents are contacted with dates of clinics and they are advertised on the Riding Office notice board. Booking is made through Mrs Kerslake.

Permission is required from parents before you can take part in a clinic, and the cost of the clinic will be added to the school account at the end of term. If you pull out there will be a cancellation fee unless you can find a replacement.

Clinics are open to pupils who loan or own their horse at Stonar. We have a limited number of school horses available for clinics, however there will be an extra charge.

Clinic Conditions

- When a parent/pupil signs up for a clinic they are making a commitment to the coach to take part in that clinic.
- Once a parent/pupil has signed up, full payment will be required in case of cancellation unless the pupil can find a replacement. Stonar is not responsible for finding a replacement.
- Notice of cancellation must be made in writing to Mrs Kerslake (j.kerslake@stonarschool.com), giving reasons for pulling out. Mrs Kerslake will then contact the coach to obtain confirmation of whether the coach will still be charging for that session.
- Any notice of cancellation for a weekend clinic must be made by 4.00pm the Wednesday before the clinic. Any notice of cancellation for a Tuesday clinic must be made by 4.00pm the Thursday before the clinic.



Senior School Christmas Show

Point of Contact Miss Chilcott / Miss Stone

At Christmas we have our annual Christmas Show, which includes an Inter-house Show Jumping and a number of fun, Christmassy jumping and gymkhana classes.

A sign-up sheet will go up on the notice board in the Riding Office. There will be an extra charge for each class you enter, so parents' permission will be needed.

The Christmas Show is open to Senior pupils who ride at Stonar and who are able to ride a course of show jumps. If you do not own or loan a horse, you will be able to ride a school horse, if there is a suitable horse available.

Riding Weekend

Point of Contact Mrs Kerslake / Miss Chilcott

We organise a riding weekend break in March each year. In the past we have visited Devon and Wales and it is an opportunity for pupils to enjoy riding out in open countryside. A letter with details of the trip and how to sign up will be sent to your parents.

Trips

The Equestrian Centre organises trips from time to time and letters will be sent to parents with details.



Our Support Team

As a school we follow strict safeguarding policies, as a result of which we can only allow Stonar approved veterinary, dentist, physios and farriers on site.

Our Vets

For the swift treatment of all horses and safeguarding of all pupils we use two veterinary practices at Stonar. To facilitate this parents are asked to contact both practices to register their horse with them prior to their arrival at Stonar. This would make all veterinary treatment very straight forward and parents are then invoiced directly.

Lambourn Equine Vets are our main provider but for emergency, due to location, B & W Equine Vets are sometimes able to get to us sooner. With routine treatments, such as vaccinations, we will always seek parent consent to have your horse treated by the vet. In emergency circumstances, every effort will be made to contact parents prior to veterinary treatment, but for the welfare of the horse this is not always possible. This is detailed in the livery terms and conditions. Please find below the details for both practises so that parents can make contact with them.

Lambourn Equine Vets

01488 73755

Lambourn Equine Vets is led by Caroline George. Caroline is the managing director of this performance horse practice. She qualified as a vet in 1999 from Glasgow University and from there moved to work in mixed practice in Warwickshire before moving to Lambourn. Caroline is one of the vets on the World Class Program, supporting elite riders on the program. She is also on the veterinary advisory committee for the HBLB (Horserace Betting Levy Board) and on the committee of the BEVA (British Equine Veterinary Association) Trust.

B & W Equine Vets

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B&W Equine Vets aims to provide the very highest level of equine veterinary care as well as performing innovative procedures. They strive to provide the highest level of professional and personal care for both clients and their horse or pony, whether that be via their vastly experienced mobile team or at their equine hospital.

Our Farriers

Matt Franks

Matt has been running a busy and successful mixed practice since qualifying in 2006, and joined our team in 2012. Before becoming a farrier he studied Equine Science, and regularly competed as a teenager, so knows the demands and requisites of competitive horses.

He regularly attends farriery training events to enable him to maintain high standards in his work, and regularly works alongside vets to help achieve optimal results for his clients.

Matt served his apprenticeship at Chapel Forge Farriers in Lambourn, where he worked predominantly with competition and racehorses, and has regularly travelled to Dubai to shoe horses for the Dubai World Cup.

Joel Roberts

Joel has been running a successful business since qualifying as a farrier in 2005. Joel has always had an interest in horses and knew he wanted to be a farrier from a young age. He studied Blacksmithing and Equine Studies at Holme Lacy College and completed an apprenticeship at Chapel Forge Farriers. Joel regularly works alongside several vets undertaking all aspects of farriery and specialises in remedial work, laminetics and thoroughbreds. He also attends farrier seminars and training to enable to keep high standards of shoeing and up to date techniques. Joel can often be seen with his team of Cocker Spaniels in tow and his newest recruit Pablo the Dachshund.



Our Horse Dentist

Charlie Pickman

Charlie is a Certified Equine Dental Technician with the Academy of Equine Dentistry and a member of the International Association of Equine Dentistry. In 2002 he began his dentistry training by travelling to Idaho in America. This was the beginning of a long journey of learning and meeting many amazing people along the way. He then undertook a number of courses in America and Australia before taking the rigorous Certification procedure from the Academy of Equine Dentistry. This involves being examined over two weeks and completing many written and practical assessments which Charlie passed in 2004. Since qualifying Charlie has completed a number of further courses to continue his education. He sees a massive range of horses from companions to Olympic competition horses, Shetland ponies to Shires and everything in between. He believes all horses should have a healthy, comfortable and efficient mouth whatever work they are doing.

With over 15 years' of experience Charlie has seen how good dental health impacts on horses' overall welfare and benefits their performance at all levels.

Outside of the dentistry Charlie has been lucky to ride and compete horses through Pony Club and beyond. This led to a professional eventing career with success at Advanced and 3 star (now 4 star) level. He now doesn't have time to event but still enjoys taking his two home produced ex-eventers out show jumping at local and regional shows.

Our Equine Physiotherapist

Anna Wilson

Anna Wilson is a qualified veterinary physiotherapist specialising in the equine performance industry and rehabilitation. Anna qualified from the University of Nottingham in 2020 with a PgDip in Veterinary Physiotherapy, prior to this graduated from Nottingham Trent University with a BSc (Hons) in equine sports science.

Anna has worked as a groom and rider, including for some of the top professionals, across the different disciplines.

Therefore, she understands the demands on the horse from the variations of work across the disciplines. Understanding all of this when treating horses is important to gain the best outcome for both horse and owner.



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Kingsdown, Dave and Jane Clifford have a yard five minutes from Stonar. They transport Stonar pupils to and from competitions for us and also offer many types of Livery.

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