



TEAMS UPDATE November 2014 – May 2015

After another successful year of team competitions in 2014 which saw Elstead retain the Foss Trophy for the best performance by an Area 11 club in teams during the year, the 2014-15 season started early with the first event taking place at the end of October.

Area Dressage Friendly Team Competition (1) – Priory Equestrian Centre, 31 October 2014. Elstead teams were 1st, 3rd and 4th.

Area Show Jumping Friendly Team Competition – ERC Field, 9 November 2014. The Elstead 'white' team was 2nd and the 'blue' team 3rd.

Area Team Quiz – The Watermill, Dorking on 17 November 2014. The Elstead 'blue' team of Tish Harwood, Jenny Bridger and Penny Jann were the winners, and the Elstead 'red' team of Heidi Reed, Dan Shean and Eddy Phipps were 5th.

Winter National Novice Dressage Qualifiers – Merrist Wood, 29 November 2014. The Elstead junior team were the winners, qualifying for the championship, and the Elstead senior teams were placed 3rd and 4th.

Winter National Intermediate Show Jumping Qualifiers – Sands Farm, 15 February 2015. This was a new competition for 2015. Elstead's junior team was 1st (qualifying for the championship) and the senior team was 2nd.

Winter National Novice Show Jumping Qualifiers – Sands Farm, 22 February 2015. Elstead was placed 3rd in the senior qualifier.

Winter National Intermediate Dressage Qualifiers – Merrist Wood, 29 March 2015. Elstead's two senior teams finished 1st and 2nd, with two of the second placed team members also qualifying as individuals as they were the 'highest placed not in the qualifying team'. The Elstead junior team also won their qualifier. Along with the intermediate junior show jumping team, a total of ten Elstead members have qualified for the new national winter intermediate championships at Bury Farm on the first bank holiday weekend of May.

Area Dressage Friendly Team Competition (2) – Merrist Wood, 3 April 2015. Elstead teams were placed 1st and 3rd. The perpetual trophy for the club which does the best in the Area's two winter friendly team dressage competitions was won by Elstead Riding Club – well done to those who had been in one or more of the winning teams at these competitions: Melanie Lusted, Annie Denton, Holly Stuart and Heidi Reed.

Festival of the Horse Qualifiers – Heath Farm, 19 April 2015. This was a busy day with qualifiers for both the combined training and challenge events. In the combined training the Elstead 'red' team was 2nd, the 'white' team 6th and the 'blue' team just outside the ribbons in 8th place. Melanie Lusted won the Prelim/75cm section and has qualified as an individual for the Festival of the Horse at the end of May. Elstead members Denise Lambert and Holly Stuart were 1st and 2nd respectively in the Challenge 100. The Elstead senior Challenge 90 team was 6th, two of the team members going on to finish in 6th place in the pairs challenge. The Elstead juniors won both the Challenge 90 and Pairs Challenge qualifiers.

BRC Intermediate Winter Championships – Bury Farm, 2 & 3 May 2015. On the Saturday the Elstead senior dressage team of Melanie Lusted, Heidi Reed, Sara Malpass and Catherine

Owen was placed 6th. Melanie was individual 4th in the Prelim section, and Heidi 6th in Novice 28. Marion Spencer who had qualified as an individual was 9th in the individual section of Novice 34. Sunday was junior day. Our junior dressage team of Jazmine Merrifield, Lucy Collecott and Charlotte Smith was 6th, with Jazmine individual 4th in the prelim section and Lucy individual 10th in Novice 28. The Elstead junior show jumping team of Hannah Jackson, Isabel Bailey-Collins, Charlotte Smith and Lucy Collecott went home with 8th place rosettes.