



Elstead Riding Club



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News

NEXT EVENT - Festive Fun Show - Friday 29th December at the Club Field
SJ, Showing and Obedience Tests, some fun for everyone! Entries on the day apart from Obedience Tests which need to be pre booked with Penny Jann - penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

[click here](#) to download the Schedule and find out more



You can enter our next dressage show via My Riding Life:

[Elstead Riding Club Winter Dressage including Area 11 Team Dressage](#)

Saturday 6th Jan - Priory, Frensham

Entries close Sat 30th Dec - so get your entries in quickly!!

ALL classes open to both members and non-members

Show Secretary: Penny Jann, Rakes Corner, Rake Lane, Milford, Surrey GU8 5AB. Tel: 07766 337942/
01483 414820

Entries in advance only.

Individuals: ERC members £12 / Non-members £15 per class, plus £3 per rider towards first aid.

Teams: £48 per team (team members also entered as an individual in their respective classes) - entry form for teams on [Area 11 website](#).

As with all our events they cannot run without the aid of volunteers. We are always looking for Stewards, Writers and Sheet Collectors and can let you know how to do each role on the day if you've never done it before.

Anyone that can offer help for this event should contact claire@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Membership Renewal

If you are yet to renew your membership for 2018 then please can you do so asap. Receiving this newsletter isn't necessarily a sign of membership (moving into 2018 we will only be sending our

newsletter to members). If you are not sure if you renewed for 2018 then please check with Marion Spencer who is our Membership Secretary.

The 2018 membership renewal form is available on our [website](#). The membership fees remain the same as for 2017. Payment can be made by bank transfer (details on the membership renewal form) or by cheque. Please complete and post your membership form to Marion Spencer at the address shown on the form. If paying by cheque please remember to include this with the form.

AGM 2017 Report

Thank you to all who came to our AGM on 1st December. The formal business of the meeting highlighted our club's activities during the past year which as well as showing, dressage and show jumping events included regular instruction with Brian Hutton and Tracey May, "have a go" training with Lesley Hill and "ride a dressage test" training with Helen Apsimon. Heidi Reed ran a BHS Essential Horse Knowledge Course which led to some members gaining a BHS Level One Award in Essential Horse Knowledge. Some members attended Area run training, including grassroots XC training and a bio-mechanics session. In addition to activities that involve horses, we had a Christmas Party, afternoon tea socials, and (thanks to Jo Baigent) a very successful and fun quiz evening.

Our club continued to have much success at both Area and National level and there were Elstead members competing at every championship in 2017. We never take qualification for a championship for granted and its brilliant we have continued to qualify for so many years. While it's the taking part and having fun that is most essential, coming home with a championship rosette is the icing on the cake and getting into the presentation arena for a top three place is amazing. A total of 51 members (41 seniors and 10 juniors) took part in teams this year. Our club has retained the Foss Trophy for the Club in Area 11 with the most success in team competitions.

Caroline Dobbin and Jenny Patrick stepped down from the committee at the AGM – thank you both for all your hard work. The Committee for the coming year is: Penny Jann (Chair), Tish Harwood (Secretary), Jenny Dutton (Treasurer), Marion Spencer (Membership), Bryony Briscoe, Fiona Foster, Suzi Hopkins, Claire Jackson, Emma Kampa, Allison Kite, Julie Tavener and Jenni Winter. Contact details [here](#)

Following the formal business of the evening, we had a very interesting and inspiring talk by Nicky Greenhill, a local dressage rider who is blind, and her support team: husband Gary (who acts as groom, driver and in tests calls out the markers) and Hebe a lovely black Labrador Retriever ("Nicky's eyes"). Nicky is supported by Equestrian Team GBR on the World Class Podium Programme for elite level athletes representing GB, competes in both para and non-para BD dressage competitions and is trained by Charlotte Dujardin. Nicky buys young horses and brings them on as this is cheaper than buying a 'made' horse and her most recent horse was found in Belgium. In answer to 'who tries out a horse you are interested in buying?' it is Nicky herself, although she does first ask 'do you think this horse is suitable for a para rider?'. As a thank you to Nicky for her talk, the club has made a donation from the AGM raffle to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

For a more detailed report of our AGM, go

to: <http://www.elsteadridingclub.co.uk/Results/2017/AGM%202017%20Report.pdf>



Trophy Winners at the 2017 AGM from left to right: Annie, Julia, Allison, Marion, Suzi, Charlotte, Sydney, Jenni, Jessie, Karen, Emma and Ruby (So Sue Me's new owner)

Dan Shean

We were very sad to receive the news that Dan passed away at the end of November. Dan was an enthusiastic riding club member and served on our club's committee from 2007 to 2015. He loved being involved in teams, whether as a competitor or helper, and was very proud that he was still competing in teams in his 70s, his last team competition being in 2016 at 78 years young. Our sympathy goes to Dan's family and friends. Dan's funeral will take place on Tuesday 9th January at 11.15 a.m. at Guildford Crematorium. Donations in Dan's memory can be made to Mane Chance Sanctuary in Guildford: <http://www.manechancesanctuary.org/donate>

Attention all our helpers - new Volunteer League for 2018

British Riding Clubs have launched a number of volunteer leagues for those helping at Club, Area and/or National events. One point will be awarded per hour volunteered. They are offering prizes and rosettes as well as various incentives and rewards. The league commences on 1st January 2018 and will run until the end of December 2018. You need to download a points card from our website and produce it at every event where you help to get the organiser's signature. Completed points cards must be sent to BRC Head Office no later than 7th of every following month. More details can be found at <http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-volunteers/volunteers-league>

Forthcoming Dates

Members and Non-Members Welcome (unless specified)

Schedules can be found on <http://www.elsteadridingclub.co.uk/fixtures.html>

All at ERC club field unless otherwise stated.

Friday 29 December – Festive Show

(jumping, versatile TREC obedience tests, showing) – entries on the day but pre-book obedience classes by email to Penny Jann.

Contact: penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Saturday 6 January - Dressage at Priory

Schedule on website, enquiries: penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Offers of help please to claire@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Friday 12 January - Social Event

Social get-together at Manor Tea Room, Seale GU10 1HR from 2pm

Enquiries: tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Saturday 3 February - Dressage at Priory

Teams

2018 QUALIFIER/TEAM DATES

Contact penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk if you are interested in any of the following:

Area Team friendly Dressage (1) - Saturday 6th January 2018 at Priory Equestrian, Frensham

Intermediate Winter Dressage Qualifiers - Saturday 3rd February 2018 at Priory

Teams of four (and individuals): one team member does prelim, two novice tests, one

elementary. Separate junior and senior qualifiers. Also individual pick a test (M71 and/or AM90 – can do both tests) which is open to both juniors and seniors.

National Winter Novice Show Jumping Qualifier – 12th February at Sands Farm
Senior and Junior qualifiers, two rounds of which first round at 80cm (no BS points)

National Winter Intermediate Show Jumping Qualifier – 3rd March at Berkshire College of Agriculture.

Senior and Junior qualifiers for three separate competitions: 90cm, 100cm or 110cm, two rounds and jumps are raised in the second round.

Horses can only compete at one height (i.e. 80 or 90 or 100 or 110) and cannot enter more than one winter SJ qualifier.

Area Team friendly Dressage (2) - Good Friday, 30th March at Merrist Wood

Winter qualifiers still to be arranged/confirmed:

FOTH Challenge 80, 90 & 100 qualifiers (likely to be in April at at Bonfleur XC, Maidstone)

Training

Members Only - unless stated otherwise

Brian Hutton - Dressage or Jumping - Contact: tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Thursday 28 December

Saturday 20 January

Saturday 17 February

[Contact and Booking Details](#)

Field Hire

To book the club field for schooling send text to Tish Harwood on 07884 495940 or e-mail tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk stating your name, phone number and the date and time you want the field.

Cost is £5 per rider.

Please return the key to Tish on the same day (unless otherwise agreed in advance) so that another member can use the field after you.

Previous Shows and Socials

Area Team Quiz – 6 November

The annual Area Team Quiz competition was again very kindly run by Chipstead Riding Club but with a new question setter who had come up with interesting but fairly obscure questions, mostly with a horsey theme rather than technical knowledge apart from identifying pictures of different bits. Other rounds included equestrian venues and 'who am I' which included authors of books. The Elstead red team was 3rd (Tish Harwood, Jenny Bridger and Penny Jann) and the Elstead blue team 4th (Sarah Halsey, Eddy Phipps and Heidi Reid).

Show Jumping – 11 November

We hosted a successful show jumping competition at our club field, which incorporated the Area 11 Team friendly competition with the team event running alongside the individual competitions. As it was Remembrance Day we observed a two-minute silence at 11am. Nine teams entered but some had to drop out and so we had 6 teams on the day. Each team member jumped a different height with one in each of the 75cm, 85cm and 95cm classes. The Elstead 'blue' team of Bridget Naylor (on Fitch), Clara Jollands (Lily X) and Isabel Bailey-Collins (Solero Spirit) was second, and the Elstead 'red' team of Steph Gray (Chunky Monkey), Isabel Bailey-Collins and Marion Spencer (George) was third. Isabel jumped in both teams but at different heights, stepping in at short notice into the 'blue' team to replace Helen Klein. The two Elstead teams finished on the same score but the blue team had faster times. It was great to see so many of you there and as always we could not run these events without our helpers, so a big thank you to Penny Jann, Jenny Cheetham, Annie Denton, Claire Jackson, Theresa Collins, Sylvia Laney, Izzy Hunt, Pippa Warrener, Jacky Kampa, Vicky Hawthorne, Marion Spencer and Allison Kite who helped on the day. Also thank you to those that came and set up prior to the event Marion Spencer, Allison Kite, Clara Jollands, Jane Austin, Chris Cursons and Kelvin Spencer.

Emma Kampa

Combined Training Qualifier – 2 December

Well done to our members who took part in this qualifier for the Festival of the Horse 2018 – all took home at least one rosette. There were nine senior teams including three Elstead teams. Our 'blue' team was 4th (Melanie Lusted, Hannah Jackson, Suzi Hopkins and Marion Spencer), our 'white' team was 5th (Tish Harwood, Emma Kampa, Grace Jackson and Jenny Cheetham) and our 'red' team was 6th (Steph Gray, Jenni Winter, Jenny Dutton and Clara Jollands). Melanie was individual 1st and Jenni individual 6th in the

senior prelim/75cm SJ section. We entered a junior team and also had two juniors competing as individuals in the junior prelim/75 section, however due to lameness the two juniors who were going to do the novice/85 had to withdraw. All our juniors therefore rode as individuals in the prelim/75 section and all went home with rosettes: India Jackson was 2nd, Annabelle Tavener 3rd, Sydney Aldred 5th and Alexa Jackson 6th. As 'the highest placed not in the qualifying team', both Melanie and India have qualified for the Festival of the Horse. Many thanks to Allison Kite for dressage writing all morning and to all the other members who helped on the day including Claire Jackson, Julie Tavener, Tish Harwood, Ros Milton and Steph Gray.

Penny Jann
