



News

[Elstead Riding Club Omnibus Schedule Now Out](#)

See this for all the dates for our Open Shows!



You can enter our next show via My Riding Life:

[Fun Show on the 1st May 2017](#)

Don't miss it.

Sad News

Robin Francis - previous committee member

Robin was an Elstead member for many years, along with other members of his family. He served on the committee at one point and was very influential in raising the standard of show jumping within the club including the club having its own jumps and timing equipment. He became a BSJA course builder and judge and gave priority to Elstead for a number of years until family commitments took over. Our condolences to children Tom, Amanda and Andrea and the rest of his family.

Teams and Helpers

Teams

Any member, senior or junior, wanting to be in a team - or compete as an individual only- on 27 May (SJ) or 3 June (HT) needs to let Penny Jann know by no later than the end of April if they have not already done so.

Forthcoming Team Dates:

Style & Show Jumping – 27 May at Elstead club field (National qualifiers)

Horse Trials – 3 June at Coombelands (National & L&SE qualifiers)

Show Jumping – 17 June at Bookham RC field (L&SE qualifier)

Dressage & Riding Test – 8 July at Pacesham (National & L&SE qualifiers)

[Click here for BRC Championship Dates](#)

Can you Help??

Helpers are needed for the following events:

Festival of the Horse Championships, Aston-le-Walls, on 20 or 21 May

National Style & Show Jumping Qualifiers, Elstead RC Field, on 27 May

National & L&SE Horse Trials Qualifiers, Coombelands, on 3 June

XC fence judges in particular wanted for the FOTH and the HT.

Depending on each event there are 'Thank You's' for those helping at champs now - a team volunteer draw for an Amazon gift voucher, refreshments provided, and annual awards for those who help lots!

For Teams or Helpers please contact Penny Jann: penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Previous Shows and Socials



Spring Show – 17 April 2017

We had good weather for our first showing show of the year which incorporated 3 classes of arena eventing. It was also our first show where on-line entries were available which proved to be a very popular way of pre-entering the show.

Thank you to our judges on the day, Cathy Hughes, David Cox, Penny Jann, Ann Fisher, Jean Smith and Caroline Moorey and their efficient stewards Julie Johnson, Julia Huggan, Helen Klein, Caroline Malpass, Theresa Collins and Sandra Smith. Tish and I were capably aided on the day by Caroline Smith and Bryony Briscoe whose help was much appreciated. Thanks also go to Sally Klein, Charlotte Smith and Charlotte and Jody Terry for stewarding on the day. Not forgetting the strong men who helped put the jumps away at the end of the day namely Tony Klein, Neil Briscoe and Kelvin Spencer. For the set-up on Saturday thanks goes to Marion Spencer and Holly Stuart.

The classes were well supported and the arena eventing fitted in very well with the format of the day, our Autumn Show will follow the same format in October.

Jenny Dutton & Tish Harwood

Class 1 – Working Hunter Horse or Pony – 70cm

3rd Katie Milburn – Hunter – ERC
4th Gill Fisher – Zac - ERC
5th Jenni Winter – Diamond Dell – ERC

Class 2 – Working Hunter Horse or Pony – 85cm

1st Izzie Bailey-Collins – Sollie – ERC
2nd Alli Kite – Quinlan – ERC
3rd Marion Spencer – George Bailey – ERC

Class 3 – Show Hunter Horse or Pony

1st Jenni Winter – Diamond Dell – ERC
3rd Pippa Warrener – Jasper – ERC

Championship Classes 1 – 3

1ST Izzie Bailey-Collins – Sollie – ERC
2nd Alli Kite – Quinlan – ERC

Class 4 – Arena Eventing – 70cm

2nd Gill Fisher – Zac ERC
4th Anna Holmes – William – ERC
6th Jess Osgood – Cooper – ERC
7th Jessie Drake – Chillie – ERC

Class 5 – Arena Eventing – 80cm

1st Helen Klein – Limerick – ERC
2nd Bridget Naylor – Fitch – ERC
3rd Marion Spencer – George Bailey – ERC
4th Anna Homes – JJ – ERC
5th Izzie Bailey-Collins – Sollie – ERC
6th Alli Kite – Quinlan – ERC
8th Jessie Drake – Chillie – ERC

Class 6 – Arena Eventing – 90cm

1st Izzie Bailey-Collins – Sollie – ERC
2nd Helen Klein – Limerick – ERC
4th Jessie Drake – Chillie – ERC
5th Marion Spencer – George Bailey – ERC
6th Ella Briscoe – Merry Gerrie – ERC

Class 7 – Condition & Turnout

1st Karen Merrifield – Togher Tourist – ERC
3rd Eloise Sayers – Loki – ERC
5th Kennedy Aldred – Bubbles – ERC

Class 9 – Most Handsome Gelding

1st Eloise Sayers – Loki – ERC
4th Sally Catchpole – Pumpkin – ERC

Class 10 – Junior Handler

1st Issy Hunt – Handpost Amy – ERC

Class 11 – Best Rider

1st Katie Milbury – Hunter – ERC
4th Sally Wright – Chequerhill Toy – ERC
6th Kennedy Aldred – Bubbles – ERC

Championship Classes 7 – 11

1st Karen Merrifield – Togher Tourist – ERC

Class 13 – Veteran Horse or Pony (In Hand)

1st Emily Carter – Summer – ERC
3rd Michele Clark – Killygoan Geronimo – ERC

Class 14 – Mountain & Moorland (In Hand)

3rd Emma Kampa – Ernie – ERC
7th Sally Catchpole – Pumpkin – ERC

Championship Classes 12 – 15

2nd Emily Carter – Summer – ERC

Class 16 – Youngstock (In Hand)

2nd Sally Catchpole – Pumpkin – ERC

Class 17 – Riding/Pony Club Horse or Pony

1st Emma Kampa – Dylan – ERC
2nd Katie Milburn – Hunter – ERC
3rd Pippa Warrener – Jasper – ERC
4th Karen Merrifield – Togher Tourist – ERC
5th Sydney Aldred – Jimmy – ERC

Class 18 – Riding Horse

1st Karen Merrifield – Togher Tourist – ERC
2nd Katie Milburn – Hunter – ERC
3rd Sally Wright – Chequerhill Toy – ERC

Class 19 – Family Pony

2nd Sydney Aldred – Jimmy – ERC
3rd Emma Kampa – Dylan – ERC

Championship Classes 16-19

1st Katie Milburn – Hunter – ERC
2nd Sally Catchpole – Pumpkin – ERC

Class 20 – Coloured – Ridden

3rd Megan Davies – Bonnie – ERC
4th Sarah Dove – Nanny Plum – ERC
8th Sydney Aldred – Jimmy – ERC

Class 21 – Mountain & Moorland – Ridden

1st Autumn Todd – Fascinating Rhythm – ERC
3rd Emma Kampa – Ernie – ERC

Class 22 – Veteran – Ridden

1st Michele Clark – Killygoan Geronimo – ERC
2nd Jenni Winter – Diamond Dell – ERC
3rd Jessica Phillips – Basil – ERC

Class 23 – Cob & Cob Type – Ridden

1st Sarah Dove – Nanny Plum – ERC
4th Megan Davies – Bonnie – ERC
6th Michelle Clark – Killygoan Geronimo – ERC
7th Sydney Aldred – Jimmy – ERC

Championship Classes 20 – 23

1st Michele Clark – Killygoan Geromino – ERC
2nd Jenni Winter – Diamond Dell – ERC



Grassroots Cross Country Training with Sam Champney-Warrener, BHSI - 16 April 2017

We arrived at Munstead a little early to let Bonnie and Annabelle settle before the session. We met Caroline who was working with Sam to ensure the riders safety. She went through a few ground rules and aims of the session before Sam joined the group to start.

Sam assessed the groups abilities before hitting the course. Each rider popped a few jumps and then Sam took them out on the course. After the first jump, Sam asked Annabelle to raise her stirrups and to jump the jump again giving some good tips on body position too. Each rider had something to improve on so they went back and did the jump again. After a couple of jumps Sam had a good handle on riders and ponies.

Each instruction given was very targeted to the individual and very different for each rider. Bonnie likes to do the minimum necessary to get Annabelle over the jumps and wasn't very forward. We had a couple of good jumps and then had a bit of a wobble at the water. It's a bit scary for both horse and rider but with persistence and guidance both got through it and Bonnie in the end was leading another horse through. Annabelle was told to use the whip, and shown how to use it effectively if Bonnie didn't go off her leg. We all started to walk towards the next jump and Bonnie was more forward than we've seen throughout the session. From this point we had a much more forward pony who enjoyed the rest of the session.

By the end of the training there were tired ponies and riders, all having had great fun but also coming away with things to work on and improve. Annabelle is very much looking forward to her next cross country outing.

Our thanks to Elstead RC, BRC, Sam and Caroline for making it happen.

Julie and Annabelle

Team Friendly Dressage - 14 April 2017

Congratulations to all our team members taking part in the dressage friendly organised by West Surrey Riding Club at Merrist Wood.

The team results were as follows:

- 1st - Elstead blue (Emma, Melanie and Marion)
- 2nd - Newlands Corner "pinot grigios"
- 3rd - Tilford & Rushmoor
- 4th - Elstead white (Karen, Allison and Joanne)
- 5th - West Surrey
- 6th - Newlands Corner "merlots"

The Elstead red team (Suzi, Holly and Annie) finished in 7th place, and the Elstead yellow team (Miranda, Sylvia and Jenni) were 10th.

There were also numerous individual places across the classes.



Russell Guire Centaur Biomechanics - 9 April 2017

Due to a very last minute cancellation Quin and I were able to attend this session. Russell films you riding, using a special jacket and markers, which allows him to analyse your position and how your horse moves. He then discusses this with you and works with you to make any changes. He continues to use filming to then illustrate the changes and improvements. It was very interesting to be able to compare the before and after films.

He is a very easy person to work with and extremely encouraging. When looking at the film in slow-mo it really helped to understand how small changes can help. It also showed me that it was time to get my saddle checked! I took all the information given back to my trainer (some of which she's been telling me for ages...) and we put it into practice. At the next dressage competition, a week later, I was really pleased to get my best result to date - and it was for the team!

Many thanks To Russell Guire , Thundry Farm for hosting and Area 11 for organising.

Alli and Quin



BRC KBIS Novice Winter Championships - 1 & 2 April 2017

Elstead competed at the Novice Winter Championships in Keysoe. We had qualified a senior team - Emma Kampa, Karen Merrifield, Lucy Collecott and Emily Weeks - plus Melanie Lusted as a senior individual and Grace Jackson as a junior individual.

Unfortunately, Melanie had to pull out as Jazz was not right and sadly Karen was unable to go due to a bereavement so Jenny Dutton stood in at very short notice to complete the team.

It was an electric atmosphere and the baby horses, Emma's Bert and Jenny's Flower found it challenging, but did good tests. Emily Weeks and Lucy Collecott did good tests but were just out of the placings. Unfortunately, the team was not placed but it was a great achievement to get to the championship.

On the Sunday Grace represented Elstead as a junior individual in the Novice 27. She represented us beautifully and was 6th which is an amazing achievement.

Well done to everyone who competed you did us all proud.

Emma Kampa

Our thanks go to Emma Kampa who enabled our team to compete at Keysoe by, after competing, staying over to be our official helper the next day.

Afternoon Tea at Manor Farm Cafe, Seale - 29 March 2017

A fun afternoon of tea and cake was enjoyed by members - without having conversation interrupted by the need to prepare, hold or ride a horse. Keep an eye on our newsletters for future dates for our popular afternoon tea occasions.

Tish Harwood



Quiz - 24 March 2017

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Elstead Riding Club Quiz of 2017 and supported the club. We had a full venue and everyone seemed to have a great time, with interesting and often tricky questions!

Congratulations to the No Eyed Deers holders of the prestigious ERC Quiz Champions mugs and to Two Bays as winners of the equally coveted ERC wooden spoons.

Thank you to everyone who donated a raffle prize (and there were lots), special thanks go to Michelle Bone who kindly donated a lesson. The raffle alone helped raise just over £140!!

And I hope you all enjoy the photo of Marion modelling her prize!

We couldn't have done it without a lot of help.

Our Thanks go to:

Julie Tavener who kindly donated the lovely ERC Winners Mugs.

Jen who managed to cook 80 potatoes beforehand (no mean feat) and then worked tirelessly in the kitchen all night.

Sam and Claudine Lawes who also worked in the kitchen all night and helped keep Jen sane and you guys fed!

Simon who was a fantastic Quiz Master.

Please note that Jen, Sam and Simon are not ERC members and are not even connected with the club and so do deserve our heart felt thanks for giving up their time and for all that they did!!!

And very importantly we want to give a Great Big Thank You to Jo Baigent who did all the organisation (with me just saying Yes to everything!), brought everything, made all the cakes, did the scoring on the night AND came up with the questions - the night would NOT have happened without her. Thank you Jo!

Jenny Patrick

Show Jumping - 19 March 2017

On the 19th March Elstead opened its club field for its first competition at the field of 2017, which was showjumping.

The weather was good to us, and it was lovely to see a field full of competitors, both members and non-members. We ran 2 rings of competitions and all classes were very well supported. It was our inauguration of the 'on-line entry system', which worked very well - apologies for a little delay at the start of the day as the show secretary familiarised herself with the new paperwork!

We would like to thank everyone who helped on the day and also with the course set up the day before, without your help we would not be able to run these successful events.

Thank you to Clara Jollands, Lucy Collecott, Emma Connors, Christina Easton and Sally Catchpole who all help set up the course. Also, thank you to Penny Jann, Julia Huggan, Jacky Kampa, Katie Partick, Charlotte Holder, Sandra Smith, Jenny Bridger, Melanie Lusted and Teresa Collins who all helped on the day.

A great start to 2017, I look forward to seeing you at the next field event.

Emma, Allison & Marion

Ring One

Class 1 65cm

- 1st – William Austin Terackie Indian Storm (jnr)
- 2nd – Oliver Austin Yealand Verse (jnr)
- 4th – Sophie Bayne-Powell Lex (jnr)
- 6th – Gill Fisher Zac
- 7th – Danielle Tree Paddy

Class 2 70cm

- 3rd – William Austin Terackie Indian Storm (jnr)
- 4th – Joanne Tuccio April Showers
- 5th – Gill Fisher Zac
- 7th – Callie Rickwood Twiggy (jnr)

Class 3 75cm

- 3rd – Annabelle Taverner Bonnie (jnr)

Class 4 80cm

- 2nd – Jess Osgood Cooper
- 3rd – Jenny Dutton Liberty Flower
- 6th – Marion Spencer George Bailey
- 8th – Jessica Drake Chillii (jnr)

Class 5 85cm

- 1st – Isabelle Bailey-Collins Solero Spirit
- 2nd – Clara Jollands Lily X
- 3rd – Emily Weeks Shanbally Lady
- 4th – Marion Spencer George Bailey
- 7th – Jenny Dutton Liberty Flower
- 8th – Lily Coxon Oscar

Class 6 90cm

- 1st – Isabelle Bailey-Collins Solero Spiriti
- 2nd – Emily Weeks Shanbally Lady
- 7th – Clara Jollands Lily X
- 8th – Marion Spencer George Bailey

Class 7 1m

- 2nd – Clara Jollands Lily X
- 3rd – Isabelle Bailey-Collins Solero Spirit

Ring Two

Class 8 x poles

- 1st – Lyla Mainwaring Ronnie
- 2nd – Sydney Aldred Jimmy (jnr)
- 2nd – Arabella Fox Edd
- 4th – Pippa Sainthouse Paddy (jnr)

Class 9 50cm

- 1st – Seb Griffin Spirit (jnr)
- 2nd – Sara Malpass Pitingo
- 3rd – Arabella Fox Edd
- 4th – Sydney Aldred Jimmy
- 5th – Charlotte Holder – Brownbread Raven

Class 10 55cm

- 1st – Gabriella Croton Catch Up (jnr)
- 2nd – Katy Wood Hope and Glory (jnr)
- 3rd – Evie Jopling Irish Bits & Bobs (jnr)
- 4th – Amelia Holland Jacko (jnr)

Class 11 60cm

- 1st – Amelia Holland Jacko (jnr)
- 2nd – Evie Jopling Irish Bits & Bobs (jnr)
- 3rd – Katie Wood Hope & Glory (jnr)

Forthcoming Dates

Members and Non-Members Welcome (unless specified)
Schedules can be found on <http://www.elsteadridingclub.co.uk/fixtures.html>

Monday 1 May - Fun Show - May Day Bank Holiday
(jumping, showing, novelty classes and gymkhana)
[On-Line Entry](#)
Contact: tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Sunday 14 May - Dressage
[On-Line Entry](#)
Contact: jennyp@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Wednesday 24 May - Evening Dressage (members only)

Sunday 11 June - Dressage
[On-Line Entry](#)
Contact: jenni@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Wednesday 28 June - Evening Dressage (members only)

Training

Members Only - unless stated otherwise

Have a Go Training with Lesley Hills - Book Soon to Avoid Disappointment

We have again been successful in securing funding towards training for our members on our grass roots training. This training is open to all our members and aims to encourage everyone to have a go at training offering either group (one hour £10) or 1-1 (half hour £15) instruction for either flat work, showing, or jumping. Opportunity can also be given to ride through a dressage or riding test.

Our instructor for this training will again be Lesley Hills. Lesley is an experienced and well known local trainer with many years experience teaching pony club, riding clubs, eventers, show jumpers and show horses, at all levels.

We are able to offer 2 dates.

Tuesday 30 May 2017

Saturday 10 June 2017

You can book a session on one or both dates - and choose a different discipline for each lesson - but if booking two dates your second date will be held until all bookings received and confirmed if space allows. This instruction offers you excellent value for money with an experienced instructor, and we hope that as many of you as possible will take up the opportunity.

Enquiries to Tish Harwood tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Dressage Test practice session - Wednesday 7 June 2017

Why not come and practice riding your dressage test before our open event on Sunday 11th June and pick up some tips from BD List 5 judge, Helen Apsimon.

We are offering 30 minute sessions (£10.00 each) where you can ride through your test - either Intro B or Prelim 2 - then Helen will talk you through a few pointers to try and gain some extra marks, then you will ride through the test

again and receive 2 test sheets at the end of the session.

You do not need to plait or wear competition clothing, unless you want to. You may have your tests called but will need to bring your own caller.

The sessions will run late afternoon/evening.

Please email marion.spencer@aol.co.uk by Saturday 3rd June to book, stating which test you would like to ride and either send your cheque payable to Elstead Riding Club to Marion or pay online. Your time will be emailed to you on Monday 5th June.

Brian Hutton Training

Brian Hutton BHSI is joint principal and a senior instructor at The Talland School of Equitation in Gloucestershire. Brian has worked and travelled internationally and has successfully trained a variety of international riders and teams for show jumping, eventing and dressage. Brian was the Hong Kong Equestrian coach. Brian will teach either show jumping or dressage at all levels, across all disciplines - whether you or your horse are just starting out, at novice level or more advanced. You can have an individual or group session.

We are very fortunate that Brian attends the club once a month, and the next session dates are:

Saturday **13 May 2017**

Saturday **24 June 2017**

Contact Tish Harwood tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk for more details or to book your lesson.

[Download Booking Form](#)

BHS Horse Knowledge Course - Heidi Reed BHSI

A fun and sociable basic course in the care and welfare of horses which is open to any club member or other family member. Non Members Welcome.

Six sessions on flexible dates.

Cost £60 per person (extra for optional exam at the end of the course).

If interested in this course please contact Heidi

by email: reedhj@aol.com

Tracey May Dressage Training

To book please text Tracey May on 07968 013613 or email traceylawson@hotmail.co.uk

Price: Reduced rate of £40 to ERC members cash, cheque or bank transfer plus a separate £5 cash on the day for arena hire

(Non Member rate would be £45 + £5 arena hire)

Venue: Blacklands, Elstead

Next dates:

Friday **19 May 2017 - To be confirmed**