



News



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[Dressage - Sunday 11th June 2017](#)

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JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE ON AREA COMMITTEE

British Riding Clubs would like to have a junior member of a riding club on each Area committee. The junior rep role is intended to give juniors a voice within British Riding Clubs. This representative will be aged between 13 and 18 years old and will nominate themselves to BRC HQ. There are 23 areas within the UK and Elstead RC is part of Area 11 which covers Surrey. As well as attending meetings of the area committee (about five a year for Area 11) the junior rep will be invited to attend a junior forum at British Riding Clubs HQ to represent their fellow juniors. Each Area's junior representative will work closely with that area's representative (Cathy Hughes for Area 11). Contact Penny if you want to find out more about the Area and/or get in touch with Cathy or BRC.

Forthcoming Teams / Qualifiers

If you would like to take part in one or more of the following, please contact penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk as soon as possible:

Team Show Jumping at Hickstead - 30 July: entries close very shortly so if interested please email Penny by Wednesday 31st May at the latest. Teams of three, each team member jumping one round against the clock, one jumping 85cm, one 95cm and one 1.05m.

Team Show Jumping at Leatherhead - 17 June: qualifier for London & South East Championships (starts 1.30pm). Teams of four, first round 80cm, second round 85cm (same height for any jump off). Please contact Penny by no later than Friday 2nd June if interested (entries close 6th June).

Dressage & Riding Test Qualifiers - 8 July: team and individual qualifiers for national prelim, novice, elementary and medium dressage championships as well as riding test, pairs dressage and team of six dressage, plus the dressage and riding test (both at prelim level) for the L&SE championships.

Previous Shows and Socials



National Style & Show Jumping Qualifiers – 27 May

We had lots of members taking part in these qualifiers, quite a number for the first time which was really good. In the new 70cm SJ team competition we had one junior and two senior teams. Oliver Austin (Yealand Verse), Katie Milburn (Hunter), Callie Rickwood (Twiggy) and Annabelle Tavener (Bonnie) won the junior 70 qualifier, with Annabelle individual 1st with a double clear, Oliver 3rd and Callie 4th.

Both Elstead senior teams finished the first round with no faults. Some rather scary fillers in the second round put the Elstead blue team of Joanne Tuccio (April), Gill Fisher (Zac), Emma Kampa (Bert) and Jaz Merrifield (Kiora) out of the ribbons. The Elstead red team of Jenni Winter (Diamond Del), Hannah Jackson (Raven), Bridget Naylor (Fitch) and Fiona Foster (Prophets Touch) was 2nd in the 70 SJ. Hannah and Raven were double clear and so went into the jump off where they were again clear and with the fastest time to secure an individual place at the championship.

Our senior team of Isabel Bailey-Collins (Solero Spirit), Allison Kite (Quinlan), Clara Jollands (Lily) and Hannah Jackson (JJ) finished in 2nd place in the 80cm SJ qualifier, with Clara individual 4th and Isabel individual 5th.

In the 90cm SJ, Elstead's teams were 1st and 2nd, the 'pink' team members - Katie Patrick (Bepilot), Helen Klein (Limerick) and Holly Stuart (So Sue Me) – finishing with just 4 faults ahead of the 'purple' team of Emily Weeks (Shanbally Lady), Marion Spencer (George Bailey) and Suzi Stanner (Out Of Your League). Helen was individual 2nd, Suzi 3rd, Katie 4th and Marion 6th.

The style jumping was dominated by Elstead teams, with our club securing team and individual places at the championships. The Elstead 'white' team of Melanie Lusted (Keeshen Jazmine), Hannah Jackson (Raven), Helen Klein and Katie Patrick were the winners. Close behind them in 2nd place was the Elstead

'green' team (unfortunately down to three on the day) of Allison Kite, Clara Jollands and Holly Stuart. The Elstead 'yellow' team of Emma Kampa, Jaz Merrifield, Isabel Bailey-Collins and Suzi Stanner was 3rd. In the 75cm section of the style jumping, Clara was individual 1st, Melanie 2nd, Allison 3rd and Hannah 5th. In the 85cm section, Katie was individual 1st, Suzi 2nd, Helen 3rd, Isabel 4th and Holly 5th. So Clara and Suzi (as the 'highest placed not in the qualifying team') have qualified as individuals for the style jumping championships.

Our club ran these Area qualifiers and a massive thank you to everyone who helped in advance (some doing both set up sessions) and/or on the day: Gill Fisher, Pippa Warrener, Allison Kite, Bridget Naylor, Tish Harwood, Jenni Winter, Marion Spencer, Sandra Smith, Steph Gray, Tony Tuccio, Melissa Snell, Laura Brooks, Sophie & Lucy Collecott, Sally & Tony Klein, Theresa Collins, Annie Denton, Nihan Negus, Caroline & Jon Bradshaw, Gill O'Neill and thank you to Emma Kampa for making quiches and cakes for the judges and helpers on Saturday.



BRC Horslyx Festival of the Horse Championships

Aston le Walls – 20 – 21 May 2017 - (Challenge & Combined Training)

Rosettes galore for Elstead members at Aston le Walls. Saturday was the busiest day for our club, with three teams taking part. The Elstead team of Hatty Werhle (D'Abernon Reggae), Annabelle Tavener (Bonnie), Grace Jackson (Sweet Opposition) and Miya Halsey (Andover The Money) was 6th out of 24 teams in the junior combined training (Dressage & SJ). Hatty was 3rd, Grace 5th and Miya 10th in their individual arenas. Emily Weeks (Shanbally Lady), Jenny Cheetham (Knockeevan Grange) and Holly Stuart (So Sue Me) were 7th in the senior team challenge (SJ & XC) 90. Isabel Bailey-Collins (Solero Spirit), Jenny Cheetham (Lumiere Gorm), Allison Kite (Quinlan) and Clara Jollands (Lily) were 3rd in the senior team challenge 80. Isabel finished nearest to the optimum time out of the 87 competitors in the Ch80 and was the individual champion.

The next day the Elstead senior combined training team - Hannah Jackson (Brownbread Raven), Melanie Lusted (Keeshen Jazmine), Holly Stuart (So Sue Me) and Jenny Dutton (Liberty Flower) - finished the weekend as the 2017 Horslyx Combined Training Champions (out of 36 teams)! Melanie was individual 2nd, Hannah 3rd and Holly 6th in their respective arenas.

Huge thanks to Allison for coming to the rescue and diverting to pick up Solero Spirit when Isabel's horsebox wouldn't start, and also to those who helped at the FOTH: Marion Spencer (XC crossing point steward on Saturday morning), Jenny Patrick and Claudine Lawes who XC fence judged all day on Sunday, and the Elstead competitors and supporters who picked up poles on the Sunday in the combined training – Jenny Dutton, Melanie Lusted, Annabelle & Julie Tavener and Claire & Hannah Jackson.

Evening Dressage (Members Only) – 24 May 2017

We were lucky to have glorious sunshine for the first of our summer evening dressage events and a number of members took part with entries across all classes from intro to elementary.

Thanks must go to our judges (Suzanne Holt and Zoe Colgate-Sopp) and to our helpers (Sarah Halsey, Sara Hopkins, Fiona Foster and Catherine Owen). We look forward to seeing you at the next evening dressage on 28 June.

[Full Results](#)

Suzi Stanner

Dressage – 14 May 2017

The sun shone on us for most of the day at the Elstead Riding Club Dressage Show, giving everyone a lovely atmosphere in which to dance with their horses.

We had nice size classes with well attended Intros and Prelim classes, and although the Novice and Elementary classes were small there was something for everyone.

Our thanks go to our judges who's positive comments and suggestions give our competitors lots of encouragement as well as things to work on.

We can't run these shows without our members and supporters giving up their time and bringing their smiles a plenty.

Thank you to our writers Charlotte Holder, Sandra Smith and Allison Kite, to our stewards Melanie Lusted and Ros Milton, to our Sheet Runners Sydney and Darcy and especially to Kennedy who choose to spend her Birthday helping at our show, to Caroline Dobbins for organising helpers, to Marion Spencer, Claire Jackson, Jenni Winter and Fiona Foster for helping to setup and Melissa Snell for helping to clear up, to our top scorer Niki Harridge and a special big thanks goes to Jo Baigent who as well as her job as Front of House and Score Checker also provided catering for our judges and helpers and her fantastic lemon drizzle and chocolate muffins!

[Full Results](#)

Jenny Patrick

Fun Show – 1 May 2017

We had a fantastic Fun Show on Bank Holiday Monday, 1 May, and despite the threat of rain lots of competitors turned up to take part in events.

We had classes to suit everyone, jumping from cross pole to 75cm, showing - ridden, in hand and leading rein, fun classes including a fancy dress and gymkhana. Unfortunately the only rain storm of the day happened during the fancy dress and the bumble bees tie-dyed top started to turn from yellow to pink!

The Mobile Tack Shop attended this show and kindly donated a lovely brow band in Elstead Riding Club diamante for the winner of the Riding Club Horse/Pony - and it was won by one of our members.

Many thanks to our committee members on the day, Penny Jann, Marion Spencer, Bryony Briscoe, Jenny Patrick, Emma Kampa, Claire Jackson, who made a great team along with members Emily Weeks, Julie and Annabelle Tavener, Carolyn and Grace Jackson, Jo and Tony Tuccio, Julia Huggan, Ruby Cameron, Charlotte Holder, who all made the day a success. Charlotte Holder, Hannah Jackson and Holly Stuart helped us along with Marion Spencer, Caroline Dobbin, Claire Jackson, with the set up the previous day. A big thank you to you all.

Tish Harwood and Jenny Dutton



Equi-Theme Intermediate Winter Championships – Bury Farm – 28 – 30 April 2017

These championships ran over three days, with Elstead represented on each day.

On Friday Sara Malpass (on Pitingo II) was 5th in the individual 'Pick A Test', riding Medium 71.

Saturday was senior team day and both Elstead teams finished the day in the presentation arena. Holly Stuart (So Sue Me), Sara Malpass (Wootton Basil), Marion Spencer (Kilcrea Rock) and Heidi Reed (Ilar Vincent) were 2nd in the senior team dressage championship. Each team member rode a different test and Holly was individual 3rd in Prelim 7, Sara 9th in Novice 30 and Heidi 2nd in Elementary 49. Elstead's show jumping team of Jenni Crow (Cavaliers Sweet Dream), Suzi Stanner (Out Of Your League), Helen Klein (Limerick) and Emily Weeks (Monta Mystic Clover) was 6th. The day was not without incident as Sara, who travelled to and from Bury Farm each day, had a tyre blowout on the M3 on her way there on Saturday (causing a long tailback, reported on the traffic news!) and even with the organisers agreeing she could go at the very end, arrived with just 10 minutes to ride in for her test on Basil!

On the final day of the championships Grace Jackson (Sweet Opposition) was 8th in Novice 34.

We had to supply helpers for two half days – thank you to Tish Harwood, Marion Spencer and Jenny Dutton who shared the score sheet collecting duty on Saturday afternoon and to Penny Jann for dressage writing on Sunday.

Forthcoming Dates

Members and Non-Members Welcome (unless specified)

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

Sunday 11 June - Dressage

[On-Line Entry](#)

Contact: jenni@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Wednesday 28 June - Evening Dressage (members only)

[Schedule](#)

Contact: suzi@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Sunday 16 July - Show Jumping

[On-Line Entry](#)

Wednesday 19 July - Evening Show Jumping (members only)

Wednesday 26 July - Evening Dressage (members only)

[Schedule](#)

Contact: suzi@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

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 the following date

Saturday **10 June 2017**

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.

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:

Tuesday **13 June 2017**

Friday **14 July 2017**

Friday **11 August 2017**

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 **24 June 2017**

Saturday **29 July 2017**

Saturday **26 August 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