



## News

### NEXT EVENTS -

Dressage at The Priory

Saturday 2nd February & Saturday 9th March

See info below...



You can enter all of our shows via My Riding Life:

<http://www.equineaffairs.com/RemoteLocationEventList.aspx?SecretaryID=247579&Type=RunBySecretary&from=rl>

## Forthcoming Dates

All events are for both **Members and Non-Members Welcome** (unless specified)

All held at the ERC club field unless otherwise stated.

The 2019 Omnibus Schedule (which will be published very soon - watch this space) contains all Open Events held at the ERC Club Field during 2019. Other events such as members only events and Clear Round are not in the schedule but details are always on Facebook and the ERC Website.

### **Saturday 2nd February**

[Elstead Riding Club Winter Dressage Series inc Area 11 Team Friendly Competition](#)

The Priory, Frensham (not club field)

Enquiries - [julie@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:julie@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

### **Saturday 9th March**

[Elstead Riding Club Winter Dressage Series](#)

The Priory, Frensham (not club field)

Enquiries - [julie@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:julie@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

Schedule for all Winter Dressage competitions can be [downloaded here](#)

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## Membership Renewal

You are getting this email as a fully paid up 2019 member. If you know anyone who has not yet renewed please do pass this message on. They will get a separate email until they have renewed.

The club year runs from 1st November to 31st October and therefore it is membership renewal time - the 2019 membership form is *attached* ([click here](#)). The membership fees remain the same as for 2018. It helps greatly if you renew promptly (particularly if you want to do teams this winter). 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.

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## Upcoming Events and Socials

A few dates for your diaries...

### **Friday 22 March 2019 - ERC Quiz**

Elstead Village Hall, Thursley Road, Elstead, GU8 6DG

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

£10 per person

(delicious Ploughman's included)

Teams of up to 8!

To book: Please contact [Allison@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:Allison@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

All profits go to the club to fund equipment, field maintenance and teams. So the more the merrier! Put up a flyer at your yard or anywhere you like and get your team together. [Download flyer here](#)

### **Saturday 16th February - Clear Round Jumping**

(11am - 1pm) at club field - £4 members/£5 non-members - just come along on the day

Heights starting at poles and going up as requested.

Some more dates for your diary (these will be online to enter soon)...

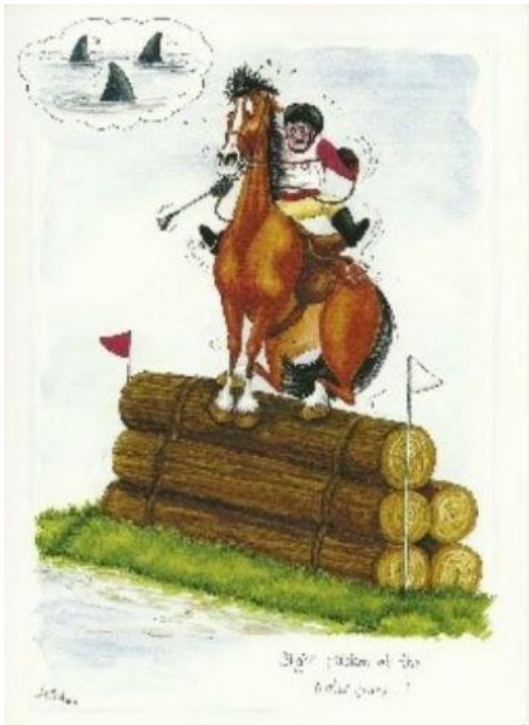
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**Sunday 17th March - Showjumping** at the club field  
**Sunday 14th April - Spring Show**

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## Training

Members Only - unless stated otherwise



**Don't let this be you this XC season...**

**'NEW' XC Clinics with Heidi Reed**

**Sunday 17 February** – Venue:  
Munstead, Heath Farm, Godalming,  
GU71UN

**Saturday 16 March** – Venue:  
Tweseldown, Bourley Rd, Fleet,  
GU52 8AD

Both venues offer a variety of jump heights from 60cm upwards. All standards are welcome. Groups - max of 4.

To secure your place contact [allison@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:allison@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

**Brian Hutton - Dressage or Jumping - Contact:** [tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

**Saturday 26 January**

**Saturday 23 February**

**Saturday 30 March**

Brian Hutton, BHSI, is Senior Instructor at Taland Equestrian in Gloucestershire. Brian teaches all levels, across all disciplines and we are very fortunate that he comes to teach at our club on a regular basis once a month.

All these sessions book up quickly, so early booking is advisable to guarantee a place. Please email a copy of your booking form to [tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk) or send by post to Tish Harwood, Gunners Cottage, Thursley Road, Elstead, Surrey GU86ED. Payment by BACS, cheque or cash.

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## Teams & Qualifiers (including Individuals)

Please contact [penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk) if you are interested in taking part in team events. We are looking for team members for the winter intermediate qualifiers:

- \* 2nd March – Show Jumping (90, 100 or 110) at Berkshire College of Agriculture
- \* 23rd March – Dressage at Sands Farm

Team members are also automatically competing as individuals, and individuals can also enter if not in a team. There are separate junior and senior teams, four in each team and each team member rides a different test: Prelim 13, Novice 28, Novice 34 and Elementary 42. There is also an individual 'pick a test' competition which is Medium 71 or Advanced Medium 90.

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## Reports

### AGM Report - 23.11.2018

We had a good turnout for our AGM on 23rd November. The evening started with light refreshments (thank you to everyone for the delicious nibbles) and a slide show of photos of members taking part in various activities thanks to Charlotte Holder. The formal business meeting highlighted the events, training and other activities run during the year as well as the club's finances. The opportunity to take part in teams is open to all members and one third of our members represented Elstead in 2018, doing very well at local and national level. Of the 58 members who represented the club this year, 11 (mostly new members) were riding in an Elstead team for the first time. Our club has again retained the Foss Trophy for the Club in our area with the most points in teams – now the 22nd year in succession and the 25th time in total that Elstead has won this trophy (although we never take it for granted)!

Committee members 2019: Penny Jann (Chair), Tish Harwood (Secretary), Jenny Dutton (Treasurer), Marion Spencer (Membership), Fiona Foster (Safeguarding Officer), Bryony Briscoe, Charlotte Holder, Suzi Hopkins, Claire Jackson, Emma Kampa, Allison Kite, Julie Tavener and Jenni Winter.

As a committee we would love to have feedback on whether we are providing the events you would like to attend, at the times that suit you, in order to maintain a successful, fun, club for you. We are well aware that these are very competitive times with other clubs or organisations providing a range of equestrian activities. Please let us know what you think, either by chatting to any committee member (contact numbers on the website) or via the contact form on the website.

After the formal business of the evening, members were treated to an interesting talk by guest speaker Catherine Thompson on her experience of volunteering for a wide range of equestrian events including the European eventing championships in Poland (won by the GB team). Both fun and interesting to be part of, it appears that often the only criteria needed was an ability to correctly fill in the application form! The evening ended with the presentation of awards by Diana Terry.

[Click here to download the full list of award winners](#)

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### **Area Team Quiz – 12.11.18**

This year's team quiz results were really close, with just 10 points separating the teams! Organiser Chipstead RC again came up with challenging questions ranging from literature to riding club rules. The Elstead 'red' team of Penny Jann, Tish Harwood and Jenny Bridger were the winners, with the Elstead 'blue' team of Heidi Reed, Sarah Halsey and Eddy Phipps finishing in fifth place.

### **Festive Fun Show – 28.12.18**

The weather was kind to us this year and we had a good number wanting to jump but none wanting to do the fun show classes! Pippa Reed and her pony Super Ted were the most festively dressed and received a bag of treats. Thank you to Annie Denton, Jenny Dutton, Emily Weeks, Penny Jann, Marion Spencer and Lauren Fenn for helping at this event.

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### **Surrey Union Hunt vouchers**

Surrey Union Hunt offer vouchers to Riding Club members to hunt on up to four occasions at a special RC rate of £60 for a full day's hunting. E-mail [marion@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:marion@elsteadridingclub.co.uk) who will send you a voucher to download.

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## **Field Hire**

### **To book the club field for schooling**

*Please book at least 24 hours in advance* by text to Tish Harwood on 07884 495940 or e-mail [tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk) stating your name, phone number and the date and time you want the field. If you are not able to text or e-mail, please leave a message on the above number. There is a small charge of £5 per rider. Tish will confirm arrangements for payment and collection/return of the field key.

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