

News



You can enter our next shows via My Riding Life:

[Autumn Show - Sunday 15th October 2017](#)

Don't miss it.



(c) Jenny Patrick

Horse & Country TV are producing an advert for British Riding Clubs and a camera crew and presenter came to the national horse trials championships to film riding club members in action. Elstead was asked to take part in this filming as a fun club with great team spirit and filmed our members relaxing by the horseboxes, washing horses down after competing and cheering our members on. They asked lots of questions of our members and we spent about three hours with them in total. So watch Horse & Country TV and spot our members!

Help!

We are very grateful to everyone who gives their time to help at our events – we cannot run these without your input and we do appreciate all help. Forthcoming events where help is needed are as follows:

- Sunday 24th September – L&SE championships at Heath Farm, Munstead, particularly XC fence judging or scoring.

Contact penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Teams

WINTER 2017/18 QUALIFIER/TEAM DATES

National Winter Novice Dressage Qualifier – 14th October at Sands Farm, Warnham

Senior and Junior qualifiers, four per team of which two ride P12 and two ride N28.

Area Team Quiz – 6th November at The Watermill, Dorking

Show Jumping team friendly – 11th November at Elstead club field

Team of three (can include one junior), each jump one round at a different height: 75, 85, 95cm

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)

Winter qualifiers still to be arranged/confirmed:

Winter Intermediate SJ (90, 100, 110)

Winter Intermediate Dressage

FOTH Qualifiers (Challenge 80, 90, 100, Combined Training)

If interested in any of the above contact: penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Forthcoming Dates

Members and Non-Members Welcome (unless specified)

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

Sunday 15 October - Autumn Show

[Schedule](#)

Contact: jenny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Saturday 11 November - Show Jumping

[Schedule](#)

Contact: allison@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Training

Members Only - unless stated otherwise

Saturday **23 September 2017** - Brian Hutton

Saturday **28 October 2017** - Brian Hutton

Saturday **25 November 2017** - Brian Hutton

[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

Dressage - 10 September 2017

We were lucky to complete Sunday's dressage before the rain set in for the afternoon and it was lovely to see so many new and familiar faces. Huge thanks must, as always, go to everyone who helped both on the day and in setting up, particularly as this enabled me to compete as well as help organise! Those who kindly gave up their time were Marion Spencer, Penny Jann, Jenny Patrick, Caroline Dobbin, Charlotte Smith, Claudine Lawes, Sarah Halsey and Tish Harwood.

Suzi Stanner



(Photos by Tony Klein and Suzi Stanner)

British Riding Clubs NAF National Championships – 2 & 3 September 2017

Another enjoyable and successful weekend at Lincoln for our club. Saturday was our busiest day, with a number of our members going into the presentation arena.

Elstead won the Senior Style Jumping championship for the second year running. Congratulations to Hannah Jackson (Brownbread Raven), Emily Weeks (Shanbally Lady), Helen Klein (Limerick) and Melanie Lusted (Keeshen Jazmine)

who are this year's champions - interestingly Hannah and Emily were in last year's winning junior style team and Helen and Melanie were in last year's winning senior style team! Hannah was individual 2nd in the 75cm section and Emily individual 9th in the 85cm section. Allison Kite (Quinlan) and Suzi Stanner (Out Of Your League) also competed as individuals in the style jumping, finishing just behind Melanie and Helen in their respective 75 and 85 sections.

The Elstead team of Helen, Emily (Lady), Suzi and Holly Stuart (So Sue Me) finished the two rounds of the 90cm show jumping on just four faults and were rewarded with team 2nd. Emily and Helen both jumped double clears and so went forward to the jump off, with Helen taking individual 3rd place.

Melanie, Holly, Emily Weeks (Monta Mystic Clover) and Sara Malpass (Basil) were 3rd in the Riding Test championship (out of 30 teams). In their respective arenas, Melanie was individual 1st, Emily 6th and Holly 7th. Jazmine Merrifield (Togher Tourist) qualified as an individual and was 5th in her arena.

Holly (on Sue), Melanie, Hannah and Emma Kampa (Bert) were 5th in the Senior Prelim Dressage championship, with Holly individual 1st, Melanie 9th and Emma 10th in their arenas.

Elstead had two teams in the Senior Team of Four Dressage. This competition has all four horses in the same arena together at the same time with a caller. The 'small' (pony) team of Emma, Holly (riding Mickey), Sara Malpass and Charlotte Smith (with Penny Jann as caller) was 7th in the Senior Team of Four Dressage. The 'large' (horse) team of Suzi, Allison, Emily (Monta Mystic Clover) and Karen Merrifield (Toggi) and Jenny Dutton calling, finished just a few marks outside the top ten.

The final competition on the Saturday was the Team of Six Dressage – Elstead's team of Holly (on Mickey), Helen, Charlotte, Emma, Sara and Melanie, plus Penny as 'chef d'equipe' calling the test, were the winners once again. Many thanks to Emma for providing two ponies (Bert and Dylan) for both team of four and team of six competitions.

Sunday was junior day and Elstead was represented in the dressage, riding test and 70cm show jumping by a combination of Grace Jackson (Sweet Opposition), Hatty Wehrle (Dabernon Reggae), Oliver Austin (Yealand Verse), Annabelle Tavener (Bonnie) and Callie Rickwood (Twiggy). The occasion got to several of the horses and there were a few tense moments for some. No top ten team places for our juniors this year despite some nice tests and good rounds. Hatty was individual 5th in Prelim 14 (which counted for both team and individual competitions), and Grace was 8th in the individual junior elementary dressage. Hopefully our younger juniors for whom this was their first visit to Lincoln gained valuable experience which will put them in good stead for another year.

Thank you to the Elstead helpers: Julie & Annabelle Tavener, Caroline Dobbin, Helen Klein, Jenny Dutton and Claire Jackson – without you our teams would not have been able to compete and your willingness to do half day sessions of dressage writing, pole picking up and/or score sheet collecting were much appreciated.

Penny Jann



Fun Show - 28 August 2017

We had another successful Fun Show on 28 August Bank Holiday Monday. Lots of children and adults with their beautiful ponies and horses of all ages, heights and breeds turned out to take part in a range of classes. We had a number of competitors who were at their first show, along with lots of familiar faces. There was some excellent feedback on facebook - thank you, its always good to know what you thought of our events. As usual, these events wouldn't be possible without our lovely helpers, and the fun show takes more than our usual number of people to run. Many thanks to Jo and Tony Tuccio, Julia Huggan, Sally and Tony Klein, Bridget Naylor, Jazz Merrifield, Diana Standing, Dan Sheen, Mel Lusted, Theresa Bailey Collins, Eddy Phipps, Lucy Collecot, Emily Weeks, Caroline Malpass, Jane, William, Freddie, Ollie and Alex Austin, Tony and Seb Griffin, and also committee members Penny Jann, Allison Kite, Marion Spencer, Jenny Patrick and Emma Kampa.

Fun Show organisers - Jenny Dutton, Caroline Dobbin, Bryony Briscoe and Tish Harwood



Members Evening Show Jumping - 16 August 2017

We had another lovely clear evening for the second of our members evening show jumping competitions. The evening was a relaxed event, perfect for coming out to enjoy the evening sun, having fun catching up with friends, and competing in a no pressure environment. Many thanks for our helpers for this evening who helped to make it all possible - Annie Denton, Steph Gray, Niki Harridge, Claudine Lawes, Katie Patrick, Ruby Cameron, Clara Jollands, and my fellow committee members Marion Spencer and Jenny Patrick. Many many thanks to you all.

Tish Harwood

[Full Results](#)



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National Horse Trials Championships – 4-6 August 2017

Seven of our members travelled to Swalcliffe in Oxfordshire for these championships. Those doing the HT80 competed on Friday in a one day event, the HT90 competitors did a long format two day event on Saturday and Sunday, and anyone doing the higher levels competed in a three day event. Junior member Anna Holmes (Sunnydale Drifter) and senior member Melanie Lusted (Keeshen Jazmine) qualified as individuals in the HT80. Melanie was individual 10th in the senior HT80 championship. Our senior HT90 team of Holly Stuart (Sue), Jenni Crow (Cavalier's Sweet Dream), Isabel Bailey-Collins (Solero Spirit) and Suzi Stanner (Out Of Your League) finished just outside the top ten as a team. Holly was individual 6th and Jenni 7th in their respective arenas. Lucy Collecott had competed as an individual in the HT100+ qualifier along with three others from our Area – as no teams qualified, these four were invited to form an Area 11 team and at the championship Lucy was individual 10th in her arena and the Area team 10th as well. Many thanks to Penny Jann and Katie Patrick who were Elstead's designated helpers at these championships, both dressage writing.

Hickstead Team Show Jumping – 30 July 2017

Thanks to those who represented Elstead in the riding clubs class at the Royal International Horse Show: Hannah Jackson (JJ), Marion Spencer (George), Emily Weeks (Monta Mystic Clover), Jenny Cheetham (Lumiere Gorm), Holly Stuart (So Sue Me) and Jenni Crow (Cavaliers Sweet Dream). Thanks also to Hannah for stepping in at very short notice to replace Clara when Lily cut herself on wire the day before. Although some poles fell which put our teams out of contention for rosettes, all jumped well finishing 29th & 40th out of the huge entry of 87 teams.

Members Evening Show Jumping - 19 July 2017

Despite threats of rain it stayed fine for the first of our members only evening show jumping competitions. The going was excellent, and it was lovely to see members having a fun relaxed time. Thank you very much to all our helpers, Christina Easton, Charlotte Smith, Marion Spencer, Penny Jann, Annie Denton, Claudine Lawes, Lucy Collecott, and David Catchpole.
Holly Stuart and Tish Harwood

[Full Results](#)

Dressage to Music Qualifiers – 16 July 2017

Well done to Allison Kite (Quinlan) and Caroline Bradshaw (Womble) who entered the DTM qualifiers. Allison was 2nd in both national and L&SE novice DTM (0 points) qualifiers and will be going forward to the L&SE DTM champs in October. Caroline was 2nd in the national 'pick a test' medium/advanced medium qualifier.