



Elstead Riding Club



AGM Report 2011

The AGM on 25th November gave us the opportunity to look back on 2011 which was again another very busy and successful year for our club. We had an increase in membership of 25 (two less seniors and 27 more juniors!).

Instruction was well attended throughout the year and we were able to repeat the 'have a go' training day at low cost thanks to a grant from the Area training budget.

Elstead's teams continued to do well both within our Area and also at national level. There were many highlights during the year, all of which have been reported in the newsletters, including two championship titles. Our Rural Riders Dressage Team won the national championship for the second year running (and for the third time). Our club also retained the London & South East Dressage Championship for the second year running. Elstead has again retained both the Foss Trophy for the Club in Area 11 with the most points in teams and the Natasha Trophy awarded to the most successful club at the L&SE Championships. Congratulations to everyone who has represented the club during the year – a record total of 62 members (42 seniors and 20 juniors).

Thank you to everyone who has helped at events, with tidying up the club field and also at team events – without your support we cannot run the club.

The AGM saw some changes to the committee. Caroline Winser stood down from the committee at the AGM and was thanked for her input over the past fifteen years. Two new committee members were elected and we welcome Jenny Patrick and Jenni Winter to the committee.

After the business part of the meeting, those present were treated to a really interesting talk by Elstead member Terry Miller, who is the General Counsel of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. A member of the senior management committee and head of the legal department, Terry is also part of the team which is responsible for operating Greenwich Park as the site for the equestrian events. Terry talked about the overall picture as well as about Greenwich and the equestrian events, noting that there are major challenges in using Greenwich for the events, but unprecedented advantages. Very many thanks to Terry for giving us a fascinating insight into the preparations for the Olympics next summer.

Thanks also to Jenny Patrick who put together a photo slide show of members taking part at various club events during the year, which was much appreciated.

The evening ended with the presentation of awards, including a rosette for every member who had represented the club in a team event during the year.