



# Elstead Riding Club



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## News

Happy new year to you all!

We look forward to seeing you at Elstead events in the coming months. We will shortly be publishing our schedule of open events for the year - please look on the website and also follow us on Facebook for more information and updates between newsletters.

### NEXT EVENTS -

#### Annual General Meeting and Presentation of Awards

Friday 31st January

at Elstead United Reform Church, Milford Road, Elstead GU8 6HP

The evening will start at 7pm with refreshments & official business at 7.30pm

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.

All events are available to view and enter online.

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## Upcoming Events and Socials

### Friday 31st January

#### Annual General Meeting and presentation of awards

at Elstead United Reform Church, Milford Road, Elstead GU8 6HP

The evening will start at 7pm with refreshments - please bring a plate of sweet or savoury finger food to share (please note we will not be able to heat any food). There is no facility for drinks but you are welcome to bring your own non-alcoholic drink (alcohol is not allowed in the URC). The formal business part of the evening will start at 7.30pm and this will be followed by a talk from a guest speaker. The evening will end with the presentation of annual awards. This is also a great opportunity for you to tell us what you want from your club in the coming year. There will be a raffle so prizes welcome and also please bring money to buy raffle tickets!

Nominations for the position of any honorary post or membership of the committee are welcome. Please contact Tish Harwood if you are interested in joining the committee but would like more information about what is involved. Nomination forms should be sent to [tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk) by 17th January.

The agenda for the AGM and committee nomination form can be downloaded at <http://www.elsteadridingclub.co.uk/ERC/membership/>

#### Attention all our 2018 trophy winners

Please return all trophies to Marion Spencer by no later than 17th January so that they can be ready for presentation at this year's AGM - and please polish the trophy before returning it.

**NOTE - The 2020 Schedule is being finalised and will be shared with you all as soon as it is published.**

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### Membership Renewal

Our club year now runs from 1st January to 31st December and therefore it is membership renewal time - the 2020 membership form is attached. 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). Please complete and post or email your membership form to [marion.spencer@aol.co.uk](mailto:marion.spencer@aol.co.uk)

While we have kept our membership fees the same for the past four years, British Riding Clubs have raised the affiliation fee (the amount per member that we have to pay) each year and for 2020 have increased this further (by £2.50 per member from last year) and we have therefore had no option but to increase our membership fees.

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We feel the membership is still very good value, particularly with all the advantages that our members receive (which include reduced entry fees for open events, most team entries are free to members, discounted training sessions, access to the club field for schooling and other benefits from British Riding Clubs which can be viewed on our website). As all benefits are open equally to seniors and juniors, we now have just three membership categories – riding membership, non-riding membership, and family membership.

[CLICK TO DOWNLOAD A 2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM HERE](#)

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## Training

Members Only - unless stated otherwise

### **Brian Hutton - Dressage or Jumping**

Contact: [tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

***Saturday 25th January 2020***

***Saturday 29th February***

***Saturday 28th March***

Brian Hutton, BHSI, is Senior Instructor at Talland 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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## Awards

### **Godalming Sports Awards 2019**

Congratulations to junior team members Annabelle Tavener, Callie Rickwood, Lily Amero and Sydney Aldred who were short listed for the Youth Team of the Year category at Godalming Sports Awards on 9th November and were the runners up (just beaten by Charterhouse Boys under 18s hockey team!). Sport Godalming acknowledged our juniors' achievements in winning the BRC National Junior 70 Show Jumping Championship at Lincoln in September 2018 and continuing to show significant improvement in the following year. In October 2018 the team qualified for the BRC Festival of the Horse Combined Training Championship in May 2019. At the BRC national winter championships in April 2019, Lily was 2nd in the 80cm Show Jumping and Sydney 8th in the Dressage. All four qualified in June 2019 for the British Riding Clubs National Championships, travelling to Lincoln at the end of August where they all jumped well and came home with top ten rosettes at various different SJ heights up to 90cm. Their improvement over the past three years has been remarkable, gaining confidence as they have

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jumped higher and progressed to more demanding dressage tests. During this time they have demonstrated a great sporting attitude as well as supporting each other during training and at competitions.

### **NAF Five Star Volunteer Awards**

Congratulations to Penny Jann who received several nominations for this new award by NAF (recognising their 20-year partnership sponsoring British Riding Clubs) and who was presented with her award at the British Horse Society awards ceremony in London on 22nd November.



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## **Team Events and Qualifiers**

### **Forthcoming British Riding Club Qualifiers & Teams**

If you would like to take part in the following, please contact penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk by no later than four weeks before the actual qualifier (this is because we have to make preliminary entries to British Riding Club by three weeks beforehand (before 3pm on the Friday).

Please also note that BRC is introducing a change to the equine flu vaccination rules – with effect from 1st March 2020, as well as ensuring the horse is vaccinated at the correct intervals, the horse must have been vaccinated within 6 months and 21 days of the date of the official competition (qualifier or championship) – but also must not have been vaccinated in the preceding six days before arrival at the competition. This does not change the rules regarding vaccination in terms of vaccinations after the first two primary vaccinations (the second being between 21 – 92 days of the first one) and the first booster (150 – 215 days after the second vaccination), and then annually thereafter. However – to compete in an official team (Area Qualifier or National Championship), from 1st March 2020 the latest vaccination must be within 6 months and 21 days of (but not the last 6 days before) the competition.

A flu vac checker can be found at <https://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-downloads> and then click on Flu Vac Checker 2020 (which is in Excel). You can also send Penny a copy of your horse's flu vaccination record for checking.

### **Dressage – 8th February at Sands Farm**

Qualifiers for the Intermediate Winter Dressage Championships which take place on 24 – 26 April at Bury Farm. As well as being in a team, a competitor can also enter another test as an individual. The team tests (each team member does a different test) are Prelim 18, Novice 28, Novice 34 & Elementary 42. There are separate competitions for seniors and juniors but tests are the same. There is also an individual 'pick a test' competition – Medium 63 / Advanced Medium 90. Please let Penny know by 11th January if you would like to be in a team or ride as

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an individual (team members are also automatically competing as individuals in their respective tests) and also which test(s) you would prefer to do on 8th February.

### **Novice Show Jumping (70 & 80) – 9th February at Sands Farm**

Qualifiers for the 70SJ and 80SJ for the Novice Winter Championships which take place on 28 - 29 March at Arena UK. Separate junior and senior team competitions at each height, team members also compete as individuals, a competitor can also enter as an individual only. Those doing the 70SJ can only do that height on the same horse. However someone competing in the 80SJ could also enter the 90SJ (see below) as well. Please let Penny know by 11th January if you would like to be in a team or ride as an individual and also which height – 70 or 80.

Please note that if qualifying for the novice winter championship at the end of March, there will be a clash as the FOTH Challenge qualifiers at Munstead will now take place on Sunday 29th March.

### **Intermediate Show Jumping (90, 100 & 110) – 7th March at Berkshire College**

Qualifiers for the 90SJ (separate senior and junior teams) and the 100SJ and 110SJ (both of which are mixed teams of any combination of senior/junior members). Also individuals. Competitors can now do two of these separate qualifiers on the same horse – 80 & 90, or 90 & 100, or 100 & 110. Please let Penny know by 5th February if you would like to be in a team or ride as an individual and also which height(s). We have to provide a helper for each team entered – volunteers to Penny please as we have to send the name/contact details for each helper with the entry form.

### **Festival of the Horse Challenge Qualifiers – 29th March at Munstead**

There are three heights for the challenge (round of SJ then immediately out onto the XC course): 80, 90 and 100. Separate senior and junior 80 and 90 challenge classes for teams and also individuals. There are some restrictions on the horse in terms of BE points/level of competition. However there is also an open 80 challenge for individuals which has no eligibility restriction. The 100 challenge is a mixed class open to seniors and juniors (teams and individuals). Please let Penny know by 12th February if you would like to be in a team or ride as an individual and also which height(s). Please let Penny know if you would be willing to XC fence judge on 29th March.

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## **Club Event Reports**

**If you are at a BRC event (qualifier or champs), we would love to hear your results (because there isn't always a committee member around or someone who is able to report straight back). We love to hear how you've got on and celebrate your success! So feel free to share results and pictures with us via our FB page (just drop us a private message and we will post it on our page).**

### **Quiz – 22nd November**

Many thanks to Jo Baigent and her helpers for organising another really fun quiz evening with great prizes (including mugs filled with sweets for the winners, chocolates for the second placed team and decorated wooden spoons for the last team) plus lovely food including Jo's lemon drizzle cake for dessert.

### **Dressage – 24th November**

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We had a good number of pre entries for the dressage event on the 24th and luckily for us the rain stayed away and everyone enjoyed their day. We welcomed some new visitors, some of which it was the first outings on new ponies and others coming back from injuries. Everyone will be pleased to know that the lady whose horse fell got home safely and was fine. Our events can't run without volunteers, so big thank you to all our helpers and volunteers: Darcy and Kennedy Aldred, Jo Baigent, Fiona Foster, Sarah Halsey, Caroline Malpass, Ros Milton, We will be running more events in 2020 and look forward to welcoming more newcomers to our shows. *Julie Tavener & Claire Jackson*

### **Dressage – 15th December**

We were lucky to have a comparatively dry day for our dressage on 15th December which included the first of the Area 11 team friendly competitions of the 2019/20 winter season.

Our thanks to our judges and to all the helpers (Penny Jann, Barbara Barnard, Caroline Malpass, Annie Denton, Clare May, Linda Greaves, Kate Greaves, Sara Hopkins) a number of whom are non-members who made the day possible.

We had three Elstead teams entered. Our red team (Suzi Hopkins, Lianne Deacon, Debby Booth) were 3rd and our white team (Tish Harwood, Jacky Kampa, Laura Tugwell) and blue team (Emma Kampa, Juliet Hamm, Jo Tuccio) were equal 4th. There were also a number of members who picked up individual places throughout the day. Full results can be found on our website. *Suzi Hopkins*

### **Festive Show Jumping – 29<sup>th</sup> December**

The sky was blue and the sun shone – not something we have come to associate with festive shows in recent years! Most competitors came with tinsel or other festive dress and all had a great time. The horse and hound jumping was great fun, as was the accumulator with all opting to jump the Joker fence at the end. Many thanks to those who helped: Bob & Liane Deacon, Allen Freeman, Charlotte Holder, Jenny Dutton, Emily Weeks and everyone else who lent a hand on the day. *Penny Jann*

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## **Team Event Reports**

### **Area Team Quiz – 11th November**

Our two teams tied in 4th place at this year's Area quiz which had even more fiendishly testing questions than usual, not all equine related. Well done to Jenny Bridger, Tish Harwood, Penny Jann, Eddy Phipps, Jane Porter and Heidi Reed.

### **Novice Winter Dressage Team Qualifiers – 23rd November**

Well done to our members who took part in these qualifiers at Sands Farm, there were a high number of teams entered in both junior and senior qualifiers and the results were very close in terms of points. Each team member rode a different test (P7, P12, N28 or N30). Unfortunately as yet the full results have not been produced for the Area website and so we don't have a note of all individual places.

Our junior team of Emily Bruce (Belles Boudier), Sydney Aldred (Erne Valley Mel), Betsy Pullen (Glenvar Fionn) and Lily Amero (Darcy) was 2nd, with most receiving individual rosettes as well. We entered three senior teams and had to make some late substitutions due to some riders/horses not being able to go on the day. 'Blue' team members: Suzi Hopkins (Jake), Marion Spencer (George), Tish Harwood (Mickey) & Jenni Winter (Cornasaus Master); 'Red' team: Liane Deacon (The Cobfather), Emma Kampa (Ernie), Karen Merrifield (Toggi) & Sarah

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Farrelly (Fay); 'White' team: Debby Booth (Amber), Emma Kampa (Bert), Barbara Barnard (Kestrel) and Joanne Tuccio (April) who was individual 6th in the Novice 30. Suzi was individual 1st in the Prelim 7 and Barbara was individual 1st in the Novice 28 and so both have qualified for the national championship at the end of March.

#### **Area 11 Dressage Team Friendly (1) – 15th December**

Elstead had three teams (out of the 13 teams in total who entered) and all three were placed. Elstead 'red' team was 3rd – Suzi Hopkins (Jake), Liane Deacon (The Cobfather) and Debby Booth (Amber). Elstead 'blue' team was equal 4th – Emma Kampa (Ernie), Juliet Hamm (Grey Alley) and Jo Tuccio (April). Elstead 'white' team was equal 4th as well – Tish Harwood (Mickey), Jacky Kampa (Bert) and Laura Tugwell (Littletons On The Money).

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Did you know...

As well as Facebook, you can now find us on Instagram! We will be posting club news but also sharing the success of our members.

Please follow us if you haven't already - @elsteadridingclub - tag us in your posts and use the hash tag #elsteadridingclub

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## Newsletter

The Newsletter is only sent out to paid up members.

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<http://www.elsteadridingclub.co.uk/news.html>