



Elstead Riding Club



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News

**The new Omnibus Schedule is now out!
Pick up a copy from a local venue or look
online [HERE](#)**

NEXT EVENTS -

Sunday 22 March – Show Jumping
Saturday 4th April - Clear Round Jumping
Easter Monday 13 April – Spring Show

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.

Upcoming Events and Socials

Sunday 22 March – Show Jumping

[Elstead Riding Club Show Jumping](#)

Entries/queries to: Emma Kampa emma@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Saturday 4th April - Clear Round Jumping

11am - 1pm - Entries on the day. All welcome. Heights will go up and down as requested.

Easter Monday 13 April – Spring Show

[Elstead Riding Club Spring Show](#)

Entries Secretary – Tish Harwood tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Training

Members Only - unless stated otherwise

Brian Hutton - Dressage or Jumping

Contact: tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Saturday 28 March

Saturday 25 April and/or Sunday 26 April – fantastic opportunity for a two-day clinic to prepare for the summer season, you can do one or both days (space permitting)

Saturday 30 May

Saturday 27 June

Saturday 25 July

Saturday 29 August

Saturday 26 September

Saturday 31 October

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 or send by post to Tish Harwood, Gunners Cottage, Thursley Road, Elstead, Surrey GU86ED. Payment by BACS, cheque or cash. The cost is £35 individual, or £25 group, flatwork, pole clinic or jumping

Information on Leagues!

Firstly - Congratulations to ERC member Lucy Collecott who was 3rd in the BRC British Eventing Novice (one horse) League 2019 on IPW A Bit Of Banter.

BRC Leagues 2020

There are four leagues which aim to reward riding club members for 2020:

- BRC BE league - affiliated with BE
- BRC British Show Jumping league - affiliated with BS
- BRC Grassroots Points league
- BRC Volunteer league

BRC BE league is for anyone who is a member of both BE and BRC and are competing in the following classes: Novice, Open Novice, Novice U18 Section, Intermediate, Open Intermediate or Intermediate U18 Section. There is a section for riders with multiple horses and another for riders with one horse. Members need to **Opt In** to be entered into the league and the Opt in form can be found at <http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-championships/brc-be-novice-league> Once a member has opted in they do not need to do anything else, apart from go out and compete! The league runs from the start of the BE season (1 March) until the end of the season (31 October). The closing date for members to send in their opt in forms is the 30 September.

BRC British Show Jumping league runs from the 1 January - 31 December each year. The leagues highlight all members that are also a member of BS and sit within either the British Show Jumping Bronze or Silver leagues. Members are automatically entered into the league and results are added onto the BS website. More details can be found by following the link: <https://www.britishshowjumping.co.uk/rankings/leagues/brc-leagues>

The **BRC Grassroots Points league** is only for clubs events (**not** BRC qualifiers and championships!). The SJ height is from 50cm – 60cm (starting height) and the dressage is for riders competing at Intro and Prelim (must not have any BD points). League points gained at ERC events: 6 points for 1st, down to 1 point for 6th - you need to fill out your league card, and send it to BRC HQ by the 7th of the following month. There are two score cards, one for Dressage and Combined Training and another for Show Jumping and Cross Country. The league commenced on 1 January 2020 and finishes on 31 October 2020. For more information/download scorecard(s): <http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-championships/brc-points-league>

For the **BRC Volunteer league** you need to write down your volunteer work and work out how many hours you have volunteered for (1 point for every hour). There are 3 sections to the league and what league you are entered in depends on the type of work that has been done (members can be added into multiple sections). Full details on the different sections can be found by following the link below. Members will need to fill in their forms and send it to BRC HQ by the 7th of the following month. The league will commence on 1 January 2020 and finish on 31 October 2020.

<http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-volunteers/volunteers-league>

It would be really great to have Elstead Riding Club members taking part in these leagues and being rewarded by British Riding Clubs – please do look at these opportunities.

Rule Changes

Microchips! All horses in the UK must be micro-chipped by 1st October 2020. If you are unsure whether your horse has a microchip you can ask your vet to check.

New Jumping rules re Whips

Riding Clubs as well as BE and BS have changed the rule about whips when jumping. One whip is permitted and must be between 45cm and 70cm and must not be weighted or with a hard point at the end. ***The end of the whip must be padded. The 'pad' must be smooth with no protrusion or raised surface (which includes embroidery), and be made of a shock absorbing material throughout its circumference.*** If you are taking part in a team/ qualifier competition, your whip must comply with the new rule – please check your whip and if needed buy a new one. For a picture of the type of whip that is now required go

to: <https://www.britishshowjumping.co.uk/files/whip%20&%20Spurs%20Ruling%20and%20Visual%20Guide.%20Jan%202020.pdf>

Team Events and Qualifiers

Forthcoming British Riding Club Qualifiers & Teams

Festival of the Horse Challenge Qualifiers – 29th March at Munstead – if interested in this combined SJ & HT competition and you have not already put your name forward, please contact Jenny Dutton jenny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk by no later than Wednesday 4th March. Heights are 80, 90 or 100.

We have to provide helpers for this event – please let Suzi

Hopkins suzi@elsteadridingclub.co.uk know if you can help on this date. XC fence judges are needed.

Festival of the Horse Combined Training Qualifiers – Easter Saturday 11th April at Felbridge – if interested in this Dressage & SJ (prelim test/75cm SJ or novice test/85cm SJ) and you haven't already put your name forward, contact jenny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk

Dressage Team Friendly – Good Friday 10th April if interested in being included in a team and have not already told Penny, please email penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk by 20th March. Teams of three with each team member doing a different test: Prelim 7, Prelim 13 or Novice 24. This is being organised by West Surrey RC and you can also enter other classes direct if you wish – see their website.

Horse Trials Qualifiers – Saturday 16th May at Iping – heights are 80, 90, 100 or 100+ (the 100+ is 100 XC and 105 SJ) and all are qualifiers for the national championships on the first weekend in August. In addition the 80HT includes the qualifier for the London & South East Novice Championships on 6th October. Let Penny know by no later than 17th April if you are interested in taking part.

Show Jumping Qualifiers for Lincoln – Saturday 20th June at Elstead RC field – heights are 70, 80, 90, 100, 110 (same horse can do 80 & 90 or 90 & 100, or 100 & 110). Separate senior and junior qualifiers at 70, 80 & 90, but for 100 (and 110) the team can be any mix of senior and junior members. There is also style jumping (75cm or 85cm).

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.

Team Event Reports

Winter Intermediate Dressage Qualifier – 8th February

Well done to our team members who took part in this qualifier at Sands Farm – all went home with at least one rosette. Our 'yellow' team was 3rd – Emma Kampa (Bert), Jazmine Merrifield (Toggi), Barbara Barnard (Kestrel) and Joanne Tuccio (April). Our 'white' team was 6th – Lauren Fenn (Spot-On), Emma Kampa (Ernie) and Marion Spencer (George). Each team member rode a different test. Lauren was individual 2nd and Emma (on Bert) was 3rd in Prelim 14. Emma was 6th (on Ernie) in Novice 30, Barbara was 2nd in Novice 34 and Joanne was 4th in the Elementary. As the 'highest placed not in the qualifying team', Lauren has qualified as an individual for the championship at the end of April at Bury Farm.

Winter Novice (70 & 80) Show Jumping Qualifier – 22nd February

This qualifier had to be postponed for two weeks due to Storm Ciara but fortunately most of our team members were available for the new date and we were able to substitute the two who couldn't make it. All our team members went home with at least one rosette. In the senior 70SJ qualifier the Elstead blue team was 2nd – Juliet Hamm (Grey Alley), Emma Kampa (Bert), Sophie Stewart (Jays Reflection) and Hannah Jackson (Belle); and the Elstead white team 3rd – Jazmine Merrifield (Kiora), Joanna Browne (Betsy), Lauren Fenn (Spot-On) and Grace Jackson (Dha Dath Betsy). Hannah was individual 1st and Grace 2nd. Our 80SJ team was 3rd – Tish Harwood (Twizzle), Marion Spencer (George), Freya Lawes (Rafa) and Isabel Bailey-Collins (Solero Spirit) who was individual 2nd. Many thanks to our members who helped on the day with course changes, Dean Fenn and Jacky Kampa for stewarding the 70SJ, and Emma Kampa for supplying delicious nibbles for the organisers.



Congratulations to all of the ERC Trophy Winners at the AGM

Do you know this path?

There is a path from Smuggler's Way in the Sands to Crooksbury Common that is under threat of being closed. On the picture below the path is shown in pink.

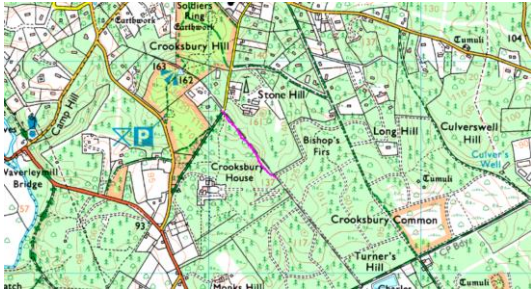
The surface shows that the path is in regular use by walkers and cyclists and may have seen the occasional equestrian as well.

The landowner has started the process (section 31 deposit) of saying that this path is not a Right of Way. If they can find sufficient evidence of usage then it may be possible to have the path formally added to the Definitive map as a public Right of Way.

If you have used the path or know of any other people who have used it, then please get in contact with David either by phone, 01252 725888 or by email david.ross.gu9@gmail.com.

David Ross

Footpath Secretary Farnham Ramblers



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

If you would like to message us for something to post, you can message us on Instagram, Facebook or email Charlotte - charlieholder@sky.com.

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 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.