

# NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME

Welcome to the May issue of your Newsletter.

You may well have printed it off the website, but if not here's the address for the next time you have access to the Interweb:

[gdrc.org.uk](http://gdrc.org.uk)



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- *Spotlight on the 2nd In-hand Show*
- *Clear Round Jumping '08*
- *Helpers needed*
- *Team News*

## WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES

The full results of the Winter Dressage Series are available on the [GDRC.org.uk](http://GDRC.org.uk) website, but here are a couple of photos of the Winners receiving their prizes:

*Apologies to Rosie Hawkins who won the Prelim Championship for not featuring her photo, but these pics were the only ones available at the time of writing.*



Joanne Cooper receiving the Winners' Cup for the Winter Series Dressage Points Competition from Jim Lee.



Sophie Cook receiving a beautiful Trophy from Janet Shears for winning the Novice Section of the Championships.

## TEAM DRESSAGE

On Sunday 18th May at Rudgwick, team members will be riding Prelim 13 and British Riding Club Advanced Riding Test 8. The Riding Club Tests have a slightly different approach as the focus is on the rider's technique, rather than the paces and dressage aptitude of the horse.

So it's heels down, elbows in, and a nice straight, but supple back. No whips or spurs are allowed and bizarrely, no earrings either.

Make-up is allowed. Phew!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 11th May: In-hand Show

21st June: Team Show Jumping Show

22nd June: Show Jumping Show

20th July: Open Showing Show

17th August: Country Show

7th September: Hunter Trial  
(BHS Qualifier)

28th September: Hunter Trial

12th October: Eventers' Challenge

### Clear Round Jumping Evenings...

...will take place at Titnore Lane, starting about 5.30pm on the following Wednesdays:

- 28th May
- 11th June
- 25th June
- 9th July
- 30th July
- 13th August

£3 per round for members, £4 non-members.

### And in the Pipeline...

A Pleasure Ride, and a Summer Dressage Series. Please keep an eye on the website and the next Newsletter for more details.

Our very own Course Designer, Jim Lee, will be setting up the jumps for Ferring Country Centre's Clear Round Jumping Evenings on the following Wednesdays starting a bit earlier, around 5pm:

- 14th May
- 4th June
- 2nd July
- 23rd July

(Entry fees to be advised.)

## AREA 13 TEAM QUIZ NIGHT

Two teams representing the Club headed north to Coolham Village for the quiz. Details are scant but the team consisting of Janet, Robin and Jim came 5th and the other team consisting of Caryll Overy, Tracey Kendrew and daughter Sacha came well, ahem, they answered lots of questions correctly too!



**EDITOR'S NOTE...** This newsletter has been lovingly cobbled together by me, Jennifer Cranford. I hope you find it enjoyable and informative. Please tell me about any item you would like included in further issues. We can do GDRC show reports, photos, results, events, news. Please feel free to contact me on 01903 267737 or 07905 370198 or email [jennifer\\_cranford@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifer_cranford@hotmail.com).

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS: IN-HAND SHOW

The next event is the 2nd In-hand Show (*not* secondhand show!) on Sunday 11th May at Castle Goring. Show Schedules are available now at the usual outlets and on the website.

Last year's event (the 1st In-hand Show) was a great success and helped along by fine weather. For some classes, there were many entries, which was not a problem because Show Secretary Janet had organised lots of sets of Rosettes so we were able to split the classes and have more winners!

Using the experience gained from last year, the new schedule has been revised and several new classes are included.

They are:

- Child Handler
- Ex-racehorses
- Continental Breeds
- Horse or Pony the Judge would like to take home.



*Last year, I helped out at this show and I thoroughly enjoyed the whole day. I learnt so much, got lots of fresh air and most importantly ate a nice lunch!*

The Riding Club is always looking for helpers for each event.

Please, please, please get in contact with Janet Shears on 07988 502833 and have a chat about what you'd like to do and she'll do her best to cater to your interests. If you've got non-member friends and family who're interested in spending a few hours in glorious sunshine\*, enjoying the countryside and would like to help too, they'll be warmly welcomed too!

\*not guaranteed

## WEBMASTER Endurance fan David Goncalves with Gabby.

David runs the GDRC Website and emailed this photo in. If you have an amusing caption to go with the picture, let me know and we'll publish the best. Also, if you have your own special horsey picture, please email it and we'll do our best to include it in our next issue.

