

GETOGETHER

On a fairly frosty night at the end of February some 45 members and guests gathered at the Woll for the Annual Getogether and Prize Giving. The medals and cups for the Winter League Dressage and Showjumping were presented by Lady Sanderson. The list of winners can be seen on the EFRA website

Christine Payne presented the John Payne Memorial Trophy for most points throughout the year Wendy Bell with Taktiform

Jo Arres presented the Catriona Arres Training Grant to Jo Swanston and Janet McRitchie

Last year's recipient of the Catriona Arres Training Grant, Paula Whitson, gave us a slide show and talk on how she used the grant

Janet McRitchie once again produced a quiz that had many of us scratching our heads. Below are a few pictures of the prize winners

NEW HAT / BODY PROTECTOR RULES

There are new rules for these items coming in for 2016. See website News page



SPRING SHOWCROSS

EFRA ran a very successful Spring Showcross at the Ian Stark Equestrian Centre on 29th of March. There were 5 classes starting at 65cms and each class going up in 10cms increments with the final class being 1.05m. All seemed to enjoy themselves in spite of the heavy showers and bitter wind. Our thanks go to Steph Robson for building such an excellent course which rode well. Thank you also goes to Jo Swanston for being the event secretary and to all the pole lifters and other helpers. Results have been posted on the EFRA website



What does it mean if you find a horseshoe in the road?
Some poor horse is walking around in his socks!

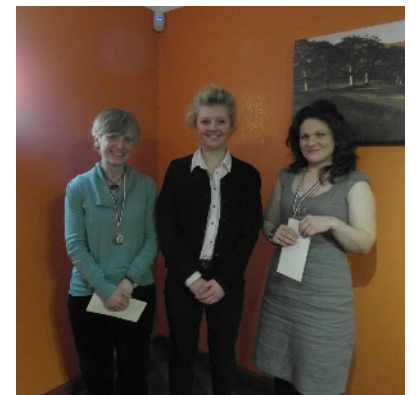


PAULA'S PRESENTATION

My presentation started with slides of me and my mate getting some flatwork lessons from David Gatherer. He first met my mare when she was a exuberant 4yo. He has got me to ask more of her and we have worked a lot on getting her to take the bit more and really push the trot.

Most of last year was spent getting a lot of showjumping experience with the aim to register with British showjumping when we felt ready.

We attended a lot of shows (inc a few days at Blair for the WH which we qualified for at the EFRA annual show) and we also got a few SJ lessons from Ian Stark which were really fantastic.. Ian is great at picking up the tiny details that make all the difference to you and your horse. We ended the year registering with BS and have been placed at every show so far (except 1) and my mare now has 37 BS points. Also qualified for the Dodson & Horrell national amateur championship 2nd round.



Amended dates see over



UPDATED EFRA Dates for 2015

For more details please see EFRA website. EFRA dates in Red - Area 1 Dates in Green

Sat 25 Apr	David Gatherer at Timpendean - Dressage & Showjumping training on grass
Tues 28 Apr	Test Riding Demo with Les Smith at Kirksyde Prelim- Novice bring your own chair please
Thurs 30 Apr	Progressive Jumping Exercises for all at Timpendean
Thurs. 7 May	Progressive Jumping Exercise for all at Timpendean
Tues 12 May	Test Riding Demo with Les Smith at Kirksyde Novice - Elem. Bring your own chair please
Thurs. 21 May	Show X at Timpendean
Thurs. 4 June	Working Hunter workshop at Timpendean
Sat. 6 June	Dressage Competition at Kirksyde
Tues 30 June	Dressage and Show jumping training at Timpendean Farm and Equestrian with David Gatherer
Sat. & Sun 5-6 July	Area 1 Festival at SNEC
Sun. 12 July	Annual Show at St Bos Mart
Sun 12 th July	Area 1 Horse Trials at Ivesley
Sun. 2 Aug.	Dressage & Combined Training
Sun 16 Aug.	Dressage & Combined Training
Sat. 5 Sept.	Working Hunter Show competition at Kirksyde open to non-members
Sun. 4 Oct.	Winter League Dressage Competition at Dryden
Sun. 18 Oct.	Winter League Showjumping at Dryden
Sun. 1 Nov.	Winter League Dressage Competition at Dryden
Sun 15 th Nov	Winter League Showjumping at Dryden
Sun. 29 Nov.	Winter League Dressage Competition at Dryden
Sun. 13 Dec.	Winter League Showjumping at Dryden



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