



ETTRICK FOREST RIDERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

February/March 2018

Hello Everyone,

I hope this latest newsletter finds you all well and eager to get started with your 2018 aims and ambitions. With the intermittent weather we have had of late and the predicted arrival of Beast from the East, it does feel as though winter has been around forever!! However, there are now only 15 days to go until it's officially Spring and only 20 days until the clocks go forward on 25th March! Thank goodness!

ANNUAL GETOGETHER AND PRIZE GIVING



The Annual Gettogether and prizegiving at the Woll, Ashkirk was a success once again. Everyone who went seemed to enjoy themselves and thanks must go to Marita for organising it.

Our chairman, Evelyn welcomed everyone and thanked the committee for all their hard work during the year. She also thanked the landowners who generously allow us to use their ground for our events. Thanks also went to Timpendean Equestrian and Border Physiotherapy for sponsoring the Winter League events.

Last year's recipient of the Catriona Arres Training Grant, Joyce Grigor, gave us a talk, with photos, on how she used her grant. Anne presented this year's Catriona Arres Training Grant to Sarah Brodie. After supper the Winter League winners were presented with their awards. The evening ended with a quiz, devised by Janet and compered by Jackie, which was great fun!

Winter League Winners 2017	
Timpendean Equestrian Winter League Dressage	
Walk/Trot - Evelyn Anderson & Guinness	Prelim (Class 2) - Laura Sanderson & Percy
Prelim (Class 3) - Sandra Smith-Maxwell & Stormion	Novice Class A - Sandra Smith-Maxwell & Stormion
Novice Class B - Angela Barrowclough & Willow Glen	Elementary - Trish Lockhart & Antrim Magic
Medium - Laura Sanderson & Tamarosa	

Border Physiotherapy Clinic Winter League Showjumping	
Nursery - Sarah Brodie & Eden Bob (Whitfield Cup)	Novice - Sarah Brodie & Eden Bob (Millar Cup)
Intermediate - Christine Gray & Ettrick Diva (Club Quaich)	Open - Jo Swanston & Gransha Lad (Tigger Tray)
EFRA Salver For The Best Highland Pony Performance in the Winter Leagues - Caroline Redpath's Struan of Inverdarroch	
Jean McAulay Cup - Combined Dressage and Showjumping - Sandra Smith-Maxwell & Stormion	
John Payne Memorial Trophy for most points throughout 2017 - Christine Gray & Ettrick Diva	
Nicozetto Salver for the Best EFRA RoR - Sarah Page's Paper Classic	

DAVID GATHERER CLINIC

After the winter league competitions were finished we had to wait till the end of February before we started the season with David Gatherer's Jumping clinic, which was very well attended and as usual David catered to all standards of horse and rider with every one coming away from the weekend full of enthusiasm and looking forward to putting what they had learned into practice.

Here's a report from Sarah who attended the clinic with the lovely Bob!

As always David was on good form and all the horses in my group went well, both days were great fun, Saturday was exercises in control which needless to say Bob, at times, was having none of it! The second day was jumping a lovely built BS course over the ISEC great fences which included some spooky fillers, David gave us feedback on how ourselves and our horse had coped, some of us had not jumped for a while and I personally felt ring rusty but all jumped really well. It was nice to see some members who braved the weather to watch and hopefully enjoyed themselves albeit before the Beast from the East arrived this week, such a shame as everyone was kicking keen to keep going, David is back on the 31st March so hopefully everyone can go and especially before the Novice Championships.

Take care everyone in this nasty weather and hope to see you and your ponies out and about very soon

Best wishes

Sarah B and Bob

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a few fundraising events coming up in the next couple of weeks to raise money for local charities and the Club Teams trips down South for the Championships, which we hope everyone will get behind and support.



First up is a **Coffee Morning and Bakesale** on **Saturday 17th March** at Hawick Congregational Community Church at 10am, organised by Sarah and Joyce, in aid of the BGH Macmillan Appeal as well. There will be lots of yummy cakes for sale and some excellent raffle prizes to be had!

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DODDIE**
foundation

Secondly, on **Tuesday 20th March** at Roxburgh Village Hall, starting at 6.15pm, Louise has organised an **Equine Table Top Sale**. This will be in aid of the My Name's Doddie Foundation, as well as the club. There will be a raffle, cake stall and even Mac n Cheese available, so you don't have to have your tea before you come!! All the tables have now been sold, I'm sure you are bound to find yourself a bargain or two!!

Sunday 25th March - Open Spring Show X @ ISEC, kindly supported by Dodson and Horrell - classes for all, starting at 65cm and going up to 1.05m with some lovely prizes on offer. Enter now at www.clubentries.com/efra

Diary Dates:

Thursday 29th March - Sarah Rodger Dressage Training - Kirksyde and Timpendean

Saturday 31st March - David Gatherer Training - Timpendean

Wednesday 2nd May - Sarah Rodger Dressage Training- Kirksyde and Timpendean

Saturday 26th May - 2 Phase Arena Event and Dressage Classes - St Boswells Mart - more info to follow

Tuesday 29th May - David Gatherer Training - Timpendean

I'll be looking for member contributions for the next edition of the newsletter, hopefully the end of April, so if anyone wishes to have anything included then please feel free to email it to me on khill053@hotmail.com. Thanks in advance. ☺