



## **ETTRICK FOREST RIDERS ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**May 2018**

Hello Everyone,

We hope you've all be enjoying the good weather of late and have been able to start working towards those 2018 goals!

### **2 PHASE ARENA EVENT AND DRESSAGE**

Please see below for an event report from Helen about the 2 Phase Arena Event which was held at the Mart in St Boswells. Well done Helen and Sandra for their excellent organisation of what was a very successful day! Full results can be found on the website.

Saturday 26th May saw our first Phase 2 Arena Event and Dressage Competition. After a slow start the entries came flooding in and we had good numbers on the day. The dressage ran smoothly, seeing some very good scores achieved, huge thanks to our lovely judges, writers and of course the stewards.

Later in the morning we had our jumping competition which was run over an excellent course of show-jumps and rustics. The course itself was amazing and was designed for us by Fyonna Thomas, it contained a bit of everything including a corner and a bounce, it got everyone thinking and focussing on riding the right lines. The show-jump stewards did a great job keeping the competitors coming forward, which again made for a smooth running competition. Our pole pickers also did a super job to ensure the course was always ready for the next horse.

The weather was kind to us and the atmosphere was very friendly which all added to making the day the great success it was. Thanks must also go to our scorers who were kept busy along, with the jump judges who also did a marvellous job. I cannot express my gratitude enough to everyone who helped us on Saturday, I know it is often said but can't be said enough that these competitions cannot happen without people giving up their time to come along to help and support the club.

Even the Helicopter landing then taking off again in the next field didn't faze us!!

Helen

## CLOTHING

The committee are very excited to announce that we have managed to secure a supplier who will be able to do some club clothing for us! Samples of soft shell jackets, t-shirts and gilets will hopefully be available to view and try at the Annual Summer Show. We feel the prices are very reasonable too!

## HORSE TRIALS TEAMS

Anne is planning to start team training for the horse trials as soon as possible. Options are Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6pm or 7pm. Can you get in touch with her asap. 😊

## HELPING

Thank you to everyone who has already helped at many club events this year. None of the events can run without our band of helpers. Helping is a great way to meet up with other members, learn how events run and you can pick up lots of tips from judges and trainers. It's amazing how much you can learn when you are there without your horse! We are always looking for more people to help out...

## DAVID GATHERER TRAINING

*David Gatherer training at Timpendean has been well supported so far. He gives you lots to work on when you're there and gives positive feedback. It's great to be able to train over a large amount of different types of fences. You always come away with positive thoughts and lots to work on with your horse. David is back at Timpendean for SJ and XC on the 19th of June.*

*Nicola*

If you'd like to book a place at the next David Gatherer Training session then please email Anne: [timpendean@btconnect.com](mailto:timpendean@btconnect.com)

## MEMBER NEWS

- *Good luck to all of our Horse Trials Teams who are heading to the Area 2 Qualifiers at Alnwickford on 1<sup>st</sup> July.*

- It was fantastic to see some new members and their horses competing at the recent 2 Phase Arena Event - well done everyone! Especially Tracy Rae who made her dressage debut with the lovely Haggis! The first of many we hope
- A huge well done to Marion Hutcheson and Syd who made last weeks edition of Horse and Hound which was a "Cob Special". They were part of a feature on life changing cobs with a lovely full page photo and a bit about their story so far. Marion and Syd are also taking part in the Wobbleberry Challenge this year. I've added the link to Marion's fundraising page:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MarionandSydsWobbleberryChallenge>. Everyone at EFRA wishes you the best of luck! Kick on Marion!



Please let me know via pm or email if there is any news you'd like to share for the next newsletter. It doesn't have to be anything huge either - the small goals are just as important!! ☺

## CLUB ENTRIES

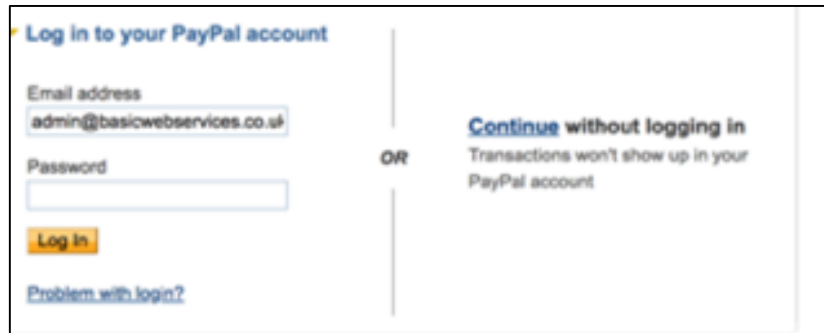
It seems there's been a few issues lately with our clubentry system. Here's a few tips from the administrator of Club Entries of things to check if you don't have paypal and pay with your card.

There are three places that folk might come unstuck.

1. By not selecting United Kingdom for country. The default is USA.

2. By not deselecting Save this information with a PayPal account.

3. It is quite tricky to click Continue here. You have to click at the top of the word.



### **OPEN WORKING HUNTER SHOW**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Open Working Hunter Show @ Timpendean Equestrian, Jedburgh, TD8 6SS, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs J Millar - classes for all, starting at 60cm and going up to 1m. Enter now at [www.clubentries.com/efra](http://www.clubentries.com/efra)

### **ANNUAL SHOW - OPEN**

**Save the Date!!!** - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. EFRA Annual Show - classes for everyone, including showing, working hunter, showjumping and lots more! Schedule available soon.

### **Diary Dates: June/July**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Dressage at Kirksyde - Intro to Elementary, including long arena.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Sarah Rodger Dressage Training- Kirksyde and Timpendean

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - David Gatherer Training - Timpendean

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Open Working Hunter Show - Timpendean - more details to follow

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Open Annual Show - St Boswells Mart - more details to follow

I'll be looking for member contributions for the next edition of the newsletter, hopefully the end of June, so if anyone wishes to have anything included then please feel free to email it to me on [khil053@hotmail.com](mailto:khil053@hotmail.com). Thanks in advance. ☺