



BYRDS Newsletter

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British Dressage
South West
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It has been a wonderful summer for BYRDS South West

We took four teams to Inter Regionals, one of which gained 7th place, while another came first!! When you consider that one member of the winning team finished up in hospital on the Saturday, it really was a sterling effort. We had three riders who made it through to the 'A' Squad Final, and Charlie Sawyer came out victor at Hartpury. He is also a finalist for the Young Professional Awards.

South West BYRDS then trekked up to Scotland for the Home International with three teams. Out of the twelve riders, only two had previously been to a Home International. Lara Kuropatwa was Fledgling Champion. One of our teams finished 4th, and all the riders surpassed their goals and gained a huge amount from the experience.

The waggon then rolled on to Sheepgate where again we had twelve riders representing South West BYRDS. Jessica Gale won the Junior Derby, Sophie Rowcliffe and Emma Littlewood got through to the Young Riders Derby, and Angus Corrie Dean reached the Pony Derby where "Buddy" was best pony. We had teams placed 6th and 10th which was excellent particularly given the riders' lack of experience at that level. The South West team also found they had a hidden talent for the Zumba dance, ably led by Angus Corrie Dean!

Camp was our next adventure, and with a change of format. It was a very busy couple of days, into which we fitted "Gymnball", Sports Psychology, a lecture on posture, and a demonstration of the "treadmill" (courtesy of the Hartpury Therapy Team). There was dressage to music, test riding, Proficiency Test training, the Awards Dinner and, of course, individual lessons with Nick Burton, Steph Erdley, Helen James and Helen Griffiths.

"Forget the rest, South West is Best"! GO, SOUTH WEST!!



Sheepgate Rosie
Perret doing great
cartwheel to make
Buddy prick his ears!

BYRDS

The Teams were:

Inter Regionals:

Stonehenge (1st place): Oliver Thompson, Felicity Parker, Emma Littlewood, Alex Armstrong

Scrumpy Jack (7th place): Charlie Sawyer, Charlotte Bacon, Jessica Gale, Angus Corrie Dean

Avalon: Louise Crutcher, Katie Hills, Gemma Gurvidi, Phoebe Chatten

Avebury: Emma Jenkinson, Sophie Rowcliffe, Immie Jones

'A' Squad Finalists: Charlie Sawyer, Alex Armstrong, Emma Jenkinson

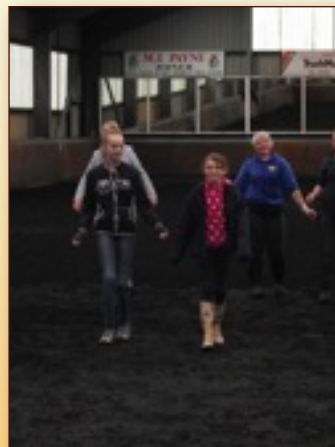
Home International:

Emma Jenkinson, Phoebe Chatten, Lara Kuropatwa, Katie Hills (4th place) Sophie Rowcliffe, Leonora Ross-Skinner, Emma Littlewood, Rachel Christopher, Jessica Long, Immie Jones, Alexa Palmer, Charlotte Bacon

Sheepgate (the "Zumba Crew"):

Sophie Rowcliffe, Felicity Parker, Angus Corrie Dean, Louise Crutcher, Rosie Perret, Megan Pankhurst, Alex Armstrong, Jessica Gale, Jessica Gundry, Jessica Long, Katie Hills, Rachel Christopher

Helen Griffiths, BYRDS South West Rep



COUNTY ROUND UP Wiltshire

July August & early September is the closed season for Wiltshire Clinics. However several of our members went to Ali for private lessons or a Tedworth PC rally, both where I was made welcome & also able to monitor their progress & their test riding abilities which are definitely improving & one can appreciate the input of work & self motivation of the individuals---as well as that of our helpful parents. We will have held a clinic at Manton on October 16th. I hope there some will really have mastered the rudiments of accuracy & quick thinking in test movements, their preparation & corrections of little blips within the arena in test situation.. A number of Wiltshire members are already anticipating the excitement of Hartpury Camp as I write this, & the stimulation of meeting mates & making new ones & the kick that riding in the big arena with others & their allotted trainers gives them. All very motivating one hopes for the months ahead.. Manton has clinics November 20th, with Ali & Helen Griffiths & an innovation is our dismounted meeting at Little Cheverill, near Devizes, with Anne Tezer Keane on December 11th. Hats, boots, & gloves please, incase your number comes up to lunge a horse briefly. Warm jackets too!

As BYRDS surrogate Gran & Groupie I saw a lot of the tests & between test times this summer holidays. Mostly all enjoyable. College had its dramas & realised dreams. When I arrived from judging at Barbury B.E., early Saturday, there was a body & blood!! However thanks to Chris Parker's expertise & Terry's support to the Littlewoods all resolved itself, if painfully, but bravely. for Somerset member Emma. Twenty four hours later Emma insisted on riding her team test (with medical assent) to join her other three team members. Her hat went on over the stitches & she looked smart in the necessary new stock & gloves members bought her. As the team placings are a hidden secret until the prize giving, imagine the whoops of joy when South West Emma, Alex Armstrong & two Wiltshire members,

BYRDS - WILTSHIRE

Wiltshire

Felicity Parker & Oli Thompson were the winning team of so many. Charlie, Jess Gale, Charlotte Bacon & Angus Corrie-Dean were 7th team as well.

This year I judged at the Open Pony Club Championships in Derbyshire. I saw that Pumbaa Goess-Saurau, back from Eventing in Poland, & Emma Gervadi had good scores on the board.. Lucy Rogers finished 2nd in my section, to the overall winner in the Ride Off, in which Pumbaa & Flash were placed & also received a huge trophy as r the younger age group winner in the Ride Off. Pumbaa & Lucy led the VWH PC to 2nd place on the podium. Bea Burnham won the Novice Freestyle, & other SW members were there & in the Intermediate Championships. It was good to see the cross-over of BYRDS & Pony Clubs & Helen Griffiths was an important & friendly steward in the Dressage Championships this time wearing her Pony Club Council hat..

The BYRDS H.I. I did not attend, but I understand it was hot in both weather & competition & a good & happy "camp". One of our teams finished 4th & Wiltshire Lara Kuropatwa on the Mighty Max won the Fledgling Championship & was overall winner in one all age Team Novice class. I am told the Opening ceremony & the Flags were quite awe-inspiring as for nearly everyone it was a new happening in their lives.

My last port of call before the National Championships was to Sheeppgate & the National Under 25 Championships.

Beyond Stamford the flat land reclaimed from the sea has deep dykes & you pass fields of succulent vegetables grown in the fertile soil. It is a long journey, but the well thought out programme gives opportunities for all ages from FEI tests down to walk & trot for the very young, inaugurated this year in the indoor school on Saturday. A change of programme brought the more experienced to the Monday & Tuesday. On Wednesday I drove up to enjoy four days of lower level tests & the team competition (Friday & Saturday). Helen joined us early Thursday & the next three days she encouraged & helped our large band of members. Wookey team of Jessica Gale (AM), Jessica Gundry (Med) Louise Crutcher (EI) & Felicity Parker (Nov) finished a commendable 4th out of many teams & Longleat team of Alex Armstrong, Rosie Perret, Jessica Long & Rachel Christopher just got into the ribbons. It is always interesting to me to see how members react to team riding, which is so different from riding for oneself. Approximately 16 of our members had a great visit, new friendships were made, team bonding continued & some showed especial resilience & graciousness when things did not go quite

according to plan. We must first congratulate Lucy Pincus who on her Sheeppgate horse & pony won a mass of classes & virtually re-equipped the Pincus tack-room with her prizes! Our members should be proud of lying 2nd to her so often! Lucy was very professional but modest in her achievements. Jess Gale put her toe in the water early in the week on her lovely new horse Ultra Jazz & Jess Gundry was consistent in her placings in Medium tests on Charlton Blue against strong opposition. They can be proud of their placings. Wednesday & Thursday Chelsea Pearce & Sheeppgate Rock On amassed 3 scores of +70% & one of 69.77 for good seconds at Preliminary, & Katie Hills (Claydon Robinia) a 2nd in Novice also +70% & won the Novice Freestyle. Angus Corrie Deane was 3rd in Preliminary 19 with over 69% thereby qualifying for the Preliminary Championship, & he was placed in it. Chelsea was Preliminary Reserve Champion, yes, to Lucy! Felicity Parker & Macmillan Miss Wizz were most consistent in their three classes. Always top 60s% & a 4th, 3rd & 2nd (to Lucy inevitably) placings at EI. & Nov.. The three Derby's, where the top four placed riders in a qualifier rode each others horses was a S.W. Bonanza. In the Finals Sophie Rowcliffe & Fairways Lord of the Rings were 4th Y.R., Jess Gale & Rebelski were very commendable winners of the Junior Derby with Emma Littlewood & Waterloo Bese 4th & Angus was 4th in the Pony Derby against more experienced finalists, & Felinmore Buddy was 1st Pony. All had had to be in top four of their respective Derby Qualifier class. .

On the Saturday of the Nationals Charlotte Bacon, Pumbaa & Chelsea sallied forth to Monmouth where Chelsea was 3rd in her first BE 100, Charlotte won the BE 100+ & Pumbaa & Jimmy (Barana Snow) came 2nd in Jimmy's first BE Novice class above all sorts of VIP of Eventing.

Congratulations to the award winners at Camp, & especial congratulations from all in Wiltshire to Lauren Darby 5th on her young horse in Preliminary, & Georgie Davis & Jessica Gale who both rode so beautifully to 4th & 2nd (& Amateur Champion) by veritable whiskers in Restricted Medium at the National Championships..

BYRDS COUNTY CO-ORDINATORS

BYRDS COUNTY CLINIC CO-ORDINATORS

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Gloucestershire	Helen James & Jo Lees	email: Helen James = Helen@hollowfarm.co.uk or Jo Lees = jo-lees@hotmail.co.uk
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BYRDS SW REP:	Helen Griffiths	email: broadacresec@hotmail.co.uk
SW RDO:	Mandy Heath	email: amandaheath@britishdressage.co.uk Mobile: 07894232355

Role Description:

County Clinic Co-Ordinators have been invited to sit on the BYRDS SW County Sub-Committee. This position is for a 4 year period which is renewable for one further 4 year term. Six events per county will be organised by each Co-ordinator for a calendar year. These events can only be held within the nominated county unless pre-agreed with the RDO, SW Rep and appropriate County Co-Ordinator. The six events will consist a minimum of 3 ridden clinics, 1 unmounted day, 1 viewing day and 1 squad riding day. The Unmounted day may be replaced with a combined mounted and unmounted day. The Viewing Days and Squadding Days will be organised along with the RDO and SW BYRDS Rep and may be combined days.

The Job!

- Find suitable dates and venue and then liaise with the RDO before confirming them to prevent clashes.
- Select trainers and liaise with the RDO before confirming them to ensure compliance and fairness
- Establish and submit a budget for review prior to confirmation of the event. All events must at least breakeven and if possible provide a small contribution towards regional expenses for team competitions, co-ordinator attendance at meetings etc
- Perform a risk assessment on any new venues and work closely with RDO to ensure that venues are suitable. Training provided.
- Provide the RDO and SW BYRDS Rep with a monthly summary of all activities within 2-3 days of the end of each month.
- Provide RDO with a Financial Summary (on BD Forms) of income and expenditure for all events on a timely basis and attach all relevant cheques/cash, invoices and receipts.
- Provide 3 newsy articles per year for the BYRDS SW Newsletter to be included in the County Communications Section.
- ALL squadding days will be centrally co-ordinated with the agreement in advance of the BYRDS Rep appointing the Squad Test Assessors in advance of the event. No squadding awards will be given if not pre-agreed.
- Promote BYRDS in the county where possible including press coverage but all articles/interviews to be reviewed prior to submission.

The County will select from their Viewing and Squadding days one team per county to enter into the Inter County Challenge each year at the SW BYRDS Festival of Dressage the criteria for which will be available soon!

BYRDS - CORNWALL - GLOS

County Round up- Cornwall

Dear All,

I am sorry to say that I will be retiring from organising Cornwall BYRDS, after the training day at Tall Trees 24th March 2012.

Increasing family commitments means I have to plan my busy schedule around teaching and show judging and I feel after being in the voluntary role for over 10 years it is time to retire.

I would like to thank EVERYONE who has made our BYRDS days so successful, enjoyable and educational. Losing Helen Sisson in February this year was a huge blow for this area, and as a dear friend and confidant I miss her terribly. Helen and I got together when I inquired from Dr Elizabeth Woodwood if it would be possible to organise BYRDS in Devon/Cornwall, as those members, including my daughter Kate, had to travel to Millfield or Badgeworth.. She said yes fine...would you organise ! Tall Trees Arena had just been refurbished and the Deithricks kindly offered us the use of fantastic facilities, and Clare, who was a member of BYRDS, started teaching having just qualified at Talland, so the team and venue were all in place in a very short time.

Over the ten years I think we have easily had around 70/80 young riders through the system, and I hope they all have happy memories, I certainly do. We have always strived to hold a full days training including demonstrations and lectures. Not only has it been the training but several ponies/horses have found their next rider after being outgrown, and many friendships made too. We have had a strong presence at Talent Spotting finals and National teams also. I was very honoured and surprised to win the BD volunteers award in 2007.

I wish you all luck in the future. I will always be happy to help where I can, so please keep me in the loop. I feel the loss of Talent Spotting has left a void and would like to see a similar scheme for Fledglings, my philosophy is start them young and keep them keen !

Best Wishes

Jane Hoskin

County Round up- Gloucestershire

Hello all !

I'm sure you all know me by now, but I thought I would just introduce myself as the Gloucestershire BYRDS co coordinator.

I have lived in Gloucester all my life and run Hollow Farm as a livery yard, where we have some winter training sessions booked for BYRDS.

BYRDS have had some training here over the last few years, which is always supported well, thank you.

I still ride and compete. To help with my teaching I try to keep my eye in on most disciplines, dressage, BSJA and eventing.

I also teach for the local pony clubs, guiding many children through their B test and further.

BYRDS have arranged some slightly different sessions here for the winter months, and we would be interested in what you may think of them, or if we can do anything different to help.

During the first training session in November, as well as riding, we have a Lucy Middlecote coming to see us to talk about horse first aid, or to answer any questions. Lucy now works at Hartpury, teaching vet nursing.

We then have a few lunge sessions, with goal setting, for the cold winter months. This will hopefully help you to improve your position and to focus on the new years competitions, helping the SOUTH WEST win again...because South West is the best !!

I had a lovely time teaching at camp this Autumn at Hartpury. You were all so receptive, a pleasure to teach. Thank you to all those who have sent me kind letters saying how much fun they had.

If I can be of any help, or if you would like to make any training suggestions in this area, please give me a call.

Hope to see you all soon

Helen James

UNDER 21'S AND UNDER 25'S NEWS

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U21's UK (Carol Hogg) competition at Addington on 11th March.

BD regions will not be putting together or sending official teams for this show and no participation is required by RDO's or BYRDS Regional Representatives.

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The U25's competition at Keysoe on 24 & 25 March is an U21 FEI & Premier League show as the Selectors requested this earlier in the year to help them with Selection.

The College are also, at the request of the BYRDS Committee; holding BYRDS Rider Test classes on these days.

This gives our U25 riders a chance to ride these tests in a competitive environment. It is a great opportunity for regional riders as it not only gives them this experience but they will also be able to see the Pony, Junior and YR's who are aspiring for European Teams this year competing in the FEI classes.

The College will put riders who are entering the Rider Tests on both tests into random teams to make it a friendly competition. Regions will **not be** required to select or submit teams for this event and it will not count as one of the Regional Team competitions that BYRDS riders are allowed to compete in, as per the Regional Selection policy.

We hope that all regions will support this competition and encourage their riders to enter as it is a great opportunity.

ADDINGTON

KEYSOE

BYRDS 2012 SQUADDING DAYS

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The following Squadding opportunities will be held in 2012

The days are intended to be whole days of training and Squad Practice, they are each priced at £45 and Helen Griffiths will attend them all to ensure that we have total consistency over the entire region.

Please try and attend one of the days. If you are not able to make any of the dates and want to be squadded before the Festival please contact Mandy Heath to discuss. Mandy can be contact either by email Amanda.Heath@britishdressage.co.uk or on 07894232355

4th February 2012

Millfield School, Equestrian Centre
Book by emailing Amanda.Heath@britishdressage.co.uk

SQUADDING

'Old BYRDS'

Daisy Cornwall,, I am told, did well in the Riding Clubs Championship.
She, and Toby Pigott have both started life at the Royal Agricultural College. Toby can get home to work his young horses, & I am sure D,i, his Mum, is a groom par excellence! Clemmie Moore has gone back to school to take a set of A levels, after working for National Trust since O levels at Castle Drogo..I believe she & her mother are regretfully loaning out Baxter for a while. Philly Roberts is in her last year at Hartpury, & while sadly her own horse cannot stay sound doing advanced dressage, Nick Burton is allowing her the ride of his own horse which is now stabled at Hartpury. Olivia Oakely meanwhile is also into her A level work at Hartpury & Rio is carrying on with his training with help from Nick & ofcourse Carl. Flossy Prosser has started at Cardiff Em Harris & Steph Pike are well into their Uni courses, & Olivia Kuropatwa is enjoying the Gemology course she is doing as well as working full time in Hatton Gardens.. Abbie Hughes & her sponsor are looking for young Eventers, & Abbie has handed on the big brown mare as after a wonderful start with Abbie as at 2* level the big mare is now a man's ride.

Rosie will be competing Small Tour I believe with Abbie. . Lizzy Pyle takes her Dental Nurse's final exams on November 17th. Her boyfriend has got a new engineering job in Bristol, which sounds easier than Northumberland for them to meet up, & Holly Dennis has got engaged to her long time boyfriend Aran. If any one knows what else anyone is up to, I have had several requests to hear news of "past" BYRDS. Many of you in Devon & Cornwall I will be sad to hear that due to family commitments, Jane Hoskin, who with Helen Sissons has done so much good for BYRDS in the South West is, retiring being Cornwall Co-ordinator, due to increased family commitments.. I am sure she would love to hear from "her" Devon & Cornish lot.that she did so much for aided by the generosity of the Diethrick family at Tall Trees.. Janehos@hotmail.co.uk

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'Keysoe'

"After our pre-Inter Regional Clinic we had 5 teams planned, but by 10.00am on Friday 9th July, just as I was leaving home for Keysoe, we had yet another rider unable to attend, and I was down to 4 teams and a lot of juggling around!!

On the Friday evening those that had made it had a team meeting with myself and Amanda Heath, our RDO. It was a chance for first timers to get a true feel for the competition, and the size of the venue. The arena walks were very welcome especially for those who were uncertain how their pony/horse would react in such a busy environment. Our youngest rider, Ollie Thompson, was particularly keen to get out into the arena as "Mufti can be naughty about silly things".

The Saturday morning competition was in its first hour when disaster struck - the PA system in the indoor school where youngsters were warming up let out a deafening screech and a sound like gunfire which sent horses and ponies into a mad panic, and a minute of mayhem ensued. Emma Littlewood parted company with her horse, and on her way to the ground a runaway pony tried to jump her but caught her in the head. As she lay on the floor with a very bloody head wound, our unofficial "team Doctor", Doc Parker, (Felicity's father is a doctor in the Army) was immediately into action, and was just magnificent in calming the situation down, and dealing with the casualty. Emma was soon on her way to Bedford Hospital in an ambulance. Just as she and her mum were leaving, Emma's father Mark turned to Linda and said "Not how you planned to spend your birthday!" Later on Saturday we were able to give Linda a hearty rendering of "Happy Birthday"!

The South West riders and support crew had a quick whip round so that we could buy Emma a new stock and gloves - we would never have got hers "whiter than white" in time for Sunday. Louise and Phoebe were sent off to find the trade stands and get the best deal!!

Emma returned on Saturday afternoon sporting half a dozen stitches, and determined to ride on the Sunday. Fortunately Saturday passed with no further major incident, and our riders produced solid team tests. Helen discovered on her rounds in the lorry park that Felicity Parker makes a very good lemon drizzle cake and her father a cracking cuppa! Checking up on the wounded on Saturday night, Helen asked if all was well in the Littlewood camp to which Mark replied "No!" When asked why that was, he explained "We may have run out of wine!"

Sunday was the final day of team tests, and the South West riders were determined to improve on the previous day. Emma was given the "all clear", and when asked how she felt said "Terrified!", though you would never have thought it as she entered the arena looking ready for business. Well into the day Helen found Charlie Sawyer's mother hiding behind a wheelie bin, and when asked if she was alright she replied "I can't watch!" Charlie was in the middle of his A Squad Test. The fastest mum over 100 metres has to be Val Jones, Immie's mum, who sprinted back to the lorry to fetch her daughter's jacket as Immie was due in the arena!

With all tests completed, and the photo shoot done, it was off to the prize giving. All our South West riders produced great results, culminating in our winning the Team Championship, much to our surprise and delight! The excellent performances reflect the support and hard work of all the County Co-Ordinators, trainers, and riders'

families. Helen and Chris Dannan (trainer) were last seen doing a Highland Jig to celebrate! Helen would like to extend a big thank you to all involved in South West BYRDS - we make a great team!"



BYRDS HIGH PERFORMANCE CAMPS

Southern

RIDER	PONY/HORSE
Imogen Ashwood	Ouquet
Fiona Brennan	DHI Rainman
Pippa Corbett	Sea Sapphire Dance
Matthew Fancy	Parnassus
Summer Foley	Wunderbar
Sarah Frank	Ulrich won Lichtenstein
Ella Garfoot	Noblesse
Charlotte Granger	Brer Fox II
Debbie Halstead	Zermatt
Danielle Holt	Boozuz
Ellie Jolleys	Top Yellow
Ruth Kennerley	Don Deinde MKM
Megan Kilmurry	By Chance
Carly Letch	Rihanna
Darcas Lever	Valentijn WG
Beth Logan	Sebastiaan
Victoria Maw	Bon Rouge CH
Laura Milner	Lyndon Hall
Antonia Oakes	Don Princess
Alex O'Mara	Mr Incredible
Megan Roberts	Machno Countryman
Ryan Todd	Rembrandt II
Genevieve Walters	Always Owen
Emily Watts	Riona G
Chloe Whitney	Dunn to a T
Lauren Wilson	Embla Phoenix Piper

Northern

NAME	NAME OF HORSE
Amy Blount	Gkar
Emily Blount	Independent Missile
Nina Boex	Pepperswood Grentina
Holly Browne	Niknak
Emily Carmichael	Wolkenlos
Gemma Cheney	Krack – de – Niro
Roberta Collyer	Solomin
Charis Davies	Vict
Georgia Davis	Richmans Manta
Taylor Denness	Amaro O
Natasha Edwards	Picadero
Jennifer Gates	Dunkel Hiet
Harriet Gray	Giorgio Armani
Katrina Hall	King of the Street
Daisy Jackson	Saint Swithen's
Amy McCormick	Vazine
Sophie Moultrie	Zachary IV
Amy Nash	Hollo Oscar
Laura Randall	Galanthus
Shannon Rule	Disco Diamond
Charlie Sawyer	Zandiego
Alexandra Shaw	Highmark
Matilda Stent	Late Night Jazz
Rebecca Tilton	Valliant
Isabelle Whiting	Zsu Zso
Alice Wotton	Juststanley

HIGH PERFORMANCE

BYRDS

BYRDS 2012 Team Events

Please tick and return this form to Mandy Heath @ amanda.heath@britishdressage.co.uk to indicate which team events you might be interested in attending to represent the region in 2012.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: _____

County: _____

I would like to be considered (if appropriate) for the SW BYRDS Teams at

BYRDS Home International 2012, Bishop Burton, Yorkshire Oct 2012

BYRDS Inter Regionals 2012, The College, Bedford 1st & 2nd July 2012

Sheepgate 20th to 24th August 2012 (part of this period only)

BYRDS Festival of Dressage 2012 – Millfield, Somerset 6 & 7 April 2012

Remember you may be considered to ride as part of one of the Inter County Teams at the West Wilts Show we are organizing for ALL riders, this is not a BYRDS Show but please indicate on this form if you would be interested.

The criteria for team selection and participation is also attached.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ONLY TO AMANDA HEATH
for central co-ordination of interest of team competitions**

ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY 29 FEBRUARY 2012

BYRDS 2012 TRAINING DATES

21 Jan 2012	Chris Dannan/Chapel Farm, Upton, East Knoyle, Wilts, SP3 6BW/£32 or £42 / judithparker218@btinternet.com
22 Jan 2012	Claire Moir/Ali Byrne Manton/£47/ dscrimgeour@collegefields.com
29 Jan 2012	Hollow Farm, Hardwick, Gloucester, GL2 3SG, Helen James £35 / Lunging to improve position and Goal Setting for 2012 / please state if not able to use own horse as one can be provided / Helen@hollowfarm.co.uk
4 Feb 2012	Helen Griffiths – Squadding Day - Test Riding / Millfield / £45 / Amanda.heath@britishdressage.co.uk
5 Feb 2012	Manton Test Riding Clinic/£30/ dscrimgeour@collegefields.com
14 Feb 2012	Claire Moir/Half Moon Stud (pm)/£57 amandaheath@britishdressage.co.uk
17 Feb 2012	Clinic to be confirmed@dscrimgeour@collegefields.com
26 Feb 2012	Hollow Farm, Hardwick, Gloucester, GL2 3SG/Helen Griffiths - Squadding Day - Test Riding/Hardwick / £45 / james609@btinternet.com
3 Mar 2012	Chris Dannan/Chapel Farm; East Knoyle, SP3 6BW/£50/ judithparker218@btinternet.com
13 March 2012	Claire Moir/Half Moon Stud (pm)/£57 amandaheath@britishdressage.co.uk
18 Mar 2012	Helen James/Hardwick, GL2 3SG Helen@hollowfarm.co.uk
24 March 2012	Claire Deitrich & Helen Griffiths – Squadding Day - Test Riding /Tall Trees/1 full day clinic /£45
10 April 2012	Claire Moir/Half Moon Stud (pm)/£57 amandaheath@britishdressage.co.uk
6 May 2012	Claire Moir and Ali Byrne/Manton/£47 dscrimgeour@collegefields.com
8 May 2012	Claire Moir/Half Moon Stud (pm)/£57 amandaheath@britishdressage.co.uk
20 May	Hollow Farm, Hardwick, Gloucester, GL2 3SG/Helen James/Hardwick / £35 / Helen@hollowfarm.co.uk
5 & 6 June	Claire Moir, Helen Griffiths, Ali Byrne/Manton/£47 dscrimgeour@collegefields.com
6 June	Claire Deitrick/Tall Trees/1 full day clinic/£40/Amanda.heath@britishdressage.co.uk
24 June	Hollow Farm, Hardwick, Gloucester, GL2 3SG/Helen James/Hardwick / £35 / Helen@hollowfarm.co.uk
1 July	Squad Test Riding/Manton/£TBA dscrimgeour@collegefields.com

For cancellation on the day or part way through a course no refund will be paid. Bookings cancelled prior to the start of a course may not be eligible for a refund unless the space on the course can be filled.

TRAINING 2012

BYRDS 2012 TRAINING DATES

Please reserve me	Place (s)
On	Judge Training / Senior Training/Coaching/ BYRDS Training / Other Training or event Please specify if other: Please circle the one you wish to attend
If attending Judge training, please state level you are applying	Prelim / Novice / Elem / Med / Ad Med / Advanced / PSG / Inter 1 / Inter 2 / GP / Other Please circle as appropriate
Date of Event	
Location of Event	
£ enclosed – cheques payable to British Dressage	£
SAE Enclosed	Yes / No
Name of attendee (s)	Contact Details:
Email:	
Phone:	Mobile:

For cancellation on the day or part way through a course no refund will be paid. Bookings cancelled prior to the start of a course may not be eligible for a refund unless the space on the course can be filled.

Please complete this form and return it to:

The clinic organiser listed against the date you wish to attend

Or to Amanda Heath, Regional Development Officer

British Dressage, Rosudgeon, Brockhampton, Swindon Village, Cheltenham, Glos. GL51 9RS

Phone: 07894232355

Email: amandaheath@britishdressage.co.uk

If you are under 18 years of age, this form must be signed by a parent or guardian, if you are attending training other than BYRDS Specified training, signing this form indicates that you accept that the training may not always be taken by a person who holds a Child Awareness Certificate.

Date: _____

REGIONAL SELECTION POLICY

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OBJECTIVE OF SELECTION POLICY

The over-riding aim of the Selection Policy is to guide selection of Regional teams in a fair, equitable and transparent way. Selection for Teams is open to all British Dressage members resident in the respective BD Region.

Selection is subject to compliance with British Dressage, BEF and FEI Rules on doping and medication control for Human and Equine.

The Selection Policy applies to the selection of riders / teams for the following:

- Senior Home International
- Senior Inter-Regional Competition
- BYRDS Home Internationals (including Ireland)
- BYRDS Inter-Regional Competition
- Sheepgate BYRDS Under 25 Championship

SELECTION PANEL

All Selectors will be appointed by the British Dressage Regional Committee. They will have the knowledge and experience required to effectively select teams and will be as free from all vested interests / conflicts of interest as is possible. A register of Declarations of Interest will be maintained by the CEO of British Dressage and is available for inspection.

The Selection Panel will comprise the following:-

- BYRD's Representative / Senior Training Representative (dependent on level of team)
- Regional Development Officer
- 1 x other individual considered to have suitable experience and no perceived conflict of interest

If any member of the Selection Panel would like to be considered for selection then they must stand down from the Selection Panel for the relevant event and should not take part in selection.

NB: Subject to budgetary constraints, Regional Committees are encouraged to consider using the third selection position for an individual from outside the region. Where this is not possible, it is vital the selector should have no connections to individuals being considered.

ELIGIBILITY / AVAILABILITY FOR CONSIDERATION

The RDO will be responsible to ensure that all riders available for selection have current British Dressage membership.

Only riders fulfilling the criteria stated in the schedule will be considered for selection.

REGIONAL SELECTION POLICY

Riders applying for consideration for selection **MUST** ensure their availability for the dates of the respective competition they are applying for. Received applications will deem to be automatic acceptance of the published competition dates.

Riders will only be considered for **TWO** team competitions in any one calendar year. Therefore BYRDS riders will only be eligible for two of the three competitions listed in the selection policy. However, in exceptional circumstances (e.g. the region has too few riders who meet the required eligibility levels), this restriction may be waived with the approval of the Regional Committee.

Riders are also required to have attended **THREE** BD regional training events in the 12 month period preceding the final selection date.

Regional residential camps will be counted as **TWO** BD regional training events.

For Senior selection – **ONE** non-ridden session may be considered (e.g. DVD evenings, veterinary talks).

For BYRDS selection – **ONE** non-ridden session may be considered (e.g. Proficiency test session, DVD evenings, veterinary talks).

BYRDS riders are required to submit their progress charts to their BYRDS representatives as required.

SELECTION COMPETITIONS /VIEWING DAYS

If a Selection or Viewing event is held the RDO will inform all riders who have expressed interest in team selection and will make it clear if the event is compulsory or optional for riders who wish to be selected. It will also be clear if the Selection Panel will be present at the event, and if the results from the event are to play a major part in selection.

CONFIDENTIALITY

It is vitally important for the integrity of the Selection Policy and those involved in its application both as riders, owners, selectors or other officials, that there is at all times a high degree of confidentiality relating to information which may have a bearing on selection.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Selectors wish to make it as clear as possible to everybody concerned the reasons for their selection and the following is important:-

Results

Selection will be based primarily on results.

The Selectors will monitor the results from BD competitions at the level the rider will be required to compete at the Home Internationals / Sheepgate / Senior Inter-regionals. The previous 12 months results will be considered, although consistency and recent form will take priority.

For selection for BYRDS inter-regional results in rider squad tests will be of primary importance.

Past form at major events, the ability of the horse and rider to stand up to the pressure required when riding at a Home International, past experience of riding in a team may be taken into consideration by the selectors.

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Team Spirit

Team spirit is of utmost importance and the Selectors expect riders and their supporters to have a good attitude towards activities. A high level of commitment to all the varied aspects for the preparation process is expected and vital.

Therefore, Selectors will consider the individual's approach to Regional activity when making their final selection.

The Selectors reserve the right not to send a team to any competition.

FITNESS

Although good results in competitions are important, the onus is on the riders not to over campaign their horses / ponies.

It is important that riders plan ahead so they and their horse / pony are in the best form for the designated Home International / Inter Regional / Sheepgate.

FINANCE

All Home Internationals / Inter Regional competitions will be entirely self-funded by riders in 2012.

Regions may conduct fund-raising activity to assist riders with the funding of attendance at the competition. Details will be available via the RDO.

RULES

All Selected riders agree to abide by the rules of the competition at all times.

SUBSTITUTION

The Selectors may substitute a Team member for a Reserve between the announcement of the Team up to one hour before the Veterinary Inspection (Home International) or start of competition (Inter Regionals / Sheepgate). However the reason for a substitution must be only because either there is a strong veterinary case for substitution or the performance of the Team member has dropped off to such an extent that for the success of the Team a substitution is vital. The latter situation will almost certainly occur as a result of a veterinary problem which it may or may not be possible to define given the time/resources available at the time.

If the decision is made to change a Team member for a reserve then this issue must be handled in a very sensitive and sympathetic manner.

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CHANGES IN POLICY

The Selectors will have the right to amend or change selection policies where necessary at any time in order to fulfil the objectives of the Selection Policy as long as these changes and amendments are clearly communicated to all parties.

CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT

In the event of cancellation the relevant parties will be notified straightaway. In the event of postponement a situation might arise where a new and/or different squad needs to be selected in which case all parties will be notified and normal procedure for selection will be followed.

FORCE MAJEURE

In the event of exceptional circumstances beyond the NGB's control e.g. disease outbreak in horses or humans, war or terrorism, the British Dressage Board reserves the right to make the decision either to change the selection policy or procedure which might include withdrawing the Teams from competition or cancelling the competition.

VETERINARY / MEDICAL

Short listed riders must notify their RDO / **BYRDS Representative** of any change in their own health or fitness status, or their horse / pony health status or veterinary / medical management immediately.

AVAILABILITY

A rider's application (to be considered for selection) is taken as a rider's declaration to be available for the dates of the competition for which they have applied.

ENQUIRIES

Enquiries about the Selection Policy can be made either in writing or on the telephone to the RDO in the first instance or relevant Selector.

APPEALS PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

Riders have the right to appeal against the decision of the selectors. Appeals must be made in writing within 48 hrs of the announcements. Appeals must be sent to the Chief Executive of British Dressage. If the Chief Executive is not able to satisfy the appellant's concerns the appeal may be forwarded to the BEF. The processes and procedures of the BEF Appeals process are set out in the BEF Rule Book.

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