



Anne Dunham MBE

Date of birth: 24 September 1948

Lives: Broad Hinton, Wilts

Major achievements: Anne, who is classified as a grade Ia rider, which is the level for the most disabled competitors, has won 13 gold as well as countless silver and bronze medals. In the year she turned 60, she won team and individual gold as well as freestyle silver at the 2008 Paralympic Games.

She is the only Brit to have competed in all four Paralympic Games and the only person to have won team gold at each. Anne was awarded an MBE in the 2009 New Year Honours List for services to disabled sport.

During 2010, Anne has won the majority of her classes riding Teddy, with highlights including 1st in the individual test at Mannheim CPEDI with 73% and three wins at Hartpury CPEDI, scoring 75.09% in the team test, 74.83% in the individual test and 76% in the freestyle.

Current competition horses:

- Teddy, a 16hh Welsh Section D chestnut gelding, born in 1997 and owned by Sally Ann Brown.

First competitive experience: "A hunter trial when I was aged 40 and had been wheelchair-bound for 10 years."

Trainer: Pammy Hutton

Most admired riders: Carl Hester and Pammy Hutton

Qualities looked for in a dressage horse: "Good paces and temperament, but preferably not a bay – they are so common. I always look for something a bit different."

Favourite dressage venues: Addington Equestrian Centre, Bucks, and Moorsele in Belgium.

What other career would you have chosen: Teacher

Favourite meal: Cheese and broccoli quiche and salad.

Favourite drink: G&T

Anne was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis shortly after her daughter was born when she was 27 and has been wheelchair bound since she was 30.

Anne recalls "always being with horses" and joined the Horse Ranger Association, which she describes as "girl guides with horses", as a young girl. During her school years, Anne used to work at a local stable in her spare time and, by the time she was 16, she was running a yard of 80 horses at weekends.

"I always wanted to compete, but I would ride other people's horses and they would compete them," says Anne.

It wasn't until she was 40 and her husband sold his business that she finally became a horse owner and had the opportunity to compete. They bought a farm in Wales and turned it into a holiday home and riding school.

Anne teaches able-bodied and disabled riders as well as being involved in advising her county council on how to help wheelchair users get around.

In 2003, Anne was awarded the British Dressage Outstanding Contribution Award for her services to paralympic dressage.

