



# OPEN DAY FOR MEN 'WHO ARE INTERESTED IN DOING DRESSAGE' on 18th SEPT 2010 starting at 11am

At MANOR GRANGE STUD, WEST YORKS WF110AZ



**With only 8% of the Region's membership being men—why don't more men do dressage? This statistic is typical across the country.**

Neil Briggs (pictured left) is interested in finding out more and has noticed first hand the lack of men participating in the sport. He said:

*'Having started the sport of Dressage some eighteen months ago I was amazed at the lack of male competitors at the events. Some would say it's a little daunting to be the only male at the competition the whole day!'*

Neil felt quite strongly that more men should be encouraged into the sport, as he has seen quite a few men present at competitions supporting, calling, being grooms to girlfriends, or sometimes having

a go themselves, but then not being seen competing again.

He has decided to do something about it:

*'I had a chat with Chrissie Havis the Northern RDO and told her some of the daunting thoughts about sometimes being the only male competing! She asked me to put together some ideas on how to get more males into the sport. We have decided to go ahead with a men's open day to be held at Manor Grange Stud on the 18th September, where we will have a professional male rider to answer all your questions on the foes of Dressage and give a demonstration on one of his horses. The day will be free of charge—so please come along!'*



This is a totally free event and we hope it will be well supported. If anyone would like more information, please call Neil on 07771 735061 or [neilbriggs@harbourcroft.com](mailto:neilbriggs@harbourcroft.com)

