



NORTHERN REGION SUMMER 2009 E-NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the very full Summer e-newsletter from the Northern region! There are so many opportunities for everyone – be sure you are not missing out! Keep checking the BD Northern page for all updates

http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/your_regions/northern_region

If you have any ideas for inclusion in the next newsletter (September) please let me know! Thank you to all for the contributions to this newsletter! The deadline for adverts in the Autumn newsletter is 3rd September 2009.

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SENIOR FOCUS

There is a strong Senior Training Focus to this newsletter! Please see the 3 attachments listed below!

- Senior Inter Regional Report, May 2009 by Lara Dyson – thank you to Lara for taking the time to do such a great job! If you were a rider at the Senior Inter Regionals 2008 and haven't yet received your certificate please contact Chrissie.
- Senior Home International schedule Oct 2009 – what is it all about and how to get involved
- Senior Camps so far this year Mar/May 2009 – comments and photos

AREA FESTIVALS

We have 4 Area Festivals in our region this year. Is anyone interested in doing a report including a photo or 2 for each Area Festival? If so please let Chrissie know!

REC – North Yorks 22 – 23 Aug
Manor Grange Stud - West Yorks 4 – 6 Sept
Sheepgate EC – Lincoln 26 - 27 Sep
Vale View EC– Leics 3 – 4 Oct

http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/your_regions/northern_region

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are always looking for new ways to collect email addresses so that BD Northern information is available to more people! If you have any ideas please let Chrissie know!

VOLUNTEERS

If you might be interested in helping out the BD Northern region in any way – large or small then please contact Peggie Matthew – the Northern Volunteers Co-ordinator on PeggieMatthew@aol.com

STEWARDS

Michele Codd from the Northern Region has written a stewarding article on Page 36 of the latest BD June/July magazine. Take a look!

ORGANISERS

BD competition dates are already sorted until June 2010.

The 3 dates for the next Northern Organiser meetings (discussing and sorting July 2010 dates onwards are: Monday, 10th August @ Frys Summer Regs, East Yorks @ 7pm

Tuesday 11th August @ Richmond EC, N Yorks @ 7pm

Wednesday, 19th August at Field House EC, Staffs @ 7pm

Sandwiches & refreshments will be available from 6.30pm at meetings in red and at catering facilities during the competition at Frys. Organisers please contact Chrissie to confirm attendance by no later than a week before the meeting you'd like to attend.

NORTHERN PARA ACTIVITY

Cathy Burrell (Northern Para Rep) has been working hard and there have been monthly para clinics recently. The next 2 training dates are:

14 Jun **Para training day - getting ready for Championships with Jane Goldsmith** / Wakefield RDA Centre / Contact Cathy Burrell on cathyeburrell@aol.com or 07912448732 **Open to PARAS and open to SPECTATORS**

5 Jul **Para training day with Jane Bartle-Wilson** / Wakefield RDA Centre / Contact Cathy Burrell on cathyeburrell@aol.com or 07912448732 **Open to PARAS**

A quote from one of the days:

'I was impressed with Louise, her summary and methods and found the session very beneficial. I do hope another session can be arranged especially with Louise as she now has our profiles. From a personal point of view someone of Louise's experience would be a big benefit. It might be an idea to do a write up or email as to the benefits of someone like Louise, as I believe a more active take up from other riders would be encouraged. Big thank you to you, for arranging a very rewarding session.

Andrea <http://www.freewebs.com/andreaevansparadessage/index.htm>

http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/your_regions/northern_region

NEW - FOUNDATION SQUADS (Aimed at PARA and BYRDS riders)

Please read below and if interested contact Emma White (BEF) **immediately for further info.**

The North East and Yorkshire Regional Development Co-ordinator and Regional Coach: Emma White
T: 07900 811377 E: emma.white@bef.co.uk

Five Regional Foundation Squads aiming to produce a pool of up and coming talented riders are being launched across England.

The squads, which have been set up through funding from Sport England and are being co-ordinated by the British Equestrian Federation (BEF), will include the four Olympic disciplines and one Paralympic discipline of dressage, eventing, show jumping and para-equestrian dressage. The aim is that the squads will identify talented riders who are not currently on the BEFs World Class Programme.

Eight riders from each of the disciplines, aged between 16 and 24 years old, will be selected for each of the five regions; North, East Midlands, West Midlands, South East - including London, and South West.

The programme, which is being developed in partnership with British Dressage, British Eventing and the British Show Jumping Association, will provide selected riders with the opportunity to have access to top equestrian specialists including; coaches, physiotherapists, psychologists, vets and nutritionists via a series of clinics.

"The financial support received from Sport England is allowing this stepping stone to be put in place at regional level," comments BEF head of regional development, Maggie Still. "We hope that this extra support will make selection onto the World Class programmes more achievable for talented performers.

"The idea is to develop a pool of regional talent to help support the strength of our equestrian Olympic and Paralympic squads in years to come. We are looking for exceptionally talented riders - so strong judging criteria applies."

Amanda Bond, chief executive of British Dressage sums up the support of the individual sports for the programme: "We are really excited by the new Foundation Squads as it will allow many more riders to benefit from training and support. To have a programme that encompasses both able-bodied and para sport will really help us further develop the talented riders we are seeing coming through the regions. It is a real boost to our existing regional activity."

BYRDS

Northern BYRDS continues to be really busy thanks to the hard work of Hannah Moody (BYRDS rep). There have been 2 busy camps and 2 regional competitions so far this year. There is a lot coming up in the BYRDS calendar over the Summer. To read about the recent fantastic results at Cavan (see photo below) and all the other BYRDS goings on visit www.moody-dressage.co.uk

The next BYRDS Camp is 10-11 Oct at Willerby Hill Farm, East Yorks / Download details from www.moody-dressage.co.uk

http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/your_regions/northern_region



Jody Lewis, Zoe Haigh, Christina Hall Jackson, Harry Wakeman, Olivia Leak and Lottie Fry

The preparations are well underway for The **Sheepgate BYRDS Under 25's Dressage Championships** on **18th – 22nd August 2009**. The schedule can be viewed at www.sheepgate.co.uk now. Sheepgate would be delighted to hear from anyone who might be available to write for judges on any of the days. Please contact sarah@sheepgate.co.uk if you're interested. Thank you.

Equestrian
plus

The June issue of Equestrian Plus is available to view now - please click on the link below.

www.equestrianplus.co.uk

There is a report on the **BYRDS Northern Region Championships** on p44. You need to register with the site to be able to read it online but it's easy to do and doesn't cost anything. There's also a free competition to win a Rambo saddle bag and lots of other reports!

JUDGE TRAINING

See http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/your_regions/northern_region for future dates.

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JUDGES UPGRADES

Judge Testing at Somerford Park PL – Congratulations to the following judges who have upgraded. Northern judges in bold.

List 1

Sarah Pidgley (2A)

List 2A

Sue Carson (2)

Carole Thornton (2)

Tim Downes (2)

Helen Bradley (2)

List 2

Jane Mcgarel Groves (3)

Andrea Smith (3A)

Margot Tiffany (3A)

Andrew Fletcher (3)



YOUNG HORSE CLASSES by Lara Dyson

Young Horse Classes

Well where to start having bought and imported a lightly broken 3 year old Oldenburg mare from Germany last November little did i think i would have qualified her for the Badminton Young Horse of the Future or the Shearwater Young Horse class. Having previously been a keen amateur event rider I remember thinking about the possibility of one day doing the Burghley Young event Horse when I next bought a young horse, however having decided that keeping four legs on the floor was more comfortable for me I decided to look into the dressage equivalents.

Badminton Young Dressage Horse is a unique competition that enables amateurs and professional riders from all over the country compete against each other to qualify for the final at the wonderful setting of Badminton Park. Much to my surprise Dixi (Cyden Debonair) my four year old won the 4 year old section at the qualifier at Manor Grange Stud in May so we are now working towards the final in July. This qualifier involved a 4 minute freestyle test to include all three gaits and was a new experience for me choreographing a test to suit but actually one I quite enjoyed!!

Having done this qualifier and Dixi behaving almost too well I decided to try and qualify for the Shearwater 4 year old again at Manor Grange Stud, this involved the standard BD set four year old test and after a day of storms then bright sunshine I was really pleased to have qualified!!

Having attended two Northern Region Camps at Willerby in February and May with Dixi, I felt this really helped prepare me and her for the competing season ahead of us and much to my surprise/relief she appears to be taking all in her stride! Just hoping I won't be swallowing my words at the Badminton Young Horse Championships in July!!!

http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/your_regions/northern_region

SPONSORS

Sponsors are needed for large and small events throughout the year for the Northern region. You or your company could sponsor a newsletter / a regional competition or the Northern Senior Teams at the Home International in October? There are many different opportunities available. Please contact Chrissie or Sarah Huntridge to discuss if you are interested

SENIORS

Sarah Huntridge has been working very hard and now Senior Training is getting busier and busier! The main events are the Senior Inter Regional Competition in May (see attached report) and the Senior Home International Competition in October (see attached details and schedule)

There are also 3 Senior Camps per year and lots of training and test riding days throughout the year across the region. See http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/your_regions/northern_region for future dates.

Senior Camps – see the attached quotes and photos from this year's camps (so far)

Here is one of the quotes:

'I am just emailing to say thanks to you and Sarah for a fantastic weekend at camp!

I have only just joined British Dressage, and coming from an eventing back ground I was worried that I didn't know anybody or worse still that I didn't have the "right type" of horse.

Odessa III is a 15hh coloured thoroughbred cross, not your typical dressage horse, but that didn't matter, it was great to see such a large variety of different horses, my preconceptions of the "right type of horse" disappeared as soon as I arrived. Everyone was so friendly and Odessa and I fitted in just fine.

The weekend was great fun, I've taken loads of positive pointers home to work on and hopefully I've made some new friends!

Thanks again for arranging a great weekend, and please pass my thanks on to all of the trainers, the lessons were very educational and I feel super motivated to get out and about to some competitions – I think I might be becoming a dressage convert!!!!'

Hannah Cutler

PILATES we are hoping to organize a couple of 6 week pilates courses for dressage riders. They are likely to be in Derbys and Yorks during Sept-Nov time. Watch out for further info!

NORTHERN REGION CLOTHING

For all Northern region clothing please visit <http://www.beeembroidery.co.uk/>

BEF contact links

http://www.bef.co.uk/In_the_Regions/The_North_East_and_Yorkshire.html

http://www.bef.co.uk/In_the_Regions/East_Midlands_and_the_East.html

http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/your_regions/northern_region

FOCUS ON A NORTHERN RIDER – LAURA JARVIS



How/when did you start riding?

I started riding when I was 5 with Emma Day who was my trainer for the next 12 years. I'd always wanted to ride and Emma was recommended by someone I met when I started school. I had a lesson a week on whatever horse Emma could find until I started my first half loan when I was about 12. I had a few loans over the next couple of years then when I was 16 my parents bought me my own pony - a 5yr old 13' 2" coloured cob - Hurricane Lilly.

What have been your high points so far?

Winning Young Rider Talent Spotting Final on Diesel - I never dreamed it would be possible. Being presented with a Special Award this year at the Northern BYRDS Awards Evening I was just so chuffed! Also when I got my first change on Diesel 'on my aid'!!

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And low points?

Losing Lilly - going to find her in the field that afternoon was my worst nightmare.

What do you like the most about riding/horses?

The partnership you build when training a horse and the feeling you get when you manage to achieve what you had wanted.

Dislike?

The worry of getting it wrong with your horse! Not making a mistake in a test - getting the training wrong!

Name your favourite horse to date....and why?

Blue Hors Matine - she was just inspirational

If you could ride any horse which one would it be?

Hurricane Lilly - I lost Lilly a few months after affiliating to BD using the prize we won as 2005 Trailblazers Champions. My riding has improved so much in those few years and I'd just love to ride her now and get those medium strides out of her that I know were 'just waiting to come out'!!

Which rider do you most admire?

Lee Pearson, to win titles against able bodied riders is incredible

Who would you most like to have a lesson with?

Carl Hester - I know he is probably the most common reply to this question but I have watched him riding recently and he is a truly amazing rider. If anyone was born to ride it's him and I'd love to gain some of that expertise.

What future plans with horses have you got?

I have recently made the difficult decision to give up my University degree to concentrate on my love of horses. I hope to develop a career working with horses and riders. I'm just starting some teaching and I've had some really positive feedback up to now. I'm learning so much about different horses and just how much it can help if I get on the horse and actually feel what the owner is feeling in order for me to help them work through the next stage. One day I hope to be as good a coach as my current trainer Hannah Moody and if anyone wants to help me on my way and take advantage of my low rates and passion for riding please contact me at

luckylauraj@hotmail.com

Finally, share a funny moment with us....something that made you laugh!

One of the funniest things I remember was going to see Diesel the morning after the 'Your Horse Event' at Stoneleigh. Mum and I had gone for the day and wanted to stay for the evening performance so Dad said he'd bring Diesel in and rug him up for the cold night ahead. I rang him to check he'd remembered and settled down to enjoy the performance. Next morning when I arrived at the stable I noticed Diesel's rug was a different colour. When I went into the stable to investigate I found him wearing his own rug - INSIDE OUT - with the fastenings all properly fastened, but on the inside of the rug instead of the outside!! Goodness knows how Dad managed to get it fastened!!

COACHES ACTIVITIES

UKCC Level 3 Dressage - update

The British Dressage level 3 pilot workshops and assessment have now been completed. The candidate coaches from this pilot scheme have also been formally assessed with 4 candidates passing the qualification.

Throughout the pilot workshops it has become apparent that the technical knowledge of the majority of trainers is below the standard of UKCC level 3 Dressage and therefore it is strongly suggested that the majority of trainers should begin at levels 1 and 2 which are generic.

Candidates can follow any of the following routes to gain levels 1 and 2:

BHS: Training Department - tel: 01926 707700

BSJA: Michaela Darby - michaelad@bsja.co.uk

Pony Club: Nicola Fitter – tel: 02476 698301

In the long term BD may look at having a generic level 2 (with a dressage slant) but at present we are concentrating on the development of level 3 Dressage.

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SCHEDULES



British Dressage Dates

Wednesday June 17th

Sunday July 12th

Sunday August 2nd

Sunday August 23rd

Late entries accepted at no extra cost

Tel 01400 272275

Mobile 07971 406582

Schedules available on

www.elmsfarmequestrian.com



Elms Farm Equestrian

British Dressage

17th June 2009

Class 1 Prelim 7

Class 2 Novice 25

Class 3 Novice 27

Class 4 Elementary 44

Class 5 Elementary 50

Class 6 Medium 61

Class 7 Medium 69

Class 8 Advanced Medium 94

Entry Fee to £15. Rosettes to 6th place. First Prize £16

Entries Close Friday Before Show

Times available on website Monday before the show.

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Have you qualified for The **Sheepgate Tack & Togs Championship on 27th & 28th June 2009**? Check out the news page at <http://www.sheepgate.co.uk/news.asp> to see a full list of the qualified combinations.

REC Events Affiliated Dressage

Venue: Richmond Equestrian Centre, Breckenbrough Farm, Richmond, North Yorkshire

Organiser Mrs Susan Foster 01748 811295

ENTRY NOTES: Additional £2 per entry when received after the closing date

PAYMENT TO: REC Events

LOCATION: Breckenbrough Farm, Brough Park, in between Catterick & Tunstall, North Yorkshire. 2 miles from the A1, Catterick turning A6136

PRACTICE JUDGING: Yes

STABLING: Phone to check availability

Friday 19th June 2009

CLASS 1 Novice BHS Test No 22 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £15 Prizes: £17, £15, £13, £11

CLASS 2 Novice BHS Test No 37 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £15 Prizes: £17, £15, £13, £11 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 3 Elementary BHS Test No 43 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £17 Prizes: £19, £17, £15, £13 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 4 Elementary BHS Test No 53 R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £17 Prizes: £19, £17, £15, £13 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 5 Medium BHS Test No 64 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 6 Medium BHS Test No 73 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 7 Medium BHS Test No 63 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 8 Advanced Medium BHS Test No 85 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 9 Advanced Medium BHS Test No 94 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on

CLASS 10 FEI PRIX ST GEORGES 2009 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on

ENTRIES CLOSE: 12/06/09

STARTING TIMES: 18/06//2009 BETWEEN 2PM-5PM by telephoning 01748 811295

Times also available on line @ www.richmondequestriancentre.co.uk

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Saturday 4th July 2009

- CLASS 1** Preliminary S Q BHS Test No 10 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £15 Prizes: £17, £15, £13, £11
- CLASS 2** Preliminary S Q BHS Test No 14 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £15 Prizes: £17, £15, £13, £11 paid on overall % and rosettes per section
- CLASS 3** Novice BHS Test No 28 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £15 Prizes: £17, £15, £13, £11 paid on overall % and rosettes per section
- CLASS 4** Novice BHS Test No 30 R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £15 Prizes: £17, £15, £13, £11 paid on overall % and rosettes per section
- CLASS 5** Elementary BHS Test No 44 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £17 Prizes: £19, £17, £15, £13 paid on overall % and rosettes per section
- CLASS 6** Elementary BHS Test No 50 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £17 Prizes: £19, £17, £15, £13 paid on overall % and rosettes per section
- CLASS 7** Medium BHS Test No 63 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section
- CLASS 8** Medium BHS Test No 71 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

ENTRIES CLOSE: 26/06/2009

STARTING TIMES: 03/07//2009 BETWEEN 2PM-5PM by telephoning 01748 811295

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Friday 10th July 2009

- CLASS 1** Preliminary S Q BHS Test No 7 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £15 Prizes: £17, £15, £13, £11
- CLASS 2** Preliminary S Q BHS Test No 13 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £15 Prizes: £17, £15, £13, £11 paid on overall % and rosettes per section
- CLASS 3** Novice BHS Test No 26 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £15 Prizes: £17, £15, £13, £11 paid on overall % and rosettes per section
- CLASS 4** Novice BHS Test No 36 R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £15 Prizes: £17, £15, £13, £11 paid on overall % and rosettes per section
- CLASS 5** Elementary BHS Test No 44 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £17 Prizes: £19, £17, £15, £13 paid on overall % and rosettes per section
- CLASS 6** Elementary BHS Test No 50 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £17 Prizes: £19, £17, £15, £13 paid on overall % and rosettes per section
- CLASS 7** Medium BHS Test No 63 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section
- CLASS 8** Medium BHS Test No 71 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

ENTRIES CLOSE: 03/07/2009

STARTING TIMES: 09/07//2009 BETWEEN 2PM-5PM by telephoning 01748 811295

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Friday 24th July 2009

CLASS 1 Elementary BHS Test No 43 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE £17 Prizes: £19, £17, £16, £13

CLASS 2 Elementary BHS Test No 58 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE £17 Prizes: £19, £17, £15, £13

CLASS 3 Medium BHS Test No 64 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £20, £18, £16, £14 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 4 Medium BHS Test 73 Section R Restricted, O open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 5 Advanced Medium Test 85 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 6 Advanced Test 100 Section R Restricted, O Open ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 7 PSG ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 8 INTERMEDIAIRE I ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

CLASS 9 INTERMEDIAIRE II ENTRY FEE: £20 Prizes: £22, £20, £18, £16 paid on overall % and rosettes per section

ENTRIES CLOSE: 17/07/2009

STARTING TIMES: 23/07/2009 BETWEEN 2PM-5PM by telephoning 01748 811295

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National Events

25-30 August Royal Windsor Europeans, Berks **NORTHERN REGION TRIP ORGANISED** Click on http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/your_regions/northern_region for INFO and BOOKING FORM

Plans are being made at the moment, for more information please see www.windsoreuropeansog.com

BD Members Pavilion at the Europeans – tickets available – see website news and page 54 of Jun/Jul magazine

17-20 Sept BD National Champs **NORTHERN REGION TRIP ORGANISED** Click on http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/your_regions/northern_region for INFO and BOOKING FORM

National Trainers Forum

6 October 2009

The College Equestrian Centre, Bedfordshire

Full programme details will be available shortly; proposed topics for this event include 'a practical guide to the UKCC' and 'Young Horse Ground Work'.

Tickets are available from the British Dressage office:

Tel: 02476 698833

Online: www.britishdressage.co.uk

Post: British Dressage, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2RJ

Prices: £28 per person.

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National Convention

31 October – 1 November 2009

Addington Manor Equestrian Centre, Buckinghamshire

British Dressage is honoured that the world renowned, Belgium born, German team medallist and Spanish National trainer, Jean Bemelmans will be returning as the guest speaker at this years KBIS British Equestrian National Convention.

Jean's greatest impact has been as National trainer of the Spanish team where he has lead them to team and individual Olympic medals. He is universally respected and is regularly asked to demonstrate his training methods at event around the world.

Tickets are available from the British Dressage office:

Tel: 02476 698833

Online: www.britishdressage.co.uk

Post: British Dressage, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2RJ

Prices: British Dressage members: £43/one day, £73/two days

Non-Members: £48/one day, £78/two days.

Finally.....something silly!

Murphy's Horse Laws

There is no such thing as a sterile stable cat.

No one ever notices how you ride until you fall off.

The least useful horse in you barn will eat the most, require shoes every four weeks and need the vet at least once a month.

A horse's misbehaviour will be in direct proportion to the number of people who are watching.

Your favourite tack always gets chewed on, and your new blanket gets torn.

Tack you hate will never wear out and blankets you hate cannot be destroyed.

Horses you hate cannot be sold and will out live you.

Clipper blades will become blunt only when your horse is half clipped.

If you approach within fifty feet of your barn in clean clothes, you will get dirty.

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The number of horses you own will increase to the number of stalls in your barn.

Your barn will fall down without baling twine.

If you fall off, you will land on the site of your most recent injury.

Hoof picks migrate.

There is no such thing as the "right feed."

If you're wondering whether you left water on in the barn, you did. If you're wondering whether you latched the gate, you didn't.

