



WALES NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2009

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Spring 2009 Newsletter. We have had a busy start to the year with both the BYRDS and Senior Camp having already taken place. Both camps were well attended and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our Senior Teams have been selected for the Senior Home International taking place on 23/25 May at Keysoe in Bedfordshire. I know you will wish all riders good luck in this very competitive team competition. I will let you know how we do in my next newsletter.

A final reminder to anyone who would be interested in being selected for the Welsh Teams for the Senior Home International taking place at Rowallan EC, Ayrshire, Scotland 16/18 October, please let me know asap.

This is an international competition between England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland with levels ranging from Prelim to PSG. Wales has been invited to send four teams and two individuals.

As you all know Wales is hosting the BYRDS Home International on 28/29/30 July at the David Broome Event Centre. This is the first time ever Wales has hosted such a Home International and the BYRDS Home International is the premier event of the BYRDS calendar and includes teams from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales who compete over three days for Team and Individual Championship titles. These young riders represent some of the most talented young dressage riders currently competing in the UK.

I have been extremely fortunate in being able to gain sponsorship for all 13 classes which is great. This has come from both individuals and companies who have been very supportive and generous with regard to this competition and I would personally like to thank you all. A simple request to sponsor an arena flower pot and I was inundated with people wanting to sponsor these pots. There will now be 10 pots per arena which will make the arenas look fantastic and give it a real championship feel. I have also had a great response from people volunteering their time over the 3 days and again without these individuals this event would not be able to happen. Thank you all very much indeed.

If you would still like to support this event and haven't had an opportunity to do so yet, there are a few items which are still needed. We have prizes for the winning team but still require prizes for the 2nd and 3rd teams, each comprising 4 riders so if you would like to sponsor or donate these prizes, please contact me.

We are also looking for someone (or preferably 2 people) to act as Stable Managers for the duration of the competition. If this is something you would be interested in doing and can spare the time over the three days, again please contact me.

After our successful Welsh Ball last year we plan to make this an annual event and have booked Friday 6th November, again at the Copthorne Hotel, Cardiff. It was a great night last year and hopefully will be even more enjoyable this year.

Future clinic dates are listed below:

6 June - Kate Gibson clinic Llangenderine (About 4 miles from Carmarthen -between Carmarthen and Cross Hands) Please contact Diane on 01269870260 or 07779604644 - it may be necessary to leave a message - and your call will be returned.

22 June - Kate Gibson - Cardiff Riding School
Contact Penny Pembridge 02920 383908 leave message on answer phone

10 June - Kate Gibson - Pencoed College
Please contact Sara Coffin on 01656 302635 or scoffin@bridgend.ac.uk

10/11 June – Angela Niemeyer Eastwood – Starlight RC – Newcastle Emlyn
Please telephone for bookings Lynn or Nicola 01239-710261

27 May – Caerleon – Shelly Harriss
28 May – Llanelli – Shelly Harriss
30 May – Haverfordwest – Shelly Harriss
31 May – Merthyr Tydfil – Shelly Harriss
3 June – Caerleon – Shelly Harriss
Please contact Shelly on 01874 636443 or 07976 642497 shellyharriss@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday 12 September - Test Riding Clinic with Andrea Hessay list 3 judge – Carmarthen College – for more information and to book contact Scott Gregory 01559 384407 - scottgregory@btopenworld.com

Helen Dawson - Dressage Training Dates.
31st May Sunday 10am onwards at Sinai
6th June Saturday 10am onwards at Sinai
21st June Sunday 10 - 2pm Usk College
4th July Saturday 10am onwards at Sinai
Contact Helen Dawson 07714 254237 sinadressage@hotmail.com

26 May - Clive Halsall - Welsh College of Horticulture £50 including school 45 mins private Spectators welcome £5

3rd June
1st July

19th August - Spencer Wilton – Welsh College of Horticulture £65 for 45 mins private including school. Spectators welcome £5
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Could you please note that the following Welsh Trainers were missed out of the 2009 British Dressage Trainers Database booklet which was sent out with the recent BD magazine.

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01978 752863 or 07517 463562 gmew@msn.com Grace is willing to travel 75 miles.

Could you also note that Victoria Jenner has also been added to the Trainers' Database with effect from 01JAN2009. She can be contacted at Victoriajenner@hotmail.com

Carolyn Evans – the Members Representative for British Dressage Wales can now be contacted by email. Her address is Carolyn.jte@talktalk.net Carolyn is there for all members to contact regarding any aspect of British Dressage – please use her Carolyn will be visiting North Wales again this year and will be attending the competition at Maes Maelor on 27/28 June. She would love to meet as many members as possible so if you are attending that competition please take the time to find Carolyn and introduce yourself.

Congratulations to our judges, Angela Kennedy and Hilary Wells, who both successfully upgraded from List 6 to 5 – well done.

If you are interested in knowing more about becoming a British Dressage Judge please contact Sharon Clinch who will be only too happy to talk to you about what is involved.

The following judge training has been arranged:

7 June - Kim Ratcliffe - Marian Bach - Novice / Elementary
1 July – Sue Petty – Mount Ballan – Novice / Elementary

Please contact Sharon for more information or to book a place. Sharon can be contacted on 02920 634611 / 07841 580411 sharoncl@fsmail.net

For all Para Training contact Carol Green on 01970 622575 or cgg@aber.ac.uk

BYRDS 2009 dates for your diary:

3/5 July Marlton - Ireland 11/12 July BYRDS Inter Regionals, Keysoe, Bedfordshire, 28/29/30
BYRDS Home International, David Broome Event Centre, Wales and 18/19/20/21 August
Sheepgate, Lincolnshire

BYRDS Camp 2010 – 29/30 March with BD competition on 31 March – David Broome Event Centre.

The following BYRDS training has been arranged

10 June

1 July

5 August

Joss Edwards - Maelor EC - Hope - North East Wales

Contact Angela Townsend 07789 225873 or angel25t@btinternet.com

21 June

Aberconwy EC - Mochdre - North West Wales

Contact Veronica Bower 01492 572868 or email veronicabower@btinternet

28 May - Dinefwr Riding Centre - Islay Auty

Contact Penny Jenner 01269 850042 or 07989 385785 dinefwrriding@btconnect.com

Don't forget to check out our regional web page for all training dates.

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

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. It is hoped that UKCC Level 3 Dressage will be officially launched in September 2009. Details will be shown in the British Dressage magazine and on the website. There will be minimum entry requirements which although not finalised will probably state that candidates will need to be training clients to advanced medium at Regional Championship level. UKCC Level 3 Dressage will be administered by the British Dressage office to begin with to ensure that there is consistency and that standards are kept high.

For more information regarding the UKCC please contact Stephen Arnett – Coaching Representative 07974 479677 stephenarnett@hotmail.co.uk

European Championships

British Dressage, in association with the British Dressage Supporters Club, will be running a hospitality pavilion throughout the show. Open to all, the pavilion will offer a comfortable

refuge from which to enjoy the unique buzz of the competition. With an exclusive position overlooking the warm up area, the BD Pavilion will be the place to hang out. Those in the pavilion will not only get a great look behind the scenes but will also be able to keep up with the main arena action as it happens via live TV feeds.

BD members can claim 30 % discount on all silver performances for the Europeans but show visitors don't have to have grandstand tickets to come along, soak up the atmosphere and exploit the shopping. With BD pavilion prices from just £10 per session and entry into the showground only £5 per day a memorable occasion can be affordable too. The pavilion will be open to all, refreshments and facilities will be available throughout the performances. There are a limited number of spaces available so book your tickets early to ensure you don't miss out on this incredible opportunity. There are also only 50 season tickets available, so don't miss out—book today!

Pavilion Prices:

Members/Non Members

Individual Session tickets £10/ £12

Dressage Season £35 /£43

Show jumping Season £35 /£43

Super Season Ticket £70 / £86

(Super Season price includes all performances including Evening Equestrian Spectacle on Friday evening) (Members price includes BD members and BDSC members)

To book tickets: Web: visit the BD [online shop](#) **Tel:** 02476 698833 / 02476 698834
Or send a SAE and cheque made payable to British Dressage to: BD Members Pavilion,
British Dressage, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warks, CV8 2RJ

*If you are claiming discounted tickets please include the BD/BDSC membership no. for each relevant member. Web and telephone bookings will be subject to a booking fee of £1.95
Tickets for the BD pavilion do not include entry to the showground.*

Tickets are now on sale for the 2009 KBIS British Equestrian **National Convention** held on 31 October through 1 November at the Addington Manor Equestrian Centre in Buckinghamshire.

British Dressage is honoured that the world-renowned German team medalist and Spanish National trainer Jean Bemelmans will be returning by popular demand as the guest speaker at this year's convention. At last year's convention Bemelmans wowed the audience with his sympathetic and down to earth training style. Convention goers came away inspired by his simple, supportive approach and the results of the demo riders spoke for themselves.

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

Can I please remind you all that the **Welsh Festival of Dressage** is taking place 13/14 June at the David Broome Event Centre. Classes from Prelim to Grand Prix – see full schedule on page 79 of the BD magazine - **Entries close 1 June**

The **Petplan Area Festival** will be taking place at Pencoed College on 25/26/27 September. It is easier than you think to qualify for an area festival – all you need to do is score just 62% twice at one level from preliminary to elementary and 60% twice from medium to prix st georges between 1 January and the closing date for entries for your area festival.

You need to send the original sheets, with the date and venue of the class written on them, to the show organiser of the area festival you would like to go to, together with your entry form. Test sheets can be used once only, but it is a good idea to keep copies, as they will not be returned to you.

The top-placed combinations then go through to the prestigious Petplan Equine Championships. These run alongside the winter championships, which take place annually in April at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire.

A **Combined Training Qualifier** will be taking place at The David Broome Event Centre on 29th November.

The **2010 Winter Champs** will be taking place at Hartpury on 7/11 April.

Thank you to those of you who have sent me your email addresses it really does make my life a lot easier and enables me to get information out to you as soon as it is available. **If you would like your address added please email it to me.**

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