



WALES NEWSLETTER – Summer 2010

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Summer 2010 Newsletter. Can I just remind you that if you have an email address could you please let me have it. I can then keep you up to date with all that British Dressage is doing in Wales as well as sending the quarterly newsletters to you. **So please if you have an email address send it to me now – thanks!**

Also check out **British Dressage Wales on Facebook** and become a fan - it's a great way of keeping in touch with everyone. Emma Richardson has kindly agreed to look after the British Dressage Wales facebook page. If you would like anything included on the page including any photos could you please email them to Emma emmarich1971@bryncochfarm.co.uk

As you know telephone number you have all been contacting me on has been my home telephone line. This has been necessary as I have had no mobile signal at home. However with the help of a box from vodaphone I now have a full mobile signal in my office at home. Can you please ensure that you now start using this mobile number, as shown above, for all British Dressage matters. I will put a reminder on my home number for a couple of weeks. I will now be the same as all other RDOs in British Dressage and will turn my phone off when I am not working. Please do not ring the home number when this happens but just leave a message on the mobile and I will contact you when I return to the office. Of course you can send emails to me at any time of the day or night. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

I am also delighted to report that Jeanne Hyett the Regional Chairman of British Dressage Wales has just received a very prestigious award from BHS. At the recent BHS award ceremony Jeanne was presented her award by Desi Dillingham the Chairman of BHS. The award was given to the person who has done the most to the promote the work of the BHS. This is a great achievement to receive this award and is very well deserved as Jeanne has always worked tirelessly not only for the BHS, but also for the many other equestrian activities she is involved with here in Wales. She was also of course instrumental in getting British Dressage Wales off the ground and continues to do a great job through her chairmanship of British Dressage Wales. Well done Jeanne!

After serving 4 years on the British Dressage Wales Committee, Carolyn Evans has decided to stand down from her role as Members Representative. Carolyn has been a brilliant member of the committee and have worked extremely hard over the last 4 years; she will be greatly missed but assures me she will still continue to support British Dressage Wales whenever she can. Carolyn was also responsible for getting the BYRDS Newsletter off the ground. This now has a circulation of over 100 and reflects the hard worked and effort Carolyn has put into this publication.

Her commitment as a volunteer was recognised this year when she was award the Volunteer Award for Wales. I am sure you will all want to join with me and thank Carolyn for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

I am pleased to tell you that we have now appointed a Senior Riders Representative for British Dressage Wales. As from 1st January 2010, Victoria Jenner took up this position on the British Dressage Wales Regional Committee. Victoria can be contacted on 01269 850042 or victoriajenner@hotmail.com I am sure you will all want to wish Victoria the very best of luck in this role. Congratulations to Victoria as she has just recently passed her BHSI exam which is brilliant.

There has been some great senior training already this year. Including a Sports Psychology Workshop, Improving your Riding Posture workshop, 'Why Dressage Horses Break' – a great day hosted by Abbey Vets as well as a lecture demo and workshop with Gillian Higgins. Not forgetting Senior Camp which again was held at Aberystwyth and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended.

4 teams and 1 individual represented Wales at the Senior Inter Regional's which took place in May. All riders performed well and although we didn't get any team placing, there were some good individual placing. All these riders had fulfilled the new Regional Selection Policy which came into place from 1st January this year and is applied to all 8 regions of British Dressage. If you would like a copy of the Regional Selection Policy please email me and I will send you one. This Regional Selection Policy also applies to BYRDS.

The Senior Home International will take place on 9/10 October 2010 at Keysoe, Bedfordshire. Teams are made up of 4 riders but this time range from Prelim to PSG.

If you are interested in possible team selection for the Senior Home International and haven't completed an Inclusion Form for 2010 please contact me ASAP and I will send you one.

Congratulations to everyone who competed at the Hickstead semi finals held at Broomes. It was a great success with large entries in all classes. Those who have qualified for Hickstead are as follows:

Prelim

Rhianwen Llewellyn	Tempest Firestorm
Rhianwen Llewellyn	GGD
Kelly Allan	Allandy Romani Gold
Amelia Bligh	Derrimor

Novice

Sara Squires	Irish Dream
Rhianwen Llewellyn	Mr Christie
Kelly Allan	Allandy Romani Gold
Brendan Tegg	Mr Denbee

Elementary

Wil Jenner	Dartagnan
Sara Squires	Irish Dream
Olivia Ayrton	Donni Doo
Sharon Butterworth	Elegance

Medium

Amanda Leaker	Holme Grove Ludwig
Abbi Bowen	Lets Tango
Dean Skeates	Arrossage Demitri
Sharon Butterworth	Elegance

Adv Medium

Dean Skeates	Arrossage Demitri
Alice Peternell	Surprise
Brendan Tegg	Foxcourt Andante
Niki Lathwell	The Max Factor

Back by popular demand the following training dates have been arranged which are prior to the British Dressage competition the following day. 30 minutes instruction with Sally Williams followed by 30 minutes test riding with Stephen Arnett/

6 July
21 September

4pm onwards – David Broome Event Centre. £45 British Dressage members £50 non members. To book or for more information please contact Sue Harrison 01291 641259 sueharrison@britishdressage.co.uk

Angela Niemeyer Eastwood dressage clinic Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July – Starlight Riding Centre, Newcastle upon Emlyn. To book or for more information please contact Lynn on 01239710261 starlightrc@tiscali.co.uk **Please note this training will count towards Team Selection.**

MICHAEL BEINING DRESSAGE CLINIC 12TH 13TH 14TH JULY 2010 - THE PARK, GOYTRE, NR ABERGAVENNY. Lessons are £70 for 45 mins, 20 x 60 outdoor ménage with training mirrors, over night stabling can be arranged. Please contact Amanda tel: 07980 309398
Please note this training will count towards team selection criteria.

Due to the success of our Senior Camp held in the spring, we have decided to offer some Autumn training. This will take place on 20/21 September at the David Broome Event Centre with a BD competition taking place on 22 September. The cost for this training is yet to be finalised but will be in the region of £150 for the 2 days including stabling. If you are interested in attending either of these please let me know. They will of course count towards team selection.

Can I please remind you all of the British Dressage cancellation policy 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](#)

[Important Rule Change coming into effect from 1 December 2010.](#)

From 1 December 2010 all horses/ponies competing with British Dressage will need to have up to date flu vaccination certificates. This is coming in line with BEF and is already a requirement for British Eventing and Riding Clubs. Please ensure your vaccinations are up to date or are completed by 1 December.

BYRDS have had a very busy Spring too. Mock squadding days have been carried out, a record 38 riders took part in the BYRDS camp and BYRDS clinics have been held throughout Wales. We are fortunate to have Stephen Arnett as a Rider Test Assessor and this has enabled us to have all riders squadded by one person.

Four riders have been selected to ride at Marlton Dressage Championships taking place in Ireland. They are Zoe Wall, Wil Jenner, Lucy Goodman and Victoria Tamplin. Good luck to you all.

We have also selected 3 teams to represent Wales at the BYRDS Inter Regional in July. The riders are, Katie Knight, Wil Jenner, Georgina Clarke, Elin Charlton, Stena Hoerner, Ollie Stokes, Victoria Tamplin, Megan Roberts, Nina Boex, Rhys Knight, Kelly Allan and Kate Bowdler.

The following BYRDS training has been arranged

7 July
4 August
8 September
6 October
10 November
8 December

Joss Edwards - Maelor EC - Hope - North East Wales

Contact Angela Townsend 07789 225873 or angel25t@btinternet.com

The Open BYRDS Under 25 Competition at Maelor EC is on Sat 11th September 2010 – schedule available shortly.

Due to the success of our BYRDS Camps held in the spring, we have decided to offer some additional dates for Autumn Training. This is taking place on **25/26 October with a BD competition taking place on 27 October at Maelor EC**. The cost for this training is yet to be finalised but will be in the region of £150 for the 2 days including stabling. If you are interested in attending either of these please let me know. They will of course count towards team selection.

Are you aged 18-25 and aiming for a career in the dressage industry? Then the young professionals award could be the boost you are looking for.

Applications are invited from young people working with horses, who are able to demonstrate a commitment to a future in the dressage industry. You might be working as an apprentice in a professional yard, running your own yard or developing your own activity with horses while receiving some support from parents/partner or other source.

Three interactive training days will be held in October 2010 at high-profile yards with top trainers. Eight riders will be accepted at each training day with two from each day going forward to a final at the Talland School of Equitation in Gloucestershire in March 2011. The overall winner will benefit from a custom-made package of opportunities and there will be two runner-up prizes with a total prize fund of £5,000.

More information together with an application letter and form can be downloaded at www.britishdressage.co.uk
The closing date is 1 August 2010. For any queries or further information, please contact [Sharon Weir or Ann Morton](#) (tel: 024 76 698834).

Congratulations to Stephen Arnett, the Coaching Representative for Wales for successfully completing the BHS UKCC Level 3. If you would like more information about UKCC please contact Stephen on stephenarnett@hotmail.co.uk

Congratulations also to Helen Dawson and Shelly Harriss both passing the British Dressage UKCC Level 2.

The next set of level 2 workshops will be 12,13 July and 5 August and the assessment will be on the 6 August. There are 8 spaces available and the subsidised cost will be £350 per candidate. Applicants must be on the trainers database and have trained at least 2 clients at affiliated level. The workshops will probably be held in the Warwickshire/Oxfordshire area. If you are interested in this please contact Ruth Tyler at British Dressage ruth Tyler@britishdressage.co.uk

They will also be looking for approx 16 guinea pig riders at novice level for each of the workshops so if you are interested please contact Ruth by e-mail.

The next Para Training session at Aberystwyth is with Carol Green on 8th July.

Then Jane Goldsmith will be holding another para clinic at Aberystwyth on 16th August.

Further enquiries and to book your place please phone 01970 621676

Congratulations to Julie Horton who attended the Para Talent Spotting Competition, gained 80.74% and came 4th

Congratulations to Georgia Wilson from North Wales who came 1st in the Para Championship final at Hickstead.
Good luck to all our para riders who are competing at the RDA Nationals and Millfield. Please let me know how you all get on.

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

Judge training has continued over the last few months, including DVD evenings which have been a great success.

I am delighted to tell you that Jean Owen has been successful in her recent Judges exam and is now a list 6 Judge. Well done Jean!

Judge Training 18th July – Cel Aeron Unfortunately this training has had to be cancelled as the judge is now no longer available. We hope to arrange another date and will let you all know when it is arranged.

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.

sharoncl@fsmail.net or 02920 553343

Need a writer for your dressage competition?

Mike Palmer who lives in West Wales would be happy to write at dressage competitions. He can be contacted on 07516867466

National Convention

Klaus Balkenhol has signed the contract for the National Convention and Laura Bechtolsheimer has agreed to be one of the riders. 27-28 November, Hartpury College

To order tickets: Call: 02476 698833 Online: www.britishdressage.co.uk

By post please send a cheque and SAE to: British Dressage, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2RJ.

Ticket prices: British Dressage Members - £43 one day/£73 two days Non-Members - £48 one day/£78 two days

During the last couple of months a number of BD competitions in Wales have either ran with very low numbers or were cancelled due to lack of entries. Venues and organisers spend a great deal of time arranging competitions and it is always disappointing if entries are not sufficient to run. Please support these competitions whenever you can.

Please also ensure you enter will in time for the closing date as venues have to make decisions on whether to run at the close of entries. If venues continue not to get enough entries then they will have no choice but to cease running affiliated competitions. I have listed below dates for July and August

7 July – Broomes

11 July – Moor Farm – Haverfordwest – **first affiliated competition!**

11 July – Maelor EC – now running 2 prelim classes but NOT adv medium

17 July – Sunnybank

18 July – Cel Aeron

18 July – Marian Bach

1 August – Marian Bach

15 August – Cel Aeron

15 August – Marian Bach

29 August – Horse and Pony Rescue Society – Pencoed

2010 Dates for your Diary

Pony Europeans 25 July / 1 August – Bishop Burton

Sheepgate U25 Championship – 24 / 29 August

Senior Home International – 9/10 October – The College - Keysoe

British Dressage **National Championships** – please note new date 9/10/11/12 September.

Badminton HT have confirmed their dates for **2011** – 22 – 25 April (Easter Weekend).

For all of you planning events please note The **London Olympics 2012** will be run from **27th July – 12th August** and the **Para Olympics will be the 29th August – 9th September**. The dressage dates have yet to be confirmed.

The British Dressage website has been updated. If you are wondering where the Wales Region information is, click on Getting Involved and then Training and Events, scroll down to Wales.

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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