



WALES NEWSLETTER – Winter 2009

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Winter 2009 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!**

Congratulations to all our senior riders who travelled all the way to Scotland to represent Wales at the Senior Home International in October. 32 teams took part from all over the UK and with individuals a total of 142 riders took part in the 2 day competition. The Welsh riders all had a great time and the team spirit was as good as ever

We had lots of individual successes during the competition and some riders doing really well in the individual championships. They were as follows:

Rhianwen Llewellyn riding Mr Christie came 5th in the Preliminary Championship. She also came 7th with her other horse Tempest Firestorm in the same Championship which was a real achievement. Elizabeth Lucas came 13th in the Preliminary Championship but was thrilled at being placed 3rd in her team test – beyond all her expectations and was fantastic for her first ever major competition. Amanda Leaker riding Claire Clancy's horse Holme Grove Ludwig came 5th in the Advance Medium Championship and Julia Morris riding Willis came 8th in the same championship. Ninu Humphrey riding Limbo Venture came 5th in the PSG Championship.

Our highest placed teams were

Wales Tywi – 16th place - Deborah Davies, Leanne Pittam, Julia Morris and Amanda Leaker.

Wales Teifi – 18th place - Rhianwen Llewellyn, Nicola Howell, Ninu Humphrey and Sarah McGrath

Well done to them all and as a result of the Strictly Come Prancing fundraising event all the riders had their entries paid for as well as receiving a Team Fleece which was great. Thank you very much to everyone involved in Strictly Come Prancing, I understand this is now going to become a regular fundraising event.

Everyone who is involved in the Senior Teams thoroughly enjoys the experience and it is a great honour to ride for Wales. If you are interested in being selected for the senior teams next year you need to be thinking about it now.

There are 2 senior team competitions that take place during the year. The Senior Inter Regional competition which takes place at Keysoe, Bedfordshire on 22/23 May 2010. Teams are made up of 4 riders, Prelim group 8/7, Novice group 8/6, Elem group 8/5 and Medium group 8/4. There are also individual places for AM/PSG riders.

The Senior Home International will take place on 9/10 October 2010 at Crofton Manor, Hampshire. Again teams are made up of 4 riders but this time range from Prelim to PSG.

If you are interested in possible selection for the senior teams please complete and return the attached Inclusion Form – without returning this form to me – you will not be considered for teams. This form needs to be returned to me by no later than 31st January 2010. Please ensure you are available on the above dates if selected.

Senior Camp will be taking place at Aberystwyth University on 15/16 April with a British Dressage affiliated competition taking place on 17 April. Instructors are still to be finalised but it will run on the same format as before. Each rider will receive 2 individual lessons, a pilates session and also a test riding session. Numbers for camp are restricted to 24. I have attached a camp application form. If you would like to attend camp please complete this form and return to me together with a £65 non refundable deposit and this will secure your place. The remaining balance of £100 will become due 2 months before camp but no cheques will be cashed until after the event.

Sharon Hunt International Olympic 3 day event rider coming to do a demo at Llest 10th December. 7.30 p.m. she will be bringing her own horses. Sharon is also available for clinics the following day. Anyone interested please contact Carol Green cgg@aber.ac.uk 01970 622575 Tickets for Demo £20.

Congratulations to 2 Welsh riders who competed at the British Dressage Nationals in September.

Emma Sutton came 2nd in the Prelim Championship riding Lyon. Emma also won the highest placed under 19 yo and the amateur owner award.

Brendan Tegg riding Foxcourt Andante who came 6th in the Medium Championship.

I am delighted to let you know that Phillipa Cherryson a freelance national journalist has agreed to become the Press Officer for British Dressage Wales – which is just great.

We are hoping to get as much local coverage as possible throughout Wales. We have already had very good coverage leading up to and following the Senior Home International

We are aiming at local newspapers, society magazines, and business news sections. So please if you have a story you feel is worth covering please let me know and I will let Phillipa have the details.

Also check out **British Dressage Wales on Facebook** and become a fan - it's a great way of keeping in touch with everyone.

I am writing this Newsletter just after holding our second British Dressage Wales Annual Ball. It was a great success with over 100 attending and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We plan to do it all again next year at the same time of year. Photographs can be seen on www.richardhobsoneventphotography.co.uk

Presentations were made to all those riders who have represented Wales during 2009. In addition perpetual trophies were awarded to the following people who the Welsh British Dressage Committee felt had achieved/improved the most during 2009.

Senior Rider	Nicola Howell
Para Rider	Paula Clarke
BYRDS Rider	Rhys Knight

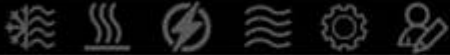
The winning BYRDS Home International Welsh Team were presented with their Cool Technic jackets and the Cool Technic Challenge Cup was presented again now engraved with the names of the winning team:

Katie Knight
Stena Hoerner
Pip Turner
Georgia Wilson

The BYRDS Cool Technic Training Bursaries were also awarded to the following riders:

£200	Fledgling Rider	Megan Roberts
£300	Pony Rider	Victoria Tamplin
£400	Junior Rider	Stena Hoerner
£500	Young Rider	Katie Knight

My grateful thanks go to Craig Macdonald, Managing Director of Cool Technic for his generosity in providing the bursaries and above awards.

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I am delighted to let you know that 2 Welsh BYRDS, Katie Knight and Kate Mills have successfully been invited to attend National Training which is great. Hope you both enjoy have a great time.

If you are interested in being selected to represent Wales next year in any of the BYRDS team competitions please complete and return the attached BYRDS Inclusion Form. Unless you have completed and returned this form to me you will not be considered for teams. Please ensure that you are available on the required dates if you are selected. If you require more information about the competitions please contact Penny Jenner or myself and we will be happy to help. The inclusion forms need to be returned to me by 31st January 2010

BYRDS Camp is booked for 29/30 March with a British Dressage competition taking place on 31st. Trainers booked are Sally Williams, Kate Gibson and Lizzel Winter. If you would like to attend camp please complete and return the BYRDS Camp application form together with a cheque to me. The cheque will not be cashed until after camp.

Carolyn Evans our Members Representative has kindly agreed to help Penny and myself out by doing regular BYRDS news updates to all those on email. If you are under 25 and would like to receive BYRDS News could you please email Carolyn Evans **and** Penny Jenner giving them your full name, age and whereabouts in Wales you are based.

If you are over 25 but are involved with under 25s and would like to be kept informed please again let Carolyn and Penny know – you will not have to give your age!

Even if you think they may already have your address please send again to make sure you are put on this new mailing list. You will continue to receive everything I send out in the usual way.

Carolyn Evans carolyn.jte@talktalk.net
Penny Jenner dinefwrriding@btconnect.com

Carolyn is there for all members to contact regarding any aspect of British Dressage – please use her – she would love to hear from you all.

The following BYRDS training has been arranged

Friday 4 December

Friday 8 January 2010

Sally Williams training clinics will be taking place at **Sunnybank EC, Caerphilly** from 4pm onwards. £40 members / £45 non members per 45 minute session. To book a place please contact me.

Sunnybank are running affiliated dressage the day after so a great opportunity to practice your test.

6 December – **Peter Storr – Dinefwr Riding Centre**

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

9 December
13 January
10 February
10 March
14 April
12 May
9 June

Joss Edwards - Maelor EC - Hope - North East Wales

Contact Angela Townsend 07789 225873 or angel25t@btinternet.com

24 January
21 February
21 March
18 April

Joss Edwards - Aberconwy EC - North West Wales

Contact Veronica Bower 01492 572868 or email veronicabower@btinternet.com

All clinics are open to both BYRDS and Senior Riders.

A very successful Judges Mock Exam was held at Alps Court in October. Hopefully this will now encourage some of those who attended to put in for their Judges Exam.

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

I am delighted to let you know that Maggy George – list 5 judge has just moved to Wales from East Anglia. Her address and telephone number is below:

Bryn Banalog
Pumpsaint
Llanwrda
SA19 8DJ
01558 650219

Can you all please note that Sharon Clinch's telephone number has changed to 02920 553343. Her mobile and email address remain unchanged

NATIONAL JUDGES CONVENTION - JUDGING DRESSAGE TO MUSIC -31 March 2010 - Hartpury College, Gloucestershire

Taken by highly respected FEI Judges Stephen Clarke and Andrew Gardner along with other Guest Speakers. This Convention will be dedicated completely to judging Dressage to Music, it will cover every aspect and it should be of considerable interest to judges of all levels. Open to All Further information and ticket prices will be available shortly from British Dressage Head Office.

Paula Clarke has kindly agreed to help Carol Green and myself out by doing regular Para news updates to all those on email. If you are a para rider or are involved with para riding and would like to receive Para News could you please email Carol Green giving her your full name and whereabouts in Wales you are based. cgg@aber.ac.uk

Even if you think Carol may already have your address please send again to make sure you are put on this new mailing list. You will continue to receive everything I send out in the usual way.

This year we are running the Para Training on the first Thursday of the month and the next one will be December 3rd Dr Carol Green. These sessions are open to those with classification or those awaiting classification. Please contact Dr Carol Green via email cgg@aber.ac.uk for further details and to book a place.

For the last few years the University has been putting on classes for disabled riders alongside its able-bodied classes. This year they are putting on two classes, the usual class for those riders with classification, Grades 1 – 4 which we are calling Para Class, and then a new class to cover those riders who do not fall into the above Grades. They are calling this class Disabled. Riders may also enter any of the able-bodied classes on the same day. Dates of these competitions are as follows:

November 28th

December 19th

January 30th

February 27th

March 27th

There is a Para National Qualifier taking place at Lluest on 15th May 2010 and a KBIS Qualifier taking place the Welsh Festival on 5 / 6 June 2010.

Tests for Winter Qualifiers, Winter Champs, National Qualifiers, National Championships & KBIS

Restricted Warm up classes

FEI PE GRADE IV Novice 2010

FEI PE GRADE III Novice 2010

FEI PE GRADE II Novice 2010

FEI PE GRADE Ib Novice 2010

FEI PE GRADE 1a Novice 2010

Restricted Qualifiers or Championship classes

FEI PE GRADE IV TEAM TEST 2010

FEI PE GRADE III TEAM TEST 2010

FEI PE GRADE II TEAM TEST 2010

FEI PE GRADE Ib TEAM TEST 2010

FEI PE GRADE Ia TEAM TEST 2010

Open Warm up classes

FEI PE GRADE IV TEAM TEST 2010

FEI PE GRADE III TEAM TEST 2010

FEI PE GRADE II TEAM TEST 2010

FEI PE GRADE Ib TEAM TEST 2010
FEI PE GRADE Ia TEAM TEST 2010

Open Qualifiers or Championship classes
FEI PE GRADE IV Individual Championship 2010
FEI PE GRADE III Individual Championship 2010
FEI PE GRADE II Individual Championship 2010
FEI PE GRADE Ib Individual Championship 2010
FEI PE GRADE Ia Individual Championship 2010

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

Olympia announce BD Members offer on dressage tickets

Organisers of the London International Horse show at Olympia have just announced a special offer for BD members visiting the show; buy a ticket for the grand prix freestyle and receive a free ticket for the grand prix competition!

In 2009 the Dressage competitions will take place on the evening of Tuesday 15th December (FEI Grand Prix) and the evening of Wednesday 16th December (Kür). Standards are expected to be higher than ever after the thrilling performances we saw at the European Championships in August.

Dressage phenomenon Edward Gal and his horse Moorlands Totilas are confirmed to compete in the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Qualifier Grand Prix on Tuesday 15th December. Edward will also be giving his first Dressage master class at Olympia before the freestyle to Music on Wednesday evening 16th December.

To claim your buy one get one free ticket offer please phone the ticket agency on 0871 230 5580 and quote reference 'British Dressage'. This offer is not available for tickets purchased online.

[Are you planning a trip to the WEG Games in 2010, BD are happy to report BDSC have joined forces with Incent Events – the following website gives the details of the trip](#)

<http://www.incentevents.co.uk/event&eventID=35>

2010 Dates for your Diary

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

BYRDS Inter Regionals – 10/11 July – Keysoe

Pony Europeans 25 July / 1 August – Bishop Burton

Sheepgate U25 Championship – 24 / 29 August

Winter Championships –7/11 April - Hartpur

Senior Camp 2010 – 15/16 April with BD competition on 17 April – Aberystwyth

Senior Inter Regionals – 22 / 23 May – Keysoe

Welsh Festival of Dressage 5 / 6 June – David Broome Event Centre

Senior Home International – 9/10 October – Crofton Manor - Hampshire

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

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

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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