



## ETTRICK FOREST RIDERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

April 2018

Hello Spring! - Finally!!

Hope everyone had a Happy Easter and didn't eat too much chocolate! It's great to have the lighter nights again and getting to enjoy some warmer Spring days with just an odd hail/snow shower here and there!

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Well done to Sarah and Joyce whose **Coffee Morning and Bakesales** throughout this year and last raised £455 in aid of BGH MacMillan Appeal and £300 towards the team costs for the Winter Championships. Fantastic effort!!



Well done to Louise Clark who organised an **Equine Table Top Sale**, raising £454.50, which was split between the My Name's Doddie Foundation, as well as the club. Thanks to everyone who supported the event, Louise has promised she will make even more 'Mac n Cheese' next time!!

### OPEN SPRING SHOW X RESULTS

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March** saw us host the **Open Spring Show X @ ISEC** which was kindly supported by Dodson and Horrell.

The event was a success, with us being able to offer 5 classes which catered for all, starting at 65cm and going up to 1.05m. Running alongside the ISEC Hunter Trial certainly seemed to attract some more competitors with a few entries on the day being taken too! It was fantastic to see so many new combinations working so well together. I think we managed to pick the best weekend weatherwise in March to hold it!

Our thanks go to Fyonnah Thomas for designing and building such an excellent course which rode so well and to Evelyn Anderson for judging. Also I'd like to say thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped out in the lead up to and during the event.

Neither Anita or myself were required to whip out our newly acquired First Aid skills, which we were very relieved about!

Full results have been posted on the website and the Facebook page.

## NOVICE DRESSAGE AND SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS



The full BRC WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT from Anne Millar can be read on the EFRA website and the Facebook page.

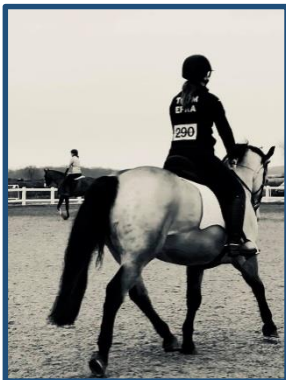
*Well what can I say? Bob and I had a blast.....although Alistair the lorry driver and some other competitors sleeping in the vicinity of the stabling did not think so, the earth did not move but the whole stable block did! The whole experience was great, both teams have worked hard and it paid off. Special thanks goes to Anne and Fiona for supporting us at home and at the champs, EFRA are very lucky to have such valuable and dedicated trainers. Thanks also to Sandra Smith Maxwell, Sandra Grieve and Helen Bett for helping sort out the stabling which looked like rice fields, totally under water, Sam Liptrott for organising the delivery and sponsorship of the yummy Dodson and Horrell Haylage for all the team horses, but a special thanks from me goes to Joyce Grigor The TEAM EFRA super groom, who was a star from keeping me calm, difficult I know!, plaiting horses, helping with stables, running around after everyone and taking pictures and videos as well as being a chauffeur for Anne and Fiona on the way home.....sorry you missed out on the Burger King .....it was lush!!*



*(Sarah B - Showjumping)*

*Having successfully qualified for the Winter Dressage Championships in November 2017, the team of Sandra Smith-Maxwell with Stevie, Samantha Martin with Woody, Louise Clark with Coco and Rhona Harkness with*

*Danny battled the adverse weather to maintain their horses fitness to head South. The team travelled down to Arena UK on April 13th to prepare to compete on the 14th. The horses travelled down in luxurious transportation safely driven by Alistair from Eric Gillies Transport Ltd. Upon arriving at the venue, we were met by stables resembling small ponds and glorious mud! The mud of course felt rather homely however there was work to be done before the horses could be unloaded. The Team, along with efficient grooms set to work to get the horses' stables in order, many bales of shavings later, the horses were settled in. Saturday was a glorious day and regardless of the mud, the horses were turned out beautifully to represent EFRA. The competition for EFRA began with Sam and Woody, who produced a very consistent and appealing test with lots to like. Up next was Louise and Coco who did a seamless novice test. Sandra and Stevie were next to go and at this stage, the sun was really starting to beam, Stevie behaved impeccably and produced a sound test. Rhona and Danny were last to go, it wasn't the weather Danny is accustomed to, however he tried his heart out and went very sweetly. The Team were all very pleased with their horses as was Fiona Busby who coached us on the run up to the competition and supported us during our warm up. The results indeed reflected the performances with*



*Sam being 3rd individual in her arena, Louise 4th and Rhona 9th. With such sound individual scores the team were placed 3rd overall which is a fantastic achievement at a National event. The team would like to take this opportunity to thank our grooms, mostly Mums and good friends, our Sponsors, our transporters and most of all Fiona and Anne who dedicate so much of their valuable time to teams for the club.*

*(Rhona - Dressage)*

## MEMBER NEWS

- **Congratulations to Aileen Firth and Made in Time** who have qualified at Prelim Silver Level for a Petplan Equine Area Festival in 2018. Well done!
- **Good luck to both Louise Clark and Kirsty Veitch** who head down to Badminton this week to take part in the Mitsubishi Motors Cup BE100. It's a fantastic achievement to even be there! We look forward to hearing how you get on!

- Congratulations to **Sandra Smith-Maxwell** and **Stevie** who won the RoR Jockey Club Novice Show Series Qualifier at the Duke of Buccleuch Foxhounds Summer Show last Saturday. Good luck for the Finals at Aintree in August!

Please let me know via pm or email if there is any news you'd like to share for the next newsletter. It doesn't have to be anything huge either - the small goals are just as important!! ☺

## 2 PHASE ARENA EVENT AND DRESSAGE CLASSES

To be held at **St Boswells Mart** on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. Classes for all levels - Arena event classes 60cm - 1m, Intro-Elementary Dressage. Entries open now:

<http://www.clubentries.com/efra/index.php>

Schedule:

[http://www.ettrickforest.co.uk/forms/2phase\\_arena\\_event\\_May\\_18.pdf](http://www.ettrickforest.co.uk/forms/2phase_arena_event_May_18.pdf)

### Diary Dates: May/June

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Sarah Rodger Dressage Training- Kirksyde and Timpendean

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May - 2 Phase Arena Event and Dressage Classes - St Boswells Mart -

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May - David Gatherer Training - Timpendean

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Dressage at Kirksyde - Intro to Elementary, including long arena.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Sarah Rodger Dressage Training- Kirksyde and Timpendean

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - David Gatherer Training - Timpendean

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Open Working Hunter Show - Timpendean - more details to follow

I'll be looking for member contributions for the next edition of the newsletter, hopefully the end of May, so if anyone wishes to have anything included then please feel free to email it to me on [khill053@hotmail.com](mailto:khill053@hotmail.com). Thanks in advance. ☺