



## **ETTRICK FOREST RIDERS ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**April/May 2019**

Hello Everyone,

Where has the time gone! We do hope you are all enjoying being out and about with your equine partners and, going by some results, EFRA members are doing really well in all types of disciplines from Showing to BE events. This goes to show hard work pays off so keep it up.

### **HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIERS**

Report from Anne Millar EFRA team trainer

The club had yet another good day at Area 1 Horse Trials Qualifiers at Forgandenny, Perth on 28th April. There were plenty of takers for teams and we were able to field 3 teams. That is definitely a first for us in horse trials. Everyone travelled well and arrived in good time to walk courses and settle themselves and their horses. It was great to have some new members in the teams and they all were so up for it the comradeship was excellent everyone supporting one another. A great bunch to work with.

Forgandenny has a lovely setting and was used the week before for the BE event. Dressage of course, came first and they all completed personal bests, I think this was a good start. The XC course rode well and caused just enough problems throughout the classes. The showjumping also caused a few knock downs to keep everyone on their toes.

Our teams were 80cms. Francis Hislop/ Danzig in the Dark, Sarah Brodie/ Eden Bob, Penny Stratford/ Misty and Laura Sanderson / Goodnight Percy. This was a team of young and greener horses who did really well to finish 2nd.

The 90cms team who won their section was Joyce Grigor/ Essenside George, Sarah Page/ Candy, Kelly Mitchell/ Buckle and Jo Arres/ Clip.

The other 90cms team who finished 2nd were Amy Brown, Alice Gully/Floyd, Sarah Page/ China and Cindy Fisher/ Arms around Me.

Fiona and I were really thrilled with the support for this competition and how the girls all worked together and I would like to think our standard has risen with the work since last year 😊

Lets hope we can now work forward to the Championships at the beginning of August.

Anne Millar

## 2 PHASE ARENA EVENT AND DRESSAGE

The weather last Saturday did not deter the competitors for the club's competition at St Boswells, this was well supported with lots of entries in the 9 classes.

It was nice to see some new members out and about and others on new or young horses who all behaved well, everyone enjoyed themselves albeit in slightly damp conditions in the afternoon from the much needed rain.

The catering from the Moo Bar was fabulous .

Thanks, as always, to all of the members who volunteered to help set up , clear away and also steward , write and score we could not run these events without you.

All of the results can be found on the club's FB page and also website.



## HELPING

Thank you to everyone who has already helped at many club events this year. None of the events can run without our band of helpers. Helping is a great way to meet up with other members, learn how events run and you can pick up lots of tips from judges and trainers. It's amazing how much you can learn when you are there without your horse! We are always looking for more people to help out... and if the venue is the Mart Field the Chippy Van comes highly recommended !! 😊

## **OPEN WORKING HUNTER SHOW**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - Open Working Hunter Show @ Timpendean Equestrian, Jedburgh, TD8 6SS, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs J Millar - classes for all, starting at 60cm and going up to 1m. Enter now at [www.clubentries.com/efra](http://www.clubentries.com/efra)

## **ANNUAL SHOW - OPEN**

Save the Date!!! - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. EFRA Annual Show - classes for everyone, including showing, working hunter, ror, showjumping and lots more! Schedule available soon.

### **Diary Dates: June/July**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Dressage at Kirksyde - Intro to Elementary, including long arena.

**Help required Saturday evening to set up the dressage arena's please contact Natalie Crombie or check out the EFRA FB page for times etc - thanks in advance**

David Gatherer training at Timpendean 6<sup>th</sup> June - contact Anne Millar

Sarah Rodgers - Dressage clinics - Timpendean and Kirksyde 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> June - contact Anne Millar

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Open Working Hunter Show - Timpendean - more details to follow

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Open Annual Show - St Boswells Mart - more details to follow

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Thanks in advance Krista and Sarahb x ☺