

# NEWSLETTER

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## **WELCOME TO 2008!**

We all hope that you had a great Christmas & New Year and are looking forward to the thought of a lighter & brighter Spring – soon to be upon us!.

Make sure you set a date in our diary (26 April) for the return of our very entertaining family evening! **STRICTLY COME PRANCING** *with your horse* at Brickfields. This will be our third year of staging this event and we hope to make it as much fun as previous years. But for it to be a success we need members to take part. You can ride by yourself, as a pair or three or four or even a musical ride it is up to you, anything goes.

The idea is to have some fun with your horse and your friends past years have seen combinations riding to the themes of Phantom of the Opera, Rocky Horror Show, The Snow Queen and Greece. The display must be between 4 and 5 minutes and you must have FUN!!

If you have any ideas that you would like to talk about give Jane Frost a call on 741235.

We have continued through the winter with our Dressage competitions and training evenings – our thanks to Robert Booth for his amazing instruction. By popular demand, we have been doing alternate flat & jumping lessons (see future dates & organisers in the IW County Press).

## **GOOD LUCK FOR THE COMING SEASON**

### **RIDING CLUBS AREA EVENTS**

As a club we like to send as many teams and individuals to area events as possible. The Club will pay entry fees and the members pay for their own travelling costs. It is not always possible to ask every member personally if they would like to take part in area competitions so please get in touch with Jane Frost Tel 741235 or Jackie Woodford Tel 760650 or complete the enclosed competition form.

Area events include, Novice and Open Showjumping. Hunter Trials. Novice and Open Horse Trials. Dressage at Prelim, Novice, Elementry and Medium level (team and individual event) and Novice Pairs. Novice and Elementry Dressage to Music (individuals only) and Novice Pairs to Music.

To enter an area competition you need to have an up to date flu certificate, we can check this for you if you are uncertain. Be a paid up member of Vectis Equestrian Club and not to have competed for any other affiliated riding club in the current year. So think about which events you would like to enter and let us know.

The first area competition is the Novice Indoor Show Jumping on March 1 at Kingston Maurwood and we need to have names of members keen to take part by February 1.

We want to hear from you

Jane & Jackie

## VECTIS ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner turned out to be a great fun evening, Held once again at The New Holmewood Hotel in Cowes in early December, around 40 guests enjoyed a good Christmas menu.

The dinner was followed by three games, all thought up by Di Andrews. The first, a sort of quiz was followed by last year's crazy game of finding different items requested by Di and getting them to her first. This became highly competitive, as Peter Collins found out when he was pushed over on the line by Linda Jurd! The third game started with a circle of chairs with people moving in a clockwise direction back to their original seat, and ended with everyone sitting on each others laps! This was open to a degree of cheating, but eagle eyed Di soon spotted the culprits – Jane Frost and Alex McIntosh- and sent them back! Such childish behaviour is great fun, so make sure you join us for this year's dinner, which will be advertised when a date has been set.

## VECTIS AGM

The AGM was once again held at the Eight Bells in Carisbrooke during November. The evening was well attended and members were rewarded for their hard work during the season with the presentations of the dressage points trophies. Results as follows:

### Unaffiliated

Prelim - Peter Warren

Novice - Paula Quester

### Affiliated

Prelim/ Novice - Kelly Blow

Elem/ Medium - Laura Windle

Club Contribution Award - Helen Wood

For all her hard work at shows.

## YOUR COMMITTEE

**Chairman** – Di Andrews – Tel: 01983 840248

**Vice Chairman** – Jackie Woodford – Tel: 01983 760650

**Treasurer and Membership** – Sally McIntosh – Tel: 01983 554904

**Minutes Secretary** – Jackie Woodford

**Newsletter** – Bev Snudden – Tel: 01983 730977

**Area Teams Dressage** – Jane Frost Tel: 01983 741235

**Showjumping/Horsetrials** - Jackie Woodford Tel 01983 760650

**Affiliated Dressage** – Laura Windle – Tel: 01983 740741

**Welfare Officer** – Trish Collins – Tel: 01983 852401

## **Committee Members**

Louise Blow, Carla Maskell, Jenny Morris, Helen Wood

***Deb Groves has now resigned from the committee & I am sure you will all join us as we thank her for her help & support over the years.  
Thanks Debs!***