

# NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2008



## WELCOME TO THE SPRING/SUMMER SEASON!

We have lots of news to report, a busy competition & training schedule and for those of you who have not seen it, an all singing & dancing club website.

### NEW WEBSITE

Visit [www.vectisequestrianclub.co.uk](http://www.vectisequestrianclub.co.uk) for the latest news, results & forthcoming events, browse through the photo gallery or chat on our forum. Well done & many thanks to Sally McIntosh for this great new facility! If you would like to sign up for our email newsletter & other updates, please send your email address to [info@vectisequestrianclub.co.uk](mailto:info@vectisequestrianclub.co.uk) – help us to save costs on printing & postage.

### TRAINING WITH ROBERT BOOTH

Our winter training evenings have been very popular & we have decided to move outside for the summer months. Dates are included on the enclosed flyer - flat work at Froghill (Godshill) & Roberts (Newport), show jumping at Dawn Websters (Godshill). Many thanks to the landowners & Robert for their continued support.

### RIDING CLUBS AREA EVENTS

We would love to send both show jumping & dressage teams/individuals to this year's area events. If you would like to have a go & your horses flu vaccinations are up to date, please contact Jane Frost Tel 741235 or Jackie Woodford Tel 760650.

The Club will pay entry fees and the members pay for their own travelling costs.

### AREA 17 SHOW JUMPING COURSE DESIGN & BUILDING

If anyone is interested in attending this on 17 July at 6.30pm (on the mainland), please give your names to Di on 840248

### FOOTPATHS TO BRIDLEWAYS

If you would like to propose changing any footpaths to bridleways in order to keep horses off the busy roads, please contact Sheila Weedall on 873363

GOOD LUCK FOR THE COMING SEASON

## *STRICTLY COME PRANCING with your horse*

An evening of music and fun was enjoyed by a 200 strong crowd when 'Strictly Come Prancing' returned to Brickfields for the third year running. Riders and friends entered into the spirit of the occasion with a variety of music and costumes.

Marty Davison opened the evening, very fittingly, as the Queen, entering on her impressive Friesian to the strains of the National Anthem. This was followed by past winner Julie Wannop-Corney and fellow rider Anna Morris, who with a group of wierd and wonderful foot supporters performed the Time Warp. Another duo was Kate Suiter and Olly Staff, dressed as a pair of overgrown swans, they performed a pas de deux to the music of Swan Lake. Polly Kitcher and Sue Morris got the audience going with Reach for the Stars and Ladies Night respectively. The pantomime 'Snow White' proved to be the most popular with the audience; Snow White (the winsome Martin Farrell) being tempted to eat the poisoned apple by the wicked witch (the evil-looking Vicky Lacey); the whole story being played out with the help of the handsome prince and 'Dopey' the dwarf (Flossie Lockyer and Georgie Role). Snow White, also, claimed the prize for the best costume. The last entrant of the competition was the Wild West; comprising the Mexican (Sally McIntosh), Indian (Laura Windle), Saloon Girl (Kelly Blow) and Cowboy (Julie Wannop-Corney) on her second appearance of the night. The intricate floor patterns and variety of music caught the Judges' interest and they were awarded the first prize; making it 2 in a row for Sally and Kelly. The evening finished with a display of Jelly Training. Jac Jelly (alias Helen Wood) was asked to help with the training of Charlotte Chiver's (Jenny Morris) very naughty horse (Bev Snudden -front, Jackie Woodford- back end!!). With the aid of the amazing jelly stick, Champion was transformed from a delinquent into a model pupil, eventually entering his trailer at the flourish of the jelly stick from young trainer- Max Snudden.

Thank you to everyone who, so sportingly, took part in the evening including our judges- Tracy Parker, Lyn Whittington, Linda Jurd and Derek Hunt and to the compere Andy Hicks. and a special thank you to Jane Frost who works so hard on our behalf to ensure that our events run smoothly.

A video evening is planned for 20 May at the Cricket Club next to Ventnor Botanical Gardens at 7.30pm

Di Andrews  
Chairman

### SPIDER RIDE & EASTER EGG HUNT

Carla Maskell & her mum Carol organised a fantastic event on 30 March. The riders all returned to the Old Smithy car park wearing Easter bunny masks & some were not so lucky covered in eggs (who got the hard boiled ones??)

Check out the photos on our website.

### JUNIOR MEMBERS

After requests from juniors it was decided at our committee meeting that we would now welcome junior memberships. If you would like to join please contact [Sally](#) or [Carla](#)

### VECTIS AFFILIATED DRESSAGE AT LAKE FARM 21 MARCH 2008

The standard of horses impressed judge Joy West at the Vectis Dressage at Lake Farm on Good Friday. Jessica Vannasche riding Neyfed Dubonnet and Dawn Norris riding Palito were joint winners of the restricted prelim 16 with a very good score of 69.09%. Jessie's cousin Sarah Holmes riding Lowhill Clover kept in the family to win the open section of prelim 16 with an impressive score of 70.45%.

Jessie proved herself again by winning the restricted novice 37 this time riding Mischief Maker with 67.14%. Fiona King riding Saldo won open novice 37 with a score of 68.93%. Fiona continued her good form scoring 66.21% to win the restricted elementary 48.

Carla Maskell topped the class in the restricted medium 64 riding the lovely Be Fine with a score of 65.14%.

### VECTIS DRESSAGE AT BRICKFIELDS 9 FEBRUARY 2008

Children gave adults a run for their money at two events held by the Vectis Equestrian Club. Twelve-year-old Natasha Coventry, who has only just taken up dressage, won a class at her first event on February 9, riding Shamlord Chardonnay, a pony she looks after herself, with a little help from her mum.

Leading-rein tests were also held and all the children did extremely well. Jessica Gattrel rode very well and came away with the red ribbon followed by Madalin McIntosh and Molly Frost both riding Milly coming joint second!!

### AREA 17 INDOOR SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER AT KINGSTON MAURWOOD - SATURDAY 1 MARCH

Four members competed at the Area 17 Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at Kingston Maurwood. The team, Laura Barnicoat, Julie Wannop-Corney, Carla Maskell and Kelly Blow all rode their horses brilliantly finishing in 6th place and did a great job representing the club at this area competition.

### STOP PRESS !!!! FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All local competitions & training dates are available on our website, flyers & IW County Press adverts

### VECTIS DRESSAGE FESTIVAL 2008

This years festival will be held on Sunday 29 June at Di Andrews in Godshill.

We will be replacing the leading rein class with a new walk & trot test and look out for our NEW TEAM COMPETITION – so get together in teams of 3 & nominate which test you want to count for this exciting new competition.

All details are included on the enclosed schedule.

### AREA DRESSAGE TO MUSIC AT SPARSHOTT COLLEGE

We have 11 riders (including 4 juniors) going on 26 May, if anyone would like to support the competitors, please contact Jane Frost or Laura Windle.

### AREA SHOW JUMPING OUTDOOR, HAMPSHIRE SHOWGROUND, BOTLEY

Anyone wishing to enter this competition on 22 June, please contact Jackie Woodford on 760650

### AREA HORSE TRIALS AT LARKHILL

Anyone wishing to enter this competition on 13 July, please contact Jackie Woodford

### AREA DRESSAGE AT SHILLINGSTONE

Anyone wishing to enter this competition on 27 July, please contact Jane Frost 741235

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER & WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU OUT & ABOUT!**