

## Fun Dressage Club Night

This club night does not run every year, depending on time and demand. The emphasis is on enjoying riding a test.

There may be more than one class. Sometimes we include Pairs Dressage. Sometimes we do Pick a Test – but the emphasis is on FUN so those members who do not usually 'do dressage' can come along and have a go.

### Details/Eligibility:

***Pairs - BD and RC rules in respect of tack, horse and rider eligibility etc will not apply to this class so everyone can try it.***

The official description for pairs is on the web site but, although the judge will mark it as a normal test and return the score sheet to competitors for interest, the actual placings will be decided by three criteria only:

- How well matched were the horses/ponies (including temperament with each other)
- How pleasing was the overall presentation and composition of the test
- Were all the compulsory movements included

In case you have not seen a Pairs dressage test, the idea is for two horses to perform a free style test as a pair. This means that they perform the movements mostly side by side but can separate at times. There are few compulsory movements and it is up to the competitors to invent as interesting a test/pattern as possible – as in dressage to music. Sheona is, as usual, our local expert and you should give her a ring if you want some further advice. However, remember that this is meant to be a bit of fun, so don't worry about having to make it too complicated. A few basic movements performed smoothly and in harmony will be better than a difficult pattern which does not quite work out.

### ***Pick a Test - Tests to choose from are specified on the event listing***

In this class competitors can choose which test they ride from a Prelim, a Novice and an Elementary. It will be ridden as one class and placings will be decided on overall percentage scores.

**In this case BD and Riding Club rules will apply in respect of acceptable bits, tack etc and competitors cannot ride a test under their affiliated BD level.**

**Eligibility:** Riders must be paid up members of the club before commencement of the class. For other rules see descriptions of the classes.

**Booking:** Please pre-book for this and you will need to call for times. Details of who to contact will be on the event listing.