

The British Horse Society awards approved status to inner-city farm working with the disabled

The British Horse Society's Chairman Patrick Print FBHS has presented a plaque to an inner-city farm in London - after it achieved Approved Riding Centre status.

He gave the award to Deen City Farm, Wimbledon, on 28 February. The farm, a small inner-city riding school giving Riding for Disabled (RDA) lessons, achieved BHS approved status after a BHS Inspection on 9 February.

Mr Print said: "We are absolutely delighted that they have achieved BHS Approval. This is the sort of work, involving people with disability in inner cities, that is very close to our hearts at the BHS."

Ben Cheetham, Project Manager of Deen City Farm, said: "We have been seeking to reach BHS standards for some time now and we are delighted that Patrick Print came down here to present us with the BHS Approvals plaque."

If you have an establishment, and are interested in joining the BHS Approvals Scheme, please send an A4 SAE, with two first class stamps, to The Approvals Office, The British Horse Society, Stoneleigh Deer Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XZ. For more information please contact Chris Doran on 01926 707794 or c.doran@bhs.org.uk

Oliver Townend joins forces with Dodson & Horrell

Dodson & Horrell is pleased to announce that it is to work with Oliver Townend, one of the country's leading young event riders, over the course of the next year. Oliver had an exceptional year in 2005 which culminated in finishing second in the National rider rankings behind William Fox-Pitt and selection as an individual for the FEI European Eventing Championship at Blenheim.

"LUCKY" GETS HER NEW NAME

Since "Lucky's" arrival at The Home of Rest for Horses on Friday 13 January suggestions for her new name have been flooding into the charity's offices.

The Home, after much deliberation, has named the 14 hand dark bay mare Clover.

Clover has now been at The Home for three months and her recuperation is steady but positive. When Clover arrived her weight was gravely low and, as was expected, dropped further during her first few weeks at The Home. However, with a feed regime

now well established her weight is improving slowly and steadily.

Chief executive and resident veterinary surgeon, Paul Jepson says. "The good news is that she is starting to put on weight and, after careful feed management by the grooms, is now able to enjoy grazing in her paddock."



Hickstead SJ Qualifiers

Colette's Horse Shows are delighted to be hosting a series of 'Hickstead Show Jumper of the Year' Qualifiers at all future show jumping events inc. all Colette's future indoor show jumping events at Cottington, Plum Pudding and Blue Barn along with all Colette's summer shows in Kent, Surrey and Essex. The qualifiers are sponsored by Hickstead Horse Feeds and qualifying classes range from 60cm to 90cm with six different classes in total.

Riders placed 1st - 3rd in all qualifying classes will receive a Hickstead SJ qualification card and special 'Hickstead SJ of the Year' championship rosette. The finals are to be held at the Southern Counties Horse Show, East Sussex on 2 and 3 September.

Colette's summer shows are also hosting P(UK) qualifiers, Veteran Horse Society area qualifiers, Dabbs Scottish Master's qualifiers and qualifiers for the Blue Chip Lead Rein Pony of the Year.

For schedules please visit: www.cbequine.co.uk or send an A5 SAE (marked with relevant show) to: C Walker, 83 Blackthorn Road, Chislet Gardens, Canterbury, Kent CT3 4GA. For further details about the Hickstead qualifiers, please e-mail: cbequine@btinternet.com

Open Day for New Outdoor Arena with disabled Access

Pebsham Riding School are holding an Open Day on 14th April to formally open their new arena and to raise funds for Pebsham 1066 RDA. There will be a display of show jumping, a riding and road safety fashion display and a riding display from Olympic Dressage rider Kirsty Mepham. Refreshments will be available and entry is free. For more information contact: Ann Rodriguez on 01424 732637

GOULD IS MUSIC MAESTRO



The British Dressage Midlands Regional Championships took place from the 22 - 24 February 2006 at Addington Equestrian Centre in Buckinghamshire. Local International rider Andrew Gould from Hascombe, Near Godalming had a convincing win in the Prix St George to Music on his own and

his wife's Numero Uno scoring over 73%. He was also 2nd on Jacquie Walls Ultra Jazz in the Novice to Music. This sends both combinations through to the British Dressage National Championships which takes place at Solihull, West Midlands in early April.

Andrew had the previous week qualified Sara Green's Korenbloem Rebel G also for the National Championships at Prix St George to Music at the Southern Regional Championships held at Patchetts EC, Hertfordshire. This sends Andrew forward to the Nationals Championships with three horses.

Andrew has recently secured his place on the World Class Potential Squad for 2006. A lottery funded programme that recognises potential athletes for future Olympics. Andrew will be campaigning both his small tour horses this year at International Competitions and is hoping for selection to Saumur, France in April 2006.

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