

Principles of Dressage

Saturday demo riders



Session: Training scale

Zoe Sleigh

Zoe is a professional rider who trains horses from young horse level through to Grand Prix. She currently has a strong team of competition horses ranging from 4-year-olds to a 12-year-old Grand Prix horse. Valdino is a homebred gelding who has recently begun his competition career. His mother is full sister to German team horse Franziskus and father is Hanoverian premium stallion and price highlight Vivino. He is currently training towards Medium level and showing good talent in more collected work.

This year he will continue competing at Novice and Elementary level, while also contesting some six-year-old classes.

Valdino

6YO | 17.1hh | Gelding

By: Vivino

Owner: Christine Sleigh and rider



Julie Middleton-Reid

Julie is a Learning Support teacher at a secondary school and has owned Jessie for 16 years. After 10 successful seasons eventing at BE90/100 level, they joined BD to improve their dressage and quickly became hooked. Training with Caron Roberts and supported by a dedicated physio, vet and farrier, they aim to keep Jessie happy and competing for years to come. Their BD highlights include Area Festival podium finishes up to Medium, BD Combined Training Champion in 2024 and 2025, and 2nd in the Elementary Veteran Horse class at the Associated Championships in both years.

Lady Jessicka

21YO | 15.3hh | Mare

Owner: Rider



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Amelia Dovey

Amelia is 11 years old has been competing with BD since the age of 6, where she took part in Team Quest and My Quest before going through the BD Youth system, training and competing with BD North & West. She has been a regular at many championships and has had great success at Inter Regionals and Associated Championships.

This year she won the Petplan Area Festival Prelim and currently has two tickets for the Petplan Winter Area Festival Championships.

Derano B

12YO | 14.2hh | Gelding

By: Dornik B

Owner: Hannah Dovey



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Session: Novice

Katie Bailey

Katie began riding at a young age, starting in show jumping before moving to dressage through BD Youth. She trains with Carl Hester and runs her own coaching business in Gloucestershire. From 2009–2014, she worked for Carl as a groom and rider. Her highlights include multiple national and regional titles, Small Tour CDI top-five placings, Reserve Champion at Liverpool International, Reserve at HOYS Future Elite Championship, and achieving her Grand Prix international qualifying score with Hillgrounds Willenhall. She has owned Bertie for just over a year. He is working at Advanced Medium at home and recently placed 3rd at the Winter Regionals at Medium with 69.95%. Sensitive and forward-going, Katie is excited to take him up the levels.

Hillgrounds Foxtrot

9YO | 16.2hh | Gelding

By: Feinrich

Owner: Rider



Imogen Hanly

Imogen has always enjoyed lower-level dressage, but Timmy is the horse who truly got her into it, he has inspired her to keep improving. Imogen works on a livery yard and trains mostly on her own at home. Together they have had several competition highlights, including 3rd Prelim and 4th Novice at the Regional Championships 2024, 7th Novice at the Petplan Winter Area Festivals 2025, 3rd Novice at the Winter Regional Championships 2025, and 1st Novice at the Petplan Winter Area Festivals 2026.

Imogen has owned Timmy for five years and currently competes at Novice level, aiming to step up to Elementary soon. They also enjoy some low-level jumping.

Thisonetime

14YO | 16.3hh | Gelding

By: Kalanisi

Owner: Rider



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Session: Elementary

Lily Laughton

Lily began her dressage journey with her mother and now runs her own stable, competing seven horses for herself and owners. She trains with Carl Hester and is a 2023 European Bronze medallist. She previously rode for Olympian Marlies van Baalen. She has been riding Deidre in September 2025 and they are currently competing at Elementary, preparing to step up to Medium. Deidre is the queen of the stable, known as the cuddliest horse on the yard, but under saddle she's a complete pocket rocket.

EQP Deidre

6YO | 16.1hh | Mare
By: Glocks Dream Boy
Owner: Georgia Keegan



Alys Matravers

Alys began her equestrian journey in the showing ring with coloured horses before transitioning into dressage with Tiger Tim (Maz's sire). Alongside her dressage career, Alys manages a bar and runs a small yard, balancing her professional life with her passion for horses. She is currently competing and training at Elementary/Medium level and trained by Sue Petty. Tiger Mazarati was bred by Antony burks/Denise kersley and backed by Alys as a four-year-old.

Now, 12 years on, the partnership is still going strong. At home he's known as "Maz" and is described as a joker.

Tiger Mazarati (Maz)

16YO | 16.2hh | Gelding
By: Tiger Tim
Owner: Rider



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Session: Advanced Medium

Bryony Goodwin

Bryony is based at her private yard in the Forest of Dean, where she manages a small number of competition liveries while also riding for her trainers, David and Serena Pincus. Her passion for dressage grew from a love of producing young horses. She spent many years at Hawtins Stud, developing and competing talented young horses. Today, Bryony focuses on progressing horses through the levels with the aim of competing at Grand Prix. She has been partnered with Daisy for the past year, and together they are continuing to strengthen their partnership. This season, they are aiming to compete at the Premier Leagues to give Daisy competition experience.

Sheepcote Just Daisy

14YO | 17hh | Mare

By: Johnson

Owner: Lucy Pincus



Chantelle Oliver Symond

Chantelle is an accountant and works as Head of Finance, as well as a military wife and mum to her eight-year-old son. Having moved frequently, she credits the many trainers who've shaped her journey, with close friend Barry Hayes playing a key role in her coaching and competition support. Over 13 years, she has achieved numerous highlights, including winning a Petplan rug last season and competing in her first Grand Prix on a home-produced, non-conventional horse. She has owned Stadmorslow Coffee n Cream since he was three, originally bought for hacking and low-level jumping, a serious fall led them to dressage where they've never looked back.

Stadmorslow Coffee n Cream

21YO | 15hh | Gelding

By: Craigcoach Midas

Owner: Rider



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Session: PSG

Lucy Bremner

Lucy has always had an interest in dressage. At 16, she began working for Carl, where she spent seven years developing her skills and experience. She now runs a successful competition livery yard in Broadway, Cotswolds. Training with Carl and Becky, Lucy has enjoyed significant success, winning National and Young Horse Championships with Chagall, Fergana, Samber Dancer, and San Marco. She rose Tomasz a little as a young horse before taking time out to have her two children. During that period, Daniel took over his training and competition career. Since September, Lucy has been back riding consistently and is currently competing at Advanced Medium level.

Tomasz

8YO | 16.3hh | Gelding

By: Totilas

Owner: Rider



Melanie Phillips

Melanie's passion for dressage began in Pony Club before training at Talland and continuing her training abroad. She worked in her family business, Ruxton Horses, breeding and producing dressage horses, and is now a dressage rider, trainer, and BD Level 3 Coach, running her own training and livery yard. She competes two homebred horses: Ruxton Bridget Jones (Grand Prix) and Ruxton Shogun (Inter I). For the past three years, she has also competed with Lily, a talented and generous mare who always gives her all. They are currently competing at PSG, with plans to step up to Inter I this year.

Iouar Elizabeth

16YO | 14.2hh | Mare

By: Geler Sparc

Owner: Dr Susan Guthrie

