



# The Talland School of Equitation 2022 Christmas Newsletter



## **Welcome to the Talland School of Equitation's 2022 Christmas Newsletter.**

2022 has felt like a return to normality after the two long Covid years, and it's been fantastic to see so many clients, old and new, enjoying all that Talland has to offer over the course of the year. Our team of instructors headed up by Pammy Hutton and Pippa El Derby encompassing Senior Coaches Brian Hutton, Hilary Hughes, and Claire Graves; Coaches Adam El Derby, Raffi Bailey, Britt Lankston, and Sarah Devery, have been busy teaching riders of all levels and bringing along our Junior Instructors. Our students have had another successful year, keeping Talland's British Horse Society (BHS) exam pass rates above 90%.

The riding school yard is overseen by Yard Manager, Claire Graves, and she ensures the school horses are looking and feeling their best. From our sleek supreme schoolmasters right through to our fluffy beginner ponies, all horses are cared for as individuals and Talland's facilities mean that all requirements can be

met with ease. Talland continues to offer private, semi-private and group lessons 7 days a week to all levels from beginner through to Olympic level and to do so requires a wide variety of horses which we believe is one of Talland's biggest strengths!



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An important aspect of preparing career students for their future success with horses is providing opportunities to build their competition experience and 2022 has been no exception! This year, we have seen Talland school horses qualify and compete at the Junior Europeans, take the win in international Para dressage competitions, qualify for and compete successfully at Area Festivals, Regionals, and Nationals in dressage as well as enjoy fun show jumping competitions for a bit of a change of scenery!

Highlights include Kaya Probst from Croatia competing supreme schoolmaster Rocky in the Junior Europeans, the youngest rider and the oldest horse competing!



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Suzanne Hext and Talland schoolmaster Timmy took the win in three International CPEDI\*\* Grade 2 para dressage tests, including the Freestyle which is no easy feat as Timmy can find the music a tad exciting!

Raffi Bailey, Pammy's under rider, stepped up to Prix St George and Inter I level dressage this year on Pammy's own Enjoy. Two of Pammy's other horses Ebony and Albie have also been out competing under students Faye Heppelthwaite and Julian Agnello, qualifying for Regionals at their respective levels.



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Ebony also won an Intermediate British Eventing horse trials this season and is looking to step up to Advanced next year under event rider, Tom Rowland.





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The Talland livery yard is run by Britt Lankston and has welcomed some new faces, human and equine, this year. Horses on livery at Talland take part in a variety of activities from dressage through to hunting and have had a successful year.

Highlights include Isabella Benfield and Cookie's success at the RDA National Championships representing RDA Stratford upon Avon, bringing home 2<sup>nd</sup> place rosettes in the show jumping, dressage, and best turned out, a 5<sup>th</sup> in the showing class, and won the RDA Show Jumping Rider Award and Best Equine for the best combination.



Lucinda Mitchell has competed successfully throughout the year, with A Splash of Colour, the highlight being Prelim Bronze Champion at the BD associated Side Saddle Championships winning her first sash! They also went to the Side Saddle

National Show, finishing well in all of their classes, she very kindly shared Splash with Emma Harford's daughter Zara, who was 3rd in the Historical Costume class, the trio came away with several rosettes and trophies!



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We sadly said goodbye to Amber and Vicky this year who were both Talland secretaries, but we will be welcoming Sandra Keen to fill the role alongside Megan Field so that we will have office cover all week from January 2023. Megan and Sandra will continue to be led by Emma Harford, Office Manager and Pammy's Secretary so when you give us a call, send us an email or pop by reception, you will be greeted by one (or more!) of the office team! Mandy Childs continues to keep our accounts in order as well as running our car boot sales and coming up with ideas for events.

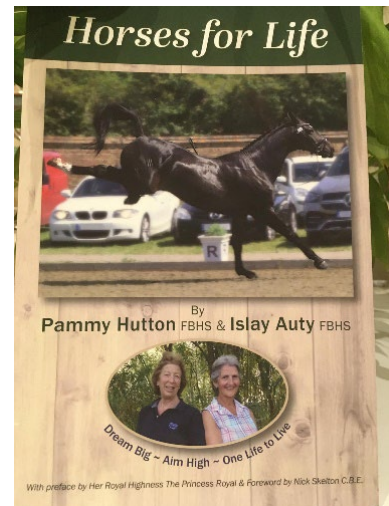




Millie has been working hard supervising the office and occasionally has time to check that the yard is being run in line with Talland's high standards! She now has her own Facebook page [Millie Hutton's Adventures | Facebook](#) where she shares her many escapades! Alongside her usual Talland doggy friends including Uncle Dudley, Millie made a new (boy)friend this year in Megan's rescue dog, Patch, and they have been getting into mischief together chasing rabbits (and each other!) round the farm!

Speaking of the office, we take this opportunity to plug Pammy & Islay Auty's book, *Horses for Life*, which makes a great present and has had excellent reviews. The book can be purchased online, but we recommend purchasing from the office where you can get yourself copies signed by both authors!

Catalin Popa and Alex Sirbu have done a fantastic job of keeping on top of the maintenance work to keep Talland looking good and functioning well. A big job for them this year was resurfacing outside the office and building a new car park. Kathryn Covey has continued to ensure Talland is clean and tidy, as well as creating displays for our disabled loo. Keep an eye out for the festive display if your next visit is in December!



Our café is run jointly by Mila Basetska and Kate Todd, with help from Nicola Major-Parker, Adam El Derby, Mandy and Claire. Serving hot and cold food and drinks daily Monday to Sunday as well as cakes and sweet treats. Talland branded refillable cups are now available to purchase from the café allowing you to take advantage of 20p off your hot drinks order whenever you bring your cup!



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We welcomed Horse & Country TV back to Talland to film the fourth series of the LeMieux All Stars Academy in September. It was fantastic to have the H&C team back alongside a fresh batch of contestants for a revamped series with an elimination element to keep everyone on their toes! The first episode can be accessed for free on YouTube: [LeMieux All Star Academy S4 EP 1 | FULL EPISODE - YouTube](#) and the full series can be viewed on Horse & Country TV: [LeMieux All Star Academy \(horseandcountry.tv\)](#)



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If you hadn't already heard, Pippa became Mrs El Derby in the summer of 2022 marrying Adam, who is also one of our coaches here at Talland. Pippa has an exciting string of talented horses in her stable and is back on the competition circuit qualifying for the Winter Championships at Novice, Advanced Medium and Prix St George having had a couple of seasons focusing on bringing on her young horses. Producing horses from the ground up takes time, but Pippa is keen to show the hard work is paying off and we can't wait to see what 2023 brings for her. Pippa is also enjoying working alongside her mother and father running the Talland School of Equitation with the support of her husband.



As Joint Principles of Talland, Pammy and Brian's weeks are as busy as ever. Pammy has a packed schedule with a mixture of riding and teaching, as well as the day to day running of Talland.





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Pammy has managed to take time out of her busy teaching schedule to compete on her own and Teresa Day's Magnum at Inter II and Grand Prix, bringing home several red rosettes. Pammy enjoyed putting her plaque up on her wall – 54 years of national and international plaques is something to be proud of. The jury is out on the 55<sup>th</sup> year!

Brian has been working incredibly hard out hay making over the summer, and he has combined this with teaching clients on the flat, over show jumps and out on the cross country. Pammy and Brian had a well-deserved 3 week holiday abroad in September, returning refreshed and ready to get stuck back in running in Talland!



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Talland is incredibly proud of the success of our career students this year with exam passes from BHS Stage 1 right through to Stage 5 units. Whilst we are always sad to see a student leave, seeing them achieve success in their equestrian career reminds us of what Talland is all about. Preparing each and every one with correct foundations to go and be an asset to the equine industry is what we strive for. We look forward to seeing what our most recent graduates will go on to achieve next and what our current students will achieve over the course of 2023!

We would like to thank all of our clients, staff, students, suppliers, contractors, and all that have contributed to Talland's successful year. We could not do this without you all and we are forever grateful.

**The Talland and Hutton family wish all their friends and clients a happy Christmas and every success for 2023.**

