

# HORSE WEEK



A weekly round-up of equestrian sport

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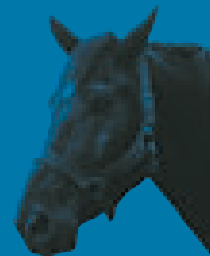
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## HORSE SCENE



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### equestrian events

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10** - Christmas league for horses and ponies at Mackenzie's Equestrian Centre, Randalstown, 6.30pm. Show jumping league at Lusk Equestrian, Lisburn / Carryduff, 7pm (schooling as usual 2pm-6pm). Show Jumping (70cm - 1.10m) at Knockagh View Equestrian Centre, Greenisland, 6.30pm.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11** - Indoor Winter Show jumping League at Moy Riding School Ltd, 6.30pm. North Antrim Riding Club show jumping league at RDA Arena, Coleraine. Christmas Show Jumping League (50cm - 1.10m) at Connell Hill, Randalstown, 6.30pm sharp. Pony jumping training show at Portmore Equestrian Centre, Aghalee, 7.30pm. Ecclesville Centre Show jumping League at Fintona, 6pm sharp. Training Show (30cm - 90cm) at Knockagh View Equestrian Centre, Greenisland, 6.30pm. Beginners pony jumping at Mossvale Equestrian Centre, Dromara. Christmas Pony League at Millbrook Equestrian Centre, Bessbrook, 7.30pm.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12** - Strule Valley Riding Club Christmas Dinner and Party Night at The Mellon Country Inn. B.R.A. Ulster Schools' Show Jumping Championships at Knockagh View Equestrian Centre, Greenisland. Riders Working Hunter League at Gransha Equestrian Centre, Bangor. NIWHA Winter Series for Ponies at Connell Hill, Randalstown, 9.30am.

**NWWHA Horse and Pony Working Hunter competition at Eglinton Equestrian Centre - ponies 10am sharp, horses 1pm approx. County Down Hounds Drag Hunt at Loughanmore, 12.30pm. Horse and pony show jumping training show at Portmore Equestrian Centre, Aghalee, 10.30am. Fun Novelty Night at Portmore Equestrian Centre, Aghalee. Fermanagh Harriers Branch of the Pony Club Winter League Final at Thornton's Indoor Arena, Florencecourt - open to everyone. Moy Riding Club Christmas Show at Turkington's. Co. Londonderry Horse Breeding Society Clydesdale Foal Show at Ballymena Livestock Market, 10.30am. Hoofprints League Inter-Schools competition at Kernan's Equestrian Centre, Crossmaglen, 9am sharp - all schools welcome. Horse and Pony Winter League at Cavan Equestrian Centre. Baileys Inter schools team league third round at Mossvale Equestrian Centre, Dromara, 3pm. Horseware Junior team league third round at Mossvale Equestrian Centre, Dromara, 8pm. Inter Schools League Final at Millbrook Equestrian Centre, Bessbrook, 7pm sharp.**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13** - Seskinore and Ecclesville and Necarne Student Riding Clubs affiliated and unaffiliated dressage at Necarne Castle, Irvinestown, Co Fermanagh, 11am. Christmas Show at Laurel View, Templepatrick. Show jumping at Eglinton Equestrian Centre, 10am. Christmas Show at Lime Park Equestrian Centre, Maghaberry, 10.30am. Registered show jumping at Millbrook Equestrian Centre, Bessbrook - horses 10am, ponies 12 noon.

Indoor show jumping at Tullymurry Equestrian Centre, Clough, Downpatrick - ponies 10am, horses 1.30pm.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14** - Novice Jumping Christmas Special at Mossvale Equestrian Centre, Dromara.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15** - Indoor jumping final at Gransha Equestrian Centre, Bangor. Horse jumping training show at Portmore Equestrian Centre, Aghalee, 7.30pm. Christmas Dressage League at Connell Hill, Randalstown - pre-entry.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16** - Show Jumping Training (30cm-1m) at Laurel View, Templepatrick, 6pm. Christmas Horse League at Millbrook Equestrian Centre, Bessbrook, 7.30pm.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17** - Mid Antrim Pony Club Dengie Show Jumping Qualifiers at Moneydig Show Jumping Centre, Killea. Show jumping league final and Christmas Show at Lusk Equestrian, Lisburn / Carryduff, 7pm (schooling as usual 2pm-6pm). Show Jumping (70cm - 1.10m) at Knockagh View Equestrian Centre, Greenisland, 6.30pm.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18** - Indoor Winter Show jumping League Final at Moy Riding School Ltd, 6.30pm. Christmas Show Jumping League Final (50cm - 1.10m) at Connell Hill, Randalstown, 6.30pm sharp. Pony jumping training show at Portmore Equestrian Centre, Aghalee, 7.30pm. Ecclesville Centre Show jumping League Final at Fintona, 6pm sharp. Training Show (30cm - 90cm) at Knockagh View Equestrian Centre, Greenisland, 6.30pm. Beginners pony jumping Christmas Special at Mossvale Equestrian Centre, Dromara. Christmas Pony League at Millbrook Equestrian Centre, Bessbrook, 7.30pm.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19** - IPS Working Hunter Winter Training Show at Lusks Equestrian Centre, Carryduff / Lisburn, 9.30am. NIWHA Winter Series for Horses at Laurel View, Templepatrick, 9.30am. Unregistered Horse and Pony Show (70cm-1m) at The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Lurgan, 10am. NID competition at Danescroft, Lisburn. Christmas Spectacular (ponies) at Eglinton Equestrian Centre. County Down Hounds Drag Hunt at McAdams crossroads, 12.30pm. Horse and pony show jumping training show at Portmore Equestrian Centre, Aghalee, 10.30am. Horse and Pony Winter League at Cavan Equestrian Centre.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20** - Working Hunter Course available for schooling at Laurel View, Templepatrick. Christmas Spectacular (horses) at Eglinton Equestrian Centre. Christmas Novelty Pony Show (unregistered) at Kernan Equestrian Centre, Crossmaglen, 10am. Horse and Pony Winter League Final at Cavan Equestrian Centre. Registered show jumping final at Millbrook Equestrian Centre, Bessbrook - horses 10am, ponies 12 noon. Christmas Charity Show in aid of Marie Curie at Connell Hill, Randalstown, 10am.

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## IN BRIEF

### NWWHA note

PLEASE note the next North West Working Hunter Association (NWWHA) show is at Eglinton this Saturday, December 12. Ponies will start at 10am and horses will now start earlier than previously at 1pm sharp.

### Show jumping at Tullymurry

THERE will be Indoor show jumping at Tullymurry Equestrian Centre, Clough, Downpatrick this Sunday, December 13. Ponies will commence at 10am with classes from 50cm up to 1m. Horses will start at 1.30pm, with classes from 60cm up to 1.10m.

For further details, contact 07980 210681.

### Competition at Eglinton

EGLINTON Equestrian Club's show this Sunday, December 13 starts at 10am. Horse riders are advised that as the Citroen competition is now finished, horse competitions should start much earlier at around 4pm.

This will be a good preparation for next weekend's two-day Christmas Spectacular, which has some great prizes on offer. Both these shows are open to all and no qualification is required.

Full details of the Christmas Spectacular will be in next week's Horse Week.

### East Antrim Dengie notice

PLEASE note that the date of East Antrim Pony Club's NEXT Dengie show jumping qualifier has been changed to Monday, December 21 at Connell Hill, Randalstown, commencing at 6.30pm. Classes are Warm up, Junior Dengie, Dengie and Open. Enquiries 028 9443 2904.

### Kan study results due

FOLLOWING the University of Ulster study in September on the Kan body protector, Wendy McCaughan is looking forward to the results being available shortly.

Feedback to date has been great and the results are awaited with anticipation.

Wendy would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who took part in the study.



■ Claire Dobbin with Chloe Agnew, aged three, on 'Lollipop', winner of the Under six Best Dressed Santa category at the Saintfield Charity Ride. (FW49-556JG)

PICTURE: John Gibson

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# Mossvale Arena Party gets set for Olympia

IN present times, when voluntary help in the running of sporting events of any kind is almost a 'thing of the past', Nigel Jess with his 'Arena Party' team offers an invaluable service to organisers of events.

Mossvale Arena Party has evolved from members assisting with their local Mossvale Riding Club activities, acting as fence stewards. They progressed from this to form a team of helpers, initially assisting at local shows and later moving further afield.

Over a number of years, they have built up a reputation for a very slick and efficient squad of workers, which assists greatly in ensuring efficient and smooth running of show jumping classes from the course building aspect, along with dressage and all other displays held in the arena.

The London International Horse Show at Olympia is taking place from Tuesday, December 15 until Monday, December 21 and the Mossvale Arena Party have been invited to attend.

Bob Ellis, International Course Designer [Olympic standard] has been very impressed by the team: "Mossvale Arena Party are so enthusiastic and conscientious, and they are very quick at what they do. They all have a great sense of humour and are great to work with," says Bob.

"A few years ago, the Army arena party that were arranged for one of the big shows had to go to Iraq at short notice, so the show was left without an arena party. We contacted Raymond and Nigel Jess and the Mossvale team came over and



■ The Mossvale Arena Party who are travelling over to Olympia this week. (FW49-524JP)

did an excellent job. They have now done three Olympias and three Royal Windsors. I couldn't recommend them highly enough!"

Nigel Jess manages the team, and offers a service to Show Organisers by providing a team of workers in groups from six to 30 members, depending upon the requirements of the individual show.

The team attending Olympia is as follows: Raymond Jess (Course builder), Mossvale Equestrian Centre, Dromara, Co. Down; Nigel Jess, Mossvale Equestrian Centre; Victoria Clarke, Cloughy, Co. Down; Joanne Clingan, Dromara, Co. Down; Connie Doak, Aghalee, Co. Armagh; Kristian Floyd, Moira, Co. Down; Chantal Kane, Aghalee, Co. Armagh; William McBurney, Kilkeel, Co. Down; Robert McCoubrey, Ballies Mills, Co. Antrim; Ian Megahey, Templepatrick, Co. Antrim; Christopher Miskimmin, Dromara, Co. Down; Rory O'Hagan, Moira, Co. Down; Declan O'Hare, Dromara, Co. Down; Chrissy Quinn, Downpatrick, Co. Down; Elaine Quinn, Downpatrick, Co. Down; Ben Townley, Bangor, Co. Down; Thomas Vance, Lisburn, Co. Antrim; Gavin Walsh, Downpatrick, Co. Down; Lisa Wharry, Limavady, Co. Londonderry; Vicki Wharry, Limavady, Co. Londonderry.

Simon Brooks-Ward, Event Director for Olympia, The London International Horse Show and Royal Windsor Horse Show said: "Since we began using the Mossvale Arena Party three years ago, they haven't put a foot wrong. So, even though they travel a long way to help out, we continue to use them for all our events as they're an integral part of the team. It's important to have a group that work well together and they really do. It makes my job as Event Director much easier!"



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