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Local Dressage Star - Meet Ben St John James

Ben, at just 21yrs of age, is already winning, and riding alongside Olympic riders at top level dressage events throughout the UK. Ben was born and raised in Gosport, and from a young age Ben's dream was always to become a show-jumper or a lawyer. He chose the "horsey" career-path at the age of 16 and started his training with Emma Tyler, a dressage rider based in Titchfield. Then followed a year's training with top international rider David Pincus based in Hereford, and then he worked and trained with Sandra Biddlecombe in Gloucestershire, who imports Dutch warm-blood dressage horses. After several years of hard work, no money, rigorous training, and enormous sacrifices, is the choice of career paying off?



Well, Ben's most recent accomplishments are amazing; after being talent-spotted by British Dressage for the Young Rider National Championships and an off-chance meeting in a nightclub in Southampton, enter Margaret Allen and Jules Cranfield, sponsors of Ben's future, and potentially our Olympic hopeful. Ben's inspiration and training is currently with Andrew Gould, who trained with David Hunt; unequivocally two of Britain's best dressage riders.



One of Ben's most recent and formidable accomplishments was competing at Prix St George level at the Wellington Premier League Dressage, in June 2006, where he came 3rd, just 2% behind two Olympic riders, Emile Feurie and Peter Storr. Not a bad achievement considering he has only been riding Le Duc since last year. Le Duc, a stunning 15 year old Trakhener stallion who has taken Ben from Novice to Prix St. George in ten months. The two of them are now competing amongst the most elite dressage riders in the country.

Ben is going from strength to strength due to the generous support of his family and sponsors, Jules Cranfield and Margaret Allen of 'TEAM EDGE', based at Exton Stud, Corhampton in the beautiful Meon Valley. Ben has come a long way after qualifying and being placed 7th at the National Talent spotting qualifiers in Addington last year and achieved best rider marks. He also won the Elementary restricted regional finals and came 3rd at the Winter Championship finals in Solihull in April.

What's on the horizon now for Ben? He is currently running Team Edge Dressage at Exton Stud, where he trains and develops sport horses, and runs a successful stud and livery yard. They have already produced four stunning foals this year. One of which is the son of Le Duc, the first Le Duc colt born here in the UK, just four weeks old. His name is Classique Edition, and already he has been sold - potentially another future star?



Ben, along with his sponsors (two of the most respected breeders of sport horses in the country, Sandra Biddlecombe & Sarah Tyler-Evans) is organising a high performance sale of top class sport horses on **Saturday 19th August** at Crofton Manor Equestrian Centre, Titchfield Road, Stubbington. Entry fee is £5 on the day. For sale, by auction, will be a selection of broodmares, young-stock, yearlings, 2 and 3 year old potential dressage horses, show jumpers and eventers. There will also be a stallion parade.

Olympic rider Carl Hester will be the special guest of the day and will be providing a ridden demonstration. In 1990 Carl was the youngest rider to make a British Dressage team and two years later was Britain's highest placed dressage rider, and competed in the final at the Barcelona Olympics on Giorgione. Carl has since represented Great Britain at the European Championships in 1997 & 1999, the Sydney Olympics, and rode the great Escapado in the Athens Olympics. Could this be the same route for Ben St John James? We believe so.

If you are interested in further information regarding Ben's Dressage Clinics at Little Leigh Farm Equestrian Centre: Contact: Lozzie.lewisa@btconnect.com Tel 023 9241 3687

To find out more about the Top Class Sports Horse sales, please contact: Sarah on 07748 982678
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To find out more about training/horses for sale, contact: TEAM EDGE DRESSAGE

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What's On:

Fri 4 August: Unaffiliated Show Jumping every Friday night from 6pm. Cedar Stables, Medstead, Alton GU34 5LU, tel 01420 564169, www.alternativehorsesolutions.co.uk

Heather Lewis Clinics, Crofton Manor Equestrian Centre, Titchfield, nr Fareham

Fri 4 August: Loose Jumping. Individual 15 min sessions. From 4.00pm, £8.00

Wed 9 August: Dressage, using groundpoles. Add variety & improve rhythm, paces, accuracy. From 5.00pm, £12.50

Wed 16 August: Show Jumping. Continuing with basic work to improve position and technique. From 5.00pm, £12.50

Wed 23 August: Jumping – Indoor Cross Country. From 5.00pm, £12.50

Sat 26 August: Show Jumping – Grand Prix Clear Round. Your chance to jump a replica course of last October's Grand Prix. From 9.30am, £12.50

For more details go to www.hlewisstraining.co.uk, email hlewis@onetel.net or phone Heather on 07968 257558

Sun 6 Aug: Manhood Riding Club Open Show, Compton Cross Country Course. Show organiser: Heather Linfield, 1 Pottery Lane, Nutbourne, West Sussex PO18 8RP, tel 01243 573048 after 8pm

Sun 6 August: Solent Riding Club Annual Open Show, Hampshire Showground, Kings Corner, Botley. www.solentridingclub.co.uk (postponed from 28 May)

Sun 6 August: Cadnam Show Society In-hand and Ridden Show, Terry's Lawn, Petlake Farm, Ringwood Road, Bartley, Southampton. Tel 023 8077 6854, email hazellong2003@yahoo.co.uk

Portchester Horse & Pony Association

Sun 6 August: Showing Rally, In-hand and Ridden at Crofton Manor EC with Amanda Napleton. Spectators welcome

Sun 20 August: Main Show, Portchester Castle Recreation Ground

Sun 17 September: Le Trots Trec, Arbor Trees, West Meon

Rallies to be held at Crofton Manor Equestrian Centre, Titchfield Road, Stubbington (nr. Fareham) with Amanda Napleton

Rallies are for members only. New members always welcome.

For further details please contact Jo or Corrie on 023 9261 7841

Thu 10 August: Clear Round Cross Country, SAE to Events Secretary, Dene Farm, Wisdom Lane, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge SO20 8ER, tel 01962 774823

Sun 13 August: Unaffiliated Dressage with the Wessex classical riding group. Several levels inc. one that has no canter work. At Fortune Centre, Burley. Ring Bridgit Keeble 01980 619228

Sun 13 August: Cadnam Show Society Driving Show, Terry's Lawn, Petlake Farm, Ringwood Road, Bartley, Southampton. Tel 023 8077 6854, email hazellong2003@yahoo.co.uk

Little Leigh Farm Equestrian Centre, Prospect Lane, nr Rowlands Castle, Havant

Unaffiliated Summer Dressage Series: Sun 13 Aug (Championship)

Car Boot and Equestrian Sale: Every Sunday during August: 7.30am-12.30pm. Car and table £6, Trailers and vans £10. Buyer entry fee 30p/car.

Show Jumping Schooling: Saturday mornings £5

School for Hire: International arena and lunging pen available for hire £8/hour

Saturday Club for Kids & Children's Birthday Parties every Saturday

Tel: 023 9241 3687, email lozzie_lewisa@btconnect.com

Mon 14 – Fri 18 August: Summer Pony Camp, The Dutch Stables, Headbourne Worthy, Winchester. www.thedutchstables.co.uk. Tel 01962 880550 / 07761 208876

Understanding Equus - www.understandingequus.co.uk

Debbie Reilly, Equine Trainer & Behaviour Specialist, Oak Tree House, Hightown Hill, Ringwood, Hants BH24 3HE.

Tel/fax: 01425 473151, mobile: 07715 732278. Email: info@understandingequus.co.uk

Workshops: (Each workshop is unique and is tailored to the needs and requirements of the participants and horses attending)

Mon 14-Fri 18 Aug: Intensive Training Week at Oak Tree House

Mon 21/Tue 22 Aug: Understanding Equus & Equine Behaviour Workshop

Mon 21-Fri 25 Aug: Understanding Equus: Partnership Course

Mon 4-Fri 8 Sept: Intensive Training Week at Oak Tree House

Thurs 14/Fri 15 Sept: Introduction to Long-lining to develop balance and self-carriage

Sat 16/Sun 17 Sept: Understanding Equus: Ground to Ridden communication

Sat 23 Sept: Ground Work 'Refresher Day': Open to clients who have previously attended a UE Workshop.

Sun 24 Sept: Ridden Work 'Refresher Day': Open to clients that have previously attended a UE Workshop.

Debbie is also available to visit you for coaching sessions, group workshops etc.

Tue 15 August: Wessex Riding Club Talk on Grassland Management, The White Horse in Downton, nr Salisbury. £3 admission to non members. Contact Gill Clark on 07771 617625

Sat 19 August: Equestrian Car Boot Sale, Forty Acres Farm, Bedhampton, Havant. 10.00am–1.00pm. Car £7.00, Car and trailer/van £10.00. More info please call 07851 284942

Sun 20 Aug & 17 Sept: Oldwick Dressage, £10/class, Rosettes to 8th place (subject to entries). Entries to Show Secretary, Oldwick Farm, West Stoke Road, Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 9AA.

Sun 20 August: Cadnam Show Society In-hand and Ridden Show, Terry's Lawn, Petlake Farm, Ringwood Road, Bartley, Southampton. Tel 023 8077 6854, email hazellong2003@yahoo.co.uk

Wed 23 August: Combined Training, 2pm start. SAE to Woodington Training Centre, Woodington Road, East Wellow SO51 6DQ. Tel 01794 324172

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Sat 26 August: Wilton Hunt Horse Show, A range of in-hand, ridden and working hunter classes, with qualifiers for the Royal London Show, South West Ponies Association and Shetland Pony Stud Book Society. SAE to Mrs Helen Randall, The Stables, Cowesfield Green, Whiteparish, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 2QS or email hr@the-office.fsbusiness.co.uk

Sun 27 August: Affiliated and Unaffiliated Show Jumping. SAE to The Hampshire Showground, Pinkmead Farm, Kings Corner, Botley, Southampton SO30 2HA. www.hampshirehorseshow.co.uk

Mon 28 August: Littleton Horse Show, Wonston Manor Farm, Sutton Scotney, nr Winchester. SAE to Events Secretary, 10 Westfield Road, Littleton, Winchester SO22 6QB, tel 01962 880047 / 07756 256294 / 07748 716228

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Sun 3 September: Charity Ride supported by Hampshire HorseWatch, Farleigh Wallop, nr Basingstoke. Optional intro to "Trec" on completion of ride. Details www.nfed.co.uk/horsetwath, contact equine@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Sun 3 September: Denmead Horse Show, Sun 17 Sept: Fun Event & Show

SAE to Event Secretary, Seymour Cottage, Forest Road, Denmead PO7 6UA. Tel 023 9226 1977

Wed 6 September: Gala Dressage to Music Evening, Wellington Riding, Basingstoke Road, Heckfield, Hook RG27 0LJ. Tickets (covered seating) £15 in advance. SAE to The Secretary or see www.wellington-riding.co.uk

Sun 10 September: Combined SJ/XC, Fair Oak Estate, Rogate, Petersfield GU31 5HR. Tel 01730 821508. www.fair-oak.co.uk

Sun 10 September: Affiliated and Unaffiliated Show Jumping. SAE to The Hampshire Showground, Pinkmead Farm, Kings Corner, Botley, Southampton SO30 2HA. www.hampshirehorseshow.co.uk

Sun 17 September: Hunter Trial, Wellington Riding, Basingstoke Road, Heckfield, Hook RG27 0LJ. SAE to The Secretary or see www.wellington-riding.co.uk

Sun 17 September: Cadnam Show Society In-hand and Ridden Show, Terry's Lawn, Petlake Farm, Ringwood Road, Bartley, Southampton. Tel 023 8077 6854, email hazellong2003@yahoo.co.uk

Sat 23 September: John Jones Demo Day, Black Hill Horse Training, Old Shawls Farm, Craswall, Herefordshire. 11.00am-4.30pm. Tel 01981 510269 or email daisy@horselister.co.uk

Sun 24 September: Wey Valley Riding Club One Day Event, Tweseldown. SAE to Events Secretary, Rosemary Cottage, Churt Road, Headley GU35 8SS. Tel 01428 722814.

Sun 24 September: Sponsored Ride, New Park Farm, Brockenhurst. SAE to Events Secretary, 23 Old Priory Close, Copse Lane, Hamble, Southampton SO31 4QP

Tue 26 September: Lecture Demo with Heather Moffett (founder of Equisimulator), Merrist Wood Campus, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey.. Contact Enlightened Equitation, Loews Corner, Stockwell, Silverton, Devon EX5 4DT. Tel 07967 111972. www.enlightenedequitation.com

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Sun 1 October: Cadnam Show Society In-hand and Ridden Show, Terry's Lawn, Petlake Farm, Ringwood Road, Bartley, Southampton. Tel 023 8077 6854, email hazellong2003@yahoo.co.uk

Fri 6 – Mon 9 October: Weekend of Classical and Natural Riding with Sylvia Loch and D. Francisco Braganca. SAE to Events Secretary, 26 Pack Lane, Oakley, Hants RG23 7BE, tel 01256 781381. Email seagera1@aol.com

Sun 8 October: Hunter Trial, Pinkmead Farm Equestrian Centre, Kings Corner, Botley, Southampton SO30 2HA. SAE to Pinkmead address or visit www.pinkmead.co.uk

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Wed 11 October: Lecture Demonstration with Tim Stockdale, Merrist Wood Campus, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey. Contact Kate McCormack, Whitgift School, Haling Park, South Croydon, Surrey CR2 6YT Tel: 020 8680 7485

Sat 21 October: Clear Round Cross Country, SAE to Events Secretary, Dene Farm, Wisdom Lane, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge SO20 8ER, tel 01962 774823

Sun 29 October: Candover Valley Sponsored Ride, The Grange, Northington (between Winchester and Alton). 8 mile ride over park, woodland and water meadows with jumps to suit all ages and capabilities. SAE to Mrs C Bullen, Avington Park, Winchester SO21 1DB. Tel: 01962 779260.

Thu 2 November: Lecture Demonstration with Chris Bartle, Merrist Wood Campus, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey. Contact Yorkshire Riding Centre, Markington, Harrogate HG3 3PE. Tel 01765 677207 www.yrc.co.uk

Wed 15 Nov/Thu 16 Nov: Evening Hunter Trial Clear Round, Merrist Wood Campus, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey. Tel Event Secretary 01483 884147, email kclarkson@guildford.ac.uk

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