

### **NEWS FLASH - Opportunity to Video Record Dressage Tests**

At the next Rutland Riding Club dressage competition, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, we will be trialling the videoing of tests for the first time.

The professional photographer, Benjamin Clark, who photographed competitors at the last competition in July, has agreed to video dressage tests at a fee of £15 per test. However, the complication is that we still need to run 2 arenas and there is only one photographer. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that riders who want a video will get one. In between video recording, Ben will take still photos that riders can peruse and purchase after the event, as previously.

Competitors will be required to **book and pay £15 in advance on arrival on 21<sup>st</sup> September** and they will be refunded if Benjamin is unable to fit them in. The stewards will aim to keep Ben informed of which riders want to be videoed; unfortunately this will not be straight forward because we do not use numbers. It will be very helpful for competitors, who have booked and paid, to announce themselves to Ben when they are called forward to their arena providing he is **NOT** already taking a video of the test in the other arena.

On this first occasion we may restrict competitors to one video each depending on take up.

We have considered organising test times according to whether competitors state an interest but this is considered too complicated due to: imprecise timings; competitors needing to cancel at short notice; not have published this opportunity on to printed schedules in advance and competitors changing their mind.

We hope that competitors will be patient while we explore the best way to provide this opportunity at competitions.

### **Helpers Needed on 21<sup>st</sup> September**

We are in need of a second writer, to support the dressage judge, and a second steward on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please will anyone who can help on the day (usually 9.30am to about 2 pm ) contact Sue Scarrott as soon as possible on 01572 813851. Thank you.