

## TALES FROM DEXTER

Darkly Dreaming Dexter from Area 5 was delighted to win the Side Saddles Performance Points Best Gelding at the S.S.A. AGM and posed with his trophy for his fans.



The following weekend, along with his rider Sarah Edmunds, he was the first ever side saddle entrant for the RAF Halton Sponsored Ride. Being only 14.3hh didn't slow him down as he flew all the bonus fences (organisers say they go up to 3'9") including the iconic jump of the fuselage of a real plane giving a good lead to Sarah's husband Roger on his 17.2hh 5 year old.



There was so much interest in the cross country fences being done side saddle that Sarah spent ages at each checkpoint chatting to people and referring them to the S.S.A. to find Instructors if they were interested in having a go themselves.



Sarah found it very amusing that she and Dexter would come up to a fence with a crowd of people dithering whether to jump or not, asking if it was okay to come through and as Dexter charged over the jumps Roger could hear them saying "well if she can go sideways, I'll have to have a go now"