



# NEWSLETTER

**THIS MONTH:**

**\*\* Interdressage \*\* AGM \*\* Biomechanic Clinics \*\***

**PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES**



*Sophie Hooper - Overall winner of the Pepper Pot League 2017*

## EDITOR'S BIT

Well, here we are; the first newsletter of 2018 ☺. January's issue isn't usually so big, but we've had a great month - at least, all the indoors stuff was pretty great! A fantastic AGM (the first one I've hosted and I have to say I enjoyed it immensely ☺) and some Biomechanics clinics to get everyone ready for the new season. The outdoor stuff - well, not so great, thanks to the British weather, but hey ho, that's life with horses!

It's been a busy month for the committee, with lots of things going on behind the scenes. With both Area and Mercian seasons starting soon, there's been lots of meetings to put plans in place. I'm really looking forward to March, with two Winter qualifiers taking place. We're already breaking our own records, as with weeks to go, we have 5 teams for the Dressage and 3 teams for the Jumping. It's not too late to put your name down - contact Chris if you'd like to have a go. Other dates for Area qualifiers are starting to appear, so keep an eye on the bag page, or on the website, to get them in your diary nice and early.

On the Mercian front, the first competition is the end of April. There have been some changes to the rules and eligibility this year, which will have a big impact on who can take part. There'll be a big review in next month's newsletter, so watch this space.

PS. Apologies for all the photos of me throughout the newsletter - please focus on who I'm awarding prizes too instead!

*until next time, Caroline*

MHRC

# AGM



Lydia Burrows

Our AGM was held at Welland Village Hall on 19th January, and it was great to see so many people, new faces and old, coming along to celebrate our fantastic 2017.

The top table looked amazing, and not because it was where the

committee were sat! The club had won so much silverware, that it was difficult to see over and into the room, and with the addition of the trophies and rosettes to award later in the evening, it was a fantastic site.

The evening kicked off with a welcome and quick review of the year from Caroline, followed by reports from Area Team Manager, Chris, and Mercian Team Manager, Jodie. With so many brilliant results, happy memories and lots of laughs, there was a lot to remember from last year.

Ann then went over the club finances, which although looking OK, do need a bit of topping up for the new year. With so many members qualifying at Area and going off to the Championship, we had a lot of expenses. A plea was issued to all members to support as many of our fundraising activities as possible to make sure we can afford 2018!

Then it was time for a break, with an excellent buffet that had a huge range of sandwiches, pastries, dips, crisps, quiche and cakes.

Once everyone was refreshed, Caroline then went

through plans for 2018, confirming dates for MHRC and Area events (see our website) and going over what BRC was bringing in. A big change was to the

rules regarding hats and body protectors (please see Area newsletter for details), and a reminder that members won't be able to compete at Area events if equipment is not up to standard. BRC have also highlighted to clubs the need to be aware of insurance, tax and legal issues, while most of the changes will happen behind the scenes at committee level, members may find they have to complete more paperwork or tick boxes throughout the year. Caroline ensured members that it wasn't being done to be awkward or cause problems, but is essential to make sure the club was covered and would be allowed to continue functioning!

Julie then reviewed the training from last year and highlighted some of the plans for this year. Sarah Bowness will be joining the committee to help Julie organise ridden clinics, and will be focusing on Junior training. There will be some changes to how clinics are run - the major one being that we will no longer be able to open them to non-members.

Caroline then introduced the proposed committee for 2018. Chris and Jodie are to remain in their team manager roles; Sarah will join Julie in arranging clinics; Karen, Linda, Sophie and Ann will stay on as Social Secretary, Merchandising, Child Protection Office and Honorary Treasurer respectively. Caroline will become Chair, with Camilla taking on the Secretary Role. It was also suggested that Lin was asked to become our Honorary President. This was proposed to the attending members and was voted in. Caroline also thanked everyone for their continued support and for volunteering so much. With such a big club, the committee couldn't always attend everything and there may be more instances where we will ask for someone to

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Oliver Hooper



Sue Peckham



The Senior 70cm SJ Team



Steph Woolley



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# INTERDRESSAGE

Thanks to the rather inclement weather and untreated roads, the club filming day on 21st January was cancelled! But individual members still had a go at filming their own tests and submitting them online, to make sure we earn those all important points for the BRC League.

## Class: Walk and Trot

4th (Restricted Senior) Chris Esling and Just Jake  
7th (Restricted Senior) Linda Medcalf and Rosie  
17th (Restricted Senior) Linda Medcalf and Midnight Express  
3rd (Open Senior) Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

## Class Walk, trot, canter

1st (Restricted Senior) Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie  
4th (Restricted Senior) Suzanne Lidbetter and Midnight Express

## Class BRC D10

3rd (Senior Restricted) Camilla Esling and Murphy

## Class: Equi Skills

1st (Senior) Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe  
2nd (Senior) Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly

The next club filming day is **18th February** - contact Caroline if you'd like a slot.

The 2017 Interdressage Overall leagues came to an end in December. **Congratulations to Sue Lidbetter** and Rosie who came 9th in the Senior Dressage League and **Oli-ver Hooper** and Pinto, who also came 9th, but in the Combined Showing League.

## INTERDRESSAGE LEAGUES

### BRC League (with DECEMBER points added)

1st	Cherwell Valley	403
2nd	Malvern Hills	390
3rd	Crown	147

### Winter League (with DECEMBER points added)

1st	Cherwell Valley	357
2nd	Malvern Hills	354
3rd	Summerwood (USA)	335

For Full leagues, check out our website

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cover an activity for us.

Then it was onto the fun part of the evening, with the presentations of the club awards.

The Progression cup is given to any member who has shown improvement in ability or attitude throughout the year. **Lydia Burrows** won it for making the step from Mercian to Area level, and for representing us at the national championships so well.



Anna Robson

The Progression Shield is awarded to any new member who has shown progress in their first year. This went to **Oliver Hooper**, whose riding has really come on and who also represented us at the National Championships.

The **Achiever's Cup** was a hard one to decide this

year, with so many brilliant results at all levels of competition. But in the end, it was jointly awarded to the Senior 70cm Jumping Team (**Julie Jeffes, Sarah Bowness, Lydia Burrows** and **Sara Stephenson**), who are BRC National Champions 2017.



Jo Jeynes

The Club Support Shield was awarded to **Anna Robson**, who volunteered as a fence judge for us a West Wilts, helped set up and clear away at our events, as well as competing at them, and stepped in on short notice to fill teams.

The Committee Cup was awarded to **Jo Jeynes**, who always competes with a smile on her face and can make us laugh.

The Golden King Cup is presented from one member to

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**HARD HATS, BODY PROTECTORS & AIR JACKETS**

**With Charlie from Treehouse Sporting Colours**

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**DATE:** 6th March 2018      **TIME:** 7:30 prompt start

**VENUE:** Castlemorton Village Hall, WR13 6BE

**COST:** £5 per person - Non-members welcome

Refreshments Provided

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another, and to a horse that has really stood out over the year. Camilla Esling awarded this to Mr Gangster, owned by Sue Peckham, who not only has been part of FOTH Eventer Challenge team, but competed at Blenheim with a brand new rider.

The Lofty Cup is also awarded from one member to another. Liz Whitehead couldn't attend the evening, so Caroline awarded it on her behalf to **Lydia Burrows**, for a generosity, general attitude and friendliness at the Championships.

Caroline then awarded the Chairman's Cup. As well as being a difficult decision, it was also an emotional one, with the cup going to **Lin Harber**, for all her work, support and fortitude in 2017.

The last awards were for the Pepper Pot League. There have been some changes and new awards added. In 2017, a separate trophy will be awarded to the Junior and Senior gaining most points in Dressage classes.

Added to this in 2018, will be two more additional awards, for Jumping Classes and for Combined Classes (for a full set of 2018 Rules, please check out the website). As per previous years, fabulous rosettes were awarded to the juniors and seniors gaining the most points overall, and a trophy to the Overall Champion.

- ♦ Pepper Pot Junior Dressage Champion = **Amber Knott** and Pennal Zedan.
- ♦ Pepper Pot Senior Dressage Champion = **Steph Woolley** and Freckleton Matador
- ♦ Pepper Pot Overall Junior Winner = **Oliver Hooper** and Pinto
- ♦ Pepper Pot Overall Senior Winner and Overall Champion = **Sophie Hooper** and The King's Archer.

For see where you came in the league, go the 'Leagues and Teams' page on our website.

Then there was just enough time for one last thank you to everyone who made 2017 such a good year, and to extend our wishes for the same in 2018!





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# BIOMECHANICS WORKSHOPS



Through January, we ran a series of Biomechanic workshops with Ali Lane. Members had a chance to work in a small group, looking at posture, balance and exercises that can be done off the horse to improve both.

Once sat on your saddle, Ali encouraged everyone to find the position they felt most

comfortable in, then took photos.

This was followed by work on pelvis, ribs and head to create a straighter line through the body. Then it was off the 'horse' and work began on some 'releases'

to encourage tight areas to relax. Sitting on spiky balls, balancing on squishy, circular cushions and lying on foam rollers, all helped the members to feel which part of their bodies needed work. Then it was back onto the saddle for more work. A second round of photos followed, with Ali discussing the before and after positions with each rider.



The sessions were fun, relaxed and a good introduction to the subject. We'll have further workshops later on the year, both on and off the horse, so watch this space



The Grassroots Points Leagues will start once again on 1 January 2018. These two leagues are aimed specially at BRC grassroots members who take part in show jumping (60cm & 70cm) or dressage (Work & Trot / Prelim) to encourage them to get out competing. It doesn't matter if you have limited competition experience or want to give it a go for the first time - why not get involved?

It's so simple, just follow these easy steps:

1. Download and print your blankpoints card from the BRC website.
2. Compete at any BRC Riding Club organised Show Jumping or Dressage event. Area Qualifiers and National Level competitions will not count.
3. Ask the Secretary at the event to confirm your placing with their signature.
4. Post your completed points card back to BRC HQ by the 7th of the following month.
5. Finally, wait for the results...

#### Placing to Points:

- 1st Place = 6 Points
- 2nd Place = 5 Points
- 3rd Place = 4 Points
- 4th Place = 3 Points
- 5th Place = 2 Points
- 6th Place = 1 Point

## CONGRATULATIONS

to our Novice Dressage team of **Liz Wise, Laura Bennett, Alex Riches** and **Jodie Powell**. We received confirmation from HQ that they have qualified for the **BRC NOVICE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS** in April. They will be joined by **Julie Jeffes** who has also qualified in the Novice test as an individual.

**GOOD LUCK LADIES!**

## British Riding Clubs Grassroots Points Leagues 2018

Ride Together • Train Together • Compete Together • Have Fun Together



#### How it Works

Points can be gained when competing in show jumping at 60cm or 70cm, or dressage in a walk & trot or prelim test. So if you want to represent your club and get in touch with your competitive side, yet don't want the pressure of competing for a qualifying place at a championship, then this is for you.

There will be two separate leagues; show jumping and dressage (open to both senior & junior riders). Monthly score updates will be provided; therefore competitors must return their score card to the BRC head office no later than the 7th of the following month. Results on cards received after this time will not count. The competition will run for ten months from January – October 2017, there will be rosettes down to 10th place, sashes down to 3rd and there will be an overall supreme champion prize for the competitor who has accumulated the most points over the two leagues.

#### You may win a fantastic prize!

Rosettes, trophies and prizes provided in kind.

#### The Rules

The Points League will be run according to the official BRC rules, which can be found in the current BRC Handbook.

For more information please call British Riding Clubs  
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**27th** - Area Show & Style Jumping Qualifier, MHRC club field, Malvern **(TBC)**

**28th** - MHRC Open Show and Mercian Showing, club field, Malvern

## PEPPER POT 2018 LEAGUES

Here are the top riders in each of the 2018 leagues as of 1st February 2018

### SENIOR OVERALL

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2nd	Linda Medcalf and Midnight Express	135
3rd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	70
	Camilla Esling and Murphy	70
5th	Katy Spicer and Tom Thumb	40
	Tina Price and Tom Thumb	40
7th	Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly	35
8th	Chris Esling and Just Jake	25
	Alex Riches and Mr Darcy	25
	Suzanne Lidbetter and Midnight Express	25
11th	Lisa Drinkwater and Franks Grey	20
12th	Linda Medcalf and Rosie	10

### JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	William Hooper and Pinto	40
2nd	Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan	30
	Oliver Hooper and Pinto	30
4th	Amber Knott and Average at Best	10

### SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	100
2nd	Camilla Esling and Murphy	70
3rd	Linda Medcalf and Midnight Express	65
4th	Katy Spicer and Tom Thumb	40
	Tina Price and Tom Thumb	40
6th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	30
7th	Alex Riches and Mr Darcy	25
	Chris Esling and Just Jake	25
	Suzanne Lidbetter and Midnight Express	25
10th	Lisa Drinkwater and Franks Grey	20
11th	Linda Medcalf and Rosie	10

### JUNIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan	30
2nd	Amber Knott and Average at Best	10

### SENIOR JUMPING

n/a

### JUNIOR JUMPING

n/a

### SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS

n/a

### JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS

n/a

**SEE THE COMPLETE UPDATED LEAGUE TABLES AT [www.malvernhillssridingclub.com](http://www.malvernhillssridingclub.com)**

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CHRIS ESLING

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**\*\* Interdressage \*\* Mercian Matters \*\***

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*This month's Interdressage winners*

## EDITOR'S BIT

It's been a very quite month for the club - time to recharge the batteries and get ready for the busy season that's coming up. Rest assured, there's a lot in the pipeline, so keep an eye on your e-mails as more things are confirmed.

It will be a very quiet month for me and Smokey - after over-reacting at a Sparrow's mad dash for freedom (Smokey's over-reaction - I can assure you, I was fine!) I've ended up smashing my little finger into three pieces. Not bad going for one of the smallest bones in the hand! 6 to 8 weeks of keeping it strapped up might just mean an enforced rest for the yobby cobby, although only after a week I'm starting to think that riding with just the one hand might not be that hard - as long as the sparrows keep away! But it did make me smile as the doctor admonished me not to carry anything with that hand - my head was nodding, but my mind was full of haynets, water buckets and rugs heavy with mud - of course I won't be carrying them - dragging, lugging, moving, holding and clutching, but **no** carrying. I'm now an expert in balancing a wheelbarrow on three fingers and a foot is an ample substitute when filling haynets ... where's there a will and all that.

On a final note, please all keep safe, warm and well-looking after in this rather unseasonal weather. It looks like the coming storms are going to be bad, so time to make sure the important things are taken care of and everything else can just wait until that snow disappears again.

*until next time, Caroline*



# MERCIAN MATTERS



The Mercian Group AGM was held at the beginning of the year and there are some rule changes for 2018 that all members need to be aware of.

The Mercian group was set up back in 1984 between a number of clubs that were roughly situated along the M5/M50 corridor. At the time, it was felt that BRC Area competitions started at too high a level for the average grass roots rider, so the group set up inter-club team events for it's senior riders, which began at a lower level.

28 years later and BRC is a slightly different beast! With jumping qualifiers now starting at 70cm and Intro tests at the Championships, it was felt by the group that the Area events are now better equipped to encourage riders at that level. Horse and Rider combinations were competing at both Area and Mercian events, which has moved away from the original aims of setting it up.

Therefore, from 2018, all jumping competitions will be at 60cm and 70cm only. Dressage will be at Intro and Prelim, and the Novice test has been dropped. This is a huge change, but the idea is to foster some confidence in the true novice rider and encourage them to have a go before moving on up to Area.

As a member, you can still compete at both levels, but once a Horse & Rider combination have competed at Area, they will no longer be able to 'step backwards' to do a Mercian competition at a lower level **IN THE SAME DISCIPLINE.**

So, for example, if Mrs MHRC and Roxsoxs compete in the 80cm Novice Area Show Jumping Qualifier, they couldn't jump in the 70cm

Mercian Show Jumping. But they could do any of the other disciplines.

With Mercian competitions, eligibility is nearly always decided on the Horse and Rider combination. However, if the HORSE has been placed 1st to 6th in an Area qualifier in the past year, or 1st to 3rd at a BRC Championship in the past 3 years, then they are not eligible at that discipline either, no matter who is riding them.

The good news is that there is now a 'downgrading' system in place. If you feel, for whatever reason, that you and your horse need to step down a level, then your case can be put to the Mercian committee. On the whole, if there is a genuine reason for doing so, you will be able to compete. You need to discuss this with Jodie, our Mercian Manager, before putting your name down. At the end of the day, the Mercian competitions are supposed to be fun and relaxed, a nice introduction to team events for our grassroots riders, and a chance to get out with our young horses.

A full list of the 2018 Mercian Rules and Eligibility will be added to our website shortly under 'Teams and Leagues' - it's worth while having a read before the season begins.

Other news is that the league itself will change, with more trophies and prizes on offer for clubs that do well. There will also be a trophy awarded to the Mercian Individual of the Year, which will be nominated from each club. So even more reason to have a go this year!

PHOTOS: MHRC Mercian competitors 2017



## DRESSAGE TRAINING WITH FRANKLIN BALLS TO IMPROVE YOUR POSITION

With Karen Joynson, BHSII

25th March at Hillview Arena, Malvern

£25 per hour session - sessions start at 10am.

Small groups - open to all Full Junior and Senior members.

Contact Julie to book your place.





# INTERDRESSAGE

Another fantastic month for the club in the BRC Inter-dressage league. Loads of fab entries meant that we have really closed the gap on Cherwell Valley, who are currently sitting in first place.

There are just two months left to see if we can make it to the top spot. If you fancy having a go, why not come along to the club filming days on 18th March and 8th April (schedules on our website) or have a go at filming tests yourself. There are lots to choose from, from walk and trot to Intermediate dressage, in-hand tests, Equi-skills, jumping and showing classes.

## Class: Walk and Trot A

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 1st (Senior Intermediate) Katy Spicer and Buzz B  
 4th (Senior Open) Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

## Class: Walk, Trot and Canter E

1st (Senior) Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie  
 3rd (Junior) Amber Knott and Average at Best

## BRC D1

1st (Senior Restricted) Camilla Esling and Murphy  
 2nd (Senior Restricted) Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe  
 1st (Senior Open) Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond  
 4th (Senior Open) Tina Price and Buzz-B  
 6th (Senior Open) Lisa Drinkwater and Franks Grey

## Intermediate Dressage Test 5

1st (Senior) Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador  
 3rd (Senior) Lisa Drinkwater and Franks Grey  
 1st (Junior) Amber Knott and Pennal Zedan

## Freestyle Jumping

1st (Junior) Oliver Hooper and Pinto

## Equi-Skills 1

8th (Senior) Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe  
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### INTERDRESSAGE WINTER LEAGUE (including points for JAN 2018)

Place	Club	Points
1st	Cherwell Valley (UK)	485
2nd	Malvern Hills (UK)	422
3rd	Summerwood (USA)	379

### INTERDRESSAGE BRC LEAGUE (including points for FEB 2018)

Place	Club	Points
1st	Malvern Hills	640
2nd	Cherwell Valley	600
3rd	Crown	275

Congratulations to committee member, Julie Jeffes and Hederfield Ash, who won the British Eventing 80 Jump Training Championship on 18th February 2018 at Hartpury College.



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# NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH:

**\*\* Area Dressage and Show Jumping \*\* Interdressage \*\* Clinics \*\*  
PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES**



*Utter concentration! - Cindie and Thomas at the Area Shoe Jumping*

## EDITOR'S BIT

Sometimes I can sit at the PC and stare at the page, wondering what to write for this bit. Usually something does occur to me as soon as I start typing, but other times it can take days before my muse strikes. Inspiration usually comes from reviewing the club's month. March has been a month of highs and lows. Cancelled clinics and qualifiers, thick snow and ice, injured members and horses - plenty of stuff I'd wish to forget. And yet we've also had more qualifications for the Winter Championships, lots more new members and new horses joining the club, new competition dates and club events confirmed .... And maybe, just maybe, a hint of spring finally around the corner.

On a personal front I got the chance to dress up smartly (and without a riding hat or jacket in sight) for a family wedding. I think the last time I was a bridesmaid, I was about 7 years old - it's definitely more fun as an adult - even if heels and a long dress is the price to pay. It's surprising what professional hair and make-up personnel can achieve - and how different I looked once that thin veneer of muck, mud and horse hair was removed! And as much as I love yobby cobby, and love you all too, it was nice to have a weekend not so dedicated to horses, even if I was itching to get back to it pretty soon. Which is just as well ... as MHRC now has something on every weekend until the middle of June! So lets get out there and enjoy it ☺

*until next time, Caroline*





# Intermediate Winter Dressage Qualifier



Our winning team!

After being cancelled due to the snow, we couldn't have asked for a better day as the Intermediate Dressage qualifier finally took place on 25th March at Abbey Dressage. Warm and plenty of sunshine gave the day a lift as our record number of competitors tackled the tests.

Each member of a team had to ride a different test, and we also had a scattering of individuals throughout the day. In the prelim 14 test, Sarah Bowness was our highest senior rider, coming 5th, while Sacha Willis was also 5th and Amber Knott was the winner of the Junior section.

MHRC then swept the board in the other three classes, with Tina Price winning the Novice 24, Anna Millington winning Novice 30 and Victoria Gregg winning the Elementary 50. Plus Julie Jeffes was

3rd in the Elementary, Victoria Gregg was 4th in Novice 24 and Katherine Jones was 5th in the Medium

Katherine and Dotty



63. All in all, a lot of rosettes heading our way!

As we were waiting for the results, we were tipped the wink that we'd done rather well. And that turned out to be the case - the Red team won the day, closely followed by the Yellow team, while the Blue team were 6th. With a large amount of teams competing on the day, this means that both our top placed teams are off to the champs at the end of April.

## Runner and Riders

**MALVERN HILLS REDS** E50 Julie Jeffes & Bedazzled / N24 Tina Price & Tom Thumb / N30 Megan Hay & Watermill / P14 Camilla Esling & Castlevew Murphy

**MALVERN HILLS YELLOW** E50 Katherine Jones & Redback Cappuchino / N24 Victoria Gregg & Sir Nunns Just Rudi / N30 Anna Milington & Sonas Oliver / P14 Sue Peckham & Mr Gangster

**MALVERN HILLS BLUES** E50 Julie Jeffes & Hedefield Ash / N24 Tina Price & Big Ted / N30 Jodie Powell & Bleanagloos Black Diamond / P14 Sarah Bowness & Our Bawn Lodger

**MALVERN HILLS PINKS** E50 Camilla Esling and Just Jake / N24 Holly Chivers & Dripshill Dream Maker / N30 Sarah Smith & Bruno / P14 Jodie Powell & Callimore Diamond

**MALVERN HILLS GREENS** E50 Victoria Gregg & Sleady Castle Euro /

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## \*\* UPCOMING TRAINING \*\*

<b>CLINIC:</b>	Flatwork with Franklin Balls
<b>INSTRUCTOR:</b>	Karen Joynson
<b>DATES:</b>	22nd April Postponed from 25th March
<b>VENUE:</b>	Hillview Arena, Malvern
<b>STARTING TIMES:</b>	from 2pm
<b>GROUP SIZE:</b>	maximum 3
<b>OPEN TO:</b>	All members, all abilities
<b>COST:</b>	£25 per session

To book a place, please contact Julie Jefes  
(see page 4 of newsletter)

PHOTOS: from left to right: Tina and Tom, Victoria and Euro, Julie and Ben, Anna and Oliver



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# INTERDRESSAGE

Another filming day cancelled because of the snow, meant that the clubs hopes of winning this year's league rested on members making their own entries this month. A huge thank you to everyone who managed to do this.

## Class 2a: Walk, Trot and Canter G

4th = Suzanne Ldbetter and Rosie

## Class 3: BRC D2

3rd = (Senior Restricted) Jodie Powell and Diamond

1st = (Senior Open) Jodie Powell and Trixie

## Class 4: Freestyle Jumping

1st = (Junior) Oliver Hooper and Pinto

April is the last month to earn points for the BRC league. If you'd like a slot on the club filming day on **8th April** please contact Caroline ASAP. Or if you can film your own entry and send it to the club e-mail address, we can send it in using the club YouTube account.

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N24 Alex Riches & Mr Darcy / N30 Anna Robson & Santa Fe / P14 Wendy Yates & Luck Between Us

**INDIVIDUALS** E50 Megan Hay & Watermill / M63 Katherine Jones & Redback Cappuchino / P14 Amber Knott & Average at Best / P14 Ethan Knott & Pennal Zedan / P14 Sacha Willis & Narrow Blaze / P14 Sophie Bowness & Bruno Mars / P14 Amber Knott & Mr Gangster / P14 Mia Smith & Bruno

Anna Millington says, "It's brilliant to be back out representing Malvern Hills Riding Club. Area dressage was my first dressage test on the wonderful Sonas Oliver after I have field mastered on him all season. I was so overwhelmed to see my score and win Novice 30. It meant such a lot to me to get such a great score having not competed for the Club for twelve months. I thank Wendy Robinson for allowing me to ride this amazing horse, I feel really honoured. Oliver is teaching me so much and really look forward to the Winter Intermediate Championships."



Sarah and Barney

## \*\* UPCOMING TRAINING \*\*

**CLINIC:** Arena Eventing  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Marie Ryan  
**DATES:** 5th and 17th April  
**VENUE:** Hillview Arena, Malvern  
**STARTING TIMES:** 4:00 & 5:00 (Juniors) / 6:00 (70cm) 7:00 (80cm) / 8:00 (90 & 90+cm)  
**GROUP SIZE:** maximum 4  
**OPEN TO:** All members, all abilities  
**COST:** £30 per session  
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**CLINIC:** Junior Jumping  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Hollie Cartwright  
**DATES:** 12th April  
**VENUE:** Hillview Arena, Malvern  
**STARTING TIMES:** 10, 11 and 12 if interest  
**GROUP SIZE:** maximum 4  
**OPEN TO:** Junior Members, all abilities  
**COST:** £17 per session  
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**CLINIC:** XC Clinic  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Hollie Cartwright  
**DATES:** 26th April  
**VENUE:** Ace Cross-Country, Tewkesbury  
**STARTING TIMES:** 3pm, 4pm and 5pm  
**GROUP SIZE:** maximum 4  
**OPEN TO:** All members, all abilities  
**COST:** £35 per session  
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**CLINIC:** Flatwork Training using Poles  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Judith Murphy  
**DATES:** 10th, 24th and 31st May  
**VENUE:** Hillview Arena, Malvern  
**STARTING TIMES:** 5, 6 and 7pm (can do an 8pm if there is interest)  
**GROUP SIZE:** maximum 4  
**OPEN TO:** All members, all abilities  
**COST:** £18 per session

To book a place, please contact Sarah Bowness  
 (see page 4 of newsletter)





# Winter Show Jumping Qualifier



A record number of MHRC members trekked off to Lincomb Equestrian Centre on 10th March. This unexpectedly became the first competition of 2018 following the cancellation of the Dressage earlier in the month, and that was easy to see

Bawn Lodger

Abi said, "Me and Daisy had a lovely time. I was so surprised how easy it was and well run. No stress, no delays and a lovely relaxed atmosphere. Thank you to Caroline and Chris for giving up your time as always, so nice to have support on the side-lines, as I often go to shows alone, which can get lonely. The riding club events are always a great change. I was delighted that I managed to attend as it's my last show in a while after breaking my wrist on Sunday. Now in cast for 4/6 weeks... it's taken me a while to write this email left handed lol."

While Alice said, "It's much appreciated having Chris and Caroline around at competitions, to encourage, calm nerves and take fab pix as well. Many thanks."

in the warm-up, with lots of horses rather excited to be out partying after the recent bad weather.

Worcester RC, the hosts of the event, did well to organise the day so that both rounds were jumped one after the other, so there was no waiting around for hours for the courses to be changed. Unfortunately, this did mean that the warm-up area became rather crowded at times, but everyone seemed to cope with the tight spaces really well, before going out to jump two nice, flowing courses.

Our members did us proud and it was great to get back into cheer mode. Malvern Reds came 4th in the 90 class, and Sacha Willis was 2nd individually in the 80 class. But it was our 1m team that triumphed. With Cindie in 2nd and Laura in 3rd (not that these were the places they were awarded on the day - scoring errors!), the team comprehensively won the class, with the 2nd place team on double our team's faults. So another tick for a BRC Championship.

**RUNNERS AND RIDERS 100+ Individuals** Faye Weinard and Estoril Vant Schaaphof / Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker **100 Team** Alice Lowe and Bean / Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie / Cindie Bunce and Dreambreaker **80 Senior Team** Clare Gabriel and Icy Blue / Pam Render and Zena / Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady / Sara Stephenson and Lleidi Susan **80 Junior Team** Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan / Amber Knott and Average at Best / Sacha Willis and Narrow Blaze **90 Senior Team Reds** Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster / Katy Baker and RTS Jayne / Abi Hardy and Oxview Mist / Shellee Harris and Master Maltstriker **90 Senior Team Blues** Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond / Alex Riches and Mr Darcy / Anna Robson and I Believe I Can Fly / Sarah Bowness and Our



PHOTOS: Top to bottom: Alice and Bean, Cindie and Thomas, Laura and Sadie, Clare and Blue, Holly and Dreammaker

Also a huge thank you to Chris, Clare and Pam, who mucked in to help pole pick and ring steward, filling in gaps where there weren't quite enough Worcester RC helpers on the day.



## BRC GRASSROOTS DRESSAGE TRAINING

BRC have organised a series of Training clinics across the country, to promote grassroots dressage. The sessions are taught by top trainers and are heavily subsidised, making them a fantastic opportunity for RC members. Our nearest one is being held on **23rd June** at **Abbey Dressage**, nr Tewkesbury, and is with **Jo Winfield**. You can find more information and a booking form on the new **'CLINICS & TRAINING'** page of our website. You must be a true grassroots rider, who has either never ridden in competitive dressage and would like to find out more, or is occasionally out competing at Prelim level and are maybe thinking of having a go at Novice.





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# SAFETY MATTERS



On 6th March, Charlie from Treehouse Sporting Colours presented a fun and informative talk on safety equipment. The company was set up in 1998 and at first only dealt in funky colours for XC and race riders, but over the years, Charlie's interest in innovations to

hat, body protector and other safety ware, has seen the company branch out in other directions.

Riding hats were the first topic of conversation and Charlie pointed out that it is the air bubbles in the polystyrene that saves you. A hat just sitting on a shelf, never being used, will lose this air eventually, so even without a fall, it's recommended that you change your hat every 3 to 4 years. Storage is very important - extreme heat or cold can cause this air to escape, as can moisture (think of those sweaty heads after a hard training session!), so ideally hats should be air dried and kept in the house. When fitting a hat, there should be a nice vacuum and no gapping. There is a lot more variation in hat shape these days, so it's actually easier to find something to suit everyone.

Body Protectors and Air Jackets were next up, and with the change to BRC rulings on standards for this year, everyone was keen to find out what was available. Again, there was a discussion on fitting and how important it is to try sitting in a saddle before you purchase. Some hilarity was caused when the 'Ladies Cut' was discussed, but due to popular belief, this is less to do with the, ahem,

chest area, but is actually shaped around the bottom to fit better around the hips. Charlie also offered some advice on storage and cleaning, before moving onto air jackets. These provide a dynamic protection, rather than the static protection offered by body protectors. They cushion neck, hip joints and lower back in the event of a fall, not all of which will be covered by a body protector. A word of caution was also given, reminding everyone that these are mechanical, so do have a small failure rate—however many of these incidences are caused by rider error in fixing the air canister, rather than the jacket itself. And of course, the evening wouldn't be the same without a demonstration of one going off!

Throughout the talk, Charlie kept us very entertained with anecdotes from his many years of working in the horse industry, as well as some history behind the products he has on offer. He came across as very passionate about what he does and encouraged everyone to come and look over his stock.

The evening ended with some lovely refreshments and many members took advantage of the generous discounts on offer to purchase new hats and body protectors for the coming season.

Any members who couldn't attend the evening can visit the shop at Droitwich - or check out the website [www.treehouseonline.co.uk](http://www.treehouseonline.co.uk)



## PROGRESSIVE CLEAR ROUND



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**PERFECT PRACTICE FOR UPCOMING MERCIAN & AREA EVENTS**

**DATE:** Sunday 13th May 2018

**VENUE:** Hillview Arena, Blackmore Park Road, Malvern

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# NEEDFUL THINGS

## WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

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### April 2018

- 5th** - Arena Eventing Clinic, Hillview Arena
- 8th** - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern
- 12th** - Junior Jumping Clinic, Hillview Arena
- 14th-15th** - BRC Novice Winter Championships, Arena UK, Grantham
- 17th** - Arena Eventing Clinic, Hillview Arena
- 21st** - Mercian Eventer Challenge, Lincomb Equestrian Centre
- 22nd** - Franklin Balls Clinic, Hillview Arena
- 26th** - XC Clinic, Ace XC, Tewkesbury
- 27th-29th** - BRC Intermediate Winter Championships, Bury Farm, Bedfordshire

### May 2018

- 7th** - Area 18 Horse Trials Qualifier, Swalcliffe, Oxon
- 10th** = Flatwork with Poles Clinic, Hillview Arena
- 13th** - MHRC Progressive CR, Hillview Arena
- 19th-20th** - BRC Festival of the Horse Championships, Washbrook Farm, Northamptonshire
- 20th** - Mercian Show Jumping, Cleeve Prior
- 24th** = Flatwork with Poles Clinic, Hillview Arena
- 27th** - Area Show & Style Jumping Qualifier, MHRC club field, Malvern
- 28th** - MHRC Open Show and Mercian Showing, MHRC club field, Malvern
- 31st** = Flatwork with Poles Clinic, Hillview Arena

## PEPPER POT 2018 LEAGUES

Here are the top riders in each of the 2018 leagues as of 1st April 2018

### SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	235
2nd	Camilla Esling and Castlevue Murphy	150
3rd	Linda Medcalf and Midnight Express	145
4th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	140
5th	Tina Price and Tom Thumb	115
6th	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	100

### JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Oliver Hooper and Pinto	110
2nd	Amber Knott and Average at Best	50
3rd	Amber Knott and Mr Gangster	40
	Amber Knott and Pennal Zedan	40
	Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan	40
	William Hooper and Pinto	40

### SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	165
2nd	Camilla Esling and Castlevue Murphy	150
3rd	Tina Price and Tom Thumb	115
4th	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	95
5th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	90
6th	Linda Medcalf and Midnight Express	75

### JUNIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Amber Knott and Average at Best	45
2nd	Amber Knott and Mr Gangster	40
	Amber Knott and Pennal Zedan	40
4th	Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan	35
5th	Sacha Willis and Narrow Blaze	20
6th	Mia Smith and Bruno	5

### SENIOR JUMPING

1st	Cindie Bunce and Dreambreaker	70
2nd	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	65
3rd	Alice Lowe and Bean	40
4th	Abigail Hardy and Oxview Mist	25
	Katie Baker and RTS Jane	25
	Shellee Harris and Master Maltsriker	25

### JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Oliver Hooper and Pinto	80
2nd	Amber Knott and Average at Best	5
	Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan	5
	Sacha Willis and Narrow Blaze	5

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**\*\* Winter Championships \*\* Interdressage \*\* Clinics \*\* Mercian Eventer Challenge \*\***  
**PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES**



*Snap and Tuck - Emily Jane and Jo at the Mercian Eventer Challenge.*

## EDITOR'S BIT

Well, a first for me this month - joining the MHRC gang on an overnight stay - somehow I've always managed to wiggle out of it before! Not the nicest weekend to choose either - I don't think I properly dried out for the whole two days we were at the Intermediate Championships. However, despite the weather, the MHRC picnic did take place on the Friday night - albeit huddled in the back of one of the lorries where the close quarters were actually an asset to keeping warm. As usual, the array of food was amazing, if rather carb based, the conversation and laughter was fantastic, and the amount of prosecco and cider got through impressive ☺. I'm now looking forward to the next one.

On the club front, next month is going to be crazy busy. What with helping run the Area Horse Trials, then our own two day show with Area Show Jumping and Mercian Showing to include, it's all hands to the grindstone ☺. Please do come along and give us some of your time - without lots of bodies on the ground, these events can't run and so everyone is let down. Even if it's just a few hours to help set-up or tidy away - everything is appreciated.

*until next time, Caroline*





# BRC NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS



We were all taken by surprise by the beautiful sunshine that flooded Arena UK, Grantham, for our day at the BRC Novice Championships. Sadly, the days leading up to the competition weren't so nice, and the venue was covered by a thin veneer of mud, which caused more than a few problems for the beautifully turned out dressage riders. With huge, muddy puddles everywhere, it was

quite amusing to pick out the eventers (who couldn't care less) from the dressage ponies (a few did care!).

We had one senior team and a senior individual, who all qualified in October 2017 at Hartpury College. Sadly, Liz Wise, who had qualified on the team, couldn't attend, so Julie Jeffes brought along her other

ride, Joe, to fill in the extra space.

Our first riders of the day, were Laura Bennett on Lematon Sunshine Sadie in the team Novice 28, and Julie with Hedefield Ash in the individual



section of the same test. Jodie Powell was our other Novice rider, riding Blenagloos Black Diamond, with Alex Riches on Mr Darcy and Julie on Hedefield Smokey Joe riding in the team Prelim 12.

Sadly, no team place, but Julie and Ash came 8th and Laura and Sadie were 2nd in their respective arenas. This puts more pressure on Laura for next year - in 2017 she was 3rd, now 2nd - we know what comes next.

It was a lovely day, with a afternoon of sitting in the sunshine, eating ice-cream, playing with the dogs and watching a bit of dressage now and again. A huge thank you to Chris Esling, who acted as our official volunteer for the day, allowing the team to compete.

PHOTOS: Top right: Jodie & Trixie. Top Left: Alex and Darcy. Bottom Right: Laura and Sadie. Bottom Left: Julie and Ash



## VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED FOR THE BIG WEEKEND

- **SATURDAY 26th MAY** - Set-up from 10:00. We need as many hands as possible to get the rings and courses set up. We will also need volunteers with 4x4's and a towing licence to collect jump trailers (venue to be confirmed). We also need some 'tall' volunteers to help put up the marquee.
- **SUNDAY 27th MAY - AREA SJ** - We have three rings of competition. Jobs to be filled - Ring Steward/Tack Checkers, Arena Party, Writers, Secretary, Manning of Main Gate, Score Runners. If you are happy to pole-pick between your SJ rounds, please let me know.
- **SUNDAY 27th MAY - SHOW TURNAROUND** - The evening is spent turning the showground around for Monday's show. As many hands possible needed to come back at the close of play on Saturday to give us a hand.
- **MONDAY 28th MAY - OPEN SHOW** - We have four rings of competitions. Jobs to be filled - Mini SJ Ring Judge & Arena Party, Dog Show Steward, Ring 3 & 4 Showing Stewards, Ring 4 Arena Party, Secretary Tent and manning of main gate.
- **MONDAY 28th MAY - TIDY UP** - everything has to be off the showground on Monday evening, so the more help we get the better. We will also need volunteers to return jump trailers.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and keeps the club running - the more help we get, the easier it is to run.

**Please contact Caroline ASAP if you can help.**



# INTERDRESSAGE

The last month of the Interdressage BRC League and a lovely amount of entries for the club. It was wonderful to see some new faces too. A list of the results is below.

## Class: Walk and Trot C

6th = (senior Restricted) Chris Esling and Just Jake  
 23rd = (senior Restricted) Suzanne Lidbetter and Mia  
 28th = (senior Restricted) Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly  
 4th = (senior Intermediate) Suzanne Lidbetter and Midnight  
 8th = (senior Intermediate) Caroline Bates and Golly Miss Polly  
 3rd = (senior Open) Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie  
 6th = (senior Open) Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

## Class: Walk, Trot and Canter

1st = (senior) Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie  
 15th = (senior) Esther Bowness and Polly

## Class: BRC D3

2nd = (senior Restricted) Natalie Smith and Shadow  
 4th = (senior Restricted) Jodie Powell and Diamond  
 5th = (senior Restricted) Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe  
 1st = (senior Open) Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond  
 2nd = (senior Open) Camilla Esling and Bleanagloos Black Diamond

## Class: Intermediate

2nd = (senior) Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador

## Class: Jumping

1st = (junior) Oliver Hooper and Pinto  
 2nd = (senior) Natalie Smith and Shadow  
 3rd = (senior) Chris Esling and Just Jake  
 5th = (senior) Esther Bowness and Polly

The tables below show the top three clubs in the final League Tables for the 2017/2018 season:

Place	Club	Points
<b>INTERDRESSAGE BRC LEAGUE</b>		
1st	Cherwell Valley	939
2nd	Malvern Hills	838
3rd	Crown	349
<b>INTERDRESSAGE WINTER CLUB LEAGUE</b>		
1st	Cherwell Valley	799
2nd	Malvern Hills	741
3rd	Croft End	510

BRC Interdressage will return in October 2018 - it is a great way to win fab rosettes, medals and prize money - have a bit of fun and earn those all important Pepper Pot Points!

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# MERCIAN EVENTER CHALLENGE



Megan Hay

The first Mercian event of the season took place on 21st April at Lincomb Equestrian. Once again Bewdley had put together an exciting mix of cross-country and show jumps, with a little circuit outside of the arena to test steering and kicking power. And the weather stayed reasonably kind all day, with just a few sharp showers in the afternoon to contend with.

We only had one team in the 60cm class, which consisted of Megan Hay on her mum's Mockbeggar Pacquel, Jessica Breakwell on George, Lisa Drinkwater on Franks Grey Lad and Jess Depper on Deuboy II. In true MHRC style, they were all inside the optimum time (although the time was very, very generous), but Megan managed to

only be inside by 4secs and so won the class. The team were also placed 1st to bring home the first maximum Mercian points for the club.

OVERALL LEAGUE		
PLACE	CLUB	PTS
1st	SOUTH SHROPSHIRE RC	18
2nd	MALVERN HILLS RC	14
3rd	CHELTENHAM RC	10
4th	BEWDLEY BRIDLE CLUB	7
	BROMYARD RC	7
	WORCESTER RC	7
7th	FRAMPTON RC	6
8th	ALVECHURCH RC	3
9th	VALE OF ARROW RC	2
10th	CROPTHORNE & EVESHAM VALE RC	1
	WYVERN RC	1
12th	BROMSGROVE RC	0



Allison Haynes

We had two teams in the 70cm class. The Pinks of Esther Bowness on Blackwater Grey Lady, Sue Peckham on Scoobie, Sara Stephenson on Lliedu Susan and Lydia Burrows on Hayestown Sam, were sadly not placed, although they weren't far off. But the Purples of Chris Esling on Just Jake, Jodie Powell on Callimore Diamond, Jo Jeynes on Emily Jane and Allison Haynes on Jack, came 4th. Individually, Chris was 5th and Allison was also 1st, meaning that MHRC topped the leader board of each class.

There are two Mercian competitions in May - the show jumping on 20th and the Showing on 28th. Let Jodie know ASAP if you'd like to take part.



Chris Esling

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It was a busy month for the club training wise, with Arena Eventing training with Marie Ryan at the beginning month. This was followed by a session at Ace Cross-Country to put that training into practice over the sold jumps. There was a Junior only clinic with Hollie Cartwright too. Then on 22nd April, the Franklin Balls clinic with Karen Joynson finally went ahead after it too was cancelled due to unseasonal snow. Everyone seemed to have fun and there were plenty of chances to learn something new.

May sees us switch focus to flatwork, using poles on the ground to help accuracy and position. These are being taken by Judith Murphy. More flatwork sessions will follow soon, as well as some interesting confidence and sports psychology events. Keep an eye on the newsletter and your e-mails to find out more.





# BRC INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Georgia, Kat and Phoenix

It was definitely a weird and wonderful weekend at the Intermediate Championships. With a record three teams and two individuals, we set off with smiles and excitement. Unfortunately, that was very short lived, as a jack-knifed lorry on the M5 meant that the cheer squad of myself and Chris arrived late, missing the first round of one of jumpers. Holly Chivers was also caught up in the tail back and sadly didn't make it in time to jump, but our other three jumpers did a lovely job over the very testing (and very huge!) 100cm jumps.

As the rain came in for a very wet and cold afternoon, Victoria Gregg arrived with the first of her rides, Euro, who qualified as an individual in the Novice test. Despite trying weather (and having to mend the exhaust on her lorry), Victoria had a fantastic result and came 2nd in a very strong field.

As the weather worsened during the Friday afternoon, our Saturday dressage competitors started to arrive. It was awful to discover that Dotty (owned by Katherine Jones) had badly injured herself during the journey. The vet and officials on site were amazing in getting Dotty sedated, treated and stabled, while Kat received a huge amount of help from the people parked next to her. Georgia Cattermole and her Mum, from the Beccles and Bungay Riding Club (it's in the Norfolk/Suffolk border, in case you were wondering), were absolutely amazing. Georgia and her horse, Phoenix, had been jumping on the Friday and had planned to journey home on the Saturday morning.

We were all more than a little amazed when they turned round and offered Phoenix to Kat, so she could still ride in the team. Such a generous, kind offer that really highlighted what the riding club movement should really be all about. We were also extremely proud of Kat, who rode her elementary test on a horse she didn't



Julie Jeffes



Cindie and Thomas



Victoria and Governor

## \*\* UPCOMING TRAINING \*\*

<b>CLINIC:</b>	Rider Mindset, Confidence & Goal Setting Workshop
<b>INSTRUCTOR:</b>	Steph Woolley
<b>DATES:</b>	17th May
<b>VENUE:</b>	Hunter's Inn, Longdon
<b>STARTING TIMES:</b>	7 pm
<b>GROUP SIZE:</b>	maximum 8 (a waiting list will be kept and future sessions will be arranged so everyone can attend)
<b>OPEN TO:</b>	All members, all abilities
<b>COST:</b>	£10

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To book a place, please contact Julie Jeffes  
(see page 4 of newsletter)

know, in a jumping saddle, and made an extremely good job of it.

The rest of our senior dressage riders and sole junior rider, also did fantastically, in very trying weather, which only seemed to get damper as the weekend went on. Sadly, there were no team places, but Julie Jeffes on Ben was 4th and Victoria Gregg on Governor was 10th individually.

### Runners & Riders:

- 100cm SJ = Cindie Bunce on Dreambreaker, Alice Lowe on Bean and Laura Bennett on Lematon Sunshien Sadie.
- Senior Dressage Team 1: Julie Jeffes on Bedazzled, Tina Price on Tom Thumb, Megan Hay on Watermill and Sarah Bowness on Our Bawn Lodger
- Senior Dressage Team 2: Katherine Jones on Wodehouse Phoenix, Victoria Gregg on Landson Governor, Anna Millington on Sonas Oliver and Sue Peckham on Mr Gangster.
- Junior Individual: Amber Knott on Mr Gangster
- Senior Individual: Victoria Gregg on Steady Castle Euro.



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**10th** - Flatwork with Poles Clinic, Hillview Arena  
**13th** - MHRC Progressive Clear Round, Hillview Arena  
**19th-20th** - BRC Festival of the Horse Championships, Washbrook Farm, Northamptonshire  
**20th** - Mercian Show Jumping, Cleeve Prior  
**24th** - Flatwork with Poles Clinic, Hillview Arena  
**27th** - Area Show & Style Jumping Qualifier, MHRC club field, Malvern  
**28th** - MHRC Open Show and Mercian Showing, MHRC club field, Malvern  
**31st** - Flatwork with Poles Clinic, Hillview Arena

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2nd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	175
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	Linda Medcalf and Midnight Express	145
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8th	Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond	115
9th	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	105
	Lisa Drinkwater and Franks Grey Lad	105

### JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Oliver Hooper and Pinto	150
2nd	Amber Knott and Average at Best	50
3rd	Amber Knott and Mr Gangster	45
4th	Amber Knott and Pennal Zedan	40
	Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan	40
	William Hooper and Pinto	40

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5th	Tina Price and Tom Thumb	120
6th	Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond	90
	Julie Jeffes and Bedazzled	90

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	Amber Knott and Pennal Zedan	40
4th	Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan	35
5th	Sacha Willis and Narrow Blaze	20

### SENIOR JUMPING

1st	Cindie Bunce and Dreambreaker	75
2nd	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	70
3rd	Alice Lowe and Bean	45
4th	Natalie Smith and Shadow	35
5th	Chris Esling and Just Jake	30

### JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Oliver Hooper and Pinto	80
2nd	Amber Knott and Average at Best	5
	Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan	5
	Sacha Willis and Narrow Blaze	5

### SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS

1st	Megan Hay and Mockbeggar Pacquel	75
2nd	Allison Haynes and Jack	60
3rd	Jessica Breakwell and George	40
	Jess Depper & Deuboy II	40
	Lisa Drinkwater and Franks Grey Lad	40
	Chris Esling and Just Jake	40

### JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS

SEE THE COMPLETE UPDATED LEAGUE TABLES  
 AT **[www.malvernhillssridingclub.com](http://www.malvernhillssridingclub.com)**

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# NEWSLETTER

**THIS MONTH:**

**\*\* Area Horse Trials \*\* Mercian Show Jumping \*\* THE BIG WEEKEND \*\*  
PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES**



***A TEAM MANAGER'S JOB IS NEVER DONE!  
The aftermath of Area Horse Trials!***

## EDITOR'S BIT

And breathe!

I love the Big Weekend - the meeting of members and friends, watching everyone enjoy themselves or challenge themselves, the sense of pulling together to make something happen. But oh so glad when it's finally over for another year. It's a huge effort by the whole club - very worthwhile, but very tiring. Sa apologies if myself and the rest of the committee have been a bit on the quiet side lately - it's time for a little break!

But we're back now and things should begin ramping up for the second half of the year. Unbelievably, June sees the end of the Summer Area qualifiers, but the Mercian competitions are still going strong and it would be lovely to see some new names coming out to have a go. Our own Eventer Challenge is rapidly approaching too, and before you know it the National Championships will be here! After a short break, training will begin again soon and remember, if you have a particular area or idea for clinics, please don't hesitate to give us a shout. Keep an eye on future communications to see what the club will be up to over the next few months,

*until next time, Caroline*





# AREA HORSE TRIALS



1st - Lottie and Miracle

a few teething problems, but on the whole the day ran well and everyone seemed to have a fantastic time.

We certainly did, with all three of our senior teams being placed. Our senior 80 team were 5th, with our Blue 90's coming 4th and our Red 90's coming 2nd, just being pipped to a qualification place by Worcester RC. There were lots of individual places too, with Victoria Gregg 2nd and Julie Jeffes 5th in the 80, while Alex Riches was 2nd, Sue Peckham 4th and Katie Baker 6th in the 90. Our only individual rider, Anna Millington, was also 5th in the 100+.

Sadly, our Junior team weren't placed, but it was a great result for new member, Lottie Gilderson, who won the class, with Esme Ruff in 3rd. Speaking to the Area rep after the event, the exciting news is that these two juniors will be invited to make up an Area Team with the two

West Oxon Juniors that were in 2nd and 4th, and will get to go off to the champs in August.



6th - Katie and Jayne

It was a beautiful weekend for MHRC to head over to Oxfordshire for the Horse Trials qualifier, this year a joint event run by the Area 18 Liason Group, West Oxon, Wyvern, Cheltenham, Worcester, Evenlode and us! There were

## RUNNERS AND RIDERS

### Senior 80 Team

Julie Jeffes	Hedefield Ash
Lydia Burrows	Hayestown Sam
Victoria Gregg	Langson Governor
Clare Gabriel	Icy Blue

### Junior 80 Team

Sacha Willis	Narrow Blaze
Amber Knott	Average at Best
Esme Ruff	Blue Suede Shoes
Lottie Gilderson	Western Miracle

### Senior 90 Blue Team

Katie Baker	RTS Jayne
Leanne Bennett	Curra Pokey Joe
Victoria Gregg	Sleady Castle Euro
Megan Hay	Hope Valley Collen

### Senior 90 Red Team

Sue Peckham	Mr Gangster
Jodie Powell	Bleangloos Black Diamon
Alex Riches	Mr Darcy
Sarah Bowness	Our Bawn Lodger

### 100+ Individual

Anna Millington	Sonas Oliver
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Alex thought it was a "lovely day out competing with the club. Darcy was very tense in the dressage because of the road behind the hedge at the judges end. Afterwards, I walked over to watch the 100cm show jumping and could see the course was causing problems with jumping and time faults so I knew if I could get a double clear we could finish on a respectable score for the team. Darcy was happy to be back jumping on grass and we flew around to get a double clear inside the time. I was thrilled and shocked when we finished 2nd!

Very well organised event and lots of lovely volunteers, the only thing missing from the day was the ice cream van!"

Jodie agreed it was "Beautiful day, gorgeous weather and as usual great support from MHRC members, beautiful views too Would like to say a massive Thank You again to everyone who gave their day up to help so that the event was possible to run."

"It was Sam and my first area HT competi-  
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5th - Anna and Oliver



2nd - Victoria and Governor



5th - Julie and Ash



2nd - Alex and Darcy



# MERCIAN SHOW JUMPING

A huge congratulations to our Senior SJ team of Jo Jeynes on Emily Jane, Jodie Powell on Callimore Diamond, Chris Esling on Just Jake and Jess Breakwell on George. They were are only representatives at the Mercian Show Jumping on 20th May and won 😊. Jess was 3rd individually, with Jodie 4th and Chris 6th.

Here are the league tables after the SJ - we have a bit of work to do to catch up ...

Next month we have the Mercian Junior Event and the Mercian Dressage and Style Jumping. If you fancy having a go, contact Jodie Powell—all schedules can be found on our website.

COMBINED LEAGUE		
	CLUB	PTS
1st	SOUTH SHROPSHIRE RC	18
2nd	MALVERN HILLS RC	14
3rd	BEWDLEY BRIDLE CLUB	10
	CHEL TENHAM RC	10
5th	BROMYARD RC	7
	WORCESTER RC	7
7th	FRAMPTON RC	6
8th	ALVECHURCH RC	3
9th	VALE OF ARROW RC	2
10th	CROPTHORNE & EVESHAM RC	1
	WYVERN RC	1
12th	BROMSGROVE RC	0

JUMPING LEAGUE		
	CLUB	PTS
1st	CROPTHORNE & EVESHAM RC	12
	SOUTH SHROPSHIRE RC	12
3rd	FRAMPTON RC	11
4th	MALVERN HILLS RC	8
	WORCESTER RC	8
6th	ALVECHURCH RC	4
7th	BROMYARD RC	1
	WYVERN RC	1
9th	BEWDLEY BRIDLE CLUB	0
	BROMSGROVE RC	0
	CHEL TENHAM RC	0
	VALE OF ARROW RC	0

OVERALL LEAGUE		
PLACE	CLUB	PTS
1st	SOUTH SHROPSHIRE RC	30
2nd	MALVERN HILLS RC	22
3rd	FRAMPTON RC	18
4th	WORCESTER RC	15
5th	CROPTHORNE & EVESHAM RC	13
6th	CHEL TENHAM RC	10
7th	BEWDLEY BRIDLE CLUB	8
	BROMYARD RC	8
9th	ALVECHURCH RC	7
10th	VALE OF ARROW RC	2
11th	WYVERN RC	1
12th	BROMSGROVE RC	0

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tion," said Lydia, "It was a mixture of highs and lows. I was rather nervous before hand... I forgot a dressage movement, but we picked up where we left off (I just thought carry on!). SJ was proving to catch quite a few out. Again not our best round and we had a stop and a couple of poles but kicked on. Then XC, which was our first 80 and we flew round going clear! You could probably hear us coming as I was praising Sam and shouting woo hoo! It was the best feeling and made me want to do it all over again! Lots of areas to improve but so proud we did it! And couldn't have done it without then MHRC crew cheering us on and helping to organise it!"



Esme and Elvis

A huge thank you must go to our fantastic fence judges - Chris and Camilla Esling, Cindie Bunce, Shelley Harris, Jenny Barnes and friend, Ethan and Kirsty Knott, Tina Price and Linda Kemp, Anne Price, Sara Stephenson, Alison and Ellie Burton: To our Commentator, Karon Withers and her assistant, Anna Robson: To our two wonderful young men on bikes who score collected all day: To Ann Bates for the wonderful picnic.



Sue and Gangster





# THE BIG WEEKEND



next the horse boxes are starting to arrive on the field! With such a wet lead-up to our event, it was hit and miss whether we'd be able to continue, but the great ground at the field meant we didn't have to disappoint anyone, as it held up to the rigours of jumpers, show ponies, dogs, people and the odd runaway, particularly well.

Saturday set-up was lovely this year, mainly to the huge number of you who turned out to help. This is much appreciated by the committee and means that everyone got to see their horses at least once that weekend.

Then Sunday morning came round and the Area Show and Style Jumping qualifier kicked off. The weather was largely kind to us, apart from one heavy downpour in the early afternoon, with accompanying thunder, lightening and general lowering of spirits. But the sun soon came back out and baked everyone dry. It was an absolutely amazing day for the club, with our Senior 70, Junior 70, Junior 80 and a Senior 90 team all qualifying for the champs., along with individuals Lottie and Hollie who were the highest placed individuals not in a winning team.

## Area Show Jumping

**Senior 70 Team 1st** Jodie Powell & Callimore Diamond (ind 4th) / Lydia Burrows & Hayestown Sam (ind 5th) / Jo Jenyes & Emily Jayne / Sue Peckham & Tresais Leonardo

**Junior 70 Team 1st** William Hooper & Peter Pan (ind 1st) / Oliver Hooper & Pinto (ind 2nd) / Sophie Bowness & Bruno Mars (ind 4th)

**Senior 80 Team 4th** Sara Stephenson & Lliedi Susan (ind 3rd) / Julie Jeffes & Hedfield Ash / Esther Bowness &

Blackwater Grey Lady / Pam Render & Zena

**Junior 80 Team 1st** Esme Ruff & Blue Suede Shoes (ind 1st) / Lottie Gilderson & Westren Miracle (ind 2nd) / William Hooper & Penhalogen Gucci Guy (ind 3rd) / Amber Knott & Average at Best (ind 4th)

**Senior 90 Malvern Hills Reds Team 4th** Victoria Gregg & Steady Castle Euro / Sarah Bowness & Our Bawn Lodger / Jodie Powell & Bleanagloos Black Diamond / Sophie Stratton & McEvoy

**Senior 90 Malvern Hills Blues Team 1st** Sue Peckham & Mr Gangster / Megan Garfield & Hazlewood Rubi Juno / Victoria Gregg & Lagson Governer / Tina Price & Buzz-B

**Mixed 100** Faye Weinand & Estoril Vant Schaaphof (ind 6th)

**Mixed 110+ Team 2nd** Holly Chivers & Dripshill Dreammaker (ind 2nd) / Cindie Bunce & Dreambreaker (ind 6th) / Alex Harris & LF Coeur de Orame / Natalie Meakin & Turante

**Senior Style** Tina Price & Buzz-B 85cm (ind 3rd) Sara Stephenson & Lliedi Susan 75cm (ind 5th)

**Junior Style team unplaced** Esme Ruff & Blue Suede Shoes 85cm (ind 2nd) / Amber Knott & Average at Best 85cm (ind 3rd) / Ethan Knott & Pennal Zedan / William Hooper & Penhalogen Gucci Guy Lottie Gilderson & Western Miracle 85cm (ind 1st)

Then it was a quick switch round to set the showground up for the next day, which kicked off bright and early with the Mercian Team Show-ing. We had 3 teams this year, which came 3rd, 6th and 7th, with lots of individual places too.



**Malvern Red Team 3rd** Clare Gabriel & Icy Blue (3rd Coloured) / Natalie Smith & Shadow (3rd Working Hunter) / Ali Park & Mr Gangster (6th Riding Club) / Katie Hawkesworth & Liqueurice (12th Veteran)

**Malvern Purple Team 6th** Tina Price & Big Ted (1st Working Hunter) / Jessica Breakwell & George (6th Coloured) / Anna Robson & Santa Fe (9th Riding Club) / Suzanne Lidbetter & Tilesford Rosina (13th Veteran)

**Malvern Pink Team 7th** Jo Jenyes & Emily Jane (4th Coloured) / Sara Stephenson & Lliedi Susan (5th Working Hunter) / Megan Hay & Hope Valley Colleen (7th Veteran) / Allison Haynes & Jack (10th Riding Club)

The open classes went on for most of the day and MHRC members  
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# THE BIG WEEKEND

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seemed to be winning rosettes all over the place.

- Esme Ruff & Elvis won both the 80 and 90cm Show Jumping
- Ali Park & Mr Gangster were 3rd in 80cm Show Jumping
- Natalie Smith & Shadow were 4th in the 90cm Show Jumping
- Jo Jaynes & Emily Jane won the Ridden Coloured, Riding Club

Horse, In-hand Coloured and took the Reserve Ridden Champion

- Sara Stephenson & Lledi Susan were 3rd Riding Club
- Clare Gabriel & Streamline Dafydd won the In-hand Veteran
- Jo Jaynes & Fashion House were 3rd in Youngstock
- Anna Robson & Santa Fe won Ridden Hunter and was Reserve Hunter Champion
- William Hooper & Peter Pan won Working Hunter Pony and was Hunter Champion
- Sophie Stratton & McEvoy were 3rd Novice Working Hunter

There was also a strong MHRC contingent in the dog show, with Lisa Drinkwater, Jodie Powell, George and Sophie Bowness, and Ethan

Knott all taking home rosettes and prizes.

Another long weekend. Hard work, but

a boost to club funds ... I'm sure the Big Weekend 2019 is just around the corner.

## THANK YOU's

To our sponsors, **Lallemand Animal Nutrition.**

To **Coach House Saddlery** and **Ann Bates** for providing the prizes for the Show Jumping and Dog Show.

To our judges, **Jane Ogle, Don Collins, Danielle Lane, Steph Woolley, Kelly Tudge, Lydia Burrows, Kim Shortall, Elizabeth Willets, Sophie Hooper**

To our Arena Party **Linda Kemp, Sue Lidbetter, Linda Medcalf, Rhian Fallowfield, Diane Symonds, Ed, Katie Baker, Sian Willis, Sacha Willis, Lisa Drinkwater, Sarah Bowness, Amber Knott, Ethan Knott, Kirsty Knott, Morgan, Laura Bennett and Sue Peckham**

To our Writers, **Chris Esling, Clare Gabriel, Anne Price, Janet Philpotts and Julie Jeffes**

To our Stewards **Leanne Bennett, Nicky Esling, Anna Robson, Debbie Jones, Linda Kemp, Chris Esling, Katherine Jones and Alice Lowe**

To our Scorers **Alex Riches, Camilla Esling, Janet Philpotts, Ali Park and Jodie Powell**

To our Secretaries **Jenny Barnes, Ann Brennan, Julie Jeffes, Stef Fulford and Rita Woolley**

To our Official Stewards **Noel Ennett and Alison Harris**

To our Gate Operatives **Esther Bowness's parents, Iris Ellis and Tony Knott**

To our Tea Ladies **Ann Bates and Alison Burton**

To our Commentator **Karen Withers**

To our Trailer movers **Esther Bowness, Rob Bowness, Sarah Bowness, Alex Riches, Tony Knott, Sara Stephenson and Lydia Burrows**

To our Cake makers **Ann Bates and Suzanne Lidbetter**

**And to everyone else who helped set-up, tidy away, move things around or generally stepped in to help between other roles.**



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### July 2018

- 8th** - Mercian Two-Phase, Sapey XC, Bromyard  
**22nd** - MHRC Eventer Challenge and Blenheim Selection Trial, club field, Malvern

### August 2018

- 3rd - 5th** - BRC Horse Trials Championships, Swalcliffe, Oxfordshire  
**11th** - Mercian Eventer Challenge, Longlands Livery, Tardebigge  
**18th** - South West & Wales Regional Championship, Hartpury College, Gloucestershire  
**27th** - Mercian One-Day-Event, Ace XC, Tewkesbury

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# NEWSLETTER

**THIS MONTH:**

**\*\* Area Dressage and Riding Test \*\* Mercian Dressage and Style Jumping \*\* Area Dressage to Music \*\*  
PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES**



**JESS AND GEORGE - FLYING HIGH**

## EDITOR'S BIT

Well, who would have thunk it? When we were digging our way to the stables through 12 foot snow drifts, running out of hay and bemoaning the frozen state of ménages, tracks and roads, little did we know that 6 months later we'd be sweltering under a prolonged heatwave (or as Chris Evan's like to say – Summer!). So now we're wading to the yard through thick, humid air, running out of grass and bemoaning how hard and hot those same ménages, tracks and roads are! I'm probably not the only member who has taken to riding in the late evening (or 'night' – even better!) just to get some exercise into the yobby cobby. A fact he seems to quite like – that or the cooling air is just far too exciting to keep all four feet on the floor!

Well done to everyone who managed to compete or support for the club this past month – it hasn't been easy and not many show venues can cater for the hot weather. Of course, a lot of it is down to us. Lets not discuss how long the supporters at the Area DTM sat squinting in the sun before we thought to undo the parasol that had been there all along.

Keep cool and see you all soon,

*until next time, Caroline*



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## AREA DRESSAGE



Rachel and Double Dip



Jodie and Trixie



Laura and Sadie



Megan and Water Mill

It was a busy day on 3rd June, as the whole area travelled to Emswood Equestrian, Oxfordshire, for the Summer Dressage and Riding Test Qualifier. It was a very, very hot day, on a field that looked pretty with poppies and long grass, but which offered little shade for the competitors, stewards and cheer squad!

But it was a fantastic day for the club, with rosettes galore and every single team in the places. And the even better news that one of our Senior Open Teams and our Senior Riding Test Team won, so they will be off to the National Championships in Lincoln, and both our Senior Prelim Teams have qualified for the South West Regional Championships at Hartpury. We await news from BRC to see if any individuals have snuck a place too, as we had lots of members in the top places.

#### RUNNERS & RIDERS & RESULTS

**Senior Prelim Dressage Malvern Hills Purple 2nd** = Karen Withers & CHS Arkan Blue / Rachel Sargeant & Dezina Double Dip 2nd / Megan Harper & Imperial Moonlight / Jodie Powell & Callimore Diamond **Malvern Hills Green 4th** = Sarah Smith & Bruno / Jodie Powell & Bleanagloos Black Diamond 4th / Jenny Tart & Domen Roxy / Wendy Robinson & Sonas Oliver  
**Senior Open Dressage Malvern Hills Yellow 1st** = Holly Chivers & Dripshill Dreammaker 1<sup>st</sup> N27 / Tina Price & Buzz-B 5th N30 / Laura Bennett & Lematon Sunshine Sadie 1<sup>st</sup> N23 / Steph Woolley & Freckleton Matador 1<sup>st</sup> E44 **Malvern Hills Pink 4th** = Camilla Esling & Just Jake 3<sup>rd</sup> N27 / Tina Price & Tom Thumb / Megan Harper & Strawberry Hill 5<sup>th</sup> N23 / Megan

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Megan and Strawberry



Mia and Bruno



# AREA DRESSAGE TO MUSIC



Julie and Ash



Steph and Freckles



Ethan and Danny

It was off to Summerhouse Equestrian Centre in Gloucester on 10th June, for the Area Dressage to Music qualifier. This is never the hugest of events, but it was great to see so many riders from across the area coming out to give it a go. We had 7 representatives competing, and it was great to see such varied routines. And, of course, the music - some great choices guys - from classical airs to fast polkas, from Ed Sheeran to the theme from Buck Rogers - a lovely varied mix that kept us entertained all day ☺

At the end of the day, MHRC were in a fantastic position, with two class winners and two qualifications to the DTM Championships at Bury Farm—well done to Steph and Julie.

## RUNNERS & RIDERS & RESULTS

### Junior Prelim

Amber Knott & Average at Best 2nd

### Senior Novice

Julie Jeffes & Hedefield Ash 1st

Tina Price & Big Ted 3rd

Megan Hay & Watermill 8th

### Junior Novice

Ethan Knott & Pennal Zedan 3rd

### Senior Elementary

Steph Woolley & Freckleton Matador 1st

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Samantha Amos & Gustl 4th

You can see all the routines on our YouTube Channel - links can be found on the website.



Amber and Harvey



Megan and Watermill



Sam and Gustl



Tina and Ted



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# MERCIAN DRESSAGE & STYLE JUMPING



Chris and Jake

It was off to Dodderhill Equestrian Centre at Droitwich for the latest Mercian event, this time the Dressage and the Style Jumping, which although an odd mix to run together, worked well in the big field. Another boiling hot day though saw the invasion of plenty of flies and all the horses coped admirably in the trying conditions.

We sent three teams for the Dressage competition, where

each member of the team had to ride a different test. And it was our Daffodil team that came out top with some amazing results from our riders.

**RUNNERS & RIDERS & RESULTS** **Malvern Daffodils 1st** 3rd Intro A Megan Hay & Tottie 4th Intro C Chris Esling & Just Jake 6th Prelim 1 Jessica Breakwell & Gogo 3rd Prelim 14 Jodie Powell & Cal-

limore Diamond **Malvern Tulips 3rd** 10th Intro A Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwen 3rd Intro C Katie Hawkesworth & Billy Miller 2nd Prelim 1 Suzanne Lidbetter & Tilesford Rosina 18th Prelim 14 Jo Jeynes & Emily Jane **Malvern Orchids 22nd** 22nd Intro A Suzanne Lidbetter & Mai 23rd Intro C Sarah Homewood & Mildred 16th Prelim 1 Leanne Bennett & Magic



Sue and Rosie

6th Prelim 14 Sara Stephenson & Liedi Susan

The Style Jumping was interesting to watch, with everyone first cantering a figure of eight in front of the judge before heading off to jump their course, which did cause a few problems during the day. However, not for our riders ☺. Our 60 team were 3rd, but our 70cm teams couldn't be beaten and took the top two spots.

MHRC members also took individual firsts in both classes, with Megan Hay winning the 60cm on Tottie and Chris Esling winning the 70cm on Jake.

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To see where that puts us overall in the Mercian Leagues, check out page 5.



Katie and Ben



Megan and Tottie



## NEW DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

## MHRC SUMMER SOCIAL

### 19th August 2018

Hillview Arena, Blackmore Park Road, Malvern  
12 midday onwards - food served until 17:00

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON**





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5th	FRAMPTON RC	23
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7th	CROPTHORNE & EVESHAM RC	21
8th	BEWDLEY BRIDLE CLUB	9
	BROMYARD RC	9
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11th	VALE OF ARROW RC	2
12th	BROMSGROVE RC	0

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PLACE	CLUB	PTS
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*Megan Harper and Imperial Moonlight*

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It's been a bit of a quiet month for the club, but we can take some solace in the fact that we aren't the only ones having to cancel things because of the ground conditions. I can't remember the last time that 'too hard' was an issue. But we're in negotiations with the landowners to see if we can have the field again later in the year for more club events.

Conversely, it hasn't been that quiet for me personally. The arrival of Bumble (my new lorry J) means that after a year of not competing, we can suddenly go out and join in again. Of course, with my aging brain cells, there was plenty I'd forgotten about show days. The early mornings ... it's been a while since I've seen 4 o'clock on the alarm ... plaiting ... how on earth did I used to do it in under an hour ... and the unloading of the lorry at the end of the day ... I definitely need a groom to do that bit. But there is one thing I have absolutely loved ... no, not the rosettes, the great results, the people or anything like that (although they're all brill too). No, the one thing I have really loved about having my new lorry ... the power steering J. I hadn't really noticed it in my old vehicles, but not having to do a 20-point turn to park up back at the yard, going round roundabouts without risking a dislocated shoulder and no longer minding when some helpful lorry park attendant points to a space between two of the poshest lorries to ever come off the factory line, well it makes a big difference. Another reason why I can't wait to go out again.

*until next time, Caroline*





# BLENHEIM SELECTION TRIAL



Alex H

With the sad cancellation of our Eventer Challenge on 22nd July, we were left with how to make the decision of who to put forward for the Blenheim International Horse Trials Riding Club Challenge in September. To save some time and energy on the committee's part (☺), all the contender's were asked to attend the unaffiliated show jumping at Allens Hill Competition Centre instead. Everyone had to compete in the 95cm class and the course proved a very adequate test! With some interesting turns and lines, it asked plenty of questions of our riders.



Megan H

After a tough class of competition, Alex Harris on Coeur de Orame ended up coming 2nd overall, with Sue Peckham on Mr Gangster in 6th. Joining them on the team for Blenheim are Jodie Powell on Bleanagloos Black Diamond and Megan Harper, with either of her two rides Imperial Moonlight or Strawberry Hill, as she clocked up exactly the same score with both. Alex Riches and Mr Darcy will act as reserves.

Well done to all our riders and thank you for agreeing to the quick change of plans.



Sue P

## **\*\* STOP PRESS \*\* STOP PRESS \*\* STOP PRESS \*\***

As we went to press, we heard back from Blenheim that our application for a 90 team had been put on the wait list, which as it is such a popular event, meant that we wouldn't have gone. However, we were offered a place in the 100 competition instead. Three of our riders, Alex, Megan and Sue, all met the eligibility for the bigger class, and they will be joined by member Holly Chivers to make up a team. Good luck ladies.



Jodie P

## NEW 'CHAMPIONSHIP' CLUB CLOTHING

Introducing our new branded sweatshirt and Onesie - yes, you can now sport a MHRC Onesie!

Navy with yellow logo on front and back. Also says "BRC National Championships 2018"

There is plenty of room to add your name / horse's name, or to add future years.

Sweatshirt: £25 / Onesie: Adults £25 Childs £20

Please note that these will only be ordered for specific people and we won't be keeping a stock. Therefore, please contact Linda ASAP to make sure you get yours in time! Or order through the website.





# FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL

It's been a tough old year, financially wise, for MHRC. With a record number of members once again qualifying for championships, but low numbers at our Open Show, followed by the cancellation of our Eventer Challenge, means that funds are going to be a bit tight. In order to run more subsidised clinics, autumn and winter events, and keep the day-to-day stuff ticking along, we've organised a major fundraising event on 19th August.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP?

- ⇒ Advertise - please encourage friends, family or total random strangers to come along or have a boot. Share our posters on Facebook or print one off to stick on a local noticeboard.
- ⇒ Have a boot - clear out that tack room, garage or spare room and bring it along. Only £10 per table.
- ⇒ Bake a cake - Please make sure you add a label to say what it is and put it on a disposable plate.
- ⇒ Bring a bottle - we'll be running a fun tombola, so donations of alcohol, soft drinks, table sauces, toiletries or



## SUMMER SOCIAL

**SUNDAY 19th August 2018**  
**HUNTER'S INN, LONGDON,**  
**NR. TEWKESBURY, GL20**  
**6AR**



**Signposted from the A438 and B4211**

**\*\* PIG ROAST \*\* RAFFLE (Donations of Prizes very welcome) \*\***  
**\*\* FUN ROUNDERS MATCH \*\***  
**\*\* PRESENTATION OF INTERDRESSAGE MEDALS \*\***  
**\*\* A CHANCE TO CATCH UP WITH RC FRIENDS \*\***

**13:00 to 17:00 Food Served from 13:30**

**£5 per ticket - Family and Friends welcome.**

Tickets can be purchased using the form below, or via our website using the PayPal links at [www.malvenhillsridingclub.com](http://www.malvenhillsridingclub.com)

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE BLEOW ADDRESS BY 17th August 2018  
 MHRC SUMMER BBQ, c/o Caroline Bates, 7 Newton Close, Ledbury, HR8 2XG

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the Summer BBQ and enclose cash / cheque made out to Malvern Hills Riding Club for  
 £ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE THERE ANY VEGETARIANS IN YOUR PARTY? Yes / No



## MALVERN HILLS RIDING CLUB



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## EQUESTRIAN & GENERAL SELLERS WELCOME

**£10 per car boot.**  
**Sellers set-up from 9:30**

**Please come along, grab yourself a bargain and support your local riding club.**

any other 'bottle' you can think off.

(Bottles and Cakes can be passed to any member of the committee beforehand or dropped off early on the day)

Then, to celebrate a morning's hard work, we're having our annual summer social in the afternoon. A feast of Pig roast, Salads and veggie options, with the pub right next door so you don't need to bring along your own tipples! We'll be having some fun games, presenting medals to everyone who competed in the 2017/2018 Interdressage League, all while having a chance to catch up and relax with RC mates.

Tickets are only £5 per person and can be bought online, or by using the form opposite. Please note that sadly this year, we are unable to provide free tickets to members that helped over the big weekend as we won't be able to cover costs. We do appreciate your help and hope that this 'reward' can be reinstated next year.





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# NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH:

**\*\* BRC Horse Trials Championships \*\* Fundraising \*\* BRC Regional Championships \*\***  
**\*\* Mercian Eventer Challenge \*\***

**PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES**



*Esme Ruff and Elvis*

## EDITOR'S BIT

top of the icing on the cake ☺

I do love this time of year. Yes, little signs are beginning to appear that Summer is on the wane, but this is Championship season. I love watching all your results and successes come in, whether it's the local unaffiliated championships, BD or BE Regionals, Trailblazers, Equifest or one of the 100 other things to qualify for. It doesn't matter what level you compete at, to get that amazing qualification is something to be immensely proud of and just getting to the finals is a huge achievement in itself. Bringing home the awards is then the cherry on

In BRC land, the championship season is well under way and MHRC had a wonderful time at the Horse Trials Championships earlier this month. Once again, myself and Chris gave up a day to fence judge, and a lovely day it was too. A day out, in the sunshine, watching ponies tackle our fence, while being plied with food, drink and ice lollies - what more could you want! It's definitely worth it and anyone considering it should absolutely give it a go next year.

And, of course, as we go to press, huge plans are a foot to get the MHRC contingent to the National Championships at Lincoln next weekend - with 20 riders, 22 horses, 11 lorries and 20+ supporters and grooms, it's a record for the club. Let's keep everything crossed that there may be a few cherries for our riders to bring home too.

*until next time, Caroline*



## BRC HORSE TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

After so many weeks of hot, dry weather, the Horse Trials Championships looked in danger of being cancelled along with so many other events, but BRC and the Swalcliffe did a fantastic job in preparing the ground and allowing the competition to go ahead, albeit with a few tweaks.

MHRC were represented by Esme Ruff on Blue Suede Shoes and Lottie Gilderson on Western Miracle in the Junior 80 and Alex Riches and Mr Darcy in the Senior 90.

Alex did brilliantly to end on a score of 51 and a 13th place in a very strong section. But Esme and Lottie (along with Laila Chok on Pye Elm and Eleka Hubbard on Pete's Dixie from West Oxon RC) came 5th in the team event, with an individual 9th for Esme and a 6th for Lottie.

This was the first time that Alex had competed at the Horse Trials Championship, although she and her son, Ollie,

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Member Name	Alex Riches	Esme Ruff	Lottie Gilderson
How long have you been a member of MHRC?	Almost 3 years	Since 2016	This is my first year
What's your day job?	Mummy/House wife and part time farmer on my parents farm	Still at school	School girl
Favourite Horsey Activity?	Eventing	Definitely cross-country - I love the excitement and adrenaline it gives you	Cross Country and Eventing
Least Favourite Horsey Activity?	Clipping	Dressage	Poo Picking
Have you competed at a BRC Championship before?	Yes, we did the Eventer Challenge at the Festival of the Horse 2016 and the Novice Dressage at Arena UK in the spring.	Yes, I competed at the Intermediate Winter Champs and the Festival of the Horse Champs, both in 2017	No
Horse	Mr Darcy - or The Ginger Ninga, or 'Rodney' depending on his mood.	Blue Suede Shoes - or Elvis	Western Miracle - or Lucky
Age, height, breeding?	12 years old, 16hh, 7/8 TB and 1/8 Morgan Horse	10 years old, 14.2hh	7 years old, 14.2hh, Connemara
How long have you owned your horse?	9 years	Owned and bred by Rosie Clare - I've been lucky enough to ride him for just over a year.	Nearly 2 years
Likes?	Jumping	Loves treats and falling asleep with his head resting on my shoulder.	Food, people, attention and competitions
Dislikes?	Strange sounds behind him	Doesn't like tents - which I discovered at the champs!	Doing things wrong!



# BRC HORSE TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS CONT.

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did come along to support MHRC in 2016. "It was a lovely venue and a completely different set up to the Area Qualifier that was also held at Swalcliffe. I was lucky to get some lovely times, so didn't have to get up that early, although it did mean I had to compete in the heat of the day during a particularly hot period."



Lottie and Lucky

It was also Esme's first time at the Horse Trials Champs, "The venue was very well organised, but it was huge! I was up at 7 on the morning of the competition. The best bit of the weekend was coming 9th individually and being placed 5th as a team - we were not expecting that at all. The worst part was having to walk miles from the lorry to the cross-country start. The one bit of kit I couldn't have done without was my ice-boots for Elvis."

The best thing about the weekend for new member Lottie was "experiencing my first championships and the support I got from my family. The show was very well set out and the ground was amazing considering the hot summer. I had to get up at 7, but thankfully had a late dressage time. I was annoyed to roll two poles in the show jumping, but I loved the



Alex and Darcy (by kind permission of Action Replay Photography Ltd.

cross-country. I'm very grateful to Caroline and Chris for their support on the day and their cheers after the water jump."



Esme and Elvis





# MERCIAN EVENTER CHALLENGE

The Mercian Arena Eventing took place at Gracelands Equestrian Centre, after the organisers, Alvechurch RC, managed to re-arrange the event as hard ground made the original site at Longlands Livery no longer an option. We sent one team in the 70cm class - Chris Esling on Just Jake, Jodie Powell on Callimore Diamond, Jo Jeynes on Emily Jane and Sara Stephenson on Lliedi Susan. As well as an individual 6th for Jodie, the team were 5th overall, keeping us at the top of the overall league and moving us to second in the Combined League.



## APOLOGIES

In last month's issue, the photo captioned 'Alex H' in the report from the Blenheim Trial, actually showed Megan Harper. This is the photo that should have appeared!



## FUNDRAISER

19th August turned out to be a nicely warm day and even a bit of sunshine to welcome our car booters to the Hunters Inn, Longdon. The sellers turned out early and it was exciting to see so many bargains up for grabs - and the buyers obviously agreed as there were armfuls of gear being loaded up into cars throughout the day.

The club stalls were busy all day, with a range of cakes, plants, fruits and chutney for sale. And the Tombola proved popular, where you could win anything from booze to water, from cans of coke to washing up liquid!

It turned out to be a successful day, raising over £400 for club funds and going some way to making up for cancelling the Eventer Challenge back in July.

Special thanks you go to:

- Ann Bates and Jenny Barnes for doing a grand job running the tombola and cake stand.
- Esther and Anthony Bowness for running a refreshment stand and donating the proceeds to

the club.

- Sue Lidbetter, Sara Stephenson, Sara's Mum and Sarah Gilderson, who all made donations to the club.
- Jenny Barnes, Julie Jeffes, Alison Burton and Ann Bates for the lovely cakes.
- Karen Withers for her excellent parking skills

- And to everyone else who had a boot, donated prizes for the tom-



bola or came to support us.



# BRC SOUTH WEST & WALES REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



For the third year running, the South West and Wales Regional championships were held at Hartpury College - the prefect local venue for us. The Regionals were set up to allow clubs

step."

Jodie said, "It was a lovely day with a lovely atmosphere, everyone did so well. I was very pleased with Diamond producing a lovely test and for the team to finish 5th out of 25. Fantastic support crew as ever."



that didn't want to travel to the Nationals in Lincoln, a chance to compete at a Championship show. Teams that came 2nd to 4th in the Novice (80cm) Show Jumping and the Prelim Dressage at their respective qualifiers in Areas 9, 12, 15, 18 and 19, were all invited to attend. And this meant that we had two Dressage teams and a Jumping team eligible to go along.

Stef and Buster were called in as last minute reserves. "I was so thrilled with him! He pulled off a decent dressage test having done very little work since May, and none at all between February and May. Absolute hero. The judge's comments say it all - just ran out of steam as the test progressed due to lack of fitness! It was great to be out with the riding club ladies again."



Some last minute substitutions kept team manager Chris busy, but everyone did extremely well. But it was our Dressage Divas who triumphed, with an

individual win for Rachel Sargeant and a 5th for Karen Withers, meaning that the Purples were awarded overall team 5th.

For Esther, it was a busy weekend. "Fresh back from Equifest and our first time show jumping Indoors so to say I was a bit apprehensive was probably a bit of an understatement. First round and remember to breath! We had a super clear and Polly did me proud - not spooky or at all worried about being indoor with the noise echoes and banners. Second round was a bit disappointing but nearly 2 and half hours after the first round, it was a big ask. We went in with the same attitude but a bit less energy, so unfortunately had 2

poles. But overall pleased and impressed with her attitude and our achievements this year - Great competition venue and right on our door-



## RUNNERS AND RIDERS

### Dressage Purple

Karen Withers and CSH Arkan Blue / Rachel Sargent and Dezina Double Dip /

Megan Harper and Imperial Moonlight / Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond **Dressage Green** Stef Bennett and Mr Buster / Wendy Robinson and Sonas Oliver / Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe / Sara Stephenson and Lleidi Susan **Jumping** Julie Jeffes and Hedefield Ash / Pam Render and Zena / Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady / Sara Stephenson and Lleidi Susan



**PHOTOS:** Top Left: Our 5th placed team, Megan, Karen, Jodie and Rachel. Middle Left: Rachel and Dizzy. Bottom Left: Esther and Polly. Top Right: Stef and Buster. Middle Right: Pam and Zena. Bottom Right: Karen and Rocky.







# NEEDFUL THINGS

## WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

For schedules, times and future events, please go to **[www.malvernhillsideingclub.com](http://www.malvernhillsideingclub.com)**

### September 2018

**1st-2nd** - BRC National Championships, Lincoln Showground, Lincolnshire

**9th** - Mercian Two-Phase, Sapey XC, Bromyard

**13th** - Blenheim RC Challenge, Blenheim Palace, Oxon

**16th** - Mercian Dressage to Music, Kings Equestrian, Bromyard

**23rd** - Mercian Hunter Trials, Frampton Court Estate, Frampton

**28th - 30th** BRC Dressage to Music Championship, Bury Farm, Bedfordshire

**30th** - Mercian Combined Training, Gracelands Equestrian Centre, Droitwich

### October 2018

**7th** - Area Eventer Challenge, Sapey XC, Wolferlow, nr Bromyard

**9th** - Mercian Quiz, The Talbot, Knightwick.

**28th** - Area Novice Winter Dressage Qualifier, Hartpury College, Glos.

### November 2018

**4th** - Area Arena Eventing Qualifier, Cherwell Equestrian, Oxford.

**Tbc** - Mercian Presentation Evening

## PEPPER POT 2018 LEAGUES

Here are the top 5 riders in each of the 2018 leagues as of 29th August 2018

### SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond	465
2nd	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	385
3rd	Chris Esling and Just Jake	355
4th	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	350
5th	Jo Jeynes and Emily Jane	345

### JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Oliver Hooper and Pinto	220
2nd	Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes	240
3rd	Amber Knott and Average at Best	210
4th	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	180
5th	William Hooper and Peter Pan	115

### SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	295
2nd	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	260
	Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador	260
4th	Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond	245
5th	Tina Price and Tom Thumb	195

### JUNIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Amber Knott and Average at Best	110
2nd	Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan	95
3rd	Amber Knott and Mr Gangster	45
4th	Amber Knott and Pennal Zedan	40
	Mia Smith and Bruno	40

### SENIOR JUMPING

1st	Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond	160
2nd	Chris Esling and Just Jake	155
3rd	Jo Jeynes and Emily Jane	120
4th	Cindie Bunce and Dreambreaker	110
5th	Jessica Breakwell and George	100

### JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Oliver Hooper and Pinto	190
2nd	Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes	180
3rd	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	110
4th	Amber Knott and Average at Best	95
5th	William Hooper and Peter Pan	75

### SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS

1st	Megan Hay and Mockbeggar Pacquel	75
2nd	Alex Riches and Mr Darcy	70
3rd	Chris Esling and Just Jake	65
4th	Allison Haynes and Jack	60
	Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond	60

### JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	70
2nd	Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes	55
3rd	Amber Knott and Average at Best	5
	Sacha Willis and Narrow Blaze	5

SEE THE COMPLETE UPDATED LEAGUE TABLES AT  
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*MHRC - National Champions 2018*

## EDITOR'S BIT

What a crazy month! Two BRC Championships, Mercian events every weekend and the first of the Winter Area qualifiers. It seems as if my MHRC uniform has never come off!

It was my first trip to the National Championships at Lincoln and I'm now determined to get there with horse too. The site is amazing - huge, but amazing. As you drive down the main ring road around the town, you can look down and just see a vast expanse of dressage arenas - I don't think I've ever seen quite so many white boards in one place. The jumping arenas are bordered by lovely big hedges, which may have caused some concern for the riders on their hunting ponies, but definitely made it feel very special to be inside them. MHRC took over a huge area of the parking field as base camp, and with our new banners and bunting (and loud music late into the night!), we definitely made our presence felt. Turn the page for a full report on our wonderful record.

And some impressive Mercian team performances mean that we're pretty much guaranteed to win the overall Trophy once again this year - we do like silverware! It was mine and Smokey's return to competing on the Mercian teams and I'd forgotten what it's like to be on the other side - it's so lovely to get a big cheer when you've finished your round. I can't wait until we can enter the next one.

*until next time, Caroline*



# BRRC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Amber and Harvey

the cheer squad.

The Knott family were the first to arrive on site and 'reserved' a number of spaces in the field. They were closely followed by the MHRC convoy, made up of lorries belonging to Jodie, Chris, Steph and Tina, while the rest of the squad arrived throughout the afternoon. While ponies were booked in

*"Lots of laughter & memories made, with such lovely people and horses."*

- Lydia Burrows

and allocated stables, then taken for a group hack around the site, 'base camp' was set up, involving a lot of gazebos, banners, bunting and enough chairs to restock Ikea!

Then it was time to ignore the nerves and settle to a great evening. A fabulous meal of spaghetti Bolognese or Chilli was on offer, kindly provided by the Knotts, with plenty of cake and chocolate to follow. And maybe the odd drinky-poo or two to wash it down.

After a chilli night, it was time for the senior riders to get out of their sleeping bags and down to the stables, where a few sparkling finishing touches were needed - this is a championship after all!

Then it was settled in for a hard day of competition.

For anyone who hasn't been, Lincoln showground is huge - imagine the Three Counties expanding to cover Hillview Arena and beyond! But the

cheer squad toughened it out and leapt into action, helping back at camp, at the stables and cheering ring-side all day. With 15 dressage arenas and 7 jumping rings, it was sometimes hard keeping track of where everyone was at any one time, but we did our best to give a cheer after every salute and every final fence (and huge apologies to those that we didn't make it in time to see).

As the afternoon wore on and the scores started trickling in, we started to get the feeling that we had done rather well. And excitement mounted as more and more individual places were confirmed. But it was the three team places that had us jumping for joy. Our Senior 90 team, despite being half full of last minute substitutes, came 9th, while our Open Dressage team were awarded 3rd place and got to attend the mounted prize-giving. But you could probably have heard the cheers echoing off the Malvern Hills as our Senior Riding Test team were awarded first place



Holly and Dreammaker

and made National Champions. With their beautiful blue rugs and matching sashes, they looked amazing as they stood in the presentation ring - enjoying their moment of glory. It was rather an exciting lap of honour, with more than one leap of joy very nearly giving us a 'You've Been Framed Moment' but all our riders stuck aboard.

## SENIOR RUNNERS AND RIDERS: Senior Riding Test Team = 1st

Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador (1st Novice) Jodie Powell and Blenagloos Black Diamond (3rd Prelim) Rachel Sargeant and Dexina Double Dip (3rd Prelim) Tina Price and Buzz-B **Senior Riding Test Individual**

*"Fun, sun, laughter, bubbles, happy tears, food, dancing, partying, memories and good friends."*

- Jodie Powell



Jodie and Diamond

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Lottie and Western Miracle

Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond  
**Senior Open Dressage Team = 3rd**  
Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine  
Sadie (3rd Novice and 10th Overall)  
Steph Woolley and Freckleton Mator

dor (5th Elementary) Holly Chivers and Dripsill Dreammaker (7th Novice) Tina Price and Buzz-B

**Senior Prelim Dressage** Rachel Sargeant and Dexina Double

*"Brilliant, successful champs, with amazing friends & horses. BIG thanks MHRC."*

- Tina Price

Dip (4th Prelim) **Senior Pick a Test Medium/Advanced Medium** Megan Hay and Watermill (7th Medium and 7th

Overall) **Senior 90 Jumping Team 9th** Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster / Jodie Powell and Bleanag-

## DO YOU WANT TO COMPETE AT THE NATIONAL CHAMPS 2019?

There are four different disciplines at the Champs that you can qualify for - Dressage (from Prelim to Advanced Medium and Pairs), Riding Test (Prelim and Novice), Show Jumping (70cm to 110cm) and Style Jumping (75cm and 85cm).

Qualifiers take place in the Spring and Summer months, with the top teams and individuals being invited to the Nationals.

**And remember, if you qualify, MHRC pay for your championship entry.**

Keep an eye on the website and club e-mails for more information next year.

loos Black Diamond / Rachel Sargeant and Dexina Double Dip/ Tina Price and Buzz-B **Senior Team of Four Dressage** Sue Peckham and Tre-hais Leonardo / Linda Kemp and Mr Gangster / Tina Price and Buzz-B / Steph Woolley and Freckleton Mator **Open 110 Jumping** Holly Chivers and Dipshill Dreammaker **Senior 70 Team** Sue Peckham and Tre-hais Leonardo / Jodie Powell and

Callimore Diamond / Jo Jaynes and Emily Jane / Lydia Burrows and Hayestown Sam

Saturday night was a quiet, subdued, reflective night ... nah, only kidding. It was time to party hard and celebrate everyone's successes of the day. A fantastic BBQ, again laid on by Kirsty and Tony Knott, started the evening ... and anyone who partook of the chicken with hot mango salsa enjoyed an evening of numb lips! There was also time to celebrate Chris' up coming birthday, with cake and candles, and a card that had been sneaking its way from lorry to lorry all day. Then it was time to turn the music up and boogie the night away to such classic tracks as Dancing Queen, Don't Stop Me Now and Happy. There was also a hilarious moment when lots of slightly (!?!!) tiddly people decided to change the words to YMCA to MHRC - which worked fantastically well until trying to work out how to make an 'R' with arms and glasses of fizz.

Surprising-

Team of Four - Tina, Sue, Steph and Linda

ly enough, everyone was up and about early in the morning, this time to get the Juniors horsed and on their way. The cheer squad might not have been quite so eager to walk back and forth across the show ground, as there was quite a lot of jumping on courtesy buses!

Once again, another day of amazing competition has us all buzzing. For some of our very youngest members, it was a huge challenge to compete on such a grand

*"To sum up the champs from a Mother's / unpaid groom's point of view - A weekend of non-stop laughter and total togetherness."*

- Katie Ruff



*"Horses, riders, Friendship, laughs, teamwork, dancing, champers, sunshine, together, happiness, commitment, celebrations, support crew, volunteers, amazing food and Caroline and Chris!!!"*

- Laura Bennett

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# BRC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CONT.

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Esme and Elvis

occasion, but they all did fantastically well. All three of our individual dressage riders were placed in the top ten of their classes, while the

jumpers had to contend with some of the biggest fences that some of them had ever gone over. But it was our Junior 80 team who did the best, gaining a 7th place amongst some very strong opposition.

## JUNIOR RUNNERS AND RIDERS: Walk and Trot Dressage

Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan (8th) **Junior Dressage** Mia Smith and Bruno (5th Prelim) / Amber Knott and Average at Best (10th Prelim) **Junior 70 Jumping Team** William Hooper and Peter Pan / Oliver Hooper and Pinto / Sophie Bowness and Bruno Mars **Junior 80 Jumping Team 7th** William Hooper and Gucci Guy / Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes / Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle / Amber Knott and Average at Best **Junior Style Jumping** Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle

And then it was all over. While ponies were booted and bandaged, lorries started up and tonnes of equipment stowed away, the base camp slowly and sadly disintegrated. A huge thank you must go to our club volunteers, as without them giving up a few hours of their time, we wouldn't be able to send so many teams - Kirsty and Tony Knott, Sarah Smith, Chris Esling, Jo Jeynes, Lydia Burrows and Jodie Powell. Also to Kirsty and Tony who



William and Peter

did an amazing job of the catering and provided the dancing tunes. And lastly to our team manager, Chris, for helping get us there in the first place.

Fingers crossed we'll get there again next year.



Mia and Bruno

For lots of photos, visit Facebook, or follow the links on our website to watch videos from the weekend.

"About a fortnight before we were all due to leave for Lincoln, I was listening to a Sports Psychologist talking on the radio. He was firmly of the opinion that it was of great benefit to us to belong to a club or society of some sort where we could all take part in something we love and have the encouragement and support of our fellow club members. He reckoned that it helped our health and day to day well being!

So with this in mind I was really looking forward to our trip to Lincoln with 43 of our club members, mums, dads, friends, children and other hangers on!

Well the weekend did not disappoint. The weather was just perfect which always puts everyone in a good mood especially if you are riding all day. Wet clothes are never nice.

Our teams and Individuals did not disappoint with some fantastic performances on both days. But it was our evening antics that provided us all with non stop laughter and fun and gallons of wine, and some crazy dancing!

I would like to say a heartfelt thanks to every one of you who have come forward this year to represent the club at Area level. You have all been incredible and to watch our Riding Test Team on their lap of honour after winning the national title, well it just doesn't get any better than that. All the work that everyone puts in to get to these Championships is relentless.

Let's hope that 2019 will be every bit as successful as this year has been. Thank you all for the endless fun and laughter and great friendships!

*Love, Chris*

September



# MERCIAN ROUND-UP



Sue, Camilla and Jodie - DTM Champs

It's been a hugely busy month in the Mercian League, with a team competition every weekend through September. As usual, MHRC rose to the challenge and managed to send teams to all the events.

## 16th = Dressage to Music @ Kings

It was a bit of a last minute chop and change with the DTM competition, but two teams headed off to have a go.



CT winners - Jo, Chris, Tina and Jodie

Everyone did extremely well.

The team of Jodie Powell and Diamond (4th individual), Tina Price and Ebony (2nd individual) and Sara Stephenson on Suzy (6th individual) came 3rd. But our top team of Camilla Esling on Jake, and Sue Lidbetter on Rosie, who both won their classes, and Jodie Powell on Trixie, who was second, couldn't be beaten and took the red rosette.

## 9th = Mercian Two-Phase @ Sapey

We sent one team to the Two-Phase, which consisted of a round of show-jumps, then a separate run out on the cross-country course. Our 70cm team consisted of Lydia Burrows on Hayestown Sam, Jo Jaynes on Emily Jane, Esther Bowness on Blackwater Grey Lady and Allison Haynes on Jack.

After the show jumping, our team were in a strong 3rd place with only 8 faults. Our three top riders had no jumping faults out on the cross-country, but time faults seemed to be the crucial deciding factor across the competition, with most riders, including all of ours, racking up a large number for going too fast. Maybe a bit too generous with the optimum time? But they only dropped one place overall, with a team 4th and an individual 3rd for Allison.

## 23rd = Hunter Trial @ Frampton

It was a dull and soggy day when our two teams headed off to the Frampton estate to compete in the popular 'mini-Badminton' that is the Hunter Trials. It was even more popular with the removal of the timed gate, which had caused a few issues in previous years.

There was a bit of a mix-up on the day, with some odd scoring, but in the end both of our teams were placed. The



Our Hunter Trialers - Sophie, Jenny, Lydia, Alli, Sophie, Jo, Jodie and Chris

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September



# MERCIAN ROUND-UP cont.



Alli and Jack

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'Buzzards' of Jo Jaynes on Emily Jane, Chris Esling on Just Jake, Jodie Powell on Callimore Diamond and Sophie Hooper on

Hayestown Sam. Alli was 3rd individually, with Jenny in 5th and Jodie in 8th.

## 30th = Combined Training @ Gracelands

The final Mercian outing of the month was the combined training, and once again, we sent two teams for the bigger class. Our team of Kelly Hudson and Fron, Lydia Burrows and Sam, Katie Hawksworth and Billy and Caroline Bates and Smokey were just outside the places, but once again we took the top team award with Tina Price and Ebony, Jodie Powell and Diamond, Chris Esling and Jake and Jo Jaynes and Emily Jane. Tina was 1st, Jodie was 2nd and Chris was 3rd individually in their arenas.

Peter Pan were 4th, but the overall winners were the 'Kestrels' of Allison Haynes on Jack, Sophie Stratton on McEvoy, Jenny Barnes on Linhay Lale and Lydia Burrows on



## MALVERN HILLS RIDING CLUB TABLE TOP SALE

**WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER  
2018**

**WELLAND VILLAGE HALL**



Doors open to public 19:00.  
£1 entry.

Refreshments Available - hot and cold drinks,  
mulled wine, cakes and mince pies

**£10 per table**  
**Sellers arrive and set up from 18:30.**

Call Karen on 07894 800 221 to book now.

## KEEP THE DATE

**23rd November**

**'Definitely Senior Only ☺'**

**Social Evening**

**Keep an eye on club e-mails  
for more details**

## UPCOMING TRAINING

CLINIC:	Flatwork
INSTRUCTOR:	Jess Smith
DATES:	24th October, 1st, 14th & 29th November
VENUE:	Hillview Arena, Malvern
STARTING TIMES:	5:30 to 8:00
GROUP SIZE:	30mins individual sessions
OPEN TO:	All members, all abilities
COST:	£25

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To book a place, please contact Julie Jeffes  
[Julie.jeffes@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.jeffes@gmail.com)





# BRC DRESSAGE TO MUSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The lovely Bury Farm, Buckinghamshire, was our destination for the DTM Championships. Steph Woolley on Freckleton Matador competed in the Senior Elementary section on Friday, while Julie Jeffes on Hedefeld Ash competed in the Senior Novice (with points) on Saturday.

It wasn't to be Steph's year - a delay in the proceedings meant that the competition was running late, but the stewards forgot to pass that message to the riders warming up outside. So Freckles was a bit bored with the wait and decided that a few extra movements needed to be added to his repertoire. Although beautiful and, oddly enough, in time with the music, the judges didn't agree and there was no robbie for the pair at the end of the day.

Steph and Freckles



Julie and Ash

It was Julie's first trip to these championships and Ash coped with the loud music wonderfully - although an odd patch of sunlight on the floor was harder to handle. After quite a few rock anthem themed routines, it was lovely to watch Julie's more ethereal display. A well deserved 6th place and a place in the mounted prize-giving were just rewards.

To see videos of both tests, and the prize-giving ceremony, head on over to our YouTube channel - there are links on the website.

## BLenheim RC CHALLENGE

A huge congratulations to our team who competed at the RC Eventer Challenge 100 at the Blenheim International Horse Trials on 13th September. It was a big and twisty course, but they all did fantastically. Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker produced a stylish clear round, while Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster also went clear, but picked up 2.4 time penalties. Our other riders, Megan Harper on Strawberry Hill and Alex Harris on LF Coeur de Orame, picked up faults, but the team ended on a not to be sniffed at 18.4 faults. This meant they ended up in 13th place - not bad out of 26 teams.





# NEEDFUL THINGS

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### October 2018

- 7th** - Area Eventer Challenge, Sapey XC, Wolferlow, nr Bromyard  
**9th** - Mercian Quiz, The Talbot, Knightwick.  
**14th** - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern  
**21st** - MHRC Winter Dressage series, Marlbrook Farm Equestrian, Welland  
**28th** - Area Novice Winter Dressage Qualifier, Hartpury College, Glos.

### November 2018

- 4th** - Area Arena Eventing Qualifier, Cherwell Equestrian, Oxford.  
**11th** - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern  
**18th** - MHRC Winter Dressage series, Marlbrook Farm Equestrian, Welland  
**23rd** - Seniors Only Social Evening  
**Tbc** - Mercian Presentation Evening

### December 2018

- 2nd** - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern  
**9th** - MHRC Winter Dressage series, Marlbrook Farm Equestrian, Welland  
**12th** - Table Top Sale, Welland Village Hall

## PEPPER POT 2018 LEAGUES

Here are the top 5 riders in each of the 2018 leagues as of 30th September 2018

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1st	Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond	630
2nd	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	490
3rd	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	460
4th	Chris Esling and Just Jake	445
5th	Jo Jeynes and Emily Jane	440

### JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes	245
2nd	Amber Knott and Average at Best	225
	Oliver Hooper and Pinto	225
4th	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	190
5th	William Hooper and Peter Pan	120

### SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	395
2nd	Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador	390
3rd	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	370
4th	Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond	305
5th	Rachel Sargeant and Dexina Double Dip	275

### JUNIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Amber Knott and Average at Best	120
2nd	Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan	105
3rd	Mia Smith and Bruno	60
4th	Amber Knott and Mr Gangster	45
5th	Amber Knott and Pennal Zedan	40

### SENIOR JUMPING

1st	Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond	195
2nd	Chris Esling and Just Jake	180
3rd	Jo Jeynes and Emily Jane	150
4th	Cindie Bunce and Dreambreaker	110
5th	Jessica Breakwell and George	100
	Lydia Burrows and Hayestown Sam	100

### JUNIOR JUMPING

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2nd	Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes	185
3rd	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	120
4th	Amber Knott and Average at Best	100
5th	William Hooper and Peter Pan	80

### SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS

1st	Chris Esling and Just Jake	130
	Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond	130
3rd	Jo Jeynes and Emily Jane	115
4th	Allison Haynes and Jack	110
5th	Megan Hay and Mockbeggar Pacquel	75
	Tina Price and Ebony	75

### JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	70
2nd	Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes	55
3rd	Amber Knott and Average at Best	5
	Sacha Willis and Narrow Blaze	5

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# NEWSLETTER

**THIS MONTH:**

**\*\* Area Eventer Challenge Qualifier \*\* Mercian Quiz \*\* Area Dressage Qualifier \*\* Interdressage \*\*  
\*\* Winter Dressage Series \*\***

**PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES**



*Smiles all round for Double Hartpury winner, Lily Collop*

## EDITOR'S BIT

There has to be some advantages to being into the Dressage thing and I discovered one the other day that wouldn't immediately spring to mind. As I lay back in the dentist chair, listening to the mosquito whine of the industrial strength toothbrush, I lost myself in going over the test I needed for the following weekend. After all, who wants to stare at a poster of a tropical island, bathed in sunshine, surrounded by gorgeous blue waters, when it's blowing gale outside? Having the time to go over exactly what was needed at each moment was a luxury, rather than trying to actually do it on horseback, although there was one unforeseen consequence. Because, of course, it's impossible to go over a dressage test without a pointy finger doing the moves at the same time - you only have to watch every single warm-up arena in the country to prove that. I think the Dentist thought I was in pain as I worked through the complicated walk-change-rein-to-half-20-metre-circle-on-free-walk-change-rein-again that was the bane of that particular test!

Another great month for the club and considering we're supposed to be quietening down for the winter, it's been a hugely busy one. Our first ever Winter Dressage show went really well and was enjoyable day for all involved. It was lovely to see so many new faces coming along and having a go, which is what the series is all about. Spaces are filling up quickly for the November date, so enter now to avoid missing out. And having just ordered the Championship rosettes, I'm extremely jealous that I won't have a chance to win one!

*until next time, Caroline*





# AREA EVENTIER CHALLENGE



Katy and Jane

It was the first Area qualifier of the Winter season on 7th October, although the sunshine would have fooled you otherwise. Luckily, the icy wind blowing across the hills at Sapey Cross-Country, nr Bromyard, was enough to remind you that Summer is over.

It was Bewdley RC's first go at running at this and on the whole it all went brilliantly. The competition involved a round of show-jumps, then straight out onto the lovely cross-country course, where riders tackled a variety of jumps including the quarry, ditches and the water.

Unfortunately, the scores given out on the day turned out to be slightly incorrect, as it was discovered later in the day that penalties that should have been deducted for going under the time, had not been. However, MHRC still did amazingly well. Our Senior 80 team

was 4th, with Megan

Hay 2nd individually. But it was our 90 competitors that were the most successful. With Katy 2nd, Sue 3rd and Alex 5th, the team couldn't be beaten and won the day. Joining them at the championships will be Esme, who was the overall winner of the Junior section.

## RUNNERS & RIDERS:

**Senior 80 Team** Megan Hay & Hope Valley Colleen/ Allison Haynes &

Jack / Clare Gabriel & Icy Blue / Jodie Powell & Callimore Diamond **Senior 80 Individuals** Sue Peckham & Tresais / Alex Harris & Million Dolair Baby

**Senior 90 Team** Jodie Powell & Bleanagloos Black Diamond / Sue Peckham & Mr Gangster / Katy Baker & RTS Jane / Alex Riches & Mr Darcy **Junior 90 Individual** Esme Ruff & Blue Suede Shoes



Sue and Gangster



Esme and Elvis



Megan and Squirt



## MALVERN HILLS RIDING CLUB TABLE TOP SALE

**WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER  
2018  
WELLAND VILLAGE HALL**



Doors open to public 19:00.  
£1 entry.

Refreshments Available - hot and cold drinks,  
mulled wine, cakes and mince pies

£10 per table  
Sellers arrive and set up from 18:30.

Call Karen on 07894 800 221 to book now.



Alex and Darcy



Jodie and Trixie



# MERCIAN QUIZZ

The last Mercian competition of the year was the Quiz, once again held at the Talbot Inn, Knightwick, and hosted by Bromyard Riding Club. Questions ranged from guessing the odd one out, to geographical regions, 2018 winners to films. And it was surprising how many people knew which TellyTubby had the square antennae!

MHRC were on top form and just couldn't be beaten. The **Quizzzy Rascals** of Caroline Bates, Chris Esling, Lydia Burrows and Kelly Hudson came 2nd, but were beaten by **Lets Get Quizzical** of Camilla Esling, Steph Woolley, Stef Bennet and Jo Jaynes.

It was a fab night and cemented the clubs success this year. MHRC top not only the Overall League, but also the Flatwork and Jumping League's too - a brilliant result for everyone



who competed in a Mercian event this year.

To see the final league tables, check out our website.

## INTERDRESSAGE

Unfortunately, our 2018/2019 Interdressage campaign got off to a poor start, when the filming day on 14th October was cancelled due to the forecast rain. But members managed to film and enter their own tests to make sure that we started winning those all important points.

<b>Class: Walk &amp; Trot A (Restricted)</b>	4th = Linda Kemp and Tanner
<b>Walk &amp; Trot A (Intermediate)</b>	3rd = Suzanne Lidbetter & Mai
<b>Walk, Trot &amp; Canter D</b>	2nd = Suzanne Lidbetter & Rosie
<b>BRC D1 (Restricted)</b>	3rd = Jodie Powell and Diamond
	5th = Camilla Esling and Oliver
<b>BRC D1 (Open)</b>	1st = Jodie Powell and Trixie
	2nd = Sara Stephenson and Suzy
<b>Freestyle Jumping</b>	2nd = Oliver Hooper and Pinto
<b>Working Hunter (Junior)</b>	1st = Oliver Hooper and Pinto
<b>Working Hunter (Senior)</b>	2nd = Caroline Bates and Smokey

But in the end we had a great start to the season, leading the league with almost double the points of the team in 2nd place.

The next club filming day is on 11th November at Hillview - if you'd like to have a go, please contact Caroline to book a place - the November schedule is on our website.

Place	Club	Points
1st	Malvern Hills Riding Club	100
2nd	Crown Riding Club	60
3rd	Cherwell Valley Riding Club	51
4th	Solent Riding Club	10

### CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Interdressage Championships were held in September and although not part of the BRC League, a few members competed and were successful.

Oliver Hooper & Pinto took three of the Championships, winning the Junior Jumping, Veteran Pony and Condition & Turnout classes, while Caroline Bates & Smokey Joe won the Equi-Skills Championships.

There were also places for Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie in the Walk & Trot and the Walk, Trot & Canter Championships, Sue again and Mai in the Walk & Trot Championships, and Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly in the Equi-Skills Championship.

Suzanne and Mai also came top of the 'Shades of Grey Improver's League', which is given to the partnerships gaining the most marks over the year.



21st October



# MHRC WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES



It was a glorious start to our Winter Dressage series, with gorgeous Autumn sunshine bathing the arena at Marlbrook Equestrian centre. It was lovely to see so many happy riders and ponies, members and non-members alike, having a go ... and with five different tests on offer, there was definitely something for everyone.

MHRC members took home plenty of prizes, managing to win every one of the 7 classes - a fantastic result for the club.

**MEMBER RESULTS** (for a full list of results, check out the website) **Intro A: Restricted** 1st = Suzanne Lldbetter and Mai 4th = Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist **Intro A: Open** 1st = Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream 3rd = Krissy Bradley and Toby **Prelim 1: Restricted** 1st = Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream 2nd = Krissy Bradley and Toby **Prelim 1: Open** 1st = Becky Skates and Darcy 3rd = Sarah Bowness and Our Bawn Lodger 4th = Sara Stephenson and Suzy **Prelim 7: Open** 1st = Becky Skates and Darcy 3rd = Camilla Esling and Oliver 5th = Sarah Bowness and Our Bawn Lodger 6th = Jenny Tart and Roxy **Novice 24: Open** 1st = Megan Hay and Water Mill 2nd = Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie 3rd = Jenny Tart and Roxy 4th =

Camilla Esling and Oliver 5th = Katherine Jones and Redbackcappuchino 6th = Alex Riches and Mr Darcy **Elementary 42: Open** 1st = Lily Cullop and Kiltown Two Tone 2nd = Megan Hay and Water Mill 3rd = Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie 4th = Katherine Jones and Redbackcappuchino

A huge thank you to our judge, Clare Green, and to Rita Woolley, who wrote all day. Also to Ann Bates, Chris and Camilla Esling, Karen Withers, Ian Cole and to everyone else who did a stint stewarding or helping during the course of the day.

The next date in the series is **18th November**, closing date the Tuesday beforehand. Remember, entries will be restricted to daylight hours, so get your entry in nice and early to avoid disappointment.

**PHOTOS:** Top (L-R): Suzanne and Mai, Megan and Bill, Alex and Mr Darcy, Becky and Darcy, Lily and Tom Bottom (L-R) Sarah and Barney, Krissy and Toby, Linda and Tanner, Camilla and Oliver, Laura and Sadie (For more photos, check out the website or Facebook).





# AREA DRESSAGE QUALIFIER



Wendy Yates

It was off to Hartpury at the end of the month for the Novice Winter Dressage qualifier. Once again, MHRC fielded an impressive four senior teams, a junior team and a handful of individuals, so it felt as if there was always someone from our club in one of the arenas. And with

our first rider going at 9:30 and our last at 17:00 it was a long old day - thank heavens for that extra hour in bed!

Our seniors did brilliantly, with our highest placed team coming 3rd, behind Cheltenham who took the two top spots. There were lots of individual places too, with Sarah Bowness 6th in prelim 2, Rachel Sargeant 6th in Prelim 7, Tina Price 5th in Novice 24 and Holly Chivers 6th in Novice 28. But Laura Bennett and Sadie came out on top, winning the Novice 24 class and hopefully getting an individual qualification for the championships.

But it was our Juniors who flew the flag high for the club, with the team being declared the overall winners. All were placed individually too. Mia Smith was 2nd in Prelim 2, Esme Ruff 2nd in Prelim 7, Lottie Gilderson 2nd in Novice 24 and Lily Collop winning the Novice 27. Lily also won the Novice 24, and should also get an individual qualification for the

champs. Also placed was Jorja Scholey, who was another individual and came 3rd in Prelim 2.

**TEAMS: MHRC Blues** P2 = Sara Stephenson & Lledi Susan / P7 = Jodie Powell & Callimore Diamond / N24 = Alli Haynes & Jack / N28 = Holly Chivers & Lady of Rathcannon **MHRC Greens** P2 = Sarah Bowness & Our Bawn Lodger / P7 = Natalie Smith & Lord of the Owls / N24 = Wendy Yates & Go Get The Money / N27 = Kat Jones & Redbackcapuchino **MHRC Reds** P2 = Alex Riches & Mr Darcy / P7 = Rachel Sargeant & Dezina Double Dip / N24 = Laura Bennett & Lematon Sunshine Sadie / N27 = Camilla Esling & Sonas Oliver **MHRC Pinks** P2 = Caroline Bates & Smokey Joe / P7 = Jodie Powell & Bleanagloos Black Diamond N24 = Tina Price & Big Ted / N27 = Sarah Isaacs & Stackpole River Blue

**MHRC JUNIORS** P2 = Mia Smith & Bruno / P7 = Esme Ruff & Blue Suede Shoes / N24 = Lottie Gilderson & Western Miracle / N27 = Lily Collop & Kiltown Two Tone

**INDIVIDUALS** P2 = Jorja Scholey & Captin Everything / P2 = Abi Hardy & Oxview Mist / P7 = Jenny Tart & Roxy / N24 = Lily Collop & Kiltown Two Tone



Lottie Gilderson

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CLINIC:	Mini Show Jumping
INSTRUCTOR:	Sophie Hooper
DATES:	26th November, 10th and 17th December
VENUE:	Hillview Arena, Malvern
STARTING TIMES:	6:00, 7:00 and 8:00
GROUP SIZE:	3 per hour
OPEN TO:	for Novice or Nervous Riders—session to start over poles and build up to small jumps.
COST:	£18

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To book a place, please contact Julie Jeffes  
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5th	Rachel Sargeant and Dexina Double Dip	315

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\*\* Winter Dressage Series \*\***

**PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES**



*Jorja and Captin - on a flyer at Cherwell Valley Equestrian.*

## EDITOR'S BIT

Well, there's not many weeks left of 2018 now. How many of you have kept last year's resolutions? Such a horrible concept as no matter what you promise yourself, good intentions are severely eroded by those first few weeks of January, where dusty tinsel, grey and snowy skies, and leftover mince pies can depress the most cheerful of souls.

So this year I've decided on something a bit different. Instead of a resolution, I'm going to set myself some goals, things I would really like to achieve in 2019. And not huge things - things that would take the whole year to complete or come to fruition, or things that seem such a long way off at the moment. But small things - things I can control, things I can enjoy and things that will lead on to setting even more targets once they're done. Maybe it will be having a go at my first unaffiliated Novice dressage test before my birthday (and not worrying about the results!) or being the first on course when the cross-country courses open again in the spring. They might be only small things, but they can lead on to bigger and better things ... so who's with me? Lets stop promising ourselves the impossible and instead concentrate on the ultimately doable. Here's to 2019 ...

*until next time, Caroline*





# AREA ARENA EVENTING

The Arena Eventing Championship is a new one for BRC next year, being held at Aston-Le-Wells in May 2019. So it was also the first time that Area 18 had run a qualifier and West Oxon RC did a fabulous job at Cherwell Valley Equestrian Centre, just outside Oxford.

The course featured a round of show jumps, followed immediately by a round of XC type obstacles, before finishing off over a single joker show jump that was 10cm higher than the other jumps. All the jumps were on surface, including the water splash on the edge of the arena, but it was full-up and

testing course, perfect to get ready for the championships!

## 70cm Team Jorja

Scholey and Captin Everything / Isla Albutt and Mister Magic / Sophie Bowness and Bruno Mars / Oliver Hooper



Olly and Pinto

and Pinto **70cm Individual** William Hooper and Peter Pan **Senior 80cm Team** Megan Hay and Hope Valley Colleen / Tina Price and Ebony / Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond / Sue Peckham and Tresai Leonardo **Senior 90cm Team** Tina Price and Big Ted / Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond / Sarah Bowness and Our Bawn Lodger / Abigail Hardy and Oxview Mist **Junior 90cm Individual** Lottie Gilderson and Weston Miracle **100cm Team** Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster / Cindie Bunce and Master Maltstriker / Nikki Collins and Jumbos Rose II

In the 70cm class, a few errors of sat nav and issues at the water, meant that our young junior team weren't placed, but there was a well-deserved individual 4th for Oliver Hooper.

However, our senior teams were fantastic with the 90 team coming 2nd, only missing out on the top spot by one penalty point. The 80 and 100 team both won and will get to strut



Jodie and Diamond

their stuff at the champs, although it was close thing for the three person team of Cindie, Nikki and Sue. A scoring error gave Cindie 20 penalties for a circle, but consultation with the rulebook showed that this



Cindie and Billy

was incorrect as she had not yet presented at the fence. The organisers corrected the score, which put our team in top spot.

There were a handful of individual places across the day too. Jodie Powell had an amazing day, winning the 80 on Diamond and coming 2nd in the 90 with Trixie, only missing out on the top spot by going a few seconds too fast! She was one of only a handful of riders to get inside the time throughout the whole day. There was also a 3rd place for Lottie in the 90 and a 5th for Tina in the 80.

Tina said, "It was a lovely venue, really well run. I can't believe I en-



Megan and Squirt

tered, let alone got round two good courses which were up to height and a bit tricky! Can't believe I'm off to the champs - thank you MHRC!"

While Jodie had a "lovely day, although wet and grey. It was a lovely course, which was twisty and beefy and asked a lot of questions. Diamond and Trixi flew round, really enjoying it. Lovely venue with great facilities; I would definitely go again."

New member Nikki "thoroughly enjoyed every part of the day. The atmosphere was great and it was so lovely to meet other members for the first time, as well as see friends that I haven't caught up with in a long while.

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# INTERDRESSAGE

We had a lovely club filming day on the 11th November. Despite the rain storms surrounding Hillview Arena for most of the morning, very little fell on us and were even graced by a beautiful rainbow that added a little something extra to our videos.

The ponies were all fantastic during the two minute silence at 11:00, although a few pricked ears showed that they weren't that sure about the bugling coming from the radio, but none of them moved a muscle during the whole thing.

A huge congratulations to everyone who took part, whether on the filming day or by filming their own entries at home. Some more great results means that we are still on top of the leaderboard.

## Class: Walk and Trot Restricted Section

5th = Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist

7th = Kirsty Knott and Pennal Zedan

10th = Ginny Scott and Ruby

## Class: Walk and Trot Intermediate Section

5th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai

## Class BRC D2

2nd = Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver

4th = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

## Class: Intermediate Dressage

1st = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

## Class: Freestyle Jumping Senior

1st = Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver

4th = Ginny Scott and Ruby

## Class: Freestyle Jumping Junior

2nd = Oliver Hooper and Pinto

## Class: Ridden Coloured

2nd = Emma Cooper and It's All About Alfie

3rd = Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist

The club filming day for December is on Sunday 2nd. However, anyone who would like to have a go and need help filming their entries during the holiday period between Christmas and New Year, can contact Caroline.

## BRC INTERDRESSAGE LEAGUE AFTER NOVEMBER RESULTS

1st	Malvern Hills Riding Club	213 points
2nd	Crown Riding Club	131 points
3rd	Cherwell Valley Riding Club	73 points
4th	Solent Riding Club	10 points

# 18th January 2019 WELLAND VILLAGE HALL Malvern Hills Riding Club AGM & PRESENTATION EVENING

7:00 pm Start

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18th November

# MHRC WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES

We were lucky to have a sunny and dry day for the second in our Dressage series on 18th November, even if it was very, very cold. Entries were up from the first show in a big way, so much so that we had to close entries earlier and keep a waiting list.

MHRC members once again triumphed, taking 1st place in all 7 classes, as well as taking home lots of other ribbons. It was great to see the higher levels so popular, with lots of people challenging themselves to have a go at a test they wouldn't normally ride in.

**Member Results** (for a full list of results, check out our website). **Intro B Restricted:** 1st Linda Kemp and Tanner / 2nd Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai **Intro B Open** 1st Victoria Gregg and Jeeves / 3rd Victoria Gregg and Red / 4th Emma Tart and Eric / 5th Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream **Prelim 2 Restricted** 1st Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream **Prelim 2 Open** 1st Becky Skates and Darcy / 2nd Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver / 4th

Victoria Gregg and Katie / 5th Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle / 6th Sara Stephenson and Suzy **Prelim 13** 1st Victoria Gregg and Rocky / 2nd Becky Skates and Darcy / 5th Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle **Novice 27** 1st Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador / 2nd Rachel Sargeant and Dezina Double Dip / 3rd Victoria Gregg and Big Ted / 4th Victoria Gregg and Euro / 6th Lisa Drinkwater and Sam **Elementary 44** 1st Steph Woolley and Freckleton / 2nd Victoria Gregg and Big Ted / 3rd Katherine Jones and Redback Cappuchino / 4th Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone / 5th Lisa Drinkwater and Sam

A huge thank you goes to our judge, Donn Collins, and our amazing writer, Rita Woolley, both doing the full day. Also to Ann Bates for the refreshments and Jodie Powell for stewarding all day - all help gratefully received.

The last qualifying show is the 9th December, followed by the end of year Championship, with amazing rosettes and sashes on offer.

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The venue was great, with a course that was up to height and twisty with quite a few skinny fences. It felt quite special to be part of something where everyone was supporting and encouraging each other and I was so relieved to see Sue okay and back on her feet, when we came out of the arena. Sue was an absolute super star and was the one that knew the rules and ensured that our team had the correct penalties for our performance, meaning that we have qualified for the champs in March next year, which is very exciting! Thankyou Sue!

I would also like to thank Chris Esling for organising everything for the day, so much work goes on behind the scenes for these things and we get to do the fun bit!

I am looking for-



Nikki and Rose

ward to meeting more members and feeling very excited about hopefully getting involved with more things in the future."

As we went to press, we had some good news/bad news from BRC. Unfortunately, one rider and one horse competing the 80 team were ineligible, which sadly means the team was disqualified. However, Jodie will still get to go to the championships as the winner of the class. She will be joined by Oliver, who along with riders from West Oxon and Worcester RC, will make up an Area 18 team to contest the 70cm national title.



Sarah and Barney



# COMEDY NIGHT

It was something a little bit different for the club, with our fundraising comedy night at Bromsberrow village hall. Miss Della Grande (aka event rider Wayne Garrick), came along to entertain us with her brand of music, jokes, on-stage make-overs and gymnastics. It was hard not to laugh at the hilarious observations of the horsey world, even if some (aka most) of the humour was very adult-only!

There was a fantastic bar provided by the team at the Farmer's Arms, Birtsmorton, and a delicious light supper provided by Chris Esling.

All in all it was a fun evening, relaxing in good company. ... and raised some much needed funds for both the club and the Wilberry Wonder Pony fund.



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## UPCOMING TRAINING

CLINIC:	Mini Show Jumping
INSTRUCTOR:	Sophie Hooper
DATES:	26th November, 10th and 17th December
VENUE:	Hillview Arena, Malvern
STARTING TIMES:	6:00, 7:00 and 8:00
GROUP SIZE:	3 per hour
OPEN TO:	for Novice or Nervous Riders—session to start over poles and build up to small jumps.
COST:	£18
	****

To book a place, please contact Julie Jeffes  
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### December 2018

- 2nd** - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern
- 9th** - MHRC Winter Dressage series, Marlbrook Farm Equestrian, Welland
- 10th** - Sophie Hooper, Mini Jumping Clinic, Hillview Arena
- 12th** - Table Top Sale, Welland Village Hall
- 17th** - Sophie Hooper, Mini Jumping Clinic, Hillview Arena
- 30th** - MHRC Winter Dressage Championship, Marlbrook Farm Equestrian, Welland

### January 2019

- 12th** - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern
- 18th** - MHRC AGM and Presentation Evening

### February 2019

- 17th** - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern
- 23rd** - Area Winter Show Jumping Qualifier, Lincomb Equestrian, Worcs

### March 2019

- 9th-10th** - BRC Arena Eventing Championship, Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells, Northants

## PEPPER POT 2018 LEAGUES

The 2018 league will finish on 9th December 2018. Points earned at our Winter Dressage series will be the last ones added.

Points earned at the December Interdressage and our Championship show will kick off the 2019 league.

The final league tables will be kept secret until our AGM on January 18th.

Remember the following will be awarded on the night:

- ❖ Huge Rosettes from 1st to 15th in the Senior Overall League
- ❖ Huge Rosettes from 1st to 15th in the Junior Overall League
- ❖ Trophy to the Overall winner of both leagues.
- ❖ Trophies to the winners of the Junior and Senior Dressage League
- ❖ Trophies to the winners of the Junior and Senior Jumping League
- ❖ Trophies to the winners of the Junior and Senior Combined Events League

## 2018 REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The next issue of the newsletter will feature a review of the year ... and we'd like to include your news, photos and achievements.

Have you added to your family - two legged or four?

Finally got round that XC course for the first time?

Or qualified for that ultimate championship goal?

Please send a brief description and photo to [mhrcnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mhrcnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk) before December 27th.

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# NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH:

**\*\* Interdressage \*\* Fundraising Events \*\* Winter Dressage Series \*\***

**REVIEW OF 2018**

**PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES**



*Linda and Tanner  
MHRC Intro Dressage Champions*

## EDITOR'S BIT

Well, a Happy New Year to you all. As we wave good bye to 2018 and open our arms in welcome to 2019, I just wanted to say thank you for making my first year at the helm of the club a lovely one. It's been a strange year in many ways. As the snow drifts of late winter and the torrential rain of the spring gave way to the sun-blasted summer, I'm sure I wasn't the only one to wonder whether an indoor hobby might be more beneficial to my health and piece of mind. But then we wouldn't have had the fun of watching dressage divas negotiating the flooded Arena UK at the Intermediate Championships, or the realisation that the whole showground huddling for shelter in a steel framed tent during a thunder storm at our Area Jumping, wasn't such a good idea. Trying to get a garden fork into the ground just before our Eventer Challenge (we couldn't!) and getting completely frazzled at the Area Dressage were definitely the other extremes.

On a personal note, I actually got to get out and about for the club after the arrival of a new lorry into my life. The Mercian Combined Training was an 'interesting' experience, but I was very proud of Yobby Cobby who got over his fear of the tiny indoor school to do a lovely jumping round, after not really seeing coloured jumps for over a year.

Of course, there's been some sad bits too - friends we've lost, both human and equine; disqualifications, falls and injuries, but I think on the whole they've been eclipsed somewhat by all the good times that followed.

HERE'S TO ANOTHER CRACKING 12 MONTHS

*until next time, Caroline*





# DRESSAGE SERIES

It was a busy month for the Winter Dressage series, with the last qualification show on 9th December, leading to the exciting Championship show on 30th.

A few downpours visited the arena on the 9th, but on the whole we had another lovely day, with a record number of people coming down the centre line, including a few new faces. Our members did brilliantly, although a few non-members snuck some red ribbons away from the club this time round!

## MEMBER RESULTS

Intro C (Restricted) 2nd Linda Kemp & Tanner 3rd Suzanne Lidbetter & Mai 4th Diane Symonds & Jeeves

Intro C (Open) 2nd Karen Kilby & Cosmic Dream 3rd Kelly Hudson & Fronwen Gwyn 4th Emma Tart & Eric

Prelim 7 (Restricted) 2nd Karen Kilby & Cosmic Dream 3rd Emma Tart & Eric

Prelim 7 (Open) 1st Victoria Gregg & Rudi 2nd Lottie Gilderson & Western Miracle 3rd Victoria Gregg & Governor 5th Becky Skates & Darcy 6th Jane Osborne & Rose

Prelim 18 2nd Victoria Gregg & Governor 3rd Jenny Tart & Roxy 4th Becky Skates & Darcy 5th Jane Osborne & Rose 6th Natalie Smith & Shadow

Novice 28 2nd Tina Price & Big Ted 3rd Jenny Tart & Roxy 4th Katherine Jones & Redbackcappuchino 5th Alex Riches & Mr Darcy

Elementary 49 1st Julie Jeffes & Hederfeld Ash 2nd Tina Price & Big Ted 4th Katherine Jones & Redbackcappuchino

And then on the 30th, the series culminated in the Championship show, with lovely rosettes and special sashes awarded to the highest placed two members in each section.

## CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

**Intro B Restricted Championship** 2nd & MHRC Champion Linda Kemp and Tanner 3rd & MHRC Reserve Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai

**Intro C Open Championship** 1st & MHRC Champions Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn 3rd & MHRC Reserve Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream 4th Krissy Bradley and Toby 5th Emma Tart and Eric

**Prelm 13 Restricted Championship** 2nd & MHRC Champions Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream 3rd & MHRC Reserve Emma Tart and Eric 4th Krissy Bradley and Toby

**Prelim 18 Open Championship** 1st & MHRC Champions Becky Skates and Darcy 3rd & MHRC Reserve Jane Osborne and Rose 4th Natalie Smith and Shadow 5th Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle 6th Camilla Esling and Oliver 7th Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady 8th Sara Stephenson and Suzy 9th Sarah Bowness and Our Bawn Lodger 10th Jenny Tart and Roxy

**Novice 27 Open Championship** 2nd & MHRC Champions Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador 3rd & MHRC Reserve Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshien Sadie 4th Tine Price and Big Ted 5th Jenny Tart and Roxy 6th Katherine Jones and Redbackcappuchino 7th Camilla Esling and Oliver 10th Alex Riches and Mr Darcy

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Left to Right: Kelly Hudson and Fron, Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream, Becky Skates and Darcy, Steph Woolley and Freckles



# INTERDRESSAGE



Diane and Jeeves

The sun shone on us once again for another fab day of filming for the Interdressage online league. It was Christmas themed, with Freestyle dressage tests so everyone could play to their strengths, and some exciting jumping by our intrepid entrants. Well done to everyone who took part.

## Class: Walk and Trot FREESTYLE Restricted Section

5th = Kirsty Knott and Pennal Zedan

12th = Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist

13th = Diane Symonds and Jeeves

14th = Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly

## Class: Walk and Trot FREESTYLE Intermediate Section

5th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai

## Class Starter FREESTYLE

1st = Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver

3rd = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

1st (Junior) = Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle

## Class: Pairs Dressage

2nd = Suzanne Lidbetter on Rosie

Linda Medcalf on Midnight

## Class: Equi-Skills

2nd = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

2nd = Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly

## Class: Freestyle Jumping Senior

1st = Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver

## Class: Freestyle Jumping Junior

1st = Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle



Camilla and Oliver

## BRC INTERDRESSAGE LEAGUE AFTER DECEMBER RESULTS

1st	Malvern Hills Riding Club	335 points
2nd	Crown Riding Club	180 points
3rd	Cherwell Valley Riding Club	134 points
4th	Solent Riding Club	10 points

Lottie and Lucky



## 18th January 2019 WELLAND VILLAGE HALL

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# REVIEW OF THE YEAR

## "BRC CHAMP SUCCESS"

### NOVICE WINTERS

2nd Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie  
8th Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash

### INTERMEDIATE WINTERS

2nd Victoria Gregg and Sleady Castle Euro  
4th Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash  
10th Victoria Gregg and Langson Governor

### HORSE TRIALS

6th Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle  
9th Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes

### TEAM 5th Junior 80

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st & 5th Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador  
3rd Jodie Powell and Bleangaloos Black Diamond  
3rd & 4th Rachel Sargeant and Dezina Double Dip

3rd Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie  
5th = Mia Smith and Bruno  
7th = Holly Chivers and  
7th = Megan Hay and Watermill  
8th = Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan  
10th = Amber Knott and Average at Best

### TEAM 1st Senior Riding Test

### TEAM 3rd Senior Open Dressage

### TEAM 7th Junior 80 Show Jumping

### TEAM 9th Senior 90 Show Jumping

### DRESSAGE TO MUSIC

6th = Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash

## "NEW START"

Congratulations to Laura Bennett who passed all her exams and has qualified as a teacher



## "BIG LAUGHS"



'Team of Four on feet, including reserves and a dog!'  
Sue Peckham

## "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S BEEN A YEAR!"



I can't quite believe I've been in the riding club for a year.... my goal was to do a ODE event by the end of the year ... well, I actually ended up doing 4! As well as team Show Jumping, Interdressage, Eventer Challenges, Equifest Working Hunters, to name but a few. I can't thank MHRC enough - you have all been so lovely and supportive. I don't think I would have done what I've done without it. I've made some wonderful friends and long may it continue! Goals for 2019 are to go BE90 and keep improving on the dreaded stressage ! Thanks MHRC you are fab!

Esther Bowness

## "INTO INTERDRESSAGE"

22 members took part in the 2017/2018 League  
There were 23 individual wins

### CLUB WAS 2nd BRC LEAGUE & INTERDRESSAGE WINTER LEAGUE

## "NEW FOUR-LEGGED FRIEND"

The older members will remember Doris and her jumping. She's 23 and still likes to hack, so I wasn't looking for another horse, but Jeeves was on the notice board in Countrywide. I couldn't resist and he joined my girls. Looking forward to getting back into RC activities in 2019.

Diane Symonds



## "MERCIAN MAGIC"

### TEAM WINS

Eventer Challenge  
Show Jumping  
Hunter Trials  
Combined Training  
Dressage  
Style Jumping  
Dressage to Music  
Quiz

### INDIVIDUAL WINS

Megan Hay  
Chris Esling  
Alli Haynes  
Sue Lidbetter  
Tina Price  
Camilla Esling

### JUMPING LEAGUE WINNERS FLATWORK LEAGUE WINNERS

### OVERALL LEAGUE WINNERS 2018



# REVIEW OF THE YEAR



## "AMAZING 2018"

An amazing 2018 with MHRC. Winning a championship rug (thanks to my team-mates!), sashes, lots of rosettes. But also building my confidence with Ted (thank you), making more

friends with new members, always fun parties, lots of food, drink and laughter. This goes without a miss.

Tina Price

## "SOUTH WEST AND WALES RC REGIONAL CHAMPS"

### DRESSAGE

1st = Rachel Sargeant and Dezina Double Dip  
5th = Karen Withers and CHS Arkan Blue

### TEAM 5th

## "BABY BONUS"

Congratulations to member, Stef Bennett, who welcomed Finley to the family this year.



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Jane and Rose

## Elementary 44 Open Championship

1st & MHRC Champions Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador  
2nd & MHRC Reserve Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash  
3rd Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshien Sadie  
4th Tine Price and Big Ted  
5th Katherine Jones and Redbackcap-puchino  
6th Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone

**Supreme Champion** Becky Skates and Darcy

A huge thank you to everyone who has come along to compete. Also to Rita Woolley, who was an amazing writer for all four shows and to Ann Bates who kept the helpers well watered and fed. Our stewards did a fantastic job too - thanks Chris Esling, Camilla Esling, Jodie Powell, Sarah Gilderson and Ann Brennan. Special thanks to Liz and Ian Coles at Marlbrook for being such fantastic hosts and to our four brilliant judges - Claire Green, Donn Collins, Nick Lawson and Suzie Douglas-Osborne.



Emma and Eric

## MORTON MAJESTIC CASTLEMORTON CINEMA

Thursday 24th January at 7:30pm

### ALL THE WILD HORSES

(15-2017-90mins-Mongolia)

This documentary follows the Mongol Derby Horse Race.

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**30th - 31st** - BRC Novice Winter Championship, Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire

### April 2019

**13th** - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern

**26th - 28th** - BRC Intermediate Winter Championships, Bury Farm Equestrian, Slapton, Bucks

## PEPPER POT 2019 LEAGUES

Here are the top riders in each of the 2019 leagues as of 1st January 2019

### SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver	105
2nd	Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador	75
3rd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	65
	Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream	65
5th	Laura Bennet and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	60
6th	Emma Tart and Eric	50
	Krissy Bradley and Toby	50
	Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai	50
	Tina Price and Big Ted	50
10th	Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly	40
	Becky Skates and Darcy	40
	Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn	40
	Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist	40

### JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	100
2nd	Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone	15

### SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador	75
2nd	Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver	65
	Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream	65
4th	Laura Bennet and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	60
5th	Emma Tart and Eric	50
	Krissy Bradley and Toby	50
	Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai	50
	Tina Price and Big Ted	50
9th	Becky Skates and Darcy	40
	Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn	40
	Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist	40
12th	Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash	35
	Katherine Jones and Redbackcappuchino	35
	Linda Medcalf and Midnight	35
	Luan Crawford and Merkur	35
	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	35

### JUNIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	60
2nd	Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone	15

### SENIOR JUMPING

1st	Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver	40
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### JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	40
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### SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS

none

### JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS

none

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