



# NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH:

**\*\* 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!

## PROGRESSIVE CLEAR ROUND



### A CHANCE TO SCHOOL OVER THE MHRC SHOW JUMPS & FILLERS

### PERFECT PRACTICE FOR UPCOMING MERCIAN & AREA EVENTS

DATE: Sunday 13th May 2018

VENUE: Hillview Arena, Blackmore Park Road, Malvern

COST: £5 per round, or £10 for up to four rounds (same horse/rider combination).

10:00 - 10:45 60cm  
 11:00 - 11:45 70cm  
 12:00 - 12:45 80cm  
 13:00 - 13:45 90cm  
 14:00 - 14:45 100cm  
 15:00 - 15:45 100+

⇒ PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE OVER A SET COURSE, BUT THERE WILL BE PEOPLE ON HAND TO REPLACE KNOCKED POLES OR HELP AT TROUBLESOME FENCES.

⇒ YOU CAN RE-PRESENT A MAXIMUM OF THREE TIMES AT ANY FENCE, THEN MUST MOVE ON TO THE NEXT JUMP.

⇒ OPEN TO MHRC MEMBERS ONLY



# 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.

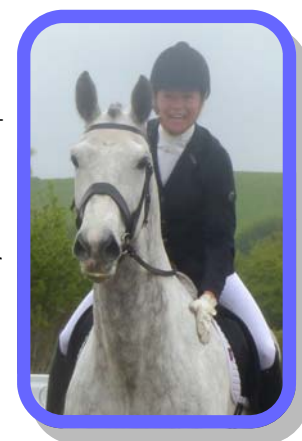
We were all more than a little amazed when they turned round and offered Phoenix to Kat, so she could still ride in the team. Such a generous, kind offer that really highlighted what the riding club movement should really be all about. We were also extremely proud of Kat, who rode her elementary test 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 Sleady Castle Euro.



# NEEDED FULL THINGS

## WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

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

### May 2018

- 7th** - Area 18 Horse Trials Qualifier, Swalcliffe, Oxon  
**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

### June 2018

- 3rd** - Area Dressage and Riding Test Qualifier, Elmwood Equestrian, Oxon  
**10th** - Area Dressage to Music Qualifier, Summerhouse Equestrian, Glos.  
**16th** - Mercian Junior Event, Longlands Livery, Tardebigge  
**23rd** - BRC Grassroots Dressage Training, Abbey Dressage, nr Tewkesbury.  
**24th** - Mercian Style Jumping and Dressage, Dodderhill Equestrian, Droitwich

## PEPPER POT 2018 LEAGUES

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

### SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	305
2nd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	175
3rd	Camilla Esling and Castlevue Murphy	150
4th	Chris Esling and Just Jake	145
	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	145
	Linda Medcalf and Midnight Express	145
7th	Tina Price and Tom Thum	120
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

### SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	235
2nd	Camilla Esling and Castlevue Murphy	150
3rd	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	140
4th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	125
5th	Tina Price and Tom Thumb	120
6th	Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond	90
	Julie Jeffes and Bedazzled	90

### 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

### 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  
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