



NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH:

**** Interdressage ** Mercian Show Jumping ** Festival of the Horse Championship ** Fund-Raising **
PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES**



Oliver Hooper - celebrating in style at the Mercian Show Jumping

EDITOR'S BIT

I wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the recent fundraiser. A car-boot, on a lovely sunny evening, is a perfect way to relax, catch up and either make a bit of cash, get rid of unwanted detritus or pick up a bargain (or a bit of all three!). We had an impressive array of cakes for sale and the table was ably manned by Abi & Pam Render. Jane Osborne was also a star, manning the busy main gate and making sure Buyers & Sellers got to where they needed to go. And also a big thank you to Sophie for hosting us. The evening made the club just over £340, a fabulous amount that will go towards the next lot of training or team entries. So once again, thank you.

We were recently made aware of a potential Health & Safety issue over lone riders attending clinics or events. I have to say that I one of those people that will toddle off somewhere, just me and the pony, and have never really given a thought to what might happen if I was to have an accident. In light of this, we would like to trial something for future clinics - and this would simply be that lone riders (ie. attending without a groom, friend or slave!) should either wear a medical armband or display the same information on the dashboard of their vehicle so that it's easy to get to in an emergency. At a minimum, the info we need is an emergency contact number, medications and allergies. We would welcome your thoughts on this and will see how easy it will be to implement in the coming months.

until next time, Caroline



MERCIAN SHOW JUMPING



Our winners - LEFT: 60cm team: Niki, Jess, Kelly and Ginny.
RIGHT: 70cm team: Chris, Oliver, Jo and Sophie standing in for Will!

The start of the Mercian season was a massive success for MHRC. We sent four teams to compete in the team Show Jumping event at Cleeve Prior, and both the 60cm and 70cm teams won, with our 90cm team coming 2nd. There were individual places won too, with Oliver Hooper coming 3rd in the 70cm, William Hooper coming 3rd in the 80cm and Sophie Stratton coming 5th in the 90cm. Well done everyone.

RUNNERS & RIDERS

60cm Jess Depper & Del boy / Kelly Hudson & Fronwen Gwyn / Niki Padbury & Trewarrow Jacob / Ginny Scott & Ruby
70cm Jo Jaynes & Emily Jane / Chris Esling & Half And Half / William Hooper & Gucci Guy / Oliver Hooper & Pinto
80cm Anna Millington & Quayside Court / Pam Render & Zena / Lydia Burrows & Hayestown Sam / William Hooper & Defiance
90cm Hannah Chisman & First Fandango / Anna Millington & Indian Leaf / Sophie Stratton & McEvoy / Esther Bowness & Blackwater Grey Lady



FROM LEFT: Pam Render, Sophie Stratton and William Hooper

MEMBERS OUT & ABOUT

Congratulations to Tina Price and Big Ted (pictured left) who were crowned Novice Champions at the South West Dressage Championships held at Hartpury College.

A number of our members made up teams and went along to the Princethorpe College & Stoneleigh Riding Club Unaffiliated Two Day event. Alex Riches and Mr Darcy were part of the winning 90cm team, and Holly Chivers (pictured far right) on Dripshill Dreammaker was the

overall winner of the 100+ class.. The winning 100cm team (pictured right) was made up of Nikki Collins on Jumbos Rose II, Cindie Bunce on Master Maltstriker and Catherine Holland on The Artful Archie (plus friend!), with Nikki winning the overall individual competition.





BRC FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Esme Ruff and Finnians Rebel

The weather was kind to us as we headed off to Aston-le-wells for the BRC Festival of the Horse Championships, which incorporates two competition finals. The Eventer Challenge is held on grass and consists of a round of show jumps before heading straight out onto the

cross-country course, plus the Combined Training final on surface, with the standard dressage and show jumping phases.

We were extremely lucky that all our rides qualified for the same day! On the grass arenas we had our Senior 90 team of Jodie Powell and Alex Riches, plus last minute re-

placement Anna Millington. They were joined by Megan Hay in the 80 class, who got a wild card after coming individually 2nd at the qualifier last year. Over on the surface arenas were our two juniors Esme Ruff and Finnians Rebel and Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle, who came 1st and 2nd at the qualifier earlier this year.

It was a fantastic atmosphere for the Challenge class, with our riders getting a huge cheer from our supporters as

Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle



MEET THE TEAM

How long have you been a member of MHRC? 2 seasons.

What's your day job? Student nurse/care assistant

What's your Favourite Horsey activity? Eventing

And your least Favourite? Winter mucking out

Tell us about your horse? Squirt is a 19 year old, 14.3hh, Irish x Tb mare. I have owned her for 11 years.

What are her likes and dislikes? Likes cross-country, not so keen on dressage.

What did you think of the venue? The venue was lovely. A beautiful cross-country course, but a bit of a long walk when having an ankle that's just started walking again! Very helpful and friendly stewards.

How early did you get up on the show day? 7am

What was the best bit about the day/weekend?

Finally able to do cross-country again!

And what was the worst? Trying to breathe by the end of the XC.

What essential bit of kit couldn't you have done without? I couldn't have done it without my mother.

Did you have good weather? Lovely weather for our round, despite rain threatening beforehand.

What was your warm-up routine? Stretching long and low to begin with. Then trying to keep Squirt calm enough over the warm-up fences. Bonus of which was we had no flying bucking, spinning, broncing backwards like we did at the qualifier!

How many people did you have on your support crew? My mother came with me and the other riding club members as support crew.



MEGGAN HAY



BRC FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS cont.

they headed out onto the cross-country course. The team put up a brilliant performance to come 17th, with Alex being our highest placed rider at 56th out of a mahoosive 96 entries. But Megan, in her first competition after return from injury, flew round the 80 course and came 5th overall out of an impressive 87 riders.

In the Combined Training, both juniors put up impressive dressage scores. At the end of the day, Lottie too an individual rosette, coming 7th in her arena against some stiff competition.

Overall we had a lovely day out and great to see the

club so ably represented at National level. Well done to you all.

BOTTOM: (from left) Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond, Anna Millington and Indian Leaf, Alex Riches and Mr Darcy.



MEET THE TEAM

Nine year old Sophie is one of our youngest junior members and last month represented the club at the Intermediate Winter Championships.

How long have you been a member of MHRC? 2 years

What's your day job? Still at school!

What's your Favourite Horsey activity? Cross-country

And your least Favourite? Mounted Games

Tell us about your horse? Bruno Mars is an 8 year old Welsh Pony and is 13.1hh I have had him for 18 months.

What are his likes and dislikes? Likes food, but doesn't like getting is feet wet!

Tell us about your day I had a lovely day at Bury Farm for the Intermediate Championships with Bruno, Mummy and Plum (aka Victoria Gregg!). We got up at 4:30 am to get all the jobs done and left at 5:30 am. Mummy didn't get lost, although we did go round a few roundabouts a couple of times! I have been to Bury Farm before with

Mummy competing, but never for me. I was very lucky to have Plum with us, who warmed me and Bruno up, and helped me make sure I remembered my test and not to keep shortening my left rein! Bruno was a little star and behaved brilliantly both in the warm-up and during his test. I managed to remembers the test and Bruno managed to keep his forward button on! It was a great experience so thank you MHRC.

SOPHIE BOWNESS





NEEDED THINGS

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

For schedules, times and future events, please go to www.malvernhillsriddingclub.com

June 2019

- 9th** - Mercian Dressage & Style Jumping, Dodderhill Equestrian, Droitwich
30th - Area Dressage to Music Qualifier, Stourport Equestrian
30th - Area Show Jumping Qualifier, Cleeve Prior

July 2019

- 7th** - Area Horse Trials Qualifier, Sapey XC, nr Bromyard
14th - Area Dressage Qualifier, Lower House Farm, nr Craven Arms.
21st - MHRC Open Eventer Challenge & Area Style Jumping Qualifier, club field, next to Three Counties, Malvern.
21st - Mercian Combined Training, Gracelands Equestrian Centre, Droitwich

August 2019

- 2nd to 4th** - BRC Horse Trials Qualifier, Swalcliffe, Oxon
11th - MHRC Mercian & Open Showing Show, Hillview Arena, Malvern
31st - BRC National Championships, Lincoln Showground

September 2019

- 1st** - BRC National Championships, Lincoln Showground

PEPPER POT 2019 LEAGUES

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

SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver	260
2nd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	150
3rd	Niki Padbury and Jacob	135
4th	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	100
	Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash	100
	Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster	100

JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	235
2nd	Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone	100
3rd	Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes	90
4th	Florence Bradbury and Blaze	80
5th	Amber Knott and Santa Fe	70
	William Hooper and Defiance	70

SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver	170
2nd	Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash	100
3rd	Niki Padbury and Jacob	85
4th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	80
	Katherine Jones and Redbackcappuchino	80
	Tracy Haines and Little Blue Paint Works	80

JUNIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	110
2nd	Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone	100
3rd	Florence Bradbury and Blaze	80
4th	Amber Knott and Santa Fe	70
5th	Sophie Bowness and Bruno Mars	60

SENIOR JUMPING

1st	Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver	85
2nd	Chris Esling and HalfnHalf	75
3rd	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	70
4th	Niki Padbury and Jacob	50
	Sophie Stratton and McEvoy	50

JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	80
2nd	William Hooper and Defiance	70
3rd	Oliver Hooper and Pinto	65
4th	William Hooper and Peter Pan	40
5th	Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes	35

SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS

1st	Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster	60
2nd	Cindie Bunce and Mr Maltstriker	30
	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	30
	Liz Wise and Gogo	30
	Nikki Collins and Jumbos Rose II	30

JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS

1st	Esme Ruff and Finnians Rebel	45
	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	45

SEE THE COMPLETE UPDATED LEAGUE TABLES AT
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