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) 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. 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
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. 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.

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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.

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.
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 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 tipple! 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.
WHATS COMING UP NEXT?

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

August 2018

3rd - 5th - BRC Horse Trials Championships, Swalciffe, Oxfordshire
11th - Mercian Eventer Challenge, Longlands Livery, Tardebigge
18th - South West & Wales Regional Championship, Hartpury College, Gloucestershire
19th - MHRC Carboot and Tack Sale, Hunters Inn, Longdon
19th - MHRC Summer Social, Hunters Inn, Longdon
27th - Mercian One-Day-Event, Ace XC, Tewkesbury CANCELLED

September 2018

1st-2nd - BRC National Championships, Lincoln Showground, Lincolnshire
9th - Mercian Two-Phase, Sapey XC, Bromyard
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

October 2018

9th - Mercian Quiz, The Talbot, Knightwick.
28th - Area 18 Novice Dressage Qualifier, Hartpury

SENIOR OVERALL
1st Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond 410
2nd Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie 385
3rd Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond 350
4th Chris Esling and Just Jake 330
5th Jo Jeynes and Emily Jane 320

JUNIOR OVERALL
1st Oliver Hooper and Pinto 220
2nd Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes 215
3rd Amber Knott and Average at Best 210
4th Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle 150
5th William Hooper and Peter Pan 115

SENIOR DRESSAGE
1st Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie 295
2nd Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond 260
2nd Steph Wooley and Freckleton Matador 260
4th Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond 225
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
2nd 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 65
3rd Allison Haynes and Jack 60
4th Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster 55
5th Victoria Gregg and Langson Governor 50

JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS
1st Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle 40
2nd Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes 30
3rd Amber Knott and Average at Best 5
Sacha Willis and Narrow Blaze 5

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