



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

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

top of the icing on the cake ☺

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 afoot 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!



FORWARD - S - G

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

RUNNERS AND RIDERS

Dressage Purple

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

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

Megan Harper and Imperial Moonlight / Jodie Powell and Cal-limore 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.



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





NEEDED FULL THINGS

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

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

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