



# NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH:

\*\*\* Interdressage \*\*\* Mercian Quiz \*\*\* Area Dressage Qualifier \*\*\* Winter Dressage Series \*\*\*  
**PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES**



**LITTLE & LARGE - Icelandic Merkur and 17.2hh Big Ted**

**Individual winners at Area Dressage**

## EDITOR'S BIT

Apologies for the slight delay in sending this out. As we went to press, the gorgeous rosettes and sashes arrived for our Winter Dressage Championship. Frankly, it was much more fun sorting through the box and trying them on for size, rather than adding the finishing flourishes to the newsletter! If I can bear to part with any of them, I'll get some photos and put them up on Facebook for you all to see. And remember, there's still plenty of time to qualify for the Championships, with the next show on November 24th and the final one on December

22nd, classes from Intro to Elementary.

Now that the Area and Mercian team competitions are over for another year, we've hit Fund-raising season! Our first one is the Table Top Sale on 22nd November, so please come along to support it. Only £10 for a table or £1 entry to look around. We'll have a refreshment stall going as well, with some festive fair on offer, so if anyone would like to donate some cakes or mince pies, please bring them along or drop them off with a committee member in the proceeding week.

There are few other things in the pipeline to keep everyone occupied over the darker months, but if you have any ideas for fundraisers, horseless clinics, ridden training sessions or demos that you'd like to see, please don't hesitate to contact us.

*until next time, Caroline*

October 2019



# MERCIAN QUIZ

The last Mercian event of the year took place at the Fountain Inn, Tenbury Wells and MHRC sent a team of Jo Jaynes, Caroline Bates, Rita Woolley and Chris Esling. It was a bit of crucial quiz, with Alvechurch and Malvern only a point apart at the top of the Overall leaderboard.

It was a fun evening, with lots of varied rounds to test our quizzing skills - from famous horses to dog breeds and comedy TV to proverbs and board games to equestrian logos. Despite laughing so

much in places that we missed hearing the next question, we seemed to do ok and it seemed very close amongst all the teams. In the end, we drew with Worcester and only our slightly superior knowledge for famous horses gave us the 3rd place.

This was enough to confirm us as the winners of the 'Flatwork League' and also kept us at the top of the Overall League for the 6th year in a row.



'Malvern Muppets' = 3rd place

| COMBINED LEAGUE |                     |     |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----|
| PLACE           | CLUB                | PTS |
| 1st             | ALVECHURCH RC       | 44  |
| 2nd             | BEWDLEY BRIDLE CLUB | 27  |
| 3rd             | MALVERN HILLS RC    | 18  |
|                 | WORCESTER RC        | 18  |

| FLATWORK LEAGUE |                     |     |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----|
| PLACE           | CLUB                | PTS |
| 1st             | MALVERN HILLS RC    | 25  |
| 2nd             | SHROPSHIRE SOUTH RC | 23  |
| 3rd             | ALVECHURCH RC       | 21  |

| JUMPING LEAGUE |                  |     |
|----------------|------------------|-----|
| PLACE          | CLUB             | PTS |
| 1st            | MALVERN HILLS RC | 46  |
| 2nd            | ALVECHURCH RC    | 39  |
| 3rd            | WORCESTER RC     | 31  |

| OVERALL LEAGUE |                              |     |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----|
| PLACE          | CLUB                         | PTS |
| 1st            | MALVERN HILLS RC             | 47  |
| 2nd            | ALVECHURCH RC                | 46  |
| 3rd            | BEWDLEY BRIDLE CLUB          | 37  |
| 4th            | WORCESTER RC                 | 36  |
| 5th            | CHELTENHAM RC                | 30  |
| 6th            | CROPTHORNE & EVESHAM VALE RC | 29  |
| 7th            | BROMSGROVE RC                | 25  |
|                | WYVERN RC                    | 25  |
| 9th            | SHROPSHIRE SOUTH RC          | 24  |
| 10th           | LUDLOW RC                    | 17  |
| 11th           | TUMPY GREEN RC               | 16  |
|                | VALE OF ARROW RC             | 16  |
| 13th           | HEREFORD RC                  | 12  |
| 14th           | BROMYARD RC                  | 9   |
| 15th           | FRAMPTON RC                  | 6   |

## Congratulations to everyone who has taken part in a Mercian Event in 2019

\*\* Caroline Bates \*\* Leanne Bennet \*\* Esther Bowness \*\*  
 \*\* Florence Bradbury \*\* Lydia Burrows \*\* Alison Burton \*\*  
 \*\* Carrie Coombs \*\* Hannah Chisman \*\* Jess Depper \*\*  
 \*\* Camilla Esling \*\* Chris Esling \*\* Katie Hawkesworth \*\*  
 \*\* Sophie Hooper \*\* Oliver Hooper \*\* William Hooper \*\*  
 \*\* Kelly Hudson \*\* Jo Jaynes \*\* Linda Kemp \*\*  
 \*\* Sarah Kingscott \*\* Sue Lidbetter \*\* Anna Millington \*\*  
 \*\* Sue Moger \*\* Niki Padbury \*\* Jodie Powell \*\*  
 \*\* Pam Render \*\* Wendy Robinson \*\* Esme Ruff \*\*  
 \*\* Sara Stephenson \*\* Ginny Scott \*\* Sophie Stratton \*\*  
 \*\* Louise Wild \*\* Liz Wise \*\* Rita Woolley \*\*



# WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES

The first of our 2019 Winter Dressages series at Marlbrook Equestrian, Welland, was rather cold to say the least. But it was great to see so many members coming out and enjoying a bit of test riding in the sunshine.

**MEMBERS RESULTS**

(for full results, please check out our website)

**INTRO B (Restricted)**

- 1st Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai
- 2nd Diane Symonds and Jeeves

**INTRO B (Open)**

- 1st Florence Bradbury and Blaze
- 4th Tracey Cameron and Flueradina
- 5th Rosanna Perandin and Konrad

**PRELIM 7 (Restricted)**

- 2nd Florence Bradbury and Blaze
- 3rd Tracey Cameron and Flueradina

**PRELIM 7 (Open)**

- 1st Anne Price and Half A Guinness
- 5th Sara Stephenson and Suzy
- 6th Jess Depper and Del Boy

**PRELIM 12**

- 2nd Andrea Ball and Bedazzled Ben
- 3rd Esme Ruff and Finn
- 4th Sara Stephenson and Suzy
- 6th Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream

**NOVICE PYO 28 or 30**

- 1st Holly Chivers and Jester
- 2nd Jenny Tart and Dolmen Roxy
- 3rd Jess Depper and Del Boy
- 4th Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe
- 5th Ann Brennan and Greylands Beaver Brook

**ELEMENTARY 42**

- 1st Luan Crawford and Merkur
- 2nd Holly Chivers and Jester
- 3rd Jenny Tart and Dolmen Roxy

A huge well done to everyone who took part.

The next show in the series is on 24th November - entries close 19th November, so visit our website to enter now 😊

# INTERDRESSAGE



Sara and Suzy

The new BRC Interdressage League started this month, with announcement of a new sponsor in NAF - so fingers crossed for some nice prizes!

The club filming day took place on 5th October at Hillview

arena, with members having a go at both Dressage and Showing classes.

**Class: Walk and Trot A Intermediate**

- 7th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai

**Class: Walk, Trot, Canter B**

- 5th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie

**Class: Starter Test 5**

- 2nd = Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan

**Class: Intermediate Plus B**

- 3rd = Camilla Esling and The Winter Soldier

**Class: Riding Club Allrounder**

- 2nd = Anne Price and Half A Guinness

The next club filming day is 10th November - the schedule is on our website and includes Dressage, Jumping and Showing classes. Contact Caroline for more information or if you'd like to take part.



Camilla and Fitz

# MHRC AREA NOVICE WINTER DRESSAGE QUALIFIER

It was definitely a long and busy day for the first BRC Area qualifier of the Winter season, as we all headed to Hartpury College for the Novice Dressage qualifier.



Holly and Jester

For this event, each member in a team of four rode a different test, either Prelim 7, Prelim 1, Novice 28 or Novice 30, with the three best places counting towards the team score.

With our first rider kicking off proceedings at 8 in the morning, and our last rider ending the day at 17:15, it was difficult for everyone to watch everyone else, but it was great to see

MHRC rising to the challenge and providing support throughout the day to each rider.

With 30 senior teams taking part, and rosettes to 6th in

each class, it was fantastic to find that two of our riders had managed to win individual places, strangely enough,



Wendy and Bella

| MALVERN HILLS BLUE       |                 |  |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| P7                       | Caroline Bates  | Smokey Joe   |
| N30                      | Karen Withers   | CHS Arkan Blue   |
| N28                      | Sue Peckham     | Trehais Leonardo   |
| MALVERN HILLS GREEN      |                 |  |
| P7                       | Jodie Powell    | Bleanagloos Black Diamond <small>(Continued on page 5)</small> |
| P12                      | Esther Bowness  | Blackwater Grey Lady   |
| N30                      | Jenny Tart      | Dolmen Roxy  |
| N28                      | Luan Crawford   | Merkur Fra Ellevud   |
| MALVERN HILLS PINK       |                 |  |
| P7                       | Kelly Hudson    | Fronwen Gwyn   |
| P12                      | Karen Kilby     | Courtwood Lodge Cosmic Dream                                   |
| N28                      | Carrie Coombs   | Shannondale Cassio   |
| MALVERN HILLS PURPLE     |                 |  |
| P7                       | Ashleigh Earle  | Gleanmhor Pavanne  |
| P12                      | Sara Stephenson | Liedi Susan  |
| N30                      | Holly Chivers   | Dripshill Dreammaker   |
| N28                      | Tina Price      | Big Ted  |
| MALVERN HILLS RED        |                 |  |
| P7                       | Jess Depper     | Del Boy  |
| P12                      | Jo Jeynes       | Emily Jane   |
| N30                      | Wendy Yates     | Bella  |
| N28                      | Alex Riches     | Mr Darcy   |
| MALVERN HILLS YELLOW     |                 |  |
| P7                       | Katie Baker     | RTS Jayne  |
| P12                      | Camilla Esling  | HalfNHalf  |
| N30                      | Ann Brennan     | Greylands Beaverbrook  |
| N28                      | Tina Price      | Tom Thumb  |
| MALVERN HILLS INDIVIDUAL |                 |  |
| N28                      | Julie Jeffes    | Hedefeld Ash   |



## MALVERN HILLS RIDING CLUB TABLE TOP SALE

**FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2019**  
**WELLAND VILLAGE HALL**



Doors open to public 18:30.  
£1 entry.

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

£10 per table

Sellers arrive and set up from 18:00.

(Please note that 'TABLES' are a standard size - please do not overload them or the surrounding floor with stuff to sell - anyone taking up more than their fair share of the space will be asked to limit what they unload.)

Call Chris on 07896 563 509 to book now.



# AREA NOVICE WINTER DRESSAGE QUALIFIER Cont.

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both in the Novice 28 class. Luan Crawford on her Icelandic Horse, Merkur, was 6th, with Tina Price on Big Ted coming 4th - two mounts definitely showing the range of horses competing at riding club competitions!

And the good news didn't end there, with two of our 6 teams being placed too. The 'Greens' of Jodie, Esther, Jenny and Luan were 6th, with the 'Purples' of Ashleigh, Sara, Holly and Tina coming 3rd - a place that we believe has gotten them qualification for the BRC Novice Championships in April.



Carrie and Billy

## MEET THE TEAM

**How long have you been a member of MHRC?** I've been a member for 10 months.

**What's your day job?** Cleaner

**What's your favourite Horsey activity?** Mucking out believe it or not!! I am so OCD about my beds, they have to be perfect!!

**And your least favourite? De-mudding in winter..... Especially a grey!**

**Have you competed before for MHRC?** Only once before at that was at home (Hillview)

**What's your horse's stable name?** Billy

**Tell me about him?** He's a 14 year old, 16.2hh Irish Sport Horse.

**How long have you owned him?** 1 year

**What are his likes?** Food

**And her dislikes?** Have yet to find anything he dislikes!!

**What did you think of the venue?** Hartpury is a lovely venue, easy to get to, good facilities and the food is great!!

**How early did you get up on the show day?** My test wasn't until 2.30 so it wasn't an early start which was good.

**What was the best bit about the day?** Can't really pinpoint one "best bit" the whole day was great. Think breathing a huge sigh of relief once test was over and knowing it had gone well and finding out later that night that we had finished joint 7th was just brilliant!

**What did you have to do in your class?** We did the Novice 28 as part of a team. This was our first competition ever away from home (Billy is stabled at Hillview) so to say I was slightly nervous was an understatement!

**What did you think of the rest of the competition?** I didn't really get to watch anyone else's tests but heard a lot of horses were finding the arena quite spooky!

**What essential bit of kit couldn't you have done without?** My essential bit of kit is a step to get on! Having a 16.2hh and being only 5'2" getting on without it may have proven interesting!!

**Did you have good weather?** The weather was perfect, dry, sunny but not too warm.

**What was your warm-up routine?** I gave myself plenty of time to warm up knowing that Billy needs it as he has arthritic hocks so I have to take things slowly. I'm sure he knew where he was because he warmed up beautifully. It is rather a tight warm up arena at Hartpury and he can be a bit funny when horses come towards him but he coped brilliantly and felt great before we went in which certainly helped settle the nerves!

**How many people did you have on your support crew?** My husband, son and daughter came along and Sophie Stratton (another Hillview Livery) turned up to support us which was a really lovely surprise.

## CARRIE GOOMBS



# NEEDED THINGS

## WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

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

### November 2019

**3rd** - Area Arena Eventing, Cherwell Valley Equestrian Centre

**10th** - Interdressage Filming, Hillview Arena

**22nd** - Table Top Sale, Welland Village Hall

**24th** - MHRC Winter Dressage Series, Marlbrook Equestrian, Welland

### December 2019

**7th** - Interdressage Filming, Hillview Arena

**22nd** - MHRC Winter Dressage Series, Marlbrook Equestrian, Welland

**29th** - Fun Team Show Jumping, Allenshill, Pershore

### January 2020

**26th** - MHRC Winter Dressage Series CHAMPIONSHIP, Marlbrook Equestrian, Welland

### February 2020

**22nd** - Area Winter SJ Qualifier, Lincomb Equestrian, Stourport

### March 2020

**13th - 15th** BRC Arena Eventing Championship, Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells, Northants

### April 2020

**4th-5th** BRC Novice Winter Championship, Arena UK, Grantham, Lincs

**24th-26th** BRC Intermediate Winter Championships, Bury Farm, Slapton, Bucks

## PEPPER POT 2019 LEAGUES

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

### SENIOR OVERALL

|     |  |     |
|-----|--|-----|
| 1st | Jo Jeynes and Emily Jane                   | 535 |
| 2nd | Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan           | 475 |
| 3rd | Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador       | 335 |
| 4th | Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe              | 330 |
| 5th | Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond | 315 |
| 6th | Jess Depper and Del Boy                    | 310 |

### JUNIOR OVERALL

|     |                                      |     |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1st | Esme Ruff and Finnians Rebel         | 410 |
| 2nd | Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle | 405 |
| 3rd | William Hooper and Defiance          | 195 |
| 4th | Florence Bradbury and Blaze          | 170 |
|     | Oliver Hooper and Pinto              | 170 |
| 6th | Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone     | 100 |

### SENIOR DRESSAGE

|     |                                       |     |
|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1st | Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador  | 335 |
| 2nd | Tina Price and Big Ted                | 270 |
| 3rd | Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash        | 240 |
| 4th | Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe         | 190 |
| 5th | Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver       | 170 |
|     | Camilla Esling and The Winter Soldier | 170 |

### JUNIOR DRESSAGE

|     |                                      |     |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1st | Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle | 225 |
| 2nd | Florence Bradbury and Blaze          | 170 |
| 3rd | Esme Ruff and Finnians Rebel         | 140 |
| 4th | Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone     | 100 |
| 5th | Mia Smith and Bruno                  | 90  |
| 6th | William Hooper and Defiance          | 80  |

### SENIOR JUMPING

|     |   |     |
|-----|---|-----|
| 1st | Jo Jeynes and Emily Jane                | 195 |
| 2nd | Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn           | 125 |
| 3rd | Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady | 110 |
|     | Jess Depper and Del Boy                 | 110 |
| 5th | Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond      | 95  |
|     | Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan        | 95  |

### JUNIOR JUMPING

|     |                                      |     |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1st | Esme Ruff and Finnians Rebel         | 150 |
| 2nd | William Hooper and Defiance          | 115 |
| 3rd | Oliver Hooper and Pinto              | 170 |
| 4th | Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle | 80  |
|     | William Hooper and Peter Pan         | 80  |
| 6th | Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes       | 35  |

### SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS

|     |  |     |
|-----|--|-----|
| 1st | Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan           | 125 |
| 2nd | Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster                | 115 |
| 3rd | Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady    | 85  |
|     | Nikki Collins and Jumbos Rose II           | 85  |
| 5th | Liz Wise and Gogo                          | 80  |
| 6th | Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond | 75  |

### JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS

|     |                                      |     |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1st | Esme Ruff and Finnians Rebel         | 120 |
| 2nd | Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle | 100 |

SEE THE COMPLETE UPDATED LEAGUE TABLES AT  
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