There has to be some advantages to being into the Dressage thing and I discovered one the other day that wouldn’t immediately spring to mind. As I lay back in the dentist chair, listening to the mosquito whine of the industrial strength toothbrush, I lost myself in going over the test I needed for the following weekend. After all, who wants to stare at a poster of a tropical island, bathed in sunshine, surrounded by gorgeous blue waters, when it’s blowing gale outside? Having the time to go over exactly what was needed at each moment was a luxury, rather than trying to actually do it on horseback, although there was one unforeseen consequence. Because, of course, it’s impossible to go over a dressage test without a pointy finger doing the moves at the same time - you only have to watch every single warm-up arena in the country to prove that. I think the Dentist thought I was in pain as I worked through the complicated walk-change-rein-to-half-20-metre-circle-on-free-walk-change-rein-again that was the bane of that particular test!

Another great month for the club and considering we’re supposed to be quietening down for the winter, it’s been a hugely busy one. Our first ever Winter Dressage show went really well and was enjoyable day for all involved. It was lovely to see so many new faces coming along and having a go, which is what the series is all about. Spaces are filling up quickly for the November date, so enter now to avoid missing out. And having just ordered the Championship rosettes, I’m extremely jealous that I won’t have a chance to win one!
It was the first Area qualifier of the Winter season on 7th October, although the sunshine would have fooled you otherwise. Luckily, the icy wind blowing across the hills at Sapey Cross-Country, nr Bromyard, was enough to remind you that Summer is over.

It was Bewdley RC’s first go at running at this and on the whole it all went brilliantly. The competition involved a round of show-jumps, then straight out onto the lovely cross-country course, where riders tackled a variety of jumps including the quarry, ditches and the water.

Unfortunately, the scores given out on the day turned out to be slightly incorrect, as it was discovered later in the day that penalties that should have been deducted for going under the time, had not been. However, MHRC still did amazingly well. Our Senior 80 team was 4th, with Megan Hay 2nd individually. But it was our 90 competitors that were the most successful. With Katy 2nd, Sue 3rd and Alex 5th, the team couldn’t be beaten and won the day. Joining them at the championships will be Esme, who was the overall winner of the Junior section.

**RUNNERS & RIDERS:**
- **Senior 80 Team**: Megan Hay & Hope Valley Colleen / Allison Haynes & Jack / Clare Gabriel & Icy Blue / Jodie Powell & Callimore Diamond
- **Senior 80 Individuals**: Sue Peckham & Tresais / Alex Harris & Million Dollar Baby
- **Senior 90 Team**: Jodie Powell & Bleanagloos
- **Senior 90 Individual**: Esme Ruff & Blue Suede Shoes

**MALVERN HILLS RIDING CLUB**
**TABLE TOP SALE**

**WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2018**
**WELLAND VILLAGE HALL**

_Doors open to public 19:00._

_£1 entry._

_Refreshments Available - hot and cold drinks, mulled wine, cakes and mince pies._

_£10 per table_  
_Sellers arrive and set up from 18:30._

Call Karen on 07894 800 221 to book now.
The last Mercian competition of the year was the Quiz, once again held at the Talbot Inn, Knightwick, and hosted by Bromyard Riding Club. Questions ranged from guessing the odd one out, to geographical regions, 2018 winners to films. And it was surprising how many people knew which TellyTubby had the square antennae!

MHRC were on top form and just couldn’t be beaten. The Quizzy Rascals of Caroline Bates, Chris Esling, Lydia Burrows and Kelly Hudson came 2nd, but were beaten by Lets Get Quizzical of Camilla Esling, Steph Woolley, Stef Bennet and Jo Jeynes.

It was a fab night and cemented the clubs success this year. MHRC top not only the Overall League, but also the Flatwork and Jumping League’s too - a brilliant result for everyone who competed in a Mercian event this year.

To see the final league tables, check out our website.

Unfortunately, our 2018/2019 Interdressage campaign got off to a poor start, when the filming day on 14th October was cancelled due to the forecast rain. But members managed to film and enter their own tests to make sure that we started winning those all important points.

Class: Walk & Trot A (Restricted) 4th = Linda Kemp and Tanner
Walk & Trot A (Intermediate) 3rd = Suzanne Lidbetter & Mai
Walk, Trot & Canter D 2nd = Suzanne Lidbetter & Rosie
BRC D1 (Restricted) 3rd = Jodie Powell and Diamond
5th = Camilla Esling and Oliver
BRC D1 (Open) 1st = Jodie Powell and Trixie
2nd = Sara Stephenson and Suzy
Freestyle Jumping 2nd = Oliver Hooper and Pinto
Working Hunter (Junior) 1st = Oliver Hooper and Pinto
Working Hunter (Senior) 2nd = Caroline Bates and Smokey

But in the end we had a great start to the season, leading the league with almost double the points of the team in 2nd place.

The next club filming day is on 11th November at Hillview - if you’d like to have a go, please contact Caroline to book a place - the November schedule is on our website.

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**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Interdressage Championships were held in September and although not part of the BRC League, a few members competed and were successful.

Oliver Hooper & Pinto took three of the Championships, winning the Junior Jumping, Veteran Pony and Condition & Turnout classes, while Caroline Bates & Smokey Joe won the Equi-Skills Championships.

There were also places for Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie in the Walk & Trot and the Walk, Trot & Canter Championships, Sue again and Mai in the Walk & Trot Championships, and Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly in the Equi-Skills Championship.

Suzanne and Mai also came top of the ‘Shades of Grey Improver’s League’, which is given to the partnerships gaining the most marks over the year.
It was a glorious start to our Winter Dressage series, with gorgeous Autumn sunshine bathing the arena at Marlbrook Equestrian centre. It was lovely to see so many happy riders and ponies, members and non-members alike, having a go ... and with five different tests on offer, there was definitely something for everyone.

MHRC members took home plenty of prizes, managing to win every one of the 7 classes - a fantastic result for the club.

**MEMBER RESULTS** (for a full list of results, check out the website)

**Intro A: Restricted** 
1st = Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai 
4th = Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist

**Intro A: Open** 
1st = Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream 
3rd = Krissy Bradley and Toby

**Prelim 1: Restricted** 
1st = Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream 
2nd = Krissy Bradley and Toby

**Prelim 1: Open** 
1st = Becky Skates and Darcy
3rd = Sarah Bowness and Our Bawn Lodger
4th = Sara Stephenson and Suzy

**Prelim 7: Open** 
1st = Becky Skates and Darcy
3rd = Camilla Esling and Oliver
5th = Sarah Bowness and Our Bawn Lodger
6th = Jenny Tart and Roxy

**Novice 24: Open** 
1st = Megan Hay and Water Mill 
2nd = Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie
3rd = Jenny Tart and Roxy
4th = Camilla Esling and Oliver
5th = Katherine Jones and Redbackcappuccino
6th = Alex Riches and Mr Darcy

**Elementary 42: Open** 
1st = Lily Cullop and Kiltown Two Tone 
2nd = Megan Hay and Water Mill 
3rd = Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie
4th = Katherine Jones and Redbackcappuccino

A huge thank you to our judge, Clare Green, and to Rita Woolley, who wrote all day. Also to Ann Bates, Chris and Camilla Esling, Karen Withers, Ian Cole and to everyone else who did a stint stewarding or helping during the course of the day.

The next date in the series is **18th November**, closing date the Tuesday beforehand. Remember, entries will be restricted to daylight hours, so get your entry in nice and early to avoid disappointment.

PHOTOS: Top (L-R): Suzanne and Mai, Megan and Bill, Alex and Mr Darcy, Becky and Darcy, Lily and Tom Bottom (L-R) Sarah and Barney, Krissy and Toby, Linda and Tanner, Camilla and Oliver, Laura and Sadie (For more photos, check out the website or Facebook).
It was off to Hartpury at the end of the month for the Novice Winter Dressage qualifier. Once again, MHRC fielded an impressive four senior teams, a junior team and a handful of individuals, so it felt as if there was always someone from our club in one of the arenas. And with our first rider going at 9:30 and our last at 17:00 it was a long old day - thank heavens for that extra hour in bed!

Our seniors did brilliantly, with our highest placed team coming 3rd, behind Cheltenham who took the two top spots. There were lots of individual places too, with Sarah Bowness 6th in prelim 2, Rachel Sargeant 6th in Prelim 7, Tina Price 5th in Novice 24 and Holly Chivers 6th in Novice 28. But Laura Bennett and Sadie came out on top, winning the Novice 24 class and hopefully getting an individual qualification for the championships.

But it was our Juniors who flew the flag high for the club, with the team being declared the overall winners. All were placed individually too. Mia Smith was 2nd in Prelim 2, Esme Ruff 2nd in Prelim 7, Lottie Gilderson 2nd in Novice 24 and Lily Collop winning the Novice 27. Lily also won the Novice 24, and should also get an individual qualification for the champs. Also placed was Jorja Scholey, who was another individual and came 3rd in Prelim 2.

**TEAMS:**

**MHRC Blues** P2 = Sara Stephenson & Lliedi Susan / P7 = Jodie Powell & Callimore Diamond / N24 = Alli Haynes & Jack / N28 = Holly Chivers & Lady of Rathcannon  
**MHRC Greens** P2 = Sarah Bowness & Our Bawn Lodger / P7 = Natalie Smith & Lord of the Owls / N24 = Wendy Yates & Go Get The Money / N27 = Kat Jones & Redbackcapuchino  
**MHRC Reds** P2 = Alex Riches & Mr Darcy / P7 = Rachel Sargeant & Deznia  
**MHRC Pinks** P2 = Caroline Bates & Smokey Joe / P7 = Jodie Powell & Bleanagloos

**Black Diamond** N24 = Tina Price & Big Ted / N27 = Sarah Isaacs & Stackpole River Blue

**MHRC JUNIORS** P2 = Mia Smith & Bruno / P7 = Esme Ruff & Blue Suede Shoes / N24 = Lottie Gilderson & Western Miracle / N27 = Lily Collop & Kiltown Two Tone

**INDIVIDUALS** P2 = Jorja Scholey & Captin Everything / P2 = Abi Hardy & Oxview Mist / P7 = Jenny Tart & Roxy / N24 = Lily Collop & Kiltown Two Tone

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**UPCOMING TRAINING**

**CLINIC:**  
Mini Show Jumping
  
**INSTRUCTOR:**  
Sophie Hooper
  
**DATES:**  
26th November, 10th and 17th December
  
**VENUE:**  
Hillview Arena, Malvern
  
**STARTING TIMES:**  
6:00, 7:00 and 8:00
  
**GROUP SIZE:**  
3 per hour
  
**OPEN TO:**  
for Novice or Nervous Riders—session to start over poles and build up to small jumps.

**COST:**  
£18  
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To book a place, please contact Julie Jefferes  
Julie.jeffes@gmail.com
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PEPPER POT 2018 LEAGUES

Here are the top 5 riders in each of the 2018 leagues as of 30th October 2018

SENIOR OVERALL
1st Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond  690
2nd Jodie Powell and Blea nagloos Black Diamond  575
3rd Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie  500
4th Chris Esling and Just Jake  445
5th Jo Jeynes and Emily Jane  440

JUNIOR OVERALL
1st Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes  355
2nd Oliver Hooper and Pinto  305
3rd Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle  260
4th Amber Knott and Average at Best  225
5th Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone  155

SENIOR DRESSAGE
1st Jodie Powell and Blea nagloos Black Diamond  440
2nd Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie  410
3rd Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador  390
4th Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond  340
5th Rachel Sargeant and Dexina Double Dip  315

JUNIOR DRESSAGE
1st Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone  155
2nd Mia Smith and Bruno  135
3rd Amber Knott and Average at Best  120
4th Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan  105
5th Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes  70
Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle  70

SENIOR JUMPING
1st Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond  195
2nd Chris Esling and Just Jake  180
3rd Jo Jeynes and Emily Jane  150
4th Cindie Bunce and Dreambreaker  110
5th Jessica Breakwell and George  100
Lyn Burrows and Hayestown Sam  100

JUNIOR JUMPING
1st Oliver Hooper and Pinto  235
2nd Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes  185
3rd Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle  120
4th Amber Knott and Average at Best  100
5th William Hooper and Peter Pan  80

SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS
1st Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond  155
2nd Allison Haynes and Jack  135
3rd Chris Esling and Just Jake  130
4th Alex Riches and Mr Darcy  125
Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster  125

JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS
1st Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes  95
2nd Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle  70
3rd Amber Knott and Average at Best  5
Sacha Willis and Narrow Blaze  5

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