Well, a Happy New Year to you all. As we wave good bye to 2018 and open our arms in welcome to 2019, I just wanted to say thank you for making my first year at the helm of the club a lovely one. It’s been a strange year in many ways. As the snow drifts of late winter and the torrential rain of the spring gave way to the sun-blasted summer, I’m sure I wasn’t the only one to wonder whether an indoor hobby might be more beneficial to my health and piece of mind. But then we wouldn’t have had the fun of watching dressage divas negotiating the flooded Arena Uk at the Intermediate Championships, or the realisation that the whole showground huddling for shelter in a steel framed tent during a thunder storm at our Area Jumping, wasn’t such a good idea. Trying to get a garden fork into the ground just before our Eventer Challenge (we couldn’t!) and getting completely frazzled at the Area Dressage were definitely the other extremes.

On a personal note, I actually got to get out and about for the club after the arrival of a new lorry into my life. The Mercian Combined Training was an ‘interesting’ experience, but I was very proud of Yobby Cobby who got over his fear of the tiny indoor school to do a lovely jumping round, after not really seeing coloured jumps for over a year.

Of course, there’s been some sad bits too - friends we’ve lost, both human and equine; disqualifications, falls and injuries, but I think on the whole they’ve been eclipsed somewhat by all the good times that followed.

HERE’S TO ANOTHER CRACKING 12 MONTHS
It was a busy month for the Winter Dressage series, with the last qualification show on 9th December, leading to the exciting Championship show on 30th.

A few downsours visited the arena on the 9th, but on the whole we had another lovely day, with a record number of people coming down the centre line, including a few new faces. Our members did brilliantly, although a few non-members snuck some red ribbons away from the club this time round!

**MEMBER RESULTS**

Intro C (Restricted) 2nd Linda Kemp & Tanner 3rd Suzanne Lidbetter & Mai 4th Diane Symonds & Jeeves
Intro C (Open) 2nd Karen Kilby & Cosmic Dream 3rd Kelly Hudson & Fronwen Gwyn 4th Emma Tart & Eric
Prelim 7 (Restricted) 2nd Karen Kilby & Cosmic Dream 3rd Emma Tart & Eric
Prelim 7 (Open) 1st Victoria Gregg & Rudi 2nd Lottie Gilderson & Western Miracle 3rd Victoria Gregg & Governor 5th Becky Skates & Darcy 6th Jane Osborne & Rose
Prelim 18 2nd Victoria Gregg & Governor 3rd Jenny Tart & Roxy 4th Becky Skates & Darcy 5th Jane Osborne & Rose 6th Natalie Smith & Shadow
Novice 28 2nd Tina Price & Big Ted 3rd Jenny Tart & Roxy 4th Katherine Jones & Redbackcappuchino 5th Alex Riches & Mr Darcy
Elementary 49 1st Julie Jeffes & Hederfeld Ash 2nd Tina Price & Big Ted 4th Katherine Jones & Redbackcappuchino

And then on the 30th, the series culminated in the Championship show, with lovely rosettes and special sashes awarded to the highest placed two members in each section.

**CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

*Intro B Restricted Championship* 2nd & MHRC Champion Linda Kemp and Tanner 3rd & MHRC Reserve Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai

*Intro C Open Championship* 1st & MHRC Champions Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn 3rd & MHRC Reserve Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream 4th Krissy Bradley and Toby 5th Emma Tart and Eric

*Prelim 13 Restricted Championship* 2nd & MHRC Champions Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream 3rd & MHRC Reserve Emma Tart and Eric 4th Krissy Bradley and Toby

*Prelim 18 Open Championship* 1st & MHRC Champions Becky Skates and Darcy 3rd & MHRC Reserve Jane Osborne and Roxy 4th Natalie Smith and Shadow 5th Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle 6th Camilla Esling and Oliver 7th Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady 8th Sara Stephenson and Suzi 9th Sarah Bowness and Our Bawn Lodger 10th Jenny Tart and Roxy

*Novice 27 Open Championship* 2nd & MHRC Champions Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador 3rd & MHRC Reserve Laura Bennett and Lematton Sunshien Sadie 4th Tine Price and Big Ted 5th Jenny Tart and Roxy 6th Katherine Jones and Redbackcappuchino 7th Camilla Esling and Oliver 10th Alex Riches and Mr Darcy

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The sun shone on us once again for another fab day of filming for the Interdressage online league. It was Christmas themed, with Freestyle dressage tests so everyone could play to their strengths, and some exciting jumping by our intrepid entrants. Well done to everyone who took part.

Diane and Jeeves

Class: Walk and Trot FREESTYLE
Restricted Section
5th = Kirsty Knott and Pennal Zedan
12th = Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist
13th = Diane Symonds and Jeeves
14th = Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly

Class: Walk and Trot FREESTYLE Intermediate Section
5th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai

Class Starter FREESTYLE
1st = Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver
3rd = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe
1st (Junior) = Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle

Class: Pairs Dressage
2nd = Suzanne Lidbetter on Rosie
Linda Medcalf on Midnight

Class: Equi-Skills
2nd = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe
2nd = Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly

Class: Freestyle Jumping Senior
1st = Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver

Class: Freestyle Jumping Junior
1st = Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle

BRC INTERDRESSAGE LEAGUE AFTER DECEMBER RESULTS

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Lottie and Lucky

18th January 2019
WELLELAND VILLAGE HALL
Malvern Hills Riding Club
AGM & PRESENTATION EVENING

7:00 pm Start

- Only £5 per ticket (includes buffet style meal, Tea and Coffee also provided - please bring other drinks if wanted!)
- Famous RAFFLE (donations of prizes very welcome)
- Quizzes
- Review of 2018 - Plans for 2019
- **2019 Membership Discounts**

**Members and Non-Members Welcome**

Send a cheque or cash to MHRC, 7 Newton Close, Ledbury, HR8 2XG

Or pay via paypal at www.malvernhiilsridingclub.com

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKET BY 11TH JANUARY
"BRC CHAMP SUCCESS"
NOVICE WINTERS
2nd Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie
8th Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash

INTERMEDIATE WINTERS
2nd Victoria Gregg and Sleady Castle Euro
4th Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash
10th Victoria Gregg and Langson Governor

HORSE TRIALS
6th Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle
9th Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes
TEAM 5th Junior 80

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
1st & 5th Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador
3rd Jodie Powell and Bleangaloos Black Diamond
3rd & 4th Rachel Sargeant and Dezina Double Dip
3rd Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie
5th = Mia Smith and Bruno
7th = Holly Chivers and
7th = Megan Hay and Watermill
8th = Ethan Knott and Pennal Zedan
10th = Amber Knott and Average at Best
TEAM 1st Senior Riding Test
TEAM 3rd Senior Open Dressage
TEAM 7th Junior 80 Show Jumping
TEAM 9th Senior 90 Show Jumping

DRESSAGE TO MUSIC
6th = Jule Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash

"NEW START"
Congratulations to Laura Bennett who passed all her exams and has qualified as a teacher

"I CAN’T BELIEVE IT’S BEEN A YEAR!"
I can’t quite believe I’ve been in the riding club for a year…. my goal was to do a ODE event by the end of the year ... well, I actually ended up doing 4! As well as team Show Jumping, Interdressage, Eventer Challenges, Equifest Working Hunters, to name but a few. I can’t thank MHRC enough - you have all been so lovely and supportive. I don’t think I would have done what I’ve done without it. I’ve made some wonderful friends and long may it continue! Goals for 2019 are to go BE90 and keep improving on the dreaded dressage! Thanks MHRC you are fab! Esther Bowness

"BIG LAUGHS"
‘Team of Four on feet, including reserves and a dog!’ Sue Peckham

“INTO INTERDRESSAGE”
22 members took part in the 2017/2018 League
There were 23 individual wins
CLUB WAS 2nd BRC LEAGUE & INTERDRESSAGE WINTER LEAGUE

"NEW FOUR-LEGGED FRIEND"
The older members will remember Doris and her jumping. She’s 23 and still likes to hack, so I wasn’t looking for another horse, but Jeeves was on the notice board in Countrywide. I couldn’t resist and he joined my girls. Looking forward to getting back into RC activities in 2019.
Diane Symonds

"MERCIAN MAGIC"
TEAM WINS
Eventer Challenge
Show Jumping
Hunter Trials
Combined Training
Dressage
Style Jumping
Dressage to Music
Quiz

INDIVIDUAL WINS
Megan Hay
Chris Esling
Alli Haynes
Sue Lidbetter
Tina Price
Camilla Esling

JUMPING LEAGUE WINNERS
FLATWORK LEAGUE WINNERS

OVERALL LEAGUE WINNERS 2018
**23rd November**

**REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

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**Elementary 44 Open Championship** 1st & MHRC Champions Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador 2nd & MHRC Reserve Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash 3rd Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshien Sadie 4th Tine Price and Big Ted 5th Katherine Jones and Redbackcapuchino 6th Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone
**Supreme Champion** Becky Skates and Darcy

A huge thank you to everyone who has come along to compete. Also to Rita Woolley, who was an amazing writer for all four shows and to Ann Bates who kept the helpers well watered and fed. Our stewards did a fantastic job too - thanks Chris Esling, Camilla Esling, Jodie Powell, Sarah Gilderson and Ann Brennan. Special thanks to Liz and Ian Coles at Marlbrook for being such fantastic hosts and to our four brilliant judges - Claire Green, Donn Collins, Nick Lawson and Suzie Douglas-Osborne.

**MORTON MAJESTIC**
**CASTLE Morton CINEMA**
Thursday 24th January at 7:30pm

**ALL THE WILD HORSES**

(15-2017-90mins-Mongolia)
This documentary follows the Mongol Derby Horse Race. It is the longest and toughest horse race in the world over 650 miles of Mongolian steppe, desert and mountain ranges. The semi-wild horses are well looked after, the riders have to take their chances!

Licensed Bar / Refreshment / Ice Creams
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12 beautiful moments that capture our 2018 Double A4 design Includes BRC Championship Dates
Only £10 if picked up in person, £12 if ordered through the website to include p&p.
WHAT’S COMING UP NEXT?

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

January 2019
12th - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern
18th - MHRC AGM and Presentation Evening

February 2019
17th - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern
23rd - Area Winter Show Jumping Qualifier, Lincomb Equestrian, Worcs

March 2019
9th-10th - BRC Arena Eventing Championship, Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells, Northants
10th - Intermediate Dressage Qualifier, Abbey Dressage, nr. Tewkesbury
17th - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern
30th - 31st - BRC Novice Winter Championship, Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire

April 2019
13th - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern
26th - 28th - BRC Intermediate Winter Championships, Bury Farm Equestrian, Slapton, Bucks

PEPPER POT 2019 LEAGUES

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

SENIOR OVERALL
1st Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver  105
2nd Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador  75
3rd Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe  65
Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream  65
5th Laura Bennet and Lematon Sunshine Sadie  60
6th Emma Tart and Eric  50
Krissy Bradley and Toby  50
Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai  50
Tina Price and Big Ted  50
10th Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly  40
Becky Skates and Darcy  40
Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn  40
Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist  40

JUNIOR OVERALL
1st Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle  100
2nd Lily Collop and Killtown Two Tone  15

SENIOR DRESSAGE
1st Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador  75
2nd Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver  65
Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream  65
4th Laura Bennet and Lematon Sunshine Sadie  60
5th Emma Tart and Eric  50
Krissy Bradley and Toby  50
Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai  50
Tina Price and Big Ted  50
9th Becky Skates and Darcy  40
Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn  40
Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist  40
12th Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash  35
Katherine Jones and Redbackcappuchino  35
Linda Medcalf and Midnight  35
Luan Crawford and Merkur  35
Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie  35

JUNIOR DRESSAGE
1st Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle  60
2nd Lily Collop and Killtown Two Tone  15

SENIOR JUMPING
1st Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver  40

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1st Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle  40

SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS
none

JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS
none

SEE THE COMPLETE UPDATED LEAGUE TABLES AT www.malvernhillsridingclub.com