

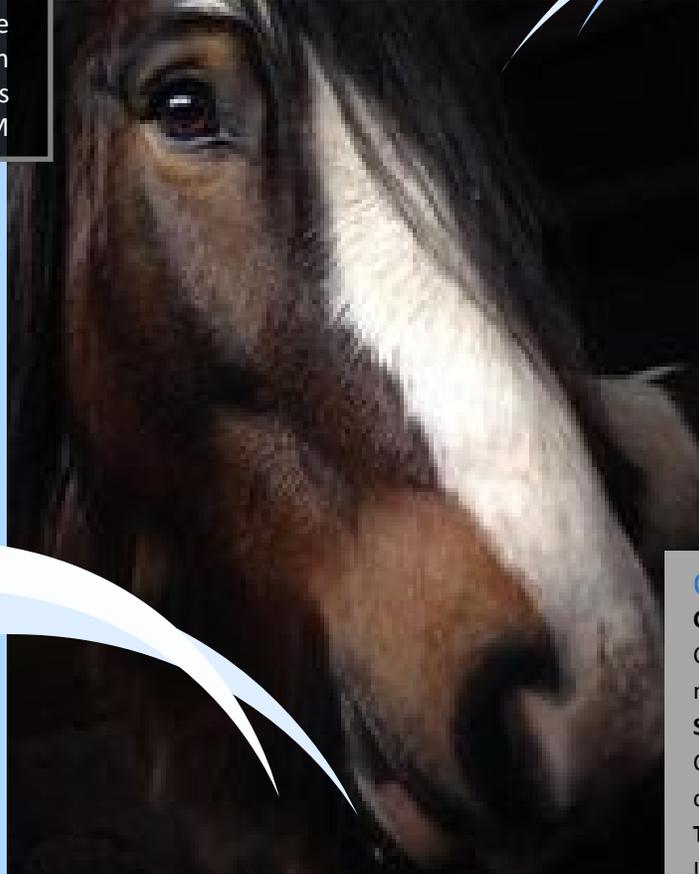


MHRC NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021

THIS ISSUE

Online Dressage
MHRC Photo Competition
Clinics
2021 AGM



EDITOR'S BIT

So 2021 begins!

First off, a huge thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership or joined us for the first time this year.

In this ever changing world, we will strive to keep RC activities as near normal as possible, with some exciting alternatives in the pipeline. As you'll see from the next few pages, there is plenty to look forward to in the next few months. We have clinics galore booked in for April, and more will be announced for May onwards soon. A new Lockdown Challenge starts this Sunday, with something for everyone to take part in, and we have our new Virtual AGM to look forward to next week. Area Dressage Qualifiers have moved online, with both the Novice and Intermediates being filmed this month, with the new Online Championships a different venture for BRC. So even if it isn't the normal start to the club year, I think it's a pretty exciting one.

So even if it's muddy and cold, and your horse looks like a hairy beast, we hope that we can bring some fun and smiles your way.

Until next time, Caroline

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MHRC PHOTO COMPETITION

Class 1: Best Turned Out (judged by Sammi Isaacs)



1st: Jodie Powell



6th: Sue Peckham

Class 2: Best Horsey Headshot (judged by Grace and Miles Thomas @ TopShots Photography)



1st & Overall
Champion:
Emma Cooper



2nd: Jane Osborne



3rd: Sophie Hooper

2nd: Annabel
McCourt



3rd: Jess Depper



4th: Jeni Pring



5th: Sophie Hooper



4th: Martin Febery



5th: Esther Bowness



E-RIDER ONLINE DRESSAGE January Results

Intro 1B:

2nd Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki
Joint 5th Sue Lidbetter and Rosie /
Sue Lidbetter and Mai
7th Gabriella Thomas and Paddy

Prelim 2b:

6th Sue Moger and Ballygill Bobby
8th Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

Novice 3b:

1st Isabella Thomas and Paddy

CHAMPIONSHIP NEWS

Sad news from BRC HQ this month

ARENA EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is still going ahead, but has
been moved to 22nd & 23rd May
2021.

NOVICE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The live event on 26th to 29th
March has been cancelled. The
Dressage competition will now be
run online. The Show Jumping com-
petition will not go ahead.

INTERMEDIATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The live event on 23rd to 25th April
has been cancelled. The Dressage
competition will now be run online.
The Show Jumping competition will
not go ahead.

COMBINED TRAINING CHAMPIONSHIP

The event has been cancelled.

At the moment, the other three
2021 Championships will go ahead,
but the situation will be monitored
as we move through the year.



6th: Linda Kemp

Class 3: My Favourite Riding Club Memory
(judged by Alice Collins-Youngs)



1st: Sue Peckham



2nd: Sophie Hooper



3rd: Alison Young



Joint 4th: Linda Medcalf



Joint 4th: Jodie Powell

MHRC VIRTUAL
AGM

12th February 2021

Grab yourselves some snacks and a bit of bubbly, then head along to our Facebook page for our Virtual AGM.

Round up of an unusual 2020
Hear from our Mercian and Area
Team Managers
Plans for 2021
Meet the 2021 Committee
Results of the 2020 Pepper Pot
League

We're even re-creating our world famous raffle with everyone who has renewed or joined for 2021 getting a free ticket to win some fantastic prizes. These include prizes from NAF, Le Mieux, MHRC, Treehouse Sporting Colours and Camilla's Cakes.

And don't worry if you're not on Facebook - all the content will be available via our website in the week following the event.

HAVE A QUESTION TO ASK?

There'll be a Q&A session, so if you have something to ask or an issue to raise, please e-mail mhrcnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk to get it included.



MALVERN HILLS RIDING CLUB
CRAZY LOCKDOWN CHALLENGE



HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO RISE TO THE CHALLENGE?

Every Sunday throughout February and March 2021, we will be issuing you with FOUR Challenges. Complete a Challenge and upload the evidence to the Facebook Event page - can be a photo or video.

- BRONZE AWARD:** Complete **ONE** Challenge each week
- SILVER AWARD:** Complete **TWO** Challenges each week
- GOLD AWARD:** Complete **THREE** Challenges each week
- PLATINUM AWARD:** Complete all **FOUR** Challenges each week

There will be four categories of challenge:

- IN THE ARENA
- OUT AND ABOUT
- IN-HAND
- AROUND THE YARD

Spot prizes awarded each month to the most creative, funny or exciting Challenge
Overall Rosettes and Prizes will be awarded at the end of March

OPEN TO MEMBERS OF MHRC ONLY





5th: Linda Kemp

6th: Kelly Hudson



Class 4: Funniest Photo (judged by Nick Lawson and Mark Walters)



1st: Sue Peckham



4th: Emma Cooper



2nd: Will Hooper



5th: Esther Bowness



Joint 3rd: Stella Bunn



Joint 3rd: Jane Osborne



6th: Holly Baker

CLINICS

Here's some early dates to put in your diary for April and May. E-mails will be sent out a bit nearer the date and once we are confident that we can go ahead, but if you want to get your name down early, go ahead.

With the current situation always changing, please don't pay for your clinics too early! We will send out a reminder 48 hours before the clinic and ask you to pay then. This will ensure that if anything has to be cancelled or postponed, we don't have a large number of refunds to go through! Thank you.

VIRTUAL CLINICS WITH KAT JONES

- 30mins real time online individual lesson £15
- Recorded online lesson - £10
- PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS ON HOW THESE WORK

Contact: KATHERINE JONES / 07935 671437 / katjones@sky.com

POLEWORK CLINICS WITH KAREN EACOCK

- 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th April
- 17:30, 18:30 or 19:30 1 hour group session
- Hillview Arena, Blackmore Park Road, Malvern
- £20 Junior or Senior Member

Contact: JODIE POWELL 07854 876 270
jodielouisepowell@yahoo.co.uk

NERVOUS NOVICE JUMPING WITH SOPHIE HOOPER

- 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th April
- 17:30, 18:30 or 19:30 1 hour group session
- Hillview Arena, Blackmore Park Road, Malvern
- £15 Junior or Senior Member

Contact: SOPHIE HOOPER 07968 172 440
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FLATWORK SESSIONS WITH STEPH WOOLLEY

- 10th or 17th April (to be confirmed)
- 30 min individual session (times to be confirmed)
- Hillview Arena, Blackmore Park Road, Malvern
- £20 Junior or Senior Member

Contact: JODIE POWELL 07854 876 270
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WORKING HUNTER CLINIC WITH SOPHIE HOOPER

- 8th May 2021
- Times to be confirmed 1 hour group session
- Hillview Arena, Blackmore Park Road, Malvern
- £15 Junior or Senior Member

Contact: SOPHIE HOOPER 07968 172 440
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PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST BE A 2021 MEMBER OF MHRC TO TAKE PART IN THESE CLINICS

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SENIOR JUMPING

JUNIOR JUMPING

SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS

JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS

REMINDER

2021 MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE

Go to the website to pay by PayPal or Card, or download a form to pay by cheque.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST COMMUNICATION SENT FROM THE CLUB FOR 2020 MEMEBRS

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT

For the latest schedules, times and future events, please go to www.malvernhillsriddingclub.com

14th February 2021

- MHRC Valentine Dressage Show @ Hillview Arena **POSTPONED**

28th February 2021

- E-Riders Online Dressage Closes

13th - 14th March 2021

- BRC Arena Eventing Championships @ Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells, Northants

26th - 29th March 2021

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Photo Show Champion - Emma Cooper's Alfie



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So now we're part of the waiting game! I know I wasn't the only one to get excited by Boris' latest announcements, and 29th March is now emblazoned across my calendar. With BRC HQ giving us the go ahead to hold clinics and competitions after this date, you'll be seeing quite a few e-mails and updates heading your way in the next few weeks.

As we go to press, we've just had a lot of the Area 18 qualifier dates confirmed, so take a look at the website for any you are interested in. And in the next week or so, we should have the Mercian Team competitions in the calendar too. Exciting!

We do have to remain cautious, however and no doubt we'll have a few changes and postponements still to come, but it's nice to see the end of the tunnel. And while we might have to wait a little bit longer before we can have a big social meeting, at least we can start planning the party of the year!

Until next time, Caroline

MHRC VIRTUAL AGM

Our annual AGM, Presentation evening and general New Year socialization session was another sad victim of the current situation, but not to be undone, we moved the fun online with our first annual AGM.

Camilla did any amazing job putting everything together and we were up and running for 7 o'clock on 12th February. Caroline kicked everything off with a quick introduction, with an update on the current situation and a huge thank you to all our members who have stuck by us through a difficult year. We then enjoyed a video of our 2020 highlights, showcasing the few Area and Mercian competitions that we took part in, our two highly successful BRC Championships, and the training we managed between lockdowns.

Jodie and Chris were up next with their Team Manager round-ups - and only Chris could be upstaged by both her horse and the yard cat! With everything up in the air for 2021, all we can hope is that we'll be able to get out and about as a club soon.

Then it was time to meet the 2021 committee. We thanked Sarah Bowness for all her hard work organising clinics over the last few years. The rest of the committee remains the same, with Jodie Powell stepping in to cover clinics.

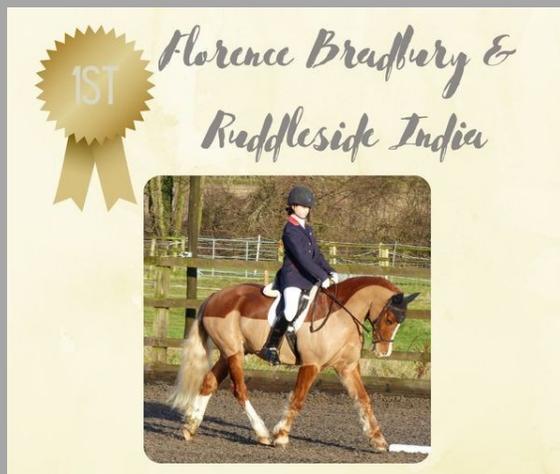
Then the really fun part of the evening began, with first up the results of the Pepper Pot Leagues. Congratulations to everyone who took part, but especially to Jenny Young and Florence Bradbury who headed the overall leagues for 2020. And then the evening rounded up with our amazing raffle, with some fabulous prizes being donated by local and national companies.

Raffle Winners!

1. New Hunt Country Store voucher - Sue Peckham
2. £5 Horslyx Voucher - Martin Febery
3. £20 Oldfields of Ombersley Voucher - Anne Price
4. Camilla's Cakes - 24 occasion cupcakes - Luan Crawford
5. £50 Newland Poultry Voucher - Alex Riches
6. £5 Horslyx Voucher - Jane Osborne
7. NAF Goody Hamper - Jodie Powell
8. Lesson with Kat Jones Equestrian - Tracey Cameron
9. 25% Discount Voucher Horse Health - Jo Jaynes
10. £5 Horslyx Voucher - Rita Woolley
11. £20 Treehouse Sporting Colours Voucher - Jess Nevin
12. £10 MHRC training voucher - Ellie Burton
13. £5 Horslyx Voucher - Miranda Stewart
14. Countrystore Whitestone Voucher - Linda Medcalf
15. £10 MHRC training voucher - Kelly Hudson

Thank you to everyone who attended. It was lovely to read your comments and 'see' you, even if just virtually for now. Fingers crossed we'll be having our normal party next year.

Everyone representing the club, or taking part in a competition run by MHRC in 2020, earned points in the Pepper Pot League. Rosettes are awarded to the top 15 Seniors and Juniors, plus a trophy to the overall winners and those heading the leagues for Jumping, Dressage and Combined Events. A full list of the League results can be found on our website.



MHRC CRAZY LOCKDOWN CHALLENGE

We've had some good fun through February taking part in the Lockdown Challenge.

Every Sunday, the club sets four tasks to complete by the end of the following Sunday - one ridden in an 'arena', one to do out on a hack, one done in-hand, and one to do around the yard. These are all a bit of fun and can be 'interpreted' as creatively as you like. 'Evidence' is posted on FaceBook, in the form of photos, videos, or just letting us know you've done it. And it's been highly amusing to watch them, getting an unusual insight into the yards and homes (and minds!) of our members.



Week 1 included riding a figure of 8 without stirrups, finding an unusual animal, leading under a washing line and putting together a bridle as quickly as possible. 10 members took part and the overall winner was Chris Esling, who managed to find the sheep from the specsavers advert on Castlemorton common.

Week 2 involved jumping skinnies, riding through a gate, backing through a narrow gap and plaiting manes. There were joint winners this week, with Sue Lidbetter's beautiful flower garland mane, and Camilla's pop over a jump wing.

Week 3 tested collection and extension skills in the arena, had us searching for flowers on hacks, walking over scary items and creating rainbows on the yard. The winner was Kelly Hudson's Rainbow.

Every week, virtual awards are given to everyone completing 1, 2, 3 or all 4 tasks. At the end of March, the entries will be tallied, with Bronze Awards being sent to everyone who has completed 8 challenges, Silver if you've done 16 challenges, Gold for 24 challenges and Platinum for anyone completing 30 challenges over the 2 months.



E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE FEBRUARY 2021

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Riding Club League this month.

INTRO 1a

Joint 10th: Suzanne Lidbetter on Tilesford
Rosina and Gabriella Thomas on Larkhall
Mickey

12th = Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki

14th = Suzanne Lidbetter on Llwyngell Enllie
Mai

PRELIM 2a

5th = Luan Crawford on Catano

8th = Caroline Bates on Smokey Joe

12th = Kelly Hudson on Fronwen Gywn

NOVICE 3a

1st = Isabella Thomas on Paddythomas

14th = Sue Moger on Ballygill Bobby

ELEMENTARY 4a

1st = Luan Crawford on Merkur

The Winter Riding Club League ended in February and as a club, we came 3rd overall - a huge achievement for everyone who took part. There were also some individual places:

INTRO LEAGUE

6th Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki

8th Gabriella Thomas and Larkhill Mickey

PRELIM LEAGUE

3rd Luan Merkur and Catano

NOVICE LEAGUE

2nd Isabella Thomas and PaddyThomas

ELEMENTARY LEAGUE

5th Luan Crawford and Merkur

The new Summer League starts in March and runs through to August, so if you want to take part, check out the E-Riders website.

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NEW TRAINING DATES

GRIDWORK WITH STEPH WOOLLEY

3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th June @ Hillview

5:30 = 70cm / 6:30 = 80cm / 7:30 = 90cm

£20 per session

PLEASE CONTACT JODIE POWELL

ARENA EVENTING WITH

KAREN NICHOLAS

21st August @ Lincomb Equestrian

Times and heights to be confirmed

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29th April 2021

- Polework Clinic with Karen Eadcock @ Hillview

5th May 2021

- Showjumping Clinic on grass @ Ace Cross-Country

8th May 2021

- Working Hunter Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

COVER PHOTO:

**Gorgeous Horses with Gorgeous Pepper
Pot League Rosettes**



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Wow! Hard to believe that we are already a quarter of the way through 2021! But absolutely fabulous that, finally, we have some proper competition news to report on ☺. It was absolutely amazing to see so many MHRC members competing in the two Online Area 18 Dressage qualifiers, especially with everything having to be organized so quickly to fit in to the tight deadlines that we were sent by BRC. And to have so many people qualify - fantastic - turn the page to read more.

I do feel for all our non-Dressage riders at the moment. With everything moving online, it does seem a long time since the club did any jumping at all! Maybe technology will come up with a way to run a virtual jumping class in the future, but in the meantime, we can only count off the days until we can back out and about over the coloured poles and rustic obstacles.

Until next time, Caroline

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AREA 18 DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS

It was with heavy hearts that we all heard the news, that BRC was cancelling yet another year of Winter Championships in light of the pandemic. But they quickly sent the good news our way, that the Dressage Championships would move online instead.

The Novice Senior Teams got the chance to qualify 'live' in October 2020 at Hartpury, so it was just the Novice Junior Teams and the Senior Intro qualifiers that needed to be held. MHRC stepped up to organise these for the Area - a huge THANK YOU to Chris and Camilla for taking this on, and our judge, Nicky Mundy.

We had three riders for the Senior Intro qualifier and all were placed. New member, Sadie Facchino on Eileens Buachill was 5th, with Sue Peckham on her new horse, Solis, 3rd. But it was a surprised win for Caroline Bates on Smokey Joe, and our first qualification for the Online Championships!

Gabriella Thomas was our sole representative in the Junior Intro qualifier, and she came 2nd on Rafiki and 3rd on Larkhill Mickey, after gaining exactly the same score on both rides. Only the Collectives separated them. She also has been granted two wildcards for the Championships, one for each ride.

We couldn't quite get together a Junior Team, but had three individuals competing. Lottie Gilderson on her youngster, Fortside Capri, won the Prelim 2 class and has joined the winning riders from Cheltenham and West Oxon clubs to form an Area 18 team for the Championship. In the Prelim 7 class, Isabella Thomas on Paddy was 2nd and new member Tiggy Manning on Double Dash was 3rd. Isabella wins a place at the Championship as the highest placed individual not on a team, while Tiggy wins a Wildcard.

The Intermediate Winter Qualifier was run by Evenlode RC and the judges commented on how high the standard was. We had three teams competing, two in the Senior section and one in the Junior section.

Sadly there were no Team placings, but with 25 teams taking place, our teams of three all did brilliantly. The Malvern Hills Sapphires of Camilla Esling on Black Magick, Faye Weinand on Eylander D'Argouges and Cindie Bunce on Master Maltstriker were 17th. And the Malvern Hills Diamonds of Sarah Harker on Rosebud III, Laura Bennett on Lematon Sunshine Sadie and Luan Crawford on Merkur Fra Ellevad were 10th. But there was an individual win for Laura in the Novice 28, which qualifies her for the Online Championships.

We also had a few Senior individuals competing for the club. Sue Peckham on Solis and Laura Bennett on It's All About Me, weren't placed, but Julie Jeffes on Barrybeg Cruise was 6th in the Prelim 18 and Faye Weinand on Eylander D'Argouges was 2nd in Novice 34.

Our Junior Team of Isabella Thomas on Paddy, Gabriella Thomas on Rafiki and Tiggy Manning on Killongford Benny were overall winners, with Gabriella and Isabella both placing 2nd, and Tiggy winning her class. A fantastic result.

Our only Junior Individual rider was Florence Bradbury and Sunnystone the Highwayman, who competed in the Elementary 42 and won the class.

So overall, a fantastic start to our BRC competition year, with 8 individuals and one team qualifying for the Online Championships in April. Good luck everyone!

MEET THE TEAM FAYE WEINARD



How long have you been a member of MHRC? 3 years

What's your day job? Customer Success Manager at SmartSurvey

Least Favourite Horsey Activity? S**t Shovelling

Have you competed for MHRC before? Yes

Your Horse? Eylander D'Argouges, but no one knows how on Earth to pronounce that, so Elmo is much better.

Age, Height, breeding? 6 year old, 17.2hh biig boy!, Selle Francais jumping lines.

How long have you owned your horse? 18 months

Likes? Elmo loves his field, running around like a mad thing and harassing his brother Oscar.

Dislikes? He hates it when he's not the center of attention! But is generally a pretty happy, laid back kind of boy.

What did you think of the venue? I love how close the venue is - such a short commute! Beautiful views too!

How early did you get up on Show Day? 11am - it was Sunday!

What was the best bit about the day? Riding my special boy for sure, but it was also a bonus to get the arena harrowed at last.

Who did you have on your support crew? My fantastic boyfriend, Michael, was head letter putter upper and cameraman. Thank you, Moo, for always helping when I ask.

MHRC CRAZY LOCKDOWN CHALLENGE

It was the last three weeks of the Crazy lockdown challenge throughout March, and everyone had good fun watching the wacky videos and photos appearing on Facebook.

In week 5, members had to trot or canter over raised poles without touching them, take a pic of your favourite view through your horse's ears, open and shut a gate as quickly as possible while leading a horse, and get creative when plaiting a tail. The winner was Emma Cooper's amazing heart-shaped tail plait.



For week 6, it was one-handed bending in the school, show some riding up and down hills, lead a horse while dragging something scary and make a piece of art from moulted horse hair. The winner was Suzanne Lidbetter's fast forward trotting up and down banks on the hills.

For the final week and a bit, members had to show off their jumping position and stand in the stirrups, take photos of four objects starting with MHRC, leave their horse standing and not letting it move, and show off how much they could lift, plus they had a wildcard to do two challenges from previous weeks that they missed. The winner was Linda Kemp giving her daughter a piggy back!

OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Catherine Holland ** Esther Bowness
Felix-Westgate-Wilton ** Florence Bradbury
Jodie Powell ** Kat Jones ** Elinor Lloyd

BRONZE AWARD

Alison Burton
Caroline Bates
Chris Esling
Ellie Burton
Linda Medcalf

SILVER AWARD

Di Symonds
Emma Cooper
Kelly Hudson
Sue Lidbetter

GOLD AWARD

Camilla Esling
Linda Kemp
Luan Crawford

** Your prizes will be sent out shortly **

E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE MARCH 2021

We had a record number of entries to March's E-Riders Online Dressage - a fantastic start to the new Summer RC League.

Congratulations to everyone ...

INTRO

6th Emma Cooper and All About Alfie
Gabriella Thomas and Larkhall Mickey
9th Grace Jenkins and The Lion Queen
10th Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki
11th Emily Dixon and Desert Pearl

PRELIM

1st Luan Crawford and Catano
Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn
5th Sarah Harker and Rosebud
8th Laura Bennett and It's All About Me
11th Elinor Lloyd and Cila

NOVICE

1st Isabella Thomas and Paddy
5th Laura Bennett and Sadie

ELEMENTARY

3rd Luan Crawford and Merkur

E-RIDERS RC LEAGUE

MARCH TO AUGUST 2021

Solent RC = 76
MHRC = 66
Bicester RC = 46
Dyffryn = 29
Royal Navy = 14
West Surrey = 12
Kentisbeare = 10
New Forest = 7
Rearsby Lodge = 7
Durham = 6
South Oxon = 5
Wey = 5
East Mendip = 3
Torfean = 2

If you would like to enter the League, check out our website for a copy of the schedule, or go to E-Riders.com to find out more.

PEPPER POT LEAGUE TABLES 2021

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SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Luan Crawford and Catana	100
2nd	Luan Crawford and Merkur	75
3rd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	60
	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	60
5th	Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn	45
6th	Faye Weinard and Eylander D'Argouges	40
7th	Sue Peckham and Solis	35
8th	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	30

JUNIOR OVERALL

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2nd	Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki	190
3rd	Gabriella Thomas and Larkhall Mickey	100
4th	Tiggy Manning and Killongford Benny	75
5th	Florence Bradbury and Sunnystone the Highwayman	40
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3rd April 2021

- MHRC Dressage Show, Hillview Arena

6th April 2021

- Novice Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

8th April 2021

- Polework Clinic with Karen Eadcock @ Hillview

10th April 2021

- Flatwork Clinic with Steph Woolley @ Hillview Arena

13th April 2021

- Novice Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

15th April 2021

- Polework Clinic with Karen Eadcock @ Hillview

17th - 18th April 2021

- Area 18 SJ Training with Geoff Billington, Lincomb Arena

20th April 2021

- Novice Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

22nd April 2021

- Polework Clinic with Karen Eadcock @ Hillview

25th April 2021

- Mercian Dressage @ Stourport Equestrian Centre

23rd - 25th April 2021

- BRC Online Dressage Championships

27th April 2021

- Novice Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

28th April 2021

- E-Riders Online Riding Club Dressage League (closing date)

29th April 2021

- Polework Clinic with Karen Eadcock @ Hillview

4th May 2021

- Show Jumping Clinic with Stella Bunn @ Ace Cross-Country

8th May 2021

- Working Hunter Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

9th May 2021

- TSR Showing Clinic @ Hillview

11th May 2021

- Show Jumping Clinic with Stella Bunn @ Ace Cross-Country

22nd - 23rd May 2021

- BRC Arena Eventing Championships @ Aston-le-Wells

16th May 2021

- MHRC Mercian and Open Showing Show @ Hillview Arena

18th May 2021

- Cross-Country Clinic with Stella Bunn @ Ace Cross-Country



MHRC NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2021

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MHRC DRESSAGE SHOW
BRC Online Dressage Champs



EDITOR'S BIT

There's that saying - you only regret the things you didn't do, not the things you do! And I've decided that's extremely true in the world of horses. This month, I can safely say I've had two small regrets. One, NOT going to get my neck strap out of the lorry when I realized it was still attached to my competition bridle, then going for a hack across the fields ("He's been so quiet lately - I'll be fine!"). And Two, NOT closing the door of the stable when coming back from a rather exciting hack (I know I can get his bridle off and his headcollar on before he moves!). Luckily, regret one only resulted in some mild whiplash and a chunk of bare neck that might be fun to plait around! While regret two scattered bits of bridle from the yard back to the paddock! But that's horses for you

A fantastic month for the club. We started Training sessions as soon as we were given the green light, had our first Team competition of the year, enjoyed some Dressage at Hillview and smashed BRC National Online Dressage Championships. MHRC has definitely entered 2021 with a BANG - lets keep fingers and hooves crossed that it continues.

Until next time, Caroline

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MHRC DRESSAGE SHOW

It was rather a chilly day for our first competition of the year at Hillview Arena. Everyone was glad to get out and celebrate the end of lockdown with a bit of prancing between the boards and some Easter chocolate to win.

MHRC were out in force and it was great to see all 7 classes won by members. Well done to you all ... MHRC results are listed below, or you can find the full results on our website.

INTRO B (Restricted) 1st Alison Young and Treslea Blue 2nd Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly **INTRO B (Open)** 1st Sadie Facchino and Cracker 3rd Di Symonds and Jeeves 4th Jenny Young and Treslea Blue 6th Sue Lldbetter and Mai **PRELIM 7 (Restricted)** 1st Sophie Hooper and Jubilee Express 2nd Georgina Viall and Bambi 4th Di Symonds and Jeeves 5th Sadie Facchino and Cracker 6th Martin Febery and Sportsfield Golden Boy **PRELIM 7 (Open)** 1st Claire Pollock and Donnie 2nd Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady 5th



Sophie Hooper



Claire Pollock

6th Camilla Esling and Bertie 6th Sara Stephenson and Lledi Susan **PRELIM 13** 1st Isabella Thomas and Paddy 2nd Lydia Webster and Flashmans Lad 3rd Camilla Esling and Bertie 4th Kelly Hudson and Bertie 5th Natalie Smith and Coco Beab 6th Sophie Chichester and Blakeswater Victor **NOVICE 28** 1st Holly Chivers and Jester 2nd Isabella Thomas and Paddy **ELEMENTARY 49** 1st Holly Chivers and Jester 2nd Luan Crawford and Merkur 3rd Florence Bradbury and Sunnystone the Highwayman.

A huge Thank You to everyone who helped run the show - judge Angela Kemili, write Rita Woolley, stewards Steph Woolley, Alice Lowe, Anna Robson and Sue Peckham, Refreshments and general assistant to the scorer ☺ Jodie Powell.

If you haven't done so already, remember to get your photos of the day from Top-Shots photography.

The next two qualifiers are on 10th July and 10th October, with our Christmas Championship show on 18th December. To see where you are on the current League tables, check out our website.



Holly Chivers

E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE APRIL 2021

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this months RC Online league ... it was lovely to see some new names appear on results day.

INTRO

4th = Gabriella Thomas and Larkhall Mickey
14th = Suzanne Lldbetter and Tilesford Rosina
18th = Suzanne Lldbetter and Llwyngell Enllie Mai

PRELIM

1st = Luan Crawford and Catano
11th = Laura Bennett and It's All About Me
11th = Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn
12th = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe
13th = Elinor Lloyd and Cila
15th = Sarah Harker and Rosebud

NOVICE

1st = Isabella Thomas and Paddy
11th = Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie

If you would like to enter the League, check out our website for a copy of the schedule, or go to E-Riders.com to find out more.

The closing date for entries is the 28th of each month and videos must be uploaded to either Facebook or YouTube by the end of the month.

MHRC FUN DAY 1st August 2021

AT VALLEY VIEW RANCH, ULLINGSWICK, HR1 3JQ

3 Ridden Lessons for each rider

Cross Country with Jo Winfield

Dressage with Lucy Goodman

Show Jumping with Richard Evans

ALL ABILITIES CATERED FOR

YOUR TICKET ALSO BUYS YOU

BBQ / Picnic Lunch for you and one helper

Weight check for your horse and Spillers Feed consultation

A Fun Day Polo Shirt

ONLY £115 for the day

£15 deposit secures your place - the balance to be paid by 20th July 2021

PLACES ARE LIMITED TO 32 RIDERS, SO TO FIND OUT MORE & TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, GO TO THE WEBSITE

TO BOOK NOW

MERCIAN DRESSAGE

The 25th April was the start of the Mercian season, kicking off with the Dressage at Stourport Equestrian Centre. The event was organized by Bewdley Bridle Club and was well supported, with an amazing 22 teams taking part.

MHRC sent a team, which did fantastically well to come 5th. Suzanne Lidbetter on Mai was 12th in the Intro B, with Jenny Young on Tresleas Blue 11th in the Intro C. Camilla Esling on new ride Black Magick was 6th in the Prelim 14, but Sara Stephenson on Lliedi Susan smashed it to win the Prelim 2 class.

The next Mercian event is the Mercian Showing, which we are hosting on 16th May at Hillview Arena. If you would like to take part, contact Jodie ASAP.

IN THE RIBBONS

Congratulations to our members who have been out and about and smashing it this month.

ESTHER BOWNESS = 4th @ Offchurch Bury UA ODE

LUAN CRAWFORD = 1st @ Allenshill DR

TRACY HAINES = 2nd @ Hartpury BD Dressage

JULIE JEFFES = 2nd @ Burrows Court BD Dressage

KATHERINE JONES = 3rd @ Hartpury BD Dressage

SUZANNE LIDBETTER = 4th @ Hillview Dressage

JESS NEVIN = 1st @ Offchurch Bury UA ODE

JODIE POWELL = 1st @ Allenshill BD Dressage

FELIX WESTGATE-WILTON = 4th @ Calmsden SEG ODE

If you'd like to feature here, please drop Caroline a quick message or prepare to be stalked on Facebook 😊

MEET THE TEAM SARA STEPHENSON



How long have you been a member of MHRC?
About 11 years.

And what's your day job? *Grasscutting.*
What's your favourite horsey activity? *Giving Suzy her feed. She is so appreciative.*
And your least favourite? *Hanging up nets of soaked hay, especially when it's cold.*

Have you competed with MHRC before? *Yes, lots of times. I really enjoy it.*
Tell us about your horse? *Lliedi Susan, or-Suzy. 23 years, 15hh, Section D mare.*

How long have you owned her? *12 years*
What are her likes and dislikes? *She loves being pampered, but hates summer flies.*

What time did you get up on show day? *Alarm went off at 6am.*

What did you think of the venue? *The venue was excellent. Enormous outdoor warm up arena and large indoor for test. Bewdley Bridle Club were very friendly and well organised.*
What was the best bit about the day? *Seeing lots of other horses and people after months of lockdown.*

Who did you have on your support crew? And is there anyone you'd like to thank? *My husband Tony was my supporter for the day. I would also like to thank Stella Bunn for all her help just when I needed it.*

BRITISH RIDING CLUBS ONLINE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 29th April saw the start of the BRC Online Championships. Teams and individuals from clubs around the country had sent in their entries for judging, and, after a long wait, the results were finally ready to be revealed.

The Online Championships incorporated everyone who had originally qualified for the Novice Winter Championships and the Intermediate Winter Championships for both 2020 and 2021, so there were a huge amount of Arenas and competitions to get through.

Huge congratulations to all our members who qualified and took part.

NAME:	Caroline Bates
HORSE:	Smokey Joe (aka Devil Pony, Yobby Cobby)
Was this the first time you have competed at a BRC Championship?	No, we were lucky enough to get to the Arena Eventing Championships last year on the back of my team mates awesome performance. We didn't get past fence 3!
What was the best thing about the weekend?	No early morning start and home before it was dark!
What did you have to do in your class?	BRC Walk and Trot 2 - the most horrible test I have ever ridden!
What did you think of the venue and the atmosphere?	Superb - although the Cheer Squad were a little on the quiet side!
How did your horse cope being at such a big event?	Like always - laid back to the point of being comatose!
Is there anyone you'd like to thank?	Alison Burton, who patiently filmed me three times until I was reasonably happy with the results.
And lastly, in only 10 words, sum up your experience?	A bit of a laugh - competing for club during Lockdown!

Results:

Senior Novice Championships 2020

5th = Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker

10th = Luan Crawford and Merkur

14th = Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan

Senior Intro Championships 2021

4th = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

(pictured right)

Junior Intro Championships 2021

12th = Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki

16th = Gabriella Thomas and Larkhill Mickey

Junior Novice Championships 2021

1st = Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri (and 2nd as part of the joint Area 18 Team)

8th = Isabella Thomas and Paddy

Junior Elementary Championship 2021

7th = Florence Bradbury and Sunnystone the Highwayman

Junior Intermediate Championships 2021

10th = Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki

28th = Isabella Thomas and Paddy

Senior Intermediate Championships 2021

12th = Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie



CLINICS

It's been great getting out and taking part in some fantastic MHRC Training - April has seen some Polework, Flatwork and Novice Jumping clinics take place. But please can members take a note of this gentle reminder ...

- ⇒ Clinics **MUST** be paid for at least **24 hours** before hand. There is a **Paypal** link on the website for each clinic, or you can pay by **BACS**. If you want to pay cash on the day, you must contact the organiser of the clinic to arrange this, but with current COVID restrictions, we would prefer electronic payment.
- ⇒ If you cannot attend the clinic, you must contact the organiser **ASAP** (all our contact details are on the front of the newsletter). If there is less than **48 hours** notice and we can fill the space, we will refund any monies paid. However, if we can't fill the place, you may still have to pay. This does not apply for **genuine veterinary or medical emergencies** where a note can be provided. All clinics are subsidised by the club and we **DO NOT** make money from them, therefore we cannot always afford to pay for places that could have been given to someone on the wait list.
- ⇒ All our clinics are organised and 'manned' by volunteers, so your help in being punctual, paying on time and helping us where possible, is always appreciated 😊



PEPPER POT LEAGUE TABLES 2021

Here are the top riders in each of the 2021 Leagues - for the full league tables, check out our website.

SENIOR OVERALL & DRESSAGE

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2nd	Luan Crawford and Merkur	120
3rd	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	105
4th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	90
5th	Camilla Esling and Black Magick	85
6th	Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn	75
	Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan	75
8th	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	70
9th	Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai	65
10th	Sadie Facchino and Cracker	60
11th	Di Symonds and Jeeves	55
12th	Jenny Young and Tresleas Blue	45
13th	Alison Young and Tresleas Blue	40
	Claire Pollock and Donnie	40
	Faye Weinard and Eylander D'Argouges	40
	Sophie Hooper and Jubilee Express	40
17th	Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly	35
	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	35
	Lydia Webster and Flashman's Lad	35
	Sue Peckham and Solis	35
	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	35

JUNIOR OVERALL & DRESSAGE

1st	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	390
2nd	Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki	200
3rd	Gabriella Thomas and Larkhall Mickey	130
4th	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	110
5th	Florence Bradbury and Sunnystone the Highwayman	80
6th	Tiggy Manning and Killongford Benny	75
7th	Georgina Viall and Bambi	35
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4th May 2021

- Show Jumping Clinic with Stella Bunn @ Ace Cross-Country

8th May 2021 CANCELLED

- Working Hunter Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

9th May 2021

- The Showing Register Showing Clinic @ Hillview

11th May 2021

- Show Jumping Clinic with Stella Bunn @ Ace Cross-Country

16th May 2021

- MHRC Mercian and Open Showing Show @ Hillview Arena

18th May 2021

- Cross-Country Clinic with Stella Bunn @ Ace Cross-Country

22nd - 23rd May 2021

- BRC Arena Eventing Championships @ Aston-le-Wells

23rd May 2021

- Area 18 DTM Qualifier @ Stourport Equestrian Centre

25th May 2021

- Cross-Country Clinic with Stella Bunn @ Ace Cross-Country

28th May 2021

- E-Riders Online Riding Club Dressage League (closing date)

3rd June 2021

- Gridwork Clinic with Steph Woolley @ Hillview

5th June 2021

- Flatwork with Steph Woolley @ Hillview

8th June 2021

- Polework Clinic with Karen Eadcock @ Hillview

10th June 2021

- Gridwork Clinic with Steph Woolley @ Hillview

13th June 2021

- Area Horse Trials Qualifier @ Sapey Cross-Country

15th June 2021

- Polework Clinic with Karen Eadcock @ Hillview

17th June 2021

- Gridwork Clinic with Steph Woolley @ Hillview

22nd June 2021

- Novice Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

COVER PHOTO: Jessica Nevin and Ernie in winning form, with their new XC colours courtesy of the Treehouse Voucher won at the AGM



MHRC NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

THIS ISSUE

Area Dressage to Music
Mercian and Open Showing
Online Dressage
BRC Arena Eventing Champs



EDITOR'S BIT

Wow! How nice is it to finally have a full length newsletter? It seems a long time since we had enough to report on to fill the full 6 pages, but May 2021 has definitely felt a lot like a return to normal ... a little bit of Mercian, a little bit of Area, a BRC champs and lots of training - it's what the club is all about ☺

It was wonderful to see so many of our riders at our Showing show and we were so lucky with the weather. With friends and family ringing me throughout the day with warnings of torrential rain and high winds on the way, we barely had a spot and bathed in glorious sunshine. One advantage of holding events in the shadow of the grand old Malvern Hills.

As we head into the new month, those weeks of rain seem a distant memory. And the Summer season really kicks off now. There's lots of Team Events coming up if you fancy dipping your toes into fun Mercian or BRC Area qualifiers, there's our own Dressage Show on 10th July, plus lots more training and fun on the cards too.

We just need the nod to allow social events to start up again and we can have the biggest party ever!

Until next time, Caroline

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MHRC SHOW

On 16th May, the club once again descended on Hillview Arena for our Ridden Showing Show. And once again, the weather was kind to us, with glorious sunshine and only a few spots of rain all day.

We hosted the Mercian clubs in the morning for a little team competition, and entered two teams ourselves. The Malvern Blues of Louise Wild on Broughton the Captivator, Caroline Bates on Smokey Joe, Emily Watkins on Glasshard King Areley and Suzanne Lidbetter on Rosie were 12th overall. But our Malvern Reds of Pip Webster on Flashmans Lad, Shellee Harries on Master Maltstriker, Suzanne Lidbetter on Mai and Sara Stephenson on Lliedi Susan couldn't be beaten and took the WINNING TEAM place.

There were lots of individual places in the four Mercian classes for our club. Pip won the Working Hunter class, while in the Riding Club Horse, Caroline was 5th and Shellee won. Suzanne was 7th in both the Coloured and he Veteran, with Sara coming 2nd in the latter. All the 1st and 2nd places went forward to the Mercian Championship and we were all ecstatic when Shellee and Billy took the Champion Sash.

After a well earned lunch break, there were plenty of Open Ridden classes for everyone to enjoy. MHRC members did fantastically and there were lots of rosettes won. The last judging of the day was the Open Championship, and new junior member, Rose Chugg-Martin on Lily, at their first show together, took the Reserve Championship place.

MHRC Open Results: **Riding Club Horse:** 1st Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan / 2nd Rose Chugg Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily / 3rd Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe **Coloured:** 2nd Rose Chugg Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily **Veteran:** 1st Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan / 5th Emma Montandon and Maggie **Best Turned Out:** 1st Rose Chugg Martin and Tregaire Tiger **Cob:** 5th Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe **M&M:** 1st Sadie Facchino and Eileens Buachail / 2nd Emma Montandon and Maggie

A huge THANK YOU to our judge, Jo Jeynes, our stewards Sophie Hooper, Linda Medcalf, Linda Kemp and Chris Esling, our scorer/sandwich lady Camilla Esling, and to superstar Will Hooper, who took charge of the lorry parking.

PHOTOS: Top: Rose and Lily. Bottom Right: Sara and Suzy. Bottom Left: Pip and Lad © Jess Photography



MEET THE TEAM SHELLEE HARRIES

How long have you been a member of MHRC?

About 10 years.

And what's your day job? *Office manager for the family roofing company*

What's your favourite horsey activity? *I really enjoy lessons and clinics.*

And your least favourite?

Can I say paying vet bills?

Have you competed with MHRC before? *Yes.*

Tell us about your horse? *Master Maltstriker or Billy, a 14 year old 16.2hh ISH*

How long have you owned him? *4 years*

What are his likes? *Grass, grass, grass!*

And dislikes? *Probably me attempting to jump him!*

What did you think of the venue? *Love Hillview. Good facilities, friendly atmosphere. The owner's not too bad either.*

What time did you get up on show day? *5am.*

What was the best bit about the day?

Going Champion!

Who did you have on your support crew? And is there anyone you'd like to thank? *My friend*

Cindie came to help me in the morning and I had lots of messages

from friends and other club members wishing me luck. I have to say

a big thank you to Sophie Hooper who has put up with me a lot recently

and got me jumping again. Also to Steph Woolley for fitting us

in for some last minute training.

Also, thank you to all the MHRC crew for the encouragement all day

and of course thank you to the judge for making my year!

AREA DRESSAGE TO MUSIC

We had our first Area 18 qualifier of the year, with three members heading off to Stourport EC to represent the club in a little Dressage to Music competition.

In the Senior Prelim class, Jodie Powell on Bleangloss Black Diamond was leading the class for most of the day, with Camilla Esling on Black Magick a close second. One of the last riders just pipped them to the post, but Jodie's second is enough to send her to the Championships in October.

In the Elementary class, Ann Brennan on Cosmic Flight put up a fantastic score to come 6th in a tough class.

"This was mine and Bertie's first attempt together at dressage to music," said Camilla, "we were on early but the venue and organisers were very welcoming and it made for a good atmosphere. Our floorplan was set to a combination of Pirates of the Caribbean, Last of the Mohicans and Jurassic Park...the arena rode a bit bigger than at home probably because we were using our corners (!) so a few adjustments mid test allowed us to finish bang on the music which I was so happy about. Bertie really grew to the occasion and I was over the moon to finish 3rd and very close behind Jodie & Trixi who qualified for the championships - huge congratulations to them! It was nice to start to feel the normality of shows returning and being able to enjoy the good times again with friends. Here's to the rest of the summer!"

"The weather stayed kind to us," added Jodie, "the venue was lovely, never been there before, and I was pleasantly surprised. A mas-



Jodie and Trixie



Ann and Goldie

sive outdoor to warm up in and the surface rode lovely, huge indoor (where we rode the test) again lovely surface, a really nice venue. Huge surprise to find out that I finished second and that I had qualified, big smiles all round."

"It was a super venue with plenty of space for parking and working in, and a lovely airy light indoor arena to compete in," agreed Ann, "Bewdley Bridle Club

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E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE MAY 2021

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this months RC Online league ... and a special shout out for our Prelim riders for their domination of the top spots!

INTRO

3rd = Suzanne Lidbetter and Llwyngell Enlie Mai

4th = Gabriella Thomas and Larkhall Mickey

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8th = Grace Jenkins and The Lion Queen

9th = Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki

PRELIM

1st = Sarah Harker and Rosebud

2nd = Laura Bennett and It's All About Me

3rd = Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn

5th = Luan Crawford and Catano

14th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Tilesford Rosina

NOVICE

2nd = Isabella Thomas and Paddy

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This was also the last month to qualify for the E-Riders WOW Saddles Summer Championships. Congratulations and Good Luck to everyone who has qualified.

BRC ARENA EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was the first LIVE BRC Championship over the weekend of the 22nd/23rd May, with the Arena Eventing at Aston Le Walls. Sue Moger was our sole representative at the event She'll tell you about the day in her own words

NAME: Sue Moger
HORSE'S SHOW & STABLE NAME: Ballygill Bobby (The Bobster)

Was this the first time you have competed at a BRC Championship? No. I was lucky enough to compete at the same Champs in 2020 with the MHRC 80 team. (The last comp before Lockdown 1)

What was the best thing about the weekend? Not having to get up early! I just had to be there in time for the course walk at 1.45pm. (please note, I not only walked it but watched other competitors both before and after doing so – not that it did me any good!)

What did you have to do in your class? We started with a round of show jumps; on the whole an oxer followed by an upright all the way round, plus a one stride double with the two parts slightly offset. Having cleared 8, I got a bit overexcited at the final upright, broke my new rule of waiting and got 4 faults. There were then 2 XC fences at either end of the same arena before moving through water to the XC arena. The Bobster was jumping beautifully and we had a great round, through the water again, over the final XC fence, 5 strides to the Joker SJ fence. Clear! Yay! Imagine my dismay to hear the commentator say, "I'm very sorry but unfortunately you missed a fence out." What a wally! I really can't think how it happened. I look for the number on every fence don't I? Fence 12 was in a more or less straight line from 11b to the water, but I was concentrating on how I was to ride the related distance to the final Joker fence, as it had caused a lot of problems, and missed it out. What a waste! I've never been more grateful for the 4 faults as that would have put us out of contention anyway. Thank goodness only

strangers watching to witness my embarrassment!

What did you think of the venue and the atmosphere? Covid restrictions made the atmosphere slightly different from last year as there were not so many people, and competitors left as soon as they finished, but it was all set up very well and because of the mud they had kept the horsebox park as

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Sue and Billy © Action Replay Photography



NEW SEASON? TIME TO FRESHEN UP THE WARDROBE



Just a reminder that the club has a choice of MHRC Branded clothing available. Whether you want to look smart at your next training clinic, show your affiliation while competing, or just want to look like one of the best crowds around, why not splash out.

NUMNAHS £25
(blue or white available)
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GILET £28
SOFT SHELL JACKET £30
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Princethorpe / SRC Two-Day-Event



Megan and Imperial Moonlight

Over the bank holiday weekend, this unaffiliated two day event took place in glorious weather. MHRC combined with Cheltenham riding club to send 4 teams. All under the watchful eye of team Manager and organiser, Sue Peckham.

In the 80cm class, Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady came 5th individually, with her team coming in 8th. While Felix-Westgate-Wilton on Tronto, and Jodie Powell on Bleanagloos Black Diamond were on the 5th team, after coming 8th and 11th respectively.

Megan Harper and Strawberry Hill were 10th overall in the 90 section, with a team 2nd. And Megan's second ride, Imperial Moonlight, came 8th in the 100, along with Catherine Holland on The Artful Archie, who came 5th. Photos: @emmpix.co.uk



Esther and Polly

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ANN BRENNAN = 1st @ Stourport Dressage

STELLA BUNN = 4th @ Llanymynech BE ODE

SOPHIE CHICHESTER = 1st @ Prestige BD Dressage

LOTTIE GILDERSON = 6th @ Broadway BE ODE

TRACEY HAINES = 1st @ Stourport Dressage

MEGAN HARPER = 6th @ Prestige Dressage

JULIE JEFFES = 9th @ Broadway BE ODE

ANNABEL MCCOURT = 2nd @ Allenshill BS Show Jumping

JODIE POWELL = 4th @ Allenshill Show Jumping

GABRIELLA THOMAS = 2nd @ Prestige BD Dressage

ISABELLA THOMAS = 1st @ Prestige BD Dressage

KAREN WITHERS = 1st @ Burrows Court BD Dressage

FELIX WESTGATE-WILTON = 1st @ Allenshill NSEA SJ

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were excellent hosts. Yes, we missed the atmosphere of spectators but in the circumstances a great day. Last year, Cosmic Flight (Goldie) qualified with 67.69% for the Summer BD Area DTM Festival at Kings Equestrian Centre in August 2021. Then on Sunday she was placed (I know only just!) at Stourport. Goldie is now 24 years old and it is such a privilege to be riding her at this level at her time of life."



Camilla and Bertie

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much on the hard as possible. The stewards were very helpful.

How did your horse cope being at such a big event? Because we arrived 3 hrs before competing, Bobster was allowed a haynet so was very happy! He wasn't so impressed when it started to rain as we headed for the collecting ring and got a bit excited there when passing other horses but settled once in the arena and on his way. Thankfully he wasn't aware of the missing fence so was pretty pleased with himself. The best bit as far as he was concerned was the grass he was allowed afterwards!

Is there anyone you'd like to thank? Big thanks to all the voluntary stewards at Aston le Walls and the BRC who ran it.

And lastly, in only 10 words, sum up your experience? Lovely to get there. Never too old to learn!

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10th	Elinor Lloyd and Cila	25

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8th June 2021

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10th June 2021

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13th June 2021

- Area Horse Trials Qualifier @ Sapey Cross-Country

15th June 2021

- Polework Clinic with Karen Eadcock @ Hillview

17th June 2021

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22nd June 2021

- Novice Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

24th June 2021

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10th July 2021

- MHRC Open Dressage Show @ Hillview

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Shellee Harries and Billy: Mercian Showing Champions

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EDITOR'S BIT

It's been an exciting few weeks watching the Equestrian teams being announced for next month's Olympic Games. It might not have quite the same importance in the horsey world as the World Equestrian Games, but on the global stage, there's no bigger competition. Can you just imagine the excitement of the riders? Yes, they're all 'professionals', but to be representing their country and competing as part of a team must create an amazing buzz. I can't wait to see them strutting their stuff in such a prestigious arena, even if it does mean I go on a media black out for the duration so I can watch it all without knowing the results!

And talking of teams It's great to see that the Riding Club year is now in proper full swing. This month saw our first Summer qualifier at Sapey - and great results for the club. Check out the report on page 2 to find out more. And there are plenty of opportunities in the coming months for you to have your own mini Olympic feeling by joining one of our Area or Mercian teams. And even if representing MHRC isn't quite in the same league as representing your country ... always remember the MHRC motto. "At least we have cake ..."

Until next time, Caroline

AREA 18 HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER

It seemed quite early in the season, but on the 13th June, the whole area descended on Sapey Cross Country in Bromyard, for the Horse Trials Qualifier.

As ever, MHRC stepped in to help run this massive undertaking. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who gave up their day to make it run so smoothly—well, at least the Dressage did! So a huge round of applause for our Tack Checker, Anna Robson; Stewards Karen Kilby, Linda Kemp, Chris Esling and Rhian Fallowfied; Score Runner Linda Medcalf; Scorers Luan Crawford and Ellie Burton; Writers Kat Jones, Ann Brennan, Alice Lowe and Katie Baker; Refreshments Ann Bates and Alison Burton; Fence Judges Nicky Esling, Charlotte Wild, Chris Jones and Cindie Bunce. And a special thank you to Rita and Steph Woolley, who wanted to help but got stranded on the way due to car trouble ☹️. Without all you volunteers, none of these events would be able to run.

The club was represented in nearly all the classes and everyone did brilliantly. The first class of the day was the 80cm and we rocked it, with the team winning, just 1.3 penalties ahead of 2nd place Evenlode. Individually, Jodie Powell and Bleanagloss Black Diamond were 11th and Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady were 7th. But Julie Jeffes on Barrybeg Cruise was 2nd and Louise Revill on Maystar Joey won their section. So it's off to the championships in August 😊

It was the 90cm competition next and unfortunately, our three rider team of Alex Riches on Mr Darcy, Sue Moger on Ballygill Bobby and Lauren Philpotts on JJ weren't placed. But individually, Alex came 3rd and Sue 4th, so a great result.

Our last two competitors of the day both rode in the Open 100cm class. Junior rider Lottie Gilderson on Fortside Capri came 8th, but Holly Chivers on Dripshill Dreammaker were crowned the overall winners and will join the 80cm team at the Championships.

Esther was, "So totally delighted with the result. All the hard work has paid off. To think that 18months ago I thought Polly was going to have to be a field ornament! I was so relieved to have an early time, as it was due to be HOT. I love the course at Sapey, as it has a bit of everything. There were a few questions but nothing too technical. Polly covers the ground, so I took it steady and took all the long routes and still ended up with a few time faults - we should have trotted!"



Sue and Bobby

MEET THE TEAM LOUISE REVILL



How long have you been a member of MHRC?

I've only been a member for a month. It was a bit of a whirlwind the week before Sapey as I was already driving my friend (who I have also just got to join up) there to do the unaffiliated so it seemed logical to compete for MHRC when the opportunities arose!

What's your favourite horse activity?

I enjoy the training side. I really look forward to lessons and I love seeing our progress. I have a home bred 4 year old who has just been broken in so it's great to see things from the very beginning to how they are today. Riding him for the first time was very special as I bred his mother too from my old mare who was my first horse.

And your least favourite?

Has to be poo picking g paddocks, filling hay nets and emptying the lorry, especially after a stay away show

Have you competed with MHRC before?

I did compete for Malvern a few years ago on a mare I had on loan, it was dressage at badminton but I think she was made for hunting and nothing else so we didn't trouble the top 20!

Tell us about your horse?

Joey, or May Star Joey is a 12 year old Danish part bred. He is by Puzzles Star Struck out of a May Sherif mare. I brought him from a dealer 5 years ago. When I saw his passport, I realised he was a foal I had wanted to purchase when he was weaned, but when I got to view him as one of a

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AREA STYLE JUMPING QUALIFIER



Jodie and Trixie

On the 27th June, we sent one senior team to Rectory Farm for the Area 18 Style Jumping Qualifier. This is a unique BRC event, where riders are marked on how the ride their round rather than how well they do.

The team of Jodie Powell on Blean-gloos Black Diamond, Lauren Philpotts on JJ, Camilla Esling on Black Magic and Jo Jeynes on Duke of Spain, did brilliantly and were placed 6th. Lauren also won an individual 3rd place.



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CLINIC REMINDER

We have loads of exciting opportunities for members to take part in ridden clinics, but please remember that we are all volunteers. We organise events alongside our full time jobs and own horse lives. Sadly, we have had a few issues lately, so please can everyone read these gentle reminders to make sure everything runs smoothly.

- * Please make sure you put your name down for the correct group and make sure that you are happy/competent to ride at this level.
- * If you have to pull out of a clinic, please let the ORGANISER know as soon as possible (not the instructor, venue or miscellaneous Facebook messages!) - phone numbers are on the front of the newsletter.
- * If you have to pull out less than 48 hours before a clinic, you will still have to pay for your space, unless we can fill it from a waiting list or you can provide a vet or doctors note.
- * We aim to send a reminder e-mail a few days before the clinic, but it is your responsibility to remember what you have asked to take part in.
- * Payment must be received before the clinic takes place.
- * We prefer payment by Paypal, but please help us by picking the correct date that you are paying for.
- * BACS payment is ok, but again, please make it very clear what clinic you are paying for and the name of the rider if your account name is different.

THANK YOU ☺

BHS RIDEATHON

Name	TOTAL
Sue Moger	96.6
Caroline Bates	10.2
Grace Jenkins	9.8
TOTAL	116.6

MHRC are taking part in this year's Rideathon, which raises money to provide off-road tracks for horse riders and

maintain the existing bridleway network. The challenge is to ride 70km by the end of October, and we've already smashed that target.

To take part, log how far you ride on your hacks and keep us up to date with your total. Then encourage your friends and family to donate to the cause at our JustGiving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/malvern-hills-riding-club>



JULY CHALLENGE: To do your favourite hack in Fancy Dress (please keep safe while doing so!)

Share the post on our FaceBook Page ... the more money raised the more elaborate the costume!

CONGRATULATIONS



To member Jacqueline Klee, who married Mr Graham Potts on 2nd July.

THANK YOU

To Katherine Jones, who is stepping down from the MHRC committee to concentrate on her exciting new Equestrian Coaching Business. We appreciate all the help you have given us during these trying couple of years.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO JESS NEVIN & ERNIE

Their 2nd place at the Chillington Area Festival meant they have qualified for the grassroots Championships at Badminton 2022.

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pair, he had already been sold. He went down to Sussex and Essex before he came back up to Worcestershire, where I got him - so it feels a bit like fate!

What are his likes?

Joe loves his best mates Mitch and Finn but also Dax the yard dog who he likes to lick!

And dislikes?

He dislikes lorries vans and fence judges cars!

What did you think of the venue?

I've been to Sapey many times before and always found it to be a fair course with great grass cover.

What time did you get up on show day?

We had a 5.30 get up that morning as it's just about an hour away from our base in Pershore.

Is there anyone you'd like to thank?

There are so many people to thank but especially Anna Collins, Anna Millington, Nick Lawson, Hannah Jackson, Marie Ryan, farrier Clive James, vets at MBG, Andrea Pole physio and also my parents who have kept me going

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SENIOR COMBINED

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2nd	Julie Jeffes and Barrybeg Cruise	70
3rd	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	65
4th	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	60
5th	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	40
	Megan Harper and Strawberry Hill	40

JUNIOR COMBINED

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2nd	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	5

SENIOR JUMPING

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15th July 2021

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18th July 2021

- Area Dressage Qualifier @ Lower House Farm, Aston Muns-low

20th July 2021

- Flatwork Clinic with Nick Lawson @ Hillview Arena

21st July 2021

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Esther Bowness and Polly at the Area Horse Trials Qualifier



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Wow - July has definitely thrown everything at us - what a month! From scorching record temperatures, to torrential rain and thunderstorms - but our riders have risen to the challenge, whether its competing for the club or taking part in training sessions. It was hard to know whether you would be riding in the sauna or the swimming pool!

It's also surprising to realise that this month also saw the end of the official BRC Summer season for our Area, with the last two qualifiers taking place only a week apart. But that does mean that Championship season is just around the corner - Wahoo!! The next couple of months look like being epic for the club ... I can't wait 😊. And, of course, there's still the Mercian team competitions to keep us busy while we wait for the Winter season to start!

Until next time, Caroline

AREA 18 SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER



Sophie and Jubilee

It was a rather hot, humid and rain filled day as the club set off to Cleeve Prior for the Area Show Jumping Qualifier. And quite fun, with this being the first time a lot of horses had jumped on grass in a while!

The 70cm was the first class of the day, with the MHRC Committee team coming a close second behind the West Oxon team, with Camilla just beating her Mum in the individual competition for a 5th and 6th.

In the 80 class, our team was unplaced and Sophie came 4th individually. But in the Junior section, Oly

romped home for a convincing win and qualification for the National Championships in September.

Mixed 70cm Team

Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe
Camilla Esling and Black Magick
Chris Esling and HalfnHalf
Sophie Hooper and Jubilee Express

Senior 80cm Team

Sophie Hooper and Jubilee Express
Jo Jeynes and Duke of Spain
Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond

Junior 80cm Individual

Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes

Senior 90cm Individual

Julie Jeffes and Barrybeg Cruise

Senior 100cm Individual

Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker
Cindie Bunce and Dreambreaker

MERCIAN DRESSAGE TO MUSIC

On 11th July, we sent a team to compete in the Mercian DTM at Kings Equestrian, run by the Shropshire South Riding Club. The team was made up of Sara Stephenson on Lliedi Susan, Camilla Esling on Black Magick and Sue Lidbetter on Mai. Weirdly, all three of our riders came 4th in their class, which secured the team 5th and added some more points to our club league total.

“It was a lovely sunny day on 11th July when Shropshire South Riding Club hosted the Mercian dressage to music at Kings,” reports Sara, “The competition was very well run at a super venue. It was so nice to see Camilla and Suzanne, who were the other team members, and Jodie and all our supporters.

Our music began echoing around the indoor arena and we started. Music for Suzy and me - what could be better? Plus an added bonus, no one knows if you make an error of course! It was great fun and I had a lovely day. Thank you everyone.”



Sue and Mai

MEET THE TEAM *Oliver Hooper*

How long have you been a member of MHRC?

4 years

What's your day job?

School!

What's your favourite horsey activity?

Jumping

And your least favourite?

Cleaning tack

Have you competed with MHRC before?

Yes.

Tell us about your horse?

Blue Suede Shoes, or Fat Elvis, is a 13 year old, 15hh, Welsh x gelding.

How long have you owned your horse?

He belongs to Rosie Clare, but we have loaned him for a year and a half.

What are his likes?

Food

And dislikes?

Diets

What was the best bit about the day?

Winning for Mum on her birthday.

Is there anyone you'd like to thank?

Mum (and Nanny!)



Oliver and Elvis

MHRC DRESSAGE SHOW



After weeks of torrential rain showers, we were hugely lucky at our Dressage Show on 10th July, with a warm, if slightly muggy, day. MHRC members were on top form and not only won all six classes, but took all places in each class - a brilliant result.

INTRO C: OPEN

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|------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1st: | Lou Cole | Roo |
| | (pictured bottom right) | |
| 2nd: | Jo Jeynes | Duke of Spain |
| 3rd: | Annabel McCourt | Wenceslaus |
| 4th: | Rose Chugg-Martin | Tregaire Tiger Lily |
| 5th: | Di Symonds | Jeeves |
| 6th: | Suzanne Lidbetter | Mai |

PRELIM 2: RESTRICTED

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|------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1st: | Rose Chugg-Martin | Tregaire Tiger Lily |
| | (pictured top centre) | |
| 2nd: | Natalie Smith | Coco Bean |
| 3rd: | Sophie Hooper | Jubille Express |
| 4th: | Di Symonds | Jeeves |
| 5th: | Jo Jeynes | Duke of Spain |
| 6th: | Suzanne Lidbetter | Mai |

PRELIM 2: OPEN

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|------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1st: | Lydia Webster | Flashmans Lad |
| | (pictured top left) | |
| 2nd: | Camilla Esling | Black Magick |
| 3rd: | Beth Ingram | Lacey |
| 4th: | Caroline Rees | Fred |
| 5th: | Jessica Nevin | Carnsdale Dun Vision |
| 6th: | Claire Pollock | Donnie |

PRELIM 18

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|------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1st: | Tracey Haines | Little Blue Paint Works |
| | (pictured bottom centre) | |
| 2nd: | Rachel Bullock | Senator |



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| 3rd: | Camilla Esling |
| 4th: | Beth Ingram |
| 5th: | Pip Webster |
| 6th: | Caroline Rees |

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| Black Magick |
| Lacey |
| Flashmans Lad |
| Fred |

NOVICE 30

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|------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1st: | Megan Harper | Strawberry Hill |
| | (pictured top right) | |
| 2nd: | Tracey Haines | Little Blue Paint Works |
| 3rd: | Sarah Limbrick | Myshall Buffy |
| 4th: | Vickie Watkins | Dancing Spirit |

ELEMENTARY 50

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|------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1st: | Stella Bunn | Renkum Electric Zed |
| | (pictured bottom left) | |
| 2nd: | Luan Crawford | Merkur |
| 3rd: | Sarah Garton-Jones | Lola |
| 4th: | Megan Harper | Mr Beatle |
| 5th: | Vickie Watkins | Dancing Spirit |

Full results, including Leaderboard updates, can be checked out on our website.

A huge thank you to our judge, Kate Jones, who stepped in last minute when our original judge was taken ill three days beforehand. Also to Linda Kemp and Chris Esling, who stewarded and did refreshments throughout the day, and to Sophie Hooper for hosting us at Hillview..

Our next show is on October 10th and is the last chance to earn points towards qualification for our Christmas Championship show in December. It's also a great practice for anyone who wants to run through the tests that will be used for the Area Qualifier later on in the same month. Entries close on the Tuesday before the competition **OR EARLIER IF ALL SLOTS ARE FULL**, so enter in plenty of time to avoid disappointment.

AREA 18 DRESSAGE & RIDING TEST QUALIFIER



Rose and Lily

On one of the hottest days of the year, the club set up for the wilds of Shropshire to compete in the Summer Dressage Qualifier. Everyone did marvelously to cope not only with the weather, but the rather angry bees who were a bit perplexed to find their meadow invaded by lorries, people and horses.

We had four teams competing and as the results started to come in, we realised that we had done rather well. Both the Senior and Junior Riding Test teams won, and gained qualifications for the National Championships. Our Senior Open Team

narrowly missed out to come 2nd, while our Senior Prelim team were 3rd, and will hopefully get a qualification for the South Wales and West Regional Championships in August. In the teams, both Caroline and Vicky won their tests, and Holly was 2nd, which should also get them to the Nationals.

We also had a number of individuals competing. In the Senior Intro, Jo and Caroline both scored EXACTLY the same, which caused a few head scratches in the scorers tent. But eventually they were both awarded 1st place and a Nationals qualification. In the Junior Intro, Rose came a close second, while in the other prelim classes, sisters Isabella and Gabriella both gained a qualification with their 1st and 2nd places.

"I had a brilliant day for my first time representing the club at the Area Dressage," said Rose, "I was a bit nervous as I've only ridden through a test on grass once and this was only my second dressage competition, but Lily was amazing and looked after me. I think she was a bit disappointed when she realised there were no jumps! My first test was Intro C, I was first to go and we tried our best. We then had the Riding test and it was so nice that Isabella and Gabriella came over to say hello and good luck before our test, as we were in a team together. Some members from the Senior Team came to watch too and it was so nice to have everyone supporting us it made me feel less nervous. Our riding test went well and I was definitely ready for an ice lolly. We went to look at the results and we came second in both tests, as our team mates were first and third it meant we had qualified for the Championships. I'm so excited as I've never been to a show far away or stayed away with Lily. Thank you to everyone who let us have a go and were so supportive, I can't wait until September!"

"I thought the competition was really well run," reported Isabella, "and the people running it were really friendly. I thought that both tests went well, considering the boiling hot weather. It was also my first ever time doing a riding test, so it was a great experience. "



Blue and Tracey



Esther and Polly

RUNNERS AND RIDERS

SENIOR PRELIM TEAM = 3rd

- P2: 1st = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe
 P12: 3rd = Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond
 P14: 5th = Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady
 P18: 4th = Camilla Esling and Black Magick

SENIOR OPEN TEAM = 2nd

- N24: 1st = Vicky Watkins and Dancing Spirit
 N28: 2nd = Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker
 N39: 7th = Tracey Haines and Little Blue Paint Works
 E40: 4th = Julie Jeffes and Hederfield Smokey Joe

SENIOR RIDING TEST TEAM = 1st

- P13: 3rd = Camilla Esling and Black Magick
 P13: 6th = Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond
 N24: 2nd = Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker
 N24: 6th = Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady

JUNIOR RIDING TEST TEAM = 1st

- P2: 1st = Isabella Thomas and Paddy
 P2: 2nd = Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger-Lily
 P13: 3rd = Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki

INDIVIDUALS

- IC: 1st (equal) = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe / Jo Jeynes and Duke of Spain
 IC: 2nd = Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger-Lily
 P18: 2nd = Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki
 N24: 1st = Isabella Thomas and Paddy

ARE YOU PART OF OUR FACEBOOK COMMUNITY?

If not, please consider following
our page ...

- Get updates and results from all club events
- Find out about last minute clinic or team places
- See and share photos from club events and clinics
- See the latest updates from Headquarters

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Little Blue Paint Works also has this to say, "So mum and I have recently joined Malvern Hills Riding club. On the hottest day of the year we travelled to Ludlow (thank you so much to Chris Esling for taking me) to join the open team . Mum felt a bit out of her depth as it was a tricky test with movements we hadn't done before . But with words of



Camilla and Bertie

encouragement from Stella and the Eslings, we did indeed go and what a lovely time we had with the team finishing second . Everyone was so friendly and I loved going with my new pal Bertie. Mum took her camera and tried to get around all the MHRC tests but missed a few. The club did amazing well and some beautifully ridden tests. Thank you so much everyone for making us so welcome we have put our names down to represent the team



Gabriella and Rafiki

ongoing now . Until the next time and wishing all the qualifiers for the champs the very best of luck."

IN THE RIBBONS

Congratulations to our members who have been out and about and smashing it this month.

MEGAN HARPER = 4th @ Barbury Castle BE ODE

ISABELLA THOMAS = 1st @ Burrows Court BD DR

KAREN WITHERS = 8th @ BD Area Festival

ZOE RYAN = 5th @ Ace Eventer Challenge

ANNABEL MCCOURT = 3rd @ Hartpury BS SJ

TRACEY HAINES = 1st @ Kings BD DR

ELLIE BURTON = 4th @ Allenshill SJ

JODIE POWELL = 3rd @ Hillview DR

JENNY YOUNG = 3rd @ Allenshill SJ



Well done to Pip Webster and Flashmans Lad, who were awarded the Supreme Champion at the Ace Showing Show.

E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE

JULY 2021

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this months RC Online league.

Oops—I missed a result from last months list. Sarah Harker and Rosebud were 10th in the Prelim class.

PRELIM

1st = Sarah Harker and Rosebud

4th = Laura Bennet and It's All About Me

6th = Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn

10th = Luan Crawford and Catano

19th = Elinor Lloyd and Cila

NOVICE

1st = Isabella Thomas and Paddy

ELEMENTARY

1st = Luan Crawford and Merkur

(if I have missed anyone off these results, please let me know - they don't state the club name, so I might not spot your entry!)

If you would like to enter the League, check out our website for a copy of the schedule, or go to E-Riders.com to find out more. The closing date for entries is the 28th of each month and videos must be uploaded to either Facebook or YouTube by the end of the month.

BHS RIDEATHON

Name	TOTAL
Sue Moger	182.7
Grace Jenkins	17.9
Caroline Bates	15.6
TOTAL	216.2

MHRC are taking part in this year's Rideathon, which raises money to provide off-road tracks for horse riders and maintain the existing bridleway network. The challenge is to ride 70km by the end of October, and we've already smashed that target.

To take part, log how far you ride on your hacks and keep us up to date with your total. Then encourage your friends and family to donate to the cause at our JustGiving Page

PEPPER POT LEAGUE TABLES 2021

Here are the top riders in each of the 2021 Leagues - for the full league tables, check out our website.

SENIOR OVERALL LEAGUE

1st	Camilla Esling and Black Magick	410
2nd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	295
3rd	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	285
4th	Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan	260
5th	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	220
6th	Luan Crawford and Catana	200
7th	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	195
	Luan Crawford and Merkur	195

JUNIOR OVERALL LEAGUE

1st	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	610
2nd	Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki	315
3rd	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	270
4th	Gabriella Thomas and Larkhall Mickey	155
5th	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	115
6th	Florence Bradbury and Sunnystone the Highwayman	80
7th	Tiggy Manning and Killongford Benny	75
8th	Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes	40

SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Camilla Esling and Black Magick	345
2nd	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	240
3rd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	195
4th	Luan Crawford and Catana	190
5th	Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai	170

JUNIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	610
2nd	Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki	315
3rd	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	170
4th	Gabriella Thomas and Larkhall Mickey	155
5th	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	110

SENIOR COMBINED

1st	Louise Revill and Maystar Joey	75
2nd	Julie Jeffes and Barrybeg Cruise	70
3rd	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	65
4th	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	60
5th	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	40
	Megan Harper and Strawberry Hill	40

JUNIOR COMBINED

1st	Felix Westgate-Wilton and Tronto	25
2nd	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	5

SENIOR JUMPING

1st	Camilla Esling and Black Magick	65
2nd	Sophie Hooper and Jubilee Express	60
3rd	Chris Esling and HalfnHalf	45
4th	Lauren Philpotts and JJ	40

JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes	40
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WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT

For the latest schedules, times and future events, please go to www.malvernhillsriddingclub.com

1st August 2021

- MHRC Fun Day @ Valley View Ranch, Ullingswick

3rd August 2021

- Polework Clinic with Sophie Parkin Clinic @ Marlbrook Equestrian

5th August 2021

- Jumping Clinic with Jo Winfield @ Hillview Arena

6th - 8th August 2021

- BRC Horse Trials Championships @ Swalcliffe Park Equestrian, Banbury, Oxfordshire

8th August 2021

- Mercian Combined Training @ Gracelands Equestrian Centre

10th August 2021

- Polework Clinic with Sophie Parkin Clinic @ Marlbrook Equestrian

12th August 2021

- Jumping Clinic with Jo Winfield @ Hillview Arena

17th August 2021

- Polework Clinic with Sophie Parkin Clinic @ Marlbrook Equestrian

19th August 2021

- Jumping Clinic with Jo Winfield @ Hillview Arena

21st August 2021

- Arena Eventing Clinic with Karen Nicholas @ Lincomb Equestrian

21st August 2021

- South West and Wales Riding Clubs Regional Championship, Hartpury College

22nd August 2021

- Mercian Hunter Trials and Style Jumping @ Ace Cross-Country

24th August 2021

- Polework Clinic with Sophie Parkin Clinic @ Marlbrook Equestrian

26th August 2021

- Jumping Clinic with Jo Winfield @ Hillview Arena

28th August 2021

- Flatwork Clinic with Steph Woolley @ Marlbrook Equestrian

28th August 2021

- E-Riders Online Riding Club Dressage League (closing date)

28th August 2021

- BHS Rideathon Monthly Update and Challenge

4th - 5th September 2021

- BRC National Championships @ Lincolnshire Showground

5th September 2021

- Mercian Show Jumping, Tumpy Green Equestrian, Dursley

9th September 2021

- Mini Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview Arena

COVER PHOTO:

**Isabella and Paddy at a rather hot Area
Dressage**



MHRC NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2021

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Mercian Style Jumping



EDITOR'S BIT

Wow! What a jam packed issue this month. I always like to fit things on 6 pages, 7 just seems a bit wrong somehow, but no matter how I squeezed it all in, your exploits for the club just weren't going to fit in.

As there is no space elsewhere, I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the support given to our Fundraiser on the 27th. Many of you had boots, donated cakes or came along to have a mooch. A special thank you to Linda Medcalf, Emily and Ellie Watkins, who did a brilliant job manning the main gate; to Alison Burton, car parker extraordinaire; Di Symonds for selling off the cakes, and Camilla Esling for a grand job running the jump auction. We still have a few bits of equipment to sell off, and that will be appearing online during September, but at the moment we have a nice little pot of funds to plow back into the club next year. Plans are already afoot, so watch this space ☺

On which note, please don't panic if the committee are slow to respond to you this coming weekend (3rd-5th Sept) - with 5 of us riding/attending the National Championships, we might be harder to get hold of than usual. We haven't spent the jump money on a nice trip to the Seychelles ☺☺☺

Until next time, Caroline

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MHRC FUN DAY 2021



The first ever MHRC Fun day was held on 1st August at Valley View Ranch, Ullingswick. Many of you will know the venue under its previous incarnation of Tack Farm. We were really lucky with the weather, as despite the torrential rain beforehand, we had a lovely, sunny, day to enjoy. Unfortunately, this did mean we couldn't park the lorries on the field next to where we were riding, but the short walk back and forth gave everyone a bit of chill out time away from the action. On arrival, everyone received their Goody Bag, full of treats for horse and rider, grooming stuff and a few other bits and bobs, plus the all important Fun Day polo shirt.



First on the agenda was a flatwork lesson with Lucy Goodman. Lucy is a BD recognized coach, who trains with David and Serena Pincus, while competing her own mare up to Prix St George. Her sessions focused on drill riding (which some of us hadn't done in a VERY long time), with a introduction to some basic lateral work.

Then it was either a cross-country lesson, or polework session, with Jo Winfield. Jo is a fellow of the BHS, an accredited coach and an assessor for the BHS, while also being a regular trainer with the club. Whether it was over solid fences, or poles on the ground, she focused on rhythm, straightness of approach and working safely in an open area. Jo focuses a lot on the psychology of the rider and there were plenty of discussion on how to conquer nerves and make the most out of each session.

The last sessions were back in the arena for a jumping lesson with Richard Evans, who has judged for the club, but never taught. He has competed up to Advanced level Eventing and is highly involved in training and bringing on young horses. Again, approach and rhythm were the focus of the lesson, with a lot of jumping from trot to make sure the rider's position was correct.



Halfway through the day, we stopped for an excellent lunch in the Wild West themed pavilion. A lovely mix of sandwiches, salads, pasta and nibbly bits, with the all important cake to follow, made sure we were all nicely stuffed for the afternoon.

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MERCIAN COMBINED TRAINING

On the 8th August, Alvechurch RC hosted a Combined Training competition as part of the Mercian League, at Gracelands Equestrian Centre in Droitwich.

In the 70cm class, we sent a team of Rose Chugg-Martin on Tregaire Tiger Lily, Pip Webster on Flashmans Lad and Natalie Smith on Coco Bean. They had a fab day, coming 2nd, 3rd and 6th respectively, so they were crowned overall winners of the class.

In the 80cm, Sue Peckham on Solis and Allison Haynes on Jack joined up with a member of Wyvern riding club to form a team. Although no individual places, the team came in 4th overall.

"I thoroughly enjoyed competing for MHRC with Flashman's Lad in the Mercian Combined Training at Gracelands on 8 August," said Pip, "The car park was jam packed on arrival but somehow Rose and I managed to park next to each other. We didn't find our 3rd team member, Natalie Smith, until later, but having warmed up - on the less than perfect paddock surface - I followed Rose in the Prelim



Rose, Pip and Natalie - winning team

2 arena. Remembered the test and felt it was reasonably good, although the old chestnut of 'need more elastic contact' made a regular appearance on the test sheet! Our arena was behind time so it was a rapid turnaround for the SJ - no time to change bit and completely forgot Lad's boots! Quick warm up and straight in, again following Rose. Delighted with Lad's clear in a fairly quick time (for us) and then met up with Natalie and Rose to find we had all gone clear - fantastic! Rose, her mother Eloise and her granny kindly stayed for results and messaged us the good news - team 1st and all individually placed. It was great to meet two other MHRC members at a very friendly event. "

NEW FOR 2021

MHRC BRANDED 'EARS'

*** ONLY £15 ***

Navy with yellow logo and white edging

Available in Pony, Cob and Full

We won't be keeping a large stock of these and will only be having them printed to order, so they might take a bit of time to get to you.

Contact Linda or order through the website.



MEET THE TEAM

Natalie Smith

How long have you been a member of MHRC?

A long time - I can't actually remember!

What's your day job?

Solicitor (when I ever get a chance to work!)

What's your favourite horsey activity?

Cross-Country

And your least favourite? Stressage

Have you competed with MHRC before?

Yes, but not for a long time - so exciting, but nerve wracking, to be back on a horse I do not get consistent results on.

Tell us about your horse?

Coco Bean (or Bean Bag), a 7 year old, 16hh gelding of unknown breeding.

How long have you owned your horse?

We've just had our 1 year anniversary.

What are his likes?

Cuddles, carrots and Bambi

And dislikes?

Other horses at a competition, and Polos!

What did you think of the venue?

Love Gracelands.

How early did you get up on show day?

7am, courtesy of Maddie - I have no choice!

What was the best bit about the day?

Finding my team mates after I had jumped and finding out we had all jumped clear.

Who did you have on your support crew, and is there anyone you'd like to thank?

Martin was home herding children so I had gone alone and we only all found each other after we had competed. Well done to Pip and Rose who made up for my awful test to gain us a team first.



BRC HORSE TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS



The weekend of the 6th to the 8th August saw the club heading off to Swalcliffe for the BRC Horse Trials Championship. We had five riders representing MHRC - on Friday it was the Senior 80 team of Jodie Powell on Bleanagloos Black Diamond, Julie Jeffes on Bar-rybeg Cruise, Esther Bowness on Blackwater Grey Lady and Louise Revill on Maystar Joey, then on Sunday it was Holly Chivers on Drip-shill Dreammaker riding as an individual in the Open 100. Just getting to a National Championship is an honour in itself, but everyone also when one step further and brought home some rosettes, with the 80 team placed 10th (6th in the 'All Four Scores To Count' competition) and Holly was placed 8th.

NAME:	Esther Bowness
HORSE SHOW & STABLE NAME:	Blackwater grey Lady (Polly)
Was this the first time you have competed at a BRC Championship?	Yes and very excited to have got here !
What was the best thing about the weekend?	Qualifying with such a great bunch of people and as I was on my own this was a great relief that we all helped each other. The 3am start however was not so good :-)
What did you have to do in your class?	Dressage Test (which is our least favourite bit) Show Jumping and then XC - The aim of which is to keep the score as low as possible!
What did you think of the venue and the atmosphere?	Great Atmosphere but the fact that we were on first for the dressage meant that we didn't have time to worry about any nerves.
How did your horse cope being at such a big event?	She coped amazingly she is such a cool customer and even when we had to have the farrier as she had part pulled a shoe in the SJ warm up she just stood like a lamb.
Is there anyone you'd like to thank?	Camilla Esling for being a fabulous groom , my family for all their support as I couldn't compete like I do without them and MHRC for making this all possible
And lastly, in only 10 words, sum up your experience?	Fabulous Course Amazing Horse and wonderful team mates - Loved every second !! (That's 11 oops !)



Chris and Caroline - looking official ☺

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who stepped up over the weekend to volunteer their time to BRC - we had fence judges, stewards and dressage writers on site every day. We hugely exceeded the amount of helpers we HAD to send in order for the team to compete, which means MHRC has a nice gold star at HQ.



PHOTOS:

Top Left: Julie and Barry
 Top Middle: Holly and Jester
 Top Right: Louise and Joey
 Bottom Right: Esther and Polly
 Bottom Left: Jodie and Trixie



MERCIAN HUNTER TRIALS & STYLE JUMPING



Zoe and Fug Bug

The last competition this month for the club was held at Ace Cross-Country on 22nd August, where Worcester Riding Club hosted both the Mercian Hunter Trials and the Mercian Style Jumping.

We had one team in each of the Hunter Trial classes.

Our Novice team of Jodie Powell on Gracie, Jo Jeynes on Emily Jane, Caroline Bates on Smokey Joe and Chris Esling on HalfnHalf, were 2nd and our Open team of Jo Jeynes on Duke of Spain, Zoe Ryan on Fug Bug, Lauren Philpotts on JJ and Allison Haynes on Jack were 4th. Jo was 2nd in the 60cm, Chris was 5th in the 70cm and Zoe was 4th in the 80.

We only sent one Style Jumping Team to take part in the 80cm competition. Chris Esling on HalfnHalf, Jo Jeynes on Duke of Spain, Allison Haynes on Jack and Pip Webster on Flashmans Lad made up the team and with four clear rounds, they couldn't be beaten and took the winners rosette. Pip was also crowned the overall winner, with Allison in 2nd and Chris in 3rd.

"I had a great day," said Zoe, "even with the long delays - at least it wasn't raining, haha. I have to say that Ace is a fantastic venue! Easy to get to, friendly volunteers, well presented jumps and great cakes! The course was a little more wiggly than a normal HT course, but great to have steps, water and ditches included within the course."

"Myself and J.J competed in the 90cm Hunter Trial at Ace" said Lauren, "although a little behind schedule, it was a great day and J.J jumped very well, as did my other team members! Looking forward to the next one."

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A few days after the competition, we were contacted by the organisers, who confirmed that there had been an error in how the times were calculated in the Hunter Trial classes. This meant that our 60/70 team finished on the same score as two other clubs, but as we were the only one to have the 4th member finish, MHRC were declared the overall winners! Unfortunately, it dropped our 80/90 cm team from 4th to 5th.

But overall, this puts us in 2nd place in the League, only 3 points behind leaders Hereford RC.



Lauren and JJ

MEET THE TEAM *Allison Haynes*



How long have you been a member of MHRC? Member 3 years, very friendly, well organised club.

What's your day job? Managed to avoid a day job for most of my life. Have held lots of voluntary (unpaid!) positions in my local hunt and my previous riding club but have given them all up now to enjoy competing myself.

What's your favourite horsey activity? Hunting

And your least favourite? Hacking

Have you competed with MHRC before? Yes have competed at Area and Mercian for Malvern Hills. Always found the team support second to none and the organisation spot on. Believe me I know what this takes and admire MHRC committee members for a job well done.

Tell us about your horse? Horse show and stable name are Jack. He doesn't have a fancy name but he should have because he is the best horse in the world. He's 16 (but don't tell him), 15.3hh and half Cleveland Bay. Sire is a Welsh Cleveland bay stallion, can't remember the name

How long have you owned your horse? 8 years

What are his likes? As far as I can tell it's not that he likes anything particularly but he is willing to have a go at anything if I tell him it's ok. He had not schooled in a circle when I had him but he immediately tried to do what I was asking. Similarly he has learnt to jump carefully as we have gradually gone up the heights.

And dislikes? His dislike list is slightly longer, big lorries - anything much above his head, horses coming close to him out hunting when cantering along (I put this down to him hunting with the Beaufort in fields of 200 before I had him where I believe he over developed a sense of self preservation!). The sound of heavy rain on the roof of an indoor school. Occasionally being caught.

What did you think of the venue? Thought venue was good. First visit to Ace. There were a bewildering amount of xc jumps, all flagged (whether in competition or not) so

E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE

AUGUST 2021

Due to deadlines this month (ie. Editor being away at Lincoln ☺), the results from August's E-Riders competition will appear in the next newsletter and Pepper Pot Points will be added to next month's leaderboards.

This is the last month for the Summer League, and MHRC are currently sitting in 2nd place with 272 points, behind Solent RC on 362. Members Gabriella Thomas, Luan Crawford, Kelly Hudson, Sarah Harker, Laura Bennett and Isabella Thomas are all in the top 10 at the four levels of competition - fingers crossed for some lovely League prizes for everyone.

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"It was a great day at Valley View," said Di Symonds, "The venue was perfect, several arenas and a xc course all surrounding the central viewing and refreshment barn. It did mean having a flat work lesson with Jeeves gawping at those on the xc but that was just the excellent practice I needed. The instructors kept everything in a calm atmosphere and it was so well organised by the club. We mingled around with our horses grazing in between sessions and had a splendid buffet lunch."

A huge thank you to everyone who helped - Chris Esling for the lovely food, Camilla Esling and Linda Medcalf for the photography, Ann Bates for the waitressing duties, plus everyone else who picked up poles, picked up poo or gave a hand wherever it was needed. Watch this space - the next one is already being organised.

BHS RIDEATHON

Name	TOTAL
Sue Moger	225.4
Grace Jenkins	29.1
Caroline Bates	23.5
TOTAL	278

MHRC are taking part in this year's Rideathon, which raises money to provide off-road tracks for horse riders and main-

tain the existing bridleway network. The challenge is to ride 70km by the end of October, and we've already smashed that target.

To take part, log how far you ride on your hacks and keep us up to date with your total. Then encourage your friends and family to donate to the cause at our JustGiving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/malvern-hills-riding-club>

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sorting out the course was a challenge when I walked it and the sea of fences when entering a new field on the horse induced a slight panic attack about finding the correct one! The ham roll that the new Ace owners sold me from their catering cabin was excellent.

How early did you get up on show day? Got up at 8am, caught and plaited him. Couldn't stay at home so got to venue 2 hours earlier than necessary!

What was the best bit about the day? Best bit of the day was jumping the last fence of the 90cm course and knowing we had done it successfully.

Who did you have on your support crew, and is there anyone you'd like to thank? I went to the competition on my own with no support crew but the Malvern hills ladies and team members were supportive and friendly. I want to thank Jack for being so wonderful and the trainers Karen Nicholas and William Blane who have helped me over the years with a great deal of patience!

IN THE RIBBONS

Stella Bunn = 2nd @ Kings BD DR
 Lisa Drinkwater = 2nd @ Allenshill BS SJ
 Camilla Esling = 3rd @ Prestige DR
 Karen Kilby = 4th @ Kings BD DR
 Lottie Gilderson = 1st @ Allenshill SJ
 Jodie Powell = 5th @ Allenshill SJ
 Natalie Smith = 5th @ Allenshill BS SJ
 Sara Stephenson = 1st @ Allenshill BD DR

CONGRATULATIONS

Junior members Felix Westgate-Wilton and Isabella Thomas both competed at the NSEA National Championships at Hickstead. Isabella was placed in all five of her dressage classes, and Felix jumped clear to help his teams gain three 6th places.

Annabel McCourt and Rio finished 6th in the ROR Bronze League Final at the British Show Jumping National Championships

Kat Jones and Dotty competed at the ROR National Dressage Championships, placing 6 times including a win at Elementary.

PEPPER POT LEAGUE TABLES 2021

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3rd	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	295
4th	Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan	260
5th	Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad	240
6th	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	230

JUNIOR OVERALL LEAGUE

1st	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	610
2nd	Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki	315
3rd	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	340
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SENIOR DRESSAGE

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2nd	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	240
3rd	Luan Crawford and Catana	200
4th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe Luan Crawford and Merkur	195
6th	Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai	170

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2nd	Julie Jeffes and Barrybeg Cruise	80
3rd	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	75
4th	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	70
5th	Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad	65

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2nd	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	5

SENIOR JUMPING

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2nd	Allison Haynes and Jack	90
3rd	Jo Jeynes and Duke of Spain	80
4th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad	75

JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes	40
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5th September 2021

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9th September 2021

- Mini Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview Arena

11th September 2021

- Polework Clinic with Sophie Parkins @ Marlbrook Equestrian

16th September 2021

- Mini Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview Arena

18th September 2021

- Mercian Arena Eventing @ Gracelands Equestrian Centre

23rd September 2021

- Mini Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview Arena

25th - 26th September 2021

- Area Arena Eventing Qualifier, Lincomb Equestrian, nr Stourport

28th September 2021

- E-Riders Online Riding Club Dressage League (closing date)

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24th October 2021

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COVER PHOTO:

Kelly, Caroline and Sue at the MHRC Fun Day



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EDITOR'S BIT

Well, we know that winter is firmly on its way ... no, not because of increasingly fluffy coats, the smell of clipper oil or the mud slick in every gateway. But because the Great British Bakeoff and Strictly Come Dancing are back on the TV! They're the unofficial countdown to Christmas (yes, I said the 'C' word!) and somehow very comforting after a day with our four legged friends in this lovely weather we're having.

But am I the only one who watches Strictly and ends up thinking about how good a Dressage Freestyle routine could go to that song? It's like my brain automatically translates the excellent timing, elegance and entertainment of the celebrity dances, to how I could bounce around on a draught horse to create the same effect! Not that I think his little legs could move quick enough to some of those jives! I think a nice slow waltz might be just up our street.

And don't get me started on Bake-off ... for the next few weeks it will be the need to try some of the amazing recipes versus the need to still fit into my competition breeches.

Until next time, Caroline

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BRC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The end of the Summer season and the pinnacle of the BRC calendar—it has to be the National Championships held on Lincolnshire Showground. Once again, MHRC were represented, this year in the Senior and Junior Riding Test, Senior Open

Dressage, Senior Prelim Dressage, Junior and Senior Intro Dressage, Junior Dressage and Senior Style Jumping classes. A fantastic result and a great achievement in itself.

SENIOR RIDING TEST

Camilla Esling and Black Magick
Jodie Powell on
Esther Bowness on Blackwater Grey Lady
Holly Chivers on Dripshill Dreammaker

JUNIOR RIDING TEST

Isabella Thomas on Paddy
Garbiella Thomas on Emily Jane
Rose Chugg-Martin on Tregaire Tiger Lily

SENIOR OPEN DRESSAGE

Holly Chivers and Dropshill Dreammaker
Vickie Watkins and Dancing Spirit

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NAME:	Rose Chugg-Martin	Caroline Bates
How long have you been a member of MHRC?	Nine months	Must be over a decade ...
Was this the first time you have competed at a BRC Championship?	Yes	No, I have ridden at the Arena Eventing Championships - we didn't get past fence 3!
What's your day job?	Mummy and Daddy make me go to school!	Quality Assurance Officer at an Animal Nutrition firm in Malvern
If they made a film about your life, who would play you?	Lucky from Spirit!	Probably Dawn French!
What was your first pony called?	Sweetheart, a round, greedy, highly opinionated Dartmoor. We were told she definitely hadn't run with a stallion for a short time and wasn't in foal. She got 'fatter' and mummy was not overjoyed when the vet gave her the news she was going to be a granny. Sweetheart popped out a colt foal we called 'Smartie Pants'. Sadly because she bred such a fantastic foal they went back to stud where she can still be seen on the moors...eating visitors picnics!	Technically, Smokey IS my first pony. I had a couple of ponies on loan when I was younger, then my Dad brought Pepper for my Mum's birthday, even though we both rode him. He was a 16hh, dun gelding and we had him from a five year old, until he had a stroke at 23.
What is your ultimate horsey ambition?	To compete at Olympia and HOYS and to get to go to Lincoln again and win a rug and a sash!	Just to keep having fun and keep moving onwards and upwards. To complete a jumping round inside the time would be awesome too ☺
Your Horse's Show and Stable Name?	Tregaire Tiger Lily (Lily to her stable mates)	Smokey Joe
Age? Height? Breeding? Mare or Gelding?	A 9 year old 13hh piebald cob x mare	16.2hh, British Spotted Sport Pony x Irish Cob, Gelding
How long have you owned your horse?	Two years in November	He's now 12 and I bought him as a 4 month old colt
If your horse was human, who would they be?		Some yobby teenager that was 'known to the police' with a string of ASBOs!
What was it like competing at Lincoln? And what did you think of the venue and atmosphere?	Lincoln was really big, it was my first big competition and my first stay away show so I was a bit nervous. Everyone was really friendly though which made me feel better.	I've been a couple of times before as part of the cheer squad, but this was the first time riding. It was amazing and the atmosphere was electric.
Would you do it again?	Yes definitely!	Hmmm, ask me again this time next year!
What was the best thing about the weekend?	Actually riding both my tests and remembering them both! The Nutella Waffle with cream after was also yummy! The other members being so nice to me was also good. I can't choose!	To be honest, I was still amazed that we'd even qualified in the first place, so everything else was just extra. But winning a rosette was amazing.
What did you have to do in your class?	Mummy said my main aim was to get a 'clear round' in my tests so remembering them both. Oh and she said I had to remember to breathe. I don't think I did that! I wanted to remember everything my instructor told me but it was hard.	I had two Dressage tests to ride - Intro C and Prelim 2.
How did your horse cope being at such a big event?	Lily was amazing, she travelled in Jo's lorry really well then just was totally relaxed, she did what she always does, ate as much as possible!	Rather wired! It's the biggest event he's ever been too and it sparked him up just a tad. We perfected our Levade on the Friday evening hack and he got a bit nappy every time I asked him to leave the competition area. But on the whole, I was really happy with how he coped - bar one little blip, he was actually really good.
Is there anyone you'd like to thank?	A big list! Suzie Matty Pilates for teaching me, Malvern Hills RC members who were so nice and supportive to us at the Champs and my team mates for being so lovely. Also Jo Jeynes for being so kind and bringing Lily up for us in her lorry. Daddy for bringing me and looking after me while mummy was working there and for mucking out Lily. Mummy for all the tack cleaning, poo stain washing, plaiting, trimming, cake making and running round the garden helping me learn my test.	Nick Lawson for putting up with us over the years! Linda Medcalf for being an excellent co-pilot and providing the snacks. Eloise for recording my tests on the day. And all the MHRC peeps for making it such a fun weekend.
Can you sum up the weekend in 10 words?	Amazing, fun, nerve-wracking, welcoming, exciting, tiring, awesome, cool, exhausting!!	Can't believe we were there - fantastic experience and great friends.

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On Saturday, the Seniors competed, with the Riding Test team coming 15th out of the 22 teams competing, with Holly coming 5th individually in her class. Holly also came 2nd in the Open Dressage, as did Vickie, so they both got to attend the mounted prize giving. Caroline also won a 10th rosette in the Intro class. On Sunday, it was the Junior's turn, and they did the club proud. The Riding Test team were 8th, with Rose 9th, Isabella 2nd and Gabriella just outside the rosettes in 11th place. Rose also won a 4th place in the Junior Intro.



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SENIOR STYLE JUMPING

Lauren Philpotts and JJ

SENIOR INTRO DRESSAGE

Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

Jo Jaynes and Duke of Spain

JUNIOR INTRO DRESSAGE

Rose Chugg-Martin on Tregaire Tiger Lily

JUNIOR DRESSAGE

Isabella Thomas on Paddy

Garbiella Thomas on Emily Jane

SENIOR PRELIM DRESSAGE

Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe



MERCIAN SHOW JUMPING

A new venue for Mercian competitions, Tumpy Green hosted the Show Jumping on 5th September, and the club sent one team to compete in the 80cm class. The team of Pip Webster on Flashmans Lad, Alli Haynes on Jack and Zoe Ryan on Fug Bug were 4th, with Alli 3rd and Pip 6th in the individual competition.

I've been coaching clinics for MHRC since the beginning of August and just want to say, how all members have been so lovely and organisers really efficient and helpful. I look forward to more dates with you all.

Sophie Parkin

IN THE RIBBONS

CONGRATULATIONS

- Florence Bradbury = 4th @ Burrows Court BD DR
- Kelly Hudson = 4th @ Allenshill SJ
- Sarah Garton-Jones = 4th @ Hartpury BD DR
- Steph Woolley = 1st @ Hartpury BD DR

Unaffiliated & Schools Equestrian Games Eventing Championships 2021

Congratulations to Ollie Hooper, who was 2nd in the 80cm and Lottie Gilderson, who was 2nd in the 90cm.



** 2022 BRC CHAMPIONSHIPS **

- 11th - 13th March:** Arena Eventing Championships @ Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells, Daventry, Northants, NN1 6RT
- 26th - 27th March:** Novice Winter Championships @ Arena UK, Allington Lane, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG32 2EF
- 22nd - 24th April:** Intermediate Winter Championships @ Bury Farm Equestrian, Slapton, Buckinghamshire, LU7 9BT
- 21st - 22nd May:** Combined Championships @ Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells, Daventry, Northants, NN1 6RT
- 5th - 7th August:** Horse Trials Championships @ Swalcliffe Park Equestrian, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX15 5EX
- tbc August:** South Wales and West of England Regional Championships @ tbc
- 3rd - 4th September:** National Championships @ Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, LN2 2NA
- tbc October:** Dressage to Music and Quadrille Championship @ tbc

RUNNERS AND RIDERS

MERCIAN

Malvern Butterflies

Ellie Burton and Golly Miss Polly

Natalie Smith and Coco Bean

Claire Pollock and Donnie

Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily

Malvern Bumblebees

Camilla Esling and Black Magick

Chris Esling and Half 'N' Half

Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace

Jo Jaynes and Emily Jane

Malvern Ladybirds

Jo Jaynes and Duke of Spain

Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad

Louise Carter and Oliver

Felix Westgate-Wilton and Tronto



Natalie and Coco

getting under a couple of fences we went clear. Watched my team mates in the XC then had a sneaky prosecco (non-alcoholic) with old friend and team mate Louise Carter before results - team 4th and individual 3rd to round off a really good day. Thanks to Caroline for the fab photos and all the friendly, supportive MHRC gang!"

Challenged to sum up the day in a few words, Heather said "Whoops Sat Nav not working!! Lovely supportive Team when it wasn't Felix's day."

The following weekend, it was off to Lincomb for the Area 18 Qualifier. Our 70 team started off the day and were on top form to come 1st - our first qualification for a 2022 Championship! There was also an individual 6th place for Junior rider Gabriella Thomas. In the 80cm competition our team was 6th, with an individual 6th for Esther.

It was Faye's first time representing the club, "I was absolutely thrilled on Saturday - we've only recently joined the club so getting to be part of a team, and then winning was incredible! It was also our first go at proper arena eventing so I was really pleased with our personal performance too - show jumping round went really well and Peaches was just a bit less confident on the cross country jumps which showed in our rhythm and one stop - know what we need to work on! The venue and organisation was top notch which was really help-

Pip and Lad



ARENA EVENTING TAKE TWO

It was back to Gracelands for the Mercian Arena Eventing on 18th September and we sent three teams to compete in the 70cm and 80cm classes. And it was great to see some new faces representing the club. Bromsgrove RC were the hosts and they'd done a great job with the courses - the 'Joker' fence at the end of the cross-country phase was a giant spider, which seemed to frighten more of the riders than the horses!

Our 70 teams were on top form, both ending up on a zero score and only time separating them. The Malvern Butterflies just pipped the Bumblebees to the winning spot. Natalie was 6th in the individual section, with Rose coming 4th after managing an impressive mid-air remount when Lily did a rather unexpectedly large jump at one of the fences. In the bigger class, our team came 4th, with Pip winning an individual 3rd place.

"A great day at Gracelands for the Mercian Arena Eventing," reported Pip, "hot and sunny with lots of MHRC competitors in three teams and Caroline in support with her trusty camera! Good to watch the two 70cm teams doing very well, then came the 80cm as part of the Malvern Ladybirds team. First time I'd worn MHRC XC colours which was great - they were by far the smartest RC colours there - but I maybe a bit biased! As always at Gracelands, showjumping in the indoor arena was a tight and twisty course but Lad was on form and went clear, which I hoped was somewhere near the optimum time. Then straight into the outdoor arena for XC - although the kind chap on the gate at least allowed me to catch my breath (note to self - breathe when jumping!). Again, Lad went well and despite

Faye and Peaches



AREA QUALIFIER

70 Team

Chris Esling and Half 'N' Half

Faye Green and Tempest Peaches

Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace

Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily

70 Individuals

Georgina Viall and Leddington Little Dear

Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane

80 Team

Jo Jaynes and Duke of Spain

Natalie Smith and Coco Bean

Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady

Jess Nevin and Carnsdale Dun Vision

90 Individual

Jess Nevin and Nicky Byrne



Gabriella and Prinnie

E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2021

AUGUST

INTRO 1A

4th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Tilesford Rosina

15th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Llwyngell Enllie Mai

PRELIM 2A

1st = Sarah Harker and Rosebud

3rd = Kelly Hudson and Fronwyn Gwyn

4th = Laura Bennett and It's All About Me / Luan Crawford and Catano

12th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Tilesford Rosina

NOVICE 3a

3rd = Isabella Thomas and Paddy

ELEMENTARY 4a

1st = Luan Crawford and Merkur

The August competition was the end of the Summer Riding Club League, with MHRC ending up in second place behind Solent Riding Club once again. In the Individual Riding Club Leagues, Gabriella Thomas was 7th in the Intro, with sister Isabella winning the Novice League. Luan Crawford was 4th in the Elementary League and also won the Prelim League, closely followed by Kelly Hudson, Sarah Harker and Laura Bennett in 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

SEPTEMBER

INTRO 1B

6th = Emma Cooper and It's All About Alfie

9th = Eleanor Burton and Golly Miss Polly

10th = Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist

11th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Tilesford Rosie

PRELIM 2B

2nd = Sarah Harker and Rosebud

3rd = Laura Bennet and It's All About Me

6th = Kelly Hudson and Fronwyn Gwyn

NOVICE 3B

3rd = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

A new League for the Winter months starts in September and runs through to February 2022. After this month's fantastic results, MHRC are currently in 3rd place behind East Mendip and Solent Riding clubs.



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MEET THE TEAM SARAH HARKER



How long have you been a member of MHRC?

8 months

What's your day job?

Accounts Acting Team Leader at SJL Insurance Services

What's your favourite horsey activity?

Fun rides & Cross Country schooling

And your least favourite?

Falling Off!

Have you competed with MHRC before?

Once for the team online dressage qualifier

Tell us about your horse?

Rosebud, or Rosie, is a 19 year old, 16hh, TB cross

How long have you owned your horse? I

have loaned her for 4 years.

What are her likes?

Anything ridden wise, especially hacking and jumping

And dislikes?

Being groomed & the dreaded clippers!

What did you think of the venue?

Perfect location & very like home...

How early did you get up on show day?

Anytime I wanted!

What was the best bit about the day?

Halting after a good test.

Is there anyone you'd like to thank?

Laura Bennet for all her help and support. Plus her expert filming!

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SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS

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21st - 22nd May

- Combined Championships @ Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells, Daventry, Northants, NN1 6RT

COVER PHOTO: 'The Gang' at Lincoln, taking part in a serious photo shoot for BRC!



MHRC NEWSLETTER

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THIS ISSUE

BRC Dressage to Music
Champs
MHRC Dressage
E-Riders Online Dressage
Mercian Quiz



EDITOR'S BIT

I've had the oddest of months! Over the years, I have had to deal with most of the usual horsey stuff - abscesses, colic, field injuries, lost shoes and those mystery lameness' that just come and go! But, I have never, ever, had to deal with snot ... and copious amounts of it! Kids with colds are bad enough, but I can honestly say I have never seen so much snot being expelled from one creature - either in explosive moments that cover anything (including rider) in a 20 meter radius, or a gentle dribble that conveniently fills up a nose net within a few minutes. And we won't go into the colour in case you are eating. Suffice it to say, it wasn't pleasant. So needless to say I've had a quiet, if expensive, few weeks while Smokey gets over whatever it was that ailed him. It sort of feels as if my Winter had started early, which is never a good thing! And of course, now that the clocks have changed and there's less daylight to ride, he know feels fine - big sigh!

With only a couple of months left of 2021, MHRC also enters its quieter time. There's still plenty going on, but please bear with us as we see what weather and winter throw at us. The website will be updated and we'll send out e-mails as soon as we have news, so remember to keep an eye out for us during the darker months ahead.

Until next time, Caroline

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BRC DRESSAGE TO MUSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS



The last BRC Championship was held from 1st to 3rd of October at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre. Our club Secretary, Camilla Esling, was our sole representative, competing in the Senior Prelim Freestyle on the Sunday, after gaining a wildcard following her 3rd place at the qualifier back in May. In a very tight



competition, her and Bertie came a very respectable 12th place.

NAME: Camilla Esling
HORSES SHOW & STABLE NAME: Black Magick (Bertie)

Was this the first time you have competed at a BRC Championship?

No - I have been to the Lincoln BRC Champs a few times for dressage

What was the best thing about the weekend?

The permanent indoor stabling linked to the indoor arenas during horrid weather!

What did you have to do in your class?

Get from start to finish in the correct places in accordance with my floor plan...in time to the music! Which we did! Our music was originally picked for my old legend Jake but thankfully it suits Bertie too, we danced to the following music; Walk - Jurassic Park Theme; Trot - Pirates of the Caribbean; Canter - Last of The Mohicans.

What did you think of the venue and the atmosphere?

It was my first time to Bury Farm and it was pretty much flooded when we arrived due to the awful weather, but the main indoor was brilliant (and very warm!), and it was nice to have people watching and clapping each other

How did your horse cope being at such a big event?

Bertie behaved beautifully despite this being the biggest occasion he has encountered; there were so many flowers and white boards but he was a star.

Is there anyone you'd like to thank?

Mummy Esling for her all round support and driving the lorry in horrid



weather! Plus Rita & Steph for coming to watch and support

And lastly, in only 10 words, sum up your experience?

I held my breath for the whole 5 minute test!

MERCIAN ROUND UP

The last Mercian team event took place on the 9th October at Perdisswell Leisure centre— not a pony in sight as our two teams battled for glory in the quiz.

It was a fun evening, with plenty of laughs, food and cake. At the half time, the Malvern Muppets of Caroline Bates, Ellie Burton, Jo Jaynes and Alli Haynes were leading by quite a large margin, but it all went a bit wrong in the last couple of rounds and they ended up in 3rd place. Closely followed up by the Malvern Minnows of Alison and Jenny Young, Chris Esling and Alison Burton, for a 4th place.

It was great end to the Mercian year and the club held it's own in the Leagues, winning the Flatwork one and coming close in the others, only missing out on the Overall league by one point!

OVERALL LEAGUE

1st	HEREFORD RC	48
2nd	MALVERN HILLS RC	47

JUMPING LEAGUE

1st	HEREFORD RC	44
2nd	CHELTENHAM RC	36
3rd	ALVECHURCH RC	26
4th	MALVERN HILLS RC	25

FLATWORK LEAGUE

1st	MALVERN HILLS RC	28
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COMBINED LEAGUE

1st	WORCESTER RC	34 (1,1)
2nd	HEREFORD RC	34 (1)
3rd	MALVERN HILLS RC	30.5

To see the complete, full league results, check out the Mercian page on our website - <https://www.malvernhillssridingclub.com/mercian-inter-club-league.html>

MHRC DRESSAGE SHOW



Sara and Suzy

On the 10th October, we held our last Dressage qualifier in the 2021 series, and it was a fabulous day, with a record number of entries. First of, a huge thank you to everyone who helped - Nicki Mundy for judging all day, writers

Jane Osborne and Esther Bowness, stewards Linda Kemp and Alison Young, and Chris Esling for the lovely lunch!

MHRC members were on top form and won 5 out of the 7 classes on the day. Full results can be found on the website, but MHRC results are shown below

Intro A Restricted:

- 1st Grace Jenkins and The Lion Queen
- 2nd Ellie Burton and Golly Miss Polly
- 3rd Alison Young and Blue

Intro A Open:

- 1st Lou Cole and Roo
- 2nd Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily
- 3rd Laura Bennett and Soli
- 4th Annabel McCourt and Sprout
- 5th Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki
- 6th Caroline Rees and Fred / Jo Jaynes and Duke of Spain

Prelim 2 Restricted

- 1st Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes
- 2nd Jo Jaynes and Duke of Spain
- 3rd Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily
- 4th Garbiella Thomas and Prinnie
- 5th Ellie Watkins and Bedazzled

Prelim 2 Open:

- 1st Sara Stephenson and Liedi Susan
- 2nd Lydia Webster and Flashmans Lad
- 4th Laura Bennett and Soli
- 5th Annabel McCourt and Spout
- 6th Pip Webster and Flashmans Lad

Prelim 12:

- 1st Isabella Thomas and Paddy
- 3rd Sara Stephenson and Liedi Susan
- 5th Louise Wild and Chubby
- 6th Camilla Esling and Black Magick

Novice 28:

- 6th Isabella Thomas and Paddy

PYO Novice 24/Elementary 49

- 2nd Luan Crawford and Merkur
- 5th Tracey Haines and Little Blue Paint Works

E-mails have now been sent out to everyone who has qualified for the Championship show in December - closing date for initial entries is **18th November**. After this date, any unclaimed places will be offered as wildcards to the next eligible riders in the league, so make sure you don't lose out and enter now!



Lou and Roo

IN THE RIBBONS

CONGRATULATIONS

- Laura Bennett = 1st @ Allenshill CT
- Rachel Bullock = 1st @ Moores Farm DR
- Stella Bunn = 2nd @ Tumpy Green HT
- Julie Jeffes = 2nd @ Hartpury BD DR
- Sarah Garton-Jones = 4th @ Hartpury BD DR
- Katherine Jones = 1st @ Moores Farm DR
- Lauren Philpotts = 1st @ Allenshill DR
- Natalie Smith = 1st @ Allenshill SJ
- Sara Stephenson = 4th @ Moores Farm DR
- Steph Woolley = 1st @ Hartpury BD DR

Congratulations to E-Riders Sarah Harker, Luan Crawford, Laura Bennett and Kelly Hudson, who were reserve champions in the latest Team Tournament.

Huge Congratulations to **Cindie Bunce** who won the 105/110 Jumping Championships at Rectory Farm.



AREA 18 NOVICE WINTER DRESSAGE QUALIFIER



Jess Nevin and Nicky

The last Area 18 qualifier of 2021 was the Novice Winter Dressage, held at Hartpury on the 24th October. It was a huge, popular competition, with 27 Senior Teams and 2 Junior Teams, and loads of individuals competing throughout the day. MHRC did our bit, by sending 4 teams and a handful of individuals too.

It was a tight competition, but one of our teams, the Malvern Roses, was placed 3rd, just missing out on one of the two Champi-

onship spots. But MHRC will be represented by Isabella Thomas, who won her Prelim class. With lots of 2nd and 3rd places, we now have everything crossed for a few wildcards entries to come our way!

RUNNERS AND RIDERS

Malvern Roses (3rd)

Senior P2	3rd	Sara Stephenson and Lledi Susan
Senior P12	10th	Camilla Esling and Black Magick
Senior N24	3rd	Jess Nevin and Nicky Byrne
Senior N28	15th	Megan Harper and Strawberry Hill

Malvern Lilies

Senior P2	19th	Sue Moger and Ballygill Bob
Senior P12	3rd	Zoe Ryan and Bella 15
Senior N24	16th	Holly Chivers and Dipshill Dreammaker
Senior N28	19th	Lauren Philpotts and JJ

Malvern Daisies

Senior P2	7th	Alex Riches and Mr Darcy
Senior P12	17th	Sue Peckham and Solis
Senior N24	20th	Tracey Haines and Little Blue Paintworks
Senior N28	21st	Megan Harper and Mr Beatle

Malvern Marigolds

Senior P12	23rd	Jo Jeynes and Fashion House
Senior N24	21st	Louise Revill and Maystar Joey
Senior P2	16th	Anna Collins and Mizter Meaner
Senior N28	16th	Julie Jeffes and Barrybeg Cruise

Individuals

Junior P2	1st	Isabella Thomas and Paddy
	6th	Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jayne
Junior N24	2nd	Isabella Thomas and Paddy
Junior IA	2nd	Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki
Senior N24	25th	Sue Moger and Ballygill Bob
Senior IA	6th	Anna Collins and Mizter Meaner
	9th	Jo Jeynes and Fashion House

MEET THE TEAM ISABELLA THOMAS

How long have you been a member of MHRC?

For nearly 2 years

What's your day job?

Final year in secondary school

What's your favourite horsey activity?

Dressage

And your least favourite?

Show Jumping, as it's very stressful!

Have you competed with MHRC before?

Yes

Tell us about your horse?

Paddy is a 14 year old, 14.2hh, Irish Gypsy cob, with an impressive moustache.

How long have you owned your horse?

Nearly three years.

What are her likes?

He will do anything for food.

And dislikes?

He is scared of yard cats.

What did you think of the venue?

It was really nice, but it was quite spooky indoors.

How early did you get up on show day?

We got up at around 5:00, as we had to go pick up Gabbi's pony from Eldersfield before we went.

What was the best bit about the day?

Finding out that we had qualified for the championships. .

Is there anyone you'd like to thank?

I would like to thank my mum for getting everything ready and my dad for driving us there.



Isabella and Paddy, at the Summer Dressage

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E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE

NOVICE 3e

1st = Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie

5th = Camilla Esling and Black Magick

6th = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

PRELIM 2e

3rd = Laura Bennett and It's All About Me

4th = Sarah Harker and Rosebud

INTRO 1e

10th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai

11th = Ellen Southall and Harry / Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie

In the overall Winter League (which runs from September 2021 to February 2022), the club is currently lying in 3rd place behind Solent RC and the East Mendip RC.

If you would like to enter the League, check out our website for a copy of the schedule, or go to E-Riders.com to find out more. The closing date for entries is the 28th of each month and videos must be uploaded to either Facebook or YouTube by the end of the month. Rosettes are awarded to 10th place and everyone gets some sweets. There are also end of League rosettes on offer.

FLU VAC RULE CHANGES



BRC have recently announced a change to the Flu Vaccination

rules. With the current level of infection significantly reduced, they have decided to remove the need for a booster jab within 6 months and 21 days of a qualifier or championship.

However, horses must have had a vaccination in the preceding 12 months and the initial course must be correct, as per section G7 of the rulebook.

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Jess said, "It was a great day and I even managed to remember what I thought was quite a confusing test!"

While for Zoe, "It was my first time competing in the Area 18 DR Qualifier and it was so well run and a great experience. Fug and I managed to come away with a 3rd in the Prelim 12 with a score of 69.63 % and our team came 18th overall I believe. This was only Fug's 3rd attempt of a prelim test and her first time at Hartpury, so I was over the moon with how she performed and handled competing in their international arena."



Zoe and Fug Bug



British Riding Clubs

Tuesday 23rd
November 2021

2021
AGM

19:30 for 20:00
start

**BRC
AREA 18
LIAISON
GROUP**



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TO INCLUDE
* Review of 2021 *
* 2022 Dates *
* Presentation of Horse
Trials Trophies *
* Quiz *

**ALL MEMBERS OF AN
AREA 18 CLUB ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Carvery and Pudding
BRC Members: £6
Non-members: £11

**ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID
FOR IN ADVANCE**

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Sort code: 40 47 17.
Account no 41600303.
Please use the reference AGM
and club name if it's from a
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<https://www.brcarea18.co.uk/training.html>

PEPPER POT LEAGUE TABLES 2021

Here are the top riders in each of the 2021 Leagues - for the full league tables, check out our website.

SENIOR OVERALL LEAGUE

1st	Camilla Esling and Black Magick	500
2nd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	395
3rd	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	355
4th	Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad	325
5th	Sara Stephenson and Liedi Susan	315
6th	Chris Esling and HalfnHalf	240
7th	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	235
	Luan Crawford and Merkur	235

JUNIOR OVERALL LEAGUE

1st	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	760
2nd	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	480
3rd	Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki	330
4th	Gabriella Thomas and Larkhall Mickey	155
5th	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	115
6th	Florence Bradbury and Sunnystone the Highwayman	80
7th	Tiggy Manning and Killongford Benny	75

SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Camilla Esling and Black Magick	400
2nd	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	300
3rd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	255
4th	Luan Crawford and Merkur	235
5th	Luan Crawford and Catana	225

JUNIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	760
2nd	Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki	350
3rd	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	210
4th	Gabriella Thomas and Larkhall Mickey	155
5th	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	110

SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS

1st	Natalie Smith and Coco Bean	115
	Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad	115
3rd	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	100
4th	Louise Revill and Maystar Joey	85
5th	Julie Jeffes and Barrybeg Cruise	80

JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS

1st	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	170
2nd	Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane	15
3rd	Georgina Viall and Bambi	5
	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	5

SENIOR JUMPING

1st	Chris Esling and HalfnHalf	165
2nd	Allison Haynes and Jack	140
3rd	Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad	110
4th	Jo Jeynes and Duke of Spain	80

JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes	40
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WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT

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

6th—7th November 2021

- Area 18 Training with Tom McEwen @ Solihull Riding Club

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5th - 7th August 2022

- Horse Trials Championships @ Swalcliffe Park Equestrian, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX15 5EX

tbc August 2022

- South Wales and West of England Regional Championships @ tbc

3rd - 4th September 2022

- National Championships @ Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, LN2 2NA

tbc October 2022

- Dressage to Music and Quadrille Championship @ tbc

**COVER PHOTO: Camilla and Bertie @
The DTM Championships**



MHRC NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2021

THIS ISSUE

MHRC Jumping Show
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BHS Rideathon



EDITOR'S BIT

I have to admit that I quite like this time of year.

Yes, you have to ignore frozen equipment, cancelled shows, flooded stables, muddy paths, scraping windshields, layers of thermals and batteries going in your head torch just as you've got a headcollar halfway on. But I think it's actually quite exciting. The end of one year just brings about the start of the next, with all the planning and scheduling that brings about. On the club front, it may seem a little quiet, with reduced clinics to fit in with weather and daylight, and few chances to compete, but rest assured we're as busy in the background as ever. There's more news on that further in, but please do keep an eye on the website and Facebook, as dates get confirmed quickly at this time of year. We already have some Area qualifiers confirmed and BRC have put out the dates of their Championships in 2022, so already something to aim for.

But if you prefer to look back, rather than forward, then the next newsletter will be our supersized 'Review of the Year' and we love to receive contributions from as many members as possible. You can e-mail me your photos, reports, news and gossip any time between now and the end of the year to be included.

And if that wasn't enough, Christmas is just around the corner too 😊

Until next time, Caroline

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MHRC JUMPING SHOW



Jenny and Blue



Elinor and Cila



Annabel and Rio

The club held our inaugural Members Only Fun Jumping show on 7th November at Hillview Arena. With classes starting at 50cm cross-poles, right up to 1m, there was something for everyone to have a go at. It was great to see everyone entering into the spirit of the day, with lots of support for the competitors, mucking in to help run the event, as well as the usual laughs and giggles.

50cm

- 1st Elinor Lloyd and Cila
- 2nd Di Symonds and Jeeves
- 3rd Ann Brennan and Tina

Novice 60cm

- 1st Elinor Lloyd and Cila
- 2nd Di Symonds and Jeeves

Open 60cm

- 1st Jenny Young and Blue
- 2nd Stella Bunn and Greta
- 3rd Racqui Campbell-Hill and Star
- 4th Katie Hawkesworth and Billy
- 5th Gabriella Thomas and Prinnie
- 6th Michael Taylor and Bingley

70cm

- 1st Camilla Esling and Bertie

- 2nd Louise Carter and Oliver
- 3rd Katie Hawkesworth and Billy
- 4th Emily Dixon and Pearl
- 5th Racqui Campbell-Hill and Star
- 6th Michael Taylor and Bingley

80cm

- 1st Pip Webster and Lad
- 2nd Louise Carter and Oliver
- 3rd Becky Matthews and Duke
- 4th Faye Green and Peaches
- 5th Gabriella Thomas and Prinnie
- 6th Camilla Esling and Bertie

90cm

- 1st Annabel McCourt and Rio
- 2nd Pip Webster and Lad
- 3rd Alice Lowe and Pudding
- 4th Becky Matthews and Duke

1m

- 1st Annabel McCourt and Rio
- (full results on our website)

Everyone who came along was challenged to sum up their day in 10 words or less:
 "Fun day & everyone was smiling" - Stella

"Fab, friendly funday flying fierceome, formidable fences - my first 90!" - Pip

"Great setting for our first go at an 80 course" - Faye

"“Fantastic, fast, fun, beaten by better riders but did have a broken wrist!”
 13 words though! - Louise

BHS RIDEATHON

Congratulations to our four riders who completed the BHS Rideathon. The challenge was to complete 70km as a club by the end of October, and we definitely smashed that target! We are just waiting to hear from BRC to see how we've done as a club, but rosettes and prizes will be sent out shortly.



Jess out for a hack



A nice view for Sue



Camilla and Bertie



Pip and Lad

Name	TOTAL
Sue Moger	452.7
Jess Nevin	140.54
Grace Jenkins	57.97
Caroline Bates	36.40
TOTAL	687.61

MHRC IN 2022

First off, please make a note of this date:

MALVERN HILLS RC AGM = 28th JANUARY 2022

We are still finalising plans, but we're determined that this will be celebration and a thank you for sticking with the club for the last couple of troubled years.

As you are aware, we sold off the club jumps and that money will be given back to the members as a special thank you. And this will take the form of a membership discount for all 2021 members who renew their membership for 2022. And if you have friends that would like to join, we are keeping the cost of membership the same as last year too.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	2022 New Member	2022 Renewing Member
FULL SENIOR	£35	£25
FULL JUNIOR	£25	£15
NON-RIDER	£15	£10

Membership is due on the 1st January, but if you want to ask Santa for an extra pressie, then you can apply for 2022 membership now on the website, via card or Paypal. Or you can renew at the AGM and pay with a cheque or cash.

SO WHY SHOULD YOU RENEW?

- Members will continue to get discounted entry fees to any competitions we run in 2022, and get a chance to win special rosettes, sashes and prizes.
- We will be running a series of member only, Fun Jumping shows.
- We will continue to pay the extra Preliminary entry fees to British Riding Clubs for anyone who wants to ride at an Area qualifier, and, where applicable and if funds allow, will subsidise anyone who qualifies for a BRC Championship.
- Members can take part in subsidised training and clinics, both run by us and by the Area Committee.
- As BRC members, you can also take part in competitions and leagues run by British Eventing, British Show Jumping and E-Riders online Dressage, plus others run throughout the year.

CHANGES TO HAT SAFETY STANDARDS



It's that time again - time to get out your riding hats and double check what safety standard they have been tested to.

From the 1st January **2023**, PAS O15 1998 and SNELL 2001 will no longer be accepted for BE, BRC and PC. So if your hat is ONLY tested to one of these standards, you will not be able to wear it for riding club activities.

Both safety standards have been update to PAS O15 2011 and SNELL 2016, so if your hat is tested to one of these (or to the more exhaustive list in the rulebook), then you're ok. As per current rules, your hat will still need a kitemark as well.

If you compete at Area Qualifiers, or are lucky enough to qualify for a Championship, then from 2022 your hat will need to be tagged with the new colour tag - we believe that pink will be replacing the turquoise one we currently use.

As current practice, your hat will not be checked when competing at Mercian level or at club events and clinics, but just a reminder that your insurance may be invalidated if you are not wearing a hat manufactured to current safety standards.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE MHRC COMMITTEE FOR 2022

Our club has grown in size again and we'd love to get the committee back up to 10 people to share the workload. We meet once a month to discuss club (and other!) business and take it in turns to help out at clinics and events. If you think you could give something back to the club, please feel free to discuss this further with Caroline (contact details on the front page).

It would be lovely to have a number of willing volunteers to ratify at the AGM 😊



PEPPER POT LEAGUE TABLES 2021

NO LEAGUE TABLES THIS MONTH

We're close to the end of the year, so to keep it all a bit of surprise, we'll be hiding the tables until our AGM in January.

The 2021 Leagues will end on the 18th December, with our DR Championship being the last chance to earn those last precious points. Any events that happen after that date will earn points for the 2022 League.

IN THE RIBBONS

CONGRATULATIONS

Tracey Haines = 5th @ Hartpury BD DR
Annabel McCourt = 1st @ Hartpury BS Show
Jumping

E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE

Congratulations to everyone who took part in November. And a double win for Laura and Sadie!

Intro

3rd	Emma Cooper	It's All About Alfie
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Elementary

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COVER PHOTO:

BIG SMILES - Di and Elinor at our SJ Show



MHRC NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021

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EDITOR'S BIT

I hope everyone managed to have a good Christmas, despite everything going on in the world. And that the New Year sees you refreshed, revigorated and ready for whatever 2022 is going to throw our way.

I have to say that I really, really enjoyed our Dressage Championship this year. It's probably been our biggest and best one ever! And a fantastic way to round off the riding club year. Everyone rode fantastically and it was great awarding the fab rosettes, chocolates and amazing prizes from NAF to our worthy winners.

It may feel that club activities are on a bit of a snooze at the moment, but rest assured, there is lots going on behind the scenes and there are plenty of plans afoot, once we have more daylight hours and (fingers-crossed) nicer weather. But if you want to take part, here's a little reminder that membership fees are now due. You can rejoin for the New Year on the membership page of our website, or you can come along to our AGM on 28th January, and pay on the night. Either way, we hope you'll join us for another amazing year.

Until next time, Caroline

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MHRC DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Restricted Intro



Open Intro



Restricted Prelim



Open Prelim



Novice



Elementary

What a fantastic day we had on the 18th December. With all the lockdowns and restrictions, qualification for this event started in December 2020, so it seemed to take a long time to reach this point. But it was great to see so many smiling faces getting into the spirit of the day.

A huge THANK YOU to Eloise and NAF, who provided some amazing prizes for 1st to 3rd. And to everyone who helped during the day - Steph Woolley, Jodie Powell, Rita Woolley, Chris Esling and Linda Medcalf.

Full results can be found on our website, but MHRC members did amazingly well - these results are below.

RESTRICTED INTRO CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1st Grace Jenkins and The Lion Queen
- 2nd Alison Young and Treslea Blue
- 3rd Eleanor Burton and Golly Miss Polly
- 4th Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly

OPEN INTRO CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1st Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily
- 2nd Lou Cole and Roo
- 3rd Jodie Powell and Glencarron Grace
- 4th Annabel McCourt and Wencelaus
- 5th Gabriella Thomas and Prinnie
- 6th Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki
- 7th Jo Jeynes and Duke of Spain
- 9th Di Symonds and Jeeves
- 10th Jenny Young and Treslea Blue

RESTRICTED PRELIM CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1st Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes
- 2nd Natalie Smith and Coco Bean
- 3rd Sophie Hooper and Jubilee Express
- 4th Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily
- 6th Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane
- 7th Di Symonds and Jeeves
- 8th Jo Jeynes and Duke of Spain

OPEN PRELIM CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1st Megan Harper and Wayward Prince
- 3rd Isabella Thomas and Paddy
- 4th Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan
- 5th Camilla Esling and Black Magick
- 6th Louise Wild and Broughton the Captivator
- 7th Beth Ingham and Lacey
- 8th Lottie Gilderson and Capri

NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 2nd Megan Harper and Wayward Prince
- 3rd Isabella Thomas and Paddy

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E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE

Congratulations to everyone who took part in December.

Intro

7th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie

12th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai

14th = Ellie Burton and Polly

Prelim

2nd = Sarah Harker and Rosebud

Novice

6th = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

Elementary 4a

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MHRC AGM

KEEP THE DATE

FREE

28th January

2022

At Welland

Village Hall

MORE

DETAILS TO

FOLLOW

SOON

BRC Christmas Cracker



Once again, BRC hosted an online Dressage competition with a Christmassy feel. Entries were recorded and submitted throughout November, and over the weekend of 11th and 12th December, the results were announced. The top three in each class was then live streamed, for some extra special drama to the proceedings.

Buckweiser, all baubled up!

MHRC had 8 representatives, 4 making up a team and the other 4 competing as individuals. With rosettes down to 10th, we had some entrants extremely close to being placed. In the Prelim class, Isabella and Paddy were joint 2nd, only just behind the leader of the class, while in the Medium class, Luan and Merkur scooped a 9th place after only just stepping up to this level. But our MHRC star was Laura Bennett and Sadie, who not only won their arena in the Novice class, but were awarded the Overall 1st as well.

Out of the 40 teams that entered, MHRC came an impressive 14th, the highest placed team from our Area.

TEAM

- BRC Walk and Trot 1: 12th = Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki
- BRC Prelim D4: 2nd = Isabella Thomas and Paddy
- BRC Prelim D4: 21st = Sarah Harker and Rosebud
- BRC Novice D11: 1st = Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie

INDIVIDUALS

- BRC Walk and Trot 1: 24th = Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist
- BRC Walk and Trot 1: 11th = Emma Cooper and It's All About Alfie
- BRC Walk and Trot 1: 18th = Lauren Philpotts and Buckweiser II
- BRC Prelim D4: 23rd = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe
- BRC Medium D25: 9th = Luan Crawford and Merkur



Emma (left) and Linda

MHRC had 8 representatives, 4



Sarah and Rose

MEET THE TEAM

EMMA COOPER

How long have you been a member of MHRC?

I first joined in 2004.

What's your day job?

I work for Dragon Vets.

What's your favourite horsey activity?

Dressage and showing. I love most of the day to day stuff like grooming and quite enjoy mucking out too!

And your least favourite?

Mucking out when we are flooded!

Have you competed with MHRC before?

Yes, we have competed in dressage, showing and even some ODE's and SJ prior to a shoulder injury. We now compete monthly for MHRC with E-Riders which is fab as we have no transport.

Tell us about your horse?

Alfie is a 14.3hh, Traditional Cob and is about 14 years old.

How long have you owned your horse?

I've owned him since he was about 4y but have actually known him since he was about 6 months.

What are his likes?

He loves an extra strong mint, licking sweat off me and a lot of fuss!

And dislikes?

Alfie's very laid back and there's not much he doesn't like, although he's been known to jump the electric fence if he thinks it's cold and he wants his tea!

What did you think of the venue?

It's not bad, nice soft ground (at the moment) but a bit bumpy in places.

How early did you get up on show day?

About 5.30am (this is just normal for us).

What was the best bit about the day?

We didn't have to leave the yard so everything was where we needed it and no rushing about.

Who did you have on your support crew? And is there anyone you'd like to thank?

I had my little groom Mollie (our daughter) and my Auntie Linda (Kemp) helping me and then I returned the favour to help Linda & Tanner with their test. I'd like to thank them for all of their help and support, my husband Andrew for all of his support and Alfie for being an absolute legend! I'd also like to thank Belmont Vets for helping Alfie come back from a knee ligament injury he sustained 18 months ago which meant we were able to take part in the BRC Christmas Cracker competition and come 11th and we've also just scored 73.91% in November's E-Riders! (This isn't an advert but as with most injuries it could have gone either way.)

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- 4th Megan Harper and Mr Beatle
- 6th Tracey Haines and Little Blue Pain Works
- 7th Sarah Limbricj and Myshall Buffy

ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONSHIP

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- 3rd Luan Crawford and Merkur
- 4th Florence Bradbury and Sunnystone the Highwayman

OVERALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1st Isabella Thomas and Paddy
- 2nd Lydia Webster and Flashmans Lad

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE ACHIEVED

- 2nd Megan Harper and Wayward Prince

If you missed out this year, or want to attend again this year, then the first qualification show is on 20th February - the schedule is on the website and entries are now open.



Megan and Prince

WANTED: 16hh to 16.2hh horse to loan or buy for tall child to do Pony Club, School teams and hacking. Please contact Lori loriandallan2@btinternet.com

IN THE RIBBONS

CONGRATULATIONS

- Julie Jeffes = 2nd BD DR @ Allenshill
- Gabriella Thomas = 6th SJ @ Ledbury PC Xmas Show
- Isabella Thomas = 1st BD DR @ Burrows Farm
- Karen Withers = 1st BD DR @ Allenshill
- Jenny Young = 5th SJ @ Ledbury PC Xmas Show

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COVER PHOTO:

Olly and Elvis: Christmas Dressage stars

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021

RAQUI CAMPBELL-HILL

We've really enjoyed being members of the club this year. We'll definitely be re-joining next year.



Whilst I'd ridden off and on all my life, I hadn't had many proper lessons. I borrowed Star, my friend's horse, at the start of Lockdown and decided

to get some lessons from Sophie Hooper. Sophie has transformed my riding and recommended we join the club. I have learnt an awful lot from the clinics you guys run so well

The riding highlight for me this year was winning my first showjumping class - 60cm! - at a Hillview Competition on 28 November, in front of Sophie. It was only the second competition I'd entered: the first being the friendly competition that MHRC ran earlier in November. The Club's support and encouragement has really bolstered my confidence, thank you.

I'm really looking forward to riding with you all in 2022.

ANNABEL MCCOURT

I have loved MHRC this year and will definitely be rejoining.

As you know, I am lucky enough to retrain ex racehorses and this year has been quite exciting in that I registered Rio with British Showjumping for the first time and we qualified for the ROR bronze league final at the National Championships at Stoneleigh. This was a very big day for us and, despite having brain freeze/sat nav error in the jump off, we still managed to finish 6th. He also won a British Novice at Hartpury and has now amassed 119 points! Think I have found his forte.

I also got a new recruit, Wenceslaus, (or Sprout as we call him!) who I think is going to be a lot of fun eventing next year.

I have attended several of your clinics and have found them to be excellent for my boys whether established like Rio or just starting out like Sprout.

Many thanks to all those who put so much effort into the club. Hopefully I can compete for MHRC next year.



FELIX WESTGATE-WILTON



Junior member, Felix, has had a cracking year on his fab pony, Tronto. This year was his first try at Eventing and he's had a brilliant time - some huge learnings, going too fast, going too slow, double clears, not double clears, improving in his dressage (thanks to Kat Jones), which neither Felix or Tom love but are getting better at. But the big surprise was winning the Horse Events KBIS 80 cm League table and coming 3rd in the U16s League Table.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021

KAT JONES

Redbackcappuchino, Dotty, and I have had another fab year in 2021. This little horse never ceases to amaze me. We have been taking part in the SEIB Search for A Star Racehorse to Riding Horse and Veteran qualifiers across the country. We had an exciting 6th placing in a top class at Hartpury Horse Trials which meant the world to me, as it was a replacement class for the one that should have been held at Burghley Horse Trials. We also placed at West Wilts in the pouring rain in another large class, where my dad and I got completely soaked through to the bones. Dotty then qualified for the championship class in the Open Veterans and got to compete at YOUR HORSE LIVE in November. Big thanks to my amazing grooms Karen Kilby and Linda Medcalf (always looking for Dotty's ear buds).



Another highlight of the year was winning at Aintree at the National RoR Championships and Dotty becoming a last minute substitute for the quadrille. It was literally 10 minutes before the start of the class that we were asked by the organising team if Dotty could replace a horse. Dotty behaved so well with a new rider and routine with 3 other horses she didn't know. I had a very proud mummy moment watching her perform and the icing on the cake was that the team won the class. Clever Dots! SHE STILL DOESN'T LIKE HACKING THOUGH.

CAROLINE BATES

Wow! 2021 has been pretty awesome. Starting off qualifying for the BRC Online Novice Winter Championships was amazing, but to get a 4th place was even better. But my favourite day will always be the Summer Dressage qualifier, when me a hairy yobby cobby somehow ended up winning both our classes and getting two individual qualifications to the National Championship - what an amazing day. Of course, bringing a rossie home from Lincoln felt pretty amazing too!



ALISON & JENNY YOUNG

We've thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to both compete at the dressage series on Blue. Definitely some mother and daughter competitiveness when we compare our scores! Looking forward to the Championships too!



Jen has enjoyed having the lovely senior trophies on display at home all year too.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021

JESS NEVIN

I have had a really good year this year. In my first full season eventing, I qualified Ernie for the 90cm Grassroots at Badminton 2022. I also qualified for the Petplan Area Festival Championships at Hartpury in the Prelim Bronze section and came 4th out of 54 in mine and Ernie's first year doing BD. Ernie and I also came 5th in the British Riding Club BE90 League and I only did a handful of events.



ANNA MILLINGTON

Due to work commitments, I have barely done anything with the horses this year. However, I did purchase a new horse! So myself and Minella Central, aka Cyril, will look forward to MHRC next year.



LOU COLE

Looking back on our first year with MHRC, it's hard to believe how much we've done. It's been a strange 12 months, living with Covid and, on a personal note, Mallanders(Roo), lameness (me and Roo) and Covid (me). Having been a happy hacker for many years, and then having to retire the lovely "Mouse", the job of riding club pony fell to Roo! Not your average partnership, 5ft9 rider and 12.2hh coblet, but here we are, a year on having attended many clinics (thank you Sophie, Sophie and Steph) and finally mastering canter.

So many thanks MHRC for the welcome and encouragement and, apart from Covid, look forward to doing it all again next year.

SUE MOGER

RC Eventing Qualifier at Sapey 4th in the 90. Only placing in the season despite mostly double clears!



REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021

SARA STEPHENSON

In anticipation of our first competition after lockdown- MHRC dressage. It felt like such a long wait!



PIP WEBSTER

A great year with Lad doing quite a few Mercian competitions with MHRC, including two new ventures for us in showing (working hunter) and style jumping. They went really well with team and individual 1st in both! We've been on some great MHRC Mercian teams in SJ, combined training and arena eventing as well - all good fun. We've also done a few dressage competitions, although sadly missed the club championship show in December due to Lad having a pesky cough.

Having only jumped up to 85cm, the inaugural MHRC members' SJ fun show gave me a chance for a first go at 90cm where I was pleased to have just one pole down (rider error - not straight) - fences looked rather large to me but not to Lad!

The wide range of MHRC clinics through the year was fantastic so thanks to Jodie and co for organising them and being present for each one to oversee! Such a wealth of brilliant instructors and friendly people to learn with.

So I'm looking forward to more of the same in 2022!"

ESTHER BOWNESS



Such a fabulous year with MHRC - this wonderful club that I joined 4 years ago. Never in my wildest dreams did I think that I would have qualified for the Horse Trials Champs, let alone The National champs! We also had some great results over the year including a 3rd at Offchurchbury, 5th place at Princethorpe 2 day and a 3rd at Great Tew - all credit to my amazing little horse Polly Pocket. Can't wait to see what 2022 brings for us, especially as I have a new kid on the block - fingers crossed she will step up to the mark at the lower levels once we can get going properly in the spring. Thankyou all for being so supportive and an all round great bunch of people!



REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021

HELEN KEATS

I'd just like to say a big thank you to those I have met in the club for making me feel welcome as a new member and to the committee for the quantity and variety of the clinics on offer. We moved to Malvern mid pandemic in June 2021 and joining MHRC has really helped me to meet some of the local horse community and make new friends. I look forward to meeting more of the members in 2022.



SOPHIE HOOPER

Hi I am Sophie. I have now been on the committee for nearly 6 years.

When I first joined MHRC, I was with the gorgeous Barney but children and commitments forced me to sell him to a wonderful new home.

For a few years I was horseless but still involved with Will and Ollie enjoying riding club competitions.

This year Nezbee joined our family and I am looking forward to competing more for the club next season.

Also after some lessons with Nick Lawson I am really enjoying Dressage which is something I never thought I would admit !

My youngest Ollie is also looking forward to next season as he loves beating Mum!



LAURA BENNETT

Daisy, Bolly, Sadie and I showing off our sashes and rosettes from the Christmas cracker competition. We had just spread some Christmas cheer around the village to the other residents with little presents for them to enjoy during the festive period. This is a photo I never thought I would ever have with my little miracle Daisy. Happy Christmas everyone. This one is for all the working amateurs who juggle life and still fit in time to have fun with their best dancing pony partners.



DI SYMONDS



For me the highlight of MHRC year were the lock down competitions held in February and March. Doing silly things playing with our ponies and taking photos and videoing them made me feel like a big kid again and was huge fun.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021

GRACE JENKINS

After my loan horse went up for sale this year I decided to buy myself an ex racehorse called Nala. This year we have enjoyed joining in with the riding club in the dressage leagues on E-riders in lockdown and being able to attend the riding club fun day and start to enter some competitions. We also joined in with the hackathon and enjoyed discovering new hacks with our horsey friends. A highlight has to be winning our first Intro competition and qualifying for the riding club winter championships.



LISA DRINKWATER

My season got off to a slow start because of COVID restrictions (end of June) but



strangely my daughter could compete so she won her first trophy - very proud Mummy! When we did get going, he went very well won his first

ODE, won several SJ comps and qualified for dressage champs so fingers crossed for next year.

NATALIE SMITH

I would just like to say it has been an absolute pleasure to be out riding on MHRC teams again after a very long time (I think last team was on Tano, so maybe 6/7 years ago!).

Everyone is so amazing and make every event such fun to go to and I've already met more new people through the club once again. At my first event I just prayed we didn't disgrace ourselves and not let the team down, so to be on 2 winning Mercian teams was just fantastic and a 2nd at the stressage champs was just brill. I very much look forward to doing more and more with the club in 2022.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED

HERE'S TO AN EQUALLY FABULOUS 2022