

# MHRC NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021



### **EDITOR'S BIT**

Is it actually January? Mucking out in just a T-shirt, walking across the fields in short boots and turning

out with no rugs! Either this is proof positive that climate change has reached new heights, or winter is about to take a turn and knock us for six. I'm sure it still has a few surprises in store for us.

It was great to see the club get going for the year, with our AGM and first clinic of 2022 all taking place on the last weekend of the month. It was great to meet some new members who have taken the plunge and joined our ranks, and look forward to meeting more. Our membership already looks extremely healthy, which means we can plan another 12 months of great stuff, so watch this space. The diary is already starting to fill up, so remember to check out the website to make sure you don't miss anything, and keep an eye on Facebook and your e-mails for updates. And remember, there's a handy little list on the back page of what's coming up in the next couple of months.

So, that's me ... I'm off you have an ice-cream and dig out a pair of shorts to enjoy an early sunbathing session ©

Until next time, Caroline

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# JUST FOR FUN

The first competition of 2022 for the club was a bit of fun team jumping at Allenshill on 2nd January. Although early on in the season, and rather close to a festive season full of food and partying, MHRC did a wonderful job and held their own against some tough competition.

We had one team in the 60cm and they came 5th, with Rose Chugg-Martin

(competing as an individual) just outside the rosettes on 7th place. Of our two teams in the 70cm, the Marshmallows came 6th, with Esther coming 4th. Esther was also our top rider in the 80cm, producing a fast and faultless round to come 2nd, with her team winning the class. Our 90cm team, despite only having three members, came 5th, and, although we ended up not having a 1m team, due to horse injury, Lottie was 4th.

"My first time jumping in a team for the club," said Di, "Next time I hope to make it past jump no 5! Everyone has to start somewhere ""

"Lovely fun event," said Annabel, "No pressure and met lots of people and their horses. Delighted with Sprout's first attempt at 90!"



Lilly and Jilly

Jodie Powell

""Areley and I had our Team debut at Allen's Hill, riding with both the Malvern Maltesers and the Muppets," said Emily, "Thank you to the rest of the team for securing 5th position in the 60cm, as I had an unfortunate 4 faults. However the 70cm proved more successful with a lovely clear round. Great day and looking forward to more."

**Emily and Areley** 

#### **RUNNERS AND RIDERS**

60cm Malvern Maltesers

Jenny Young Blue Emily Watkins Areley Lilly Collop Jilly

Di Symonds Jeeves

70cm Malvern Muppets

Caroline Bates Smokey Joe

Gracie

Chris Esling Arthur

Emily Watkins Areley

70cm Malvern Marshmallows

Jenny Young Blue
Kelly Hudson Fron
Louise Carter Oliver
Esther Bowness Polly

#### 80cm Malvern Muggles

Caroline Bates Smokey Joe
Chris Esling Arthur

Annabel McCourtSprout

Kelly Hudson From

#### 80cm Malvern Mustangs

Esther Bowness Polly
Alice Lowe Pudding

Louise Carter Oliver

Alex Riches Mr Darcy

**90cm Malvern Mules** Annabel McCourtSprout

Alice Lowe Pudding

Sue Moger Bill

1m Malvern Magpies

Cindie Bunce Thomas

Lottie Gilderson Capri

# MEET THE TEAM Louise Carter

How long have you been a member of MHRC?

July 2021

#### What's your day job?

Run an Electrical Contracting business and Access Lift Hire Worcester with my partner Chris. Also work selfemployed for a Vehicle Accessories Company 2 days a week.

#### And your least favourite horsey activity?

Poo Picking – it's given me tennis elbow in my left arm!

Have you competed with MHRC before?

Yes at Gracelands

#### Tell us about your horse?

Oliver (show name—Oliver!) - 21 years old, 14.2hh. Who knows what breeding - he's like a mini shire.

How long have you owned your horse?

18 years this year.

#### What are his likes?

He likes food and galloping.

#### And dislikes?

He dislikes Show Jumping Training.

#### What did you think of the venue?

Good parking, always friendly and efficient and there's refreshments (most important!)

#### How early did you get up on show day?

Not very thank goodness 7.30

#### What was the best bit about the day?

Allenshill is a large arena with 14 jumps so finishing the 80 clear after also doing the 70 clear was quite an achievement after feasting over Christmas!

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

My partner Chris who is always so supportive. He is a motorbike man but after 18 years of us having Oliver, he is nearly fully trained as "Support Crew".



Louise and Oliver, flying the last

# WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

## A Guide to Area Competitions

Maybe you're new to MHRC and British Riding Clubs? Have you heard us mentioning Area competitions and wondered what we're going on about? Or maybe you're a long time member and need a little refresher. Well here's a quick guide to competing at Area level.

- ⇒ MHRC is affiliated to British Riding Clubs and due to our location, are part of Area 18, which has approx. 14 other clubs in it, stretching from Ludlow in the South, to West Oxon in the North.
- ⇒ British Riding Clubs hold several Championships each year. In order to compete at the Championships you need to qualify at the Area competition.
- ⇒ Usually the winning team, and the highest placed individual not on the winning team, automatically get invited to the Championships. If there are lots of entries, then more teams and individuals will be awarded wildcards.
- ⇒ As soon as we have details of a qualifier, we will send all current members an e-mail inviting them to put their name forward. Teams are created on a first come, first served basis, so don't delay in getting your name in!
- ⇒ To compete at the qualifier, you must make sure both you and your horse are eligible for the level you want to compete at. There is a FREE pdf rulebook on the BRC website, or make sure you read the pages that get sent out on the club e-mail. If you are found to be ineligible, then your whole team will be disqualified.
- ⇒ There are two entry fees to pay at a qualifier. We ask members to reimburse the club for the part that is paid to the organising

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## E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE RIDING CLUB LEAGUE

Congratulations to everyone who took part in Janaury

#### Intro

5th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie

18th = Eleanor Burton and Polly

19th = Suzanne Lldbetter and Mai

#### Prelim

2nd = Sarah Harker and Rose

#### **Novice**

6th = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

#### **Elementary 4a**

1st = Laura Bennett and 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. Rosettes are awarded to 10th place and everyone gets some sweets. There are also end of League rosettes on offer.

CHAMPIONSHIP	COMPETITION	LEVEL	
Arena Eventing Championships	Arena Eventing	70 to 1m	
Novice Winter Championships	Dressage	Intro, Prelim and Novice	
Novice Winter Championships	Show Jumping	70cm and 80cm	
Intermediate Winter	Dressage	Prelim to Advanced Medium	
Championships	Show Jumping	90cm, 1m and 1.10m	
Combined Championships	Combined Training	Prelim or Novice at 75cm or 85cm	
Combined Championships	Combined Challenge (just like Arena Eventing)	70cm to 1m	
Horse Trials Championship	Horse Trials	80cm to 1m+	
	Dressage	Intro to Advanced Medium and Pairs	
National Championships	Riding Test	Prelim and Novice	
ivational Championships	Show Jumping	70cm to 1.1m	
	Style Jumping	75cm and 85cm	
Dressage to Music Championships	Freestyle Dressage	Prelim to Advanced Medium and Pairs	
<b>NEW</b> Winter Intro Championships	Dressage	Intro	
	Dressage	Prelim	
South Wales and West Riding Club	Riding Test	Prelim and Novice	
Regionals	Show Jumping	80cm	
	Style Jumping	75cm and 85cm	

## MHRC 2022 AGM

How great was it to finally be able to get back together and enjoy one our light-hearted, fun AGM's? We all met up on 28th January, at Hanley Swan Village Hall, to enjoy some good food, good company, and to celebrate the year just gone.

Caroline kicked off proceedings, with a mini roundup of the year just gone, mentioning a



Senior Pepper Pot Winners

few memorable moments that some of the committee may like to forget (Camilla rolling off a shiny Bertie after not tightening the girth, Jodie learning to have a leg-up and Sophie being beaten by her son at the Dressage Championships!). She also thanked the committee for all their hard work over a couple of trying years, as well as thanking all the members for making this such a great club.

Then Chris and Jodie took a turn reporting on the successes during our team competitions at both Area and Mercian levels. The club also did extremely well at Championship level in 2021, with representatives at all the BRC events and plenty of accolades won too.

A brief look at the accounts followed. We are in a healthy position and have already paid our 2022 fees and insurances to BRC, so can start off the new year with no major bills due. Our Dressage and Jumping show made us a tidy profit, as did running the Dressage phase of the Area Horse Trials, which we will try to volunteer for again this year.

Then it was back to Jodie, for a round-up of her first year running the clinics and training. All went well, with only the Working Hunter clinic cancelled through lack of interest. We already have a lot booked in for the start of this year, so she reminded everyone to keep an eye on their e-mails and website for regular updates.

Just before the break for food, the 2022 committee was voted in. Everyone agreed to stand for another year in their current roles, with two minor exceptions. Jodie to move across to full time clinic and training organisation, with Chris temporarily taking on the role of Mercian Team Manager. The members were asked for volunteers to join the committee, as with so much going on, it was felt that more than 7 peo-

Junior Pepper Pot Winners



ple were needed to cover it all. Jo Jeynes and Eloise Chugg-Martin kindly stepped forward and were seconded onto the 2022 committee.

As beautiful smells wafted through from the kitchen, it was time to have a break and

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#### **TROPHY & PRIZE WINNERS 2021**

Committee Cup: Rose Chugg-Martin Achievers Cup: **Holly Chivers** Club Support: Sara Stephenson Progression Shield: Racqui Campbell-Hill Progression Cup: Gabriella Thomas Chairman's Cup: Jodie Powell Midas Cup: Roo

(owned by Lou Cole)

**Caroline Bates** Lofty Cup: Outstanding Performance at Area: Esther Bowness Outstanding Performance at Mercian: Pip Webster

#### **Pepper Pot Points Leagues**

Team Player Award Suzanne Lidbetter Senior Overall Winner: Camilla Esling and Black Magick Junior Overall Winner: Isabella Thomas and Paddy Senior Dressage: Camilla Esling and Black Magick Junior Dressage: Isabella Thomas and Paddy Senior Jumping: Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad Junior Jumping: Elinor Lloyd and Cila Senior Combined Events: Natalie Smith and Cocoa Bean & Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad Junior Combined Events:

Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Llly

#### Top 15 Rosettes—Senior

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1st	Camilla Esling and Black Magick	585
2nd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	410
3rd	Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad	400
4th	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	355
5th	Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan	340
6th	Luan Crawford and Merkur	275
7th	Sarah Harker and Rosebud III	250
8th	Chris Esling and HalfnHalf	240
	Jo Jeynes and Duke of Spain	240
10th	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	235
11th	Jodie Powell and Bleanagloos Black Diamond	230
	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	230
13th	Luan Crawford and Catana	225
14th	Natalie Smith and Coco Bean	205
15th	Laura Bennett and It's All About Me	195
	Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai	195

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# MHRC 2022 AGM



enjoy the lovely food from Emma and Ross Pushman. A choice of roast beef or roast pork rolls (or a veggie option), with stuffing and lots of trimmings was just perfect. Then it was followed up by a choice of cake made by Ann Bates.

Then the really fun part of

the evening started. Before the MHRC trophies were awarded, we had two to give out from the Area 18 Liaison Committee to out two members who won their classes at the Horse Trials Qualifier. These were given to Louise Revill (HT80) and Holly Chivers (HT100).

We has also been awarded sashes and rosettes for being placed 2nd (Winter) and 3rd (Summer) in the E-Riders Online Dressage Riding Club Leagues in 2021. These were given to the two members who gained us the most points for us during that time - Luan Crawford and Sarah Harker.

Then it was on to the many MHRC trophies to be awarded! The Committee Cup, awarded to a member chosen by the committee, went

to Rose Chugg-Martin, who was always cheerful, seemed to enjoy everything that she did in 2021, and showed some impressive stickability that put the older members to shame. The Achiever's Cup, awarded to the member gaining the highest accolades in the year, went to



Holly Chivers, for winning the 1m Horse Trial qualifier and gaining top 10 places at both the Horse Trials Championship and the National Championship. The Club Support shield went to **Sara Stephenson** for helping move jumps and always on hand to pole pick at shows. The two awards for members showing the most improvement during the year went to **Racqi Cambell-Hill** and **Gabriella Thomas**.

The next two cups are not awarded by the committee, but by the members who won them the previous year. The Midas Cup is awarded to any horse that has taken part in club activities, and Steph Woolley choose Roo, owned by **Lou Cole**, as the worthy recipient. The Lofty cup is passed from member to member, and was awarded by Tina Price to **Caroline Bates**.

Then it was over to the Team Managers, Jodie and Chris. **Esther Bowness**, won the award for Outstanding Performance at Area Lev-

el, and **Pip Webster**, for Outstanding Performance at Mercian Level.

The Pepper Pot League, where members earn points representing the club at events, or taking part in events run by MHRC, is always eagerly anticipat-

#### **Top 15 Rosettes - Junior**

1st	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	910
2nd	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	610
3rd	Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki	390
4th	Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane	155
	Gabriella Thomas and Larkhall Mickey	155
6th	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	125
7th	Elinor Lloyd and Cila	120
	Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes	120
9th	Florence Bradbury and Sunnystone the	
	Highwayman	105
10th	Tiggy Manning and Killongford Benny	75
11th	Felix Westgate-Wilton and Tronto	50
12th	Georgina Viall and Bambi	45
13th	Tiggy Manning and Double Dash	30
14th	Sophie Chichester and Blackwater Victor	20

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club. A second one (the Prelim fee) is paid directly to

BRC and the club undertakes to pay this on your behalf.

- ⇒ At both Qualifiers and Championships, your horse's flu vaccination record will be checked, so it must be complete and up to date. No flu boosters can be given in the week prior to competition.
- ⇒ There are various rules about what tack, clothing and equipment that you can use - please remember that it is your responsibility to check these out in the rulebook. Judges can disqualify you if you have the incorrect gear.
- ⇒ And lastly, if you do qualify, we do expect you to represent the club at the Championship. We can substitute members in an emergency, but would much rather send the team that actually qualified. Championships fees are subsidized by the club and we only ask that members make a minimum 50% donation.

This may all sound a bit overwhelming, but rest assured, competing for the club is fun and satisfying. MHRC is hugely supportive and is known to have one of the loudest cheer squads in the Area - we aim to never let a member compete on their own. If you think you'd like to have a go this year, then have a chat to Chris, our Area Team Manager or contact us on the club e-mail with any questions.

#### PEPPER POT LEAGUE 2022

The top riders in each League are shown below. For a full, up to date list of places, please go to our website.

#### **SENIOR OVERALL**

2nd

3rd

ıst	Estner Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	TO:
2nd	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	70
3rd	Alice Lowe and Pudding	60
4th	Louise Carter and Oliver	55
5th	Alex Riches and Mr Darcy	40
	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	40
JUNIOR	OVERALL & JUMPING	
1st	Emily Watkins and Areley	25
	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	25
3rd	Lilly Collop and Jilly	20
4th	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	5
SENIOR	DRESSAGE	
1st	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	70

Sarah Harker and Rosebud

Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

Ellie Burton and Golly Miss Polly

Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie

	Suzanne Liubetter and Mai	TO
SENIOR	JUMPING	
1st	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	10
2nd	Alice Lowe and Pudding	60
3rd	Louise Carter and Oliver	55
4th	Alex Riches and Mr Darcy	40
5th	Jenny Young and Tresleas Blue	35
6th	Annabel McCourt and Wenceslaus	25

#### IN THE RIBBONS

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Esther Bowness = 1st AE @ Tumpy Green
Louise Carter = 4th AE @ Lincomb
Lilly Collop = 3rd DR @ Kings Equestrian
Lottie Gilderson = 1st PC DR @ Allens Hill
Faye Green = 5th SJ @ Hillview
Tracey Haines = 3rd DR @ Moores Farm
Grace Jenkins = 1st AE @ Kings Equestrian
Jodie Powell = 2nd DR @ Kings Equestrian
Sara Stephenson = 3rd BD DR @ Allenshill
Pip Webster = 4th SJ @ Hillview
Felix Westgate-Wilton = 2nd PC DR @ AllenshIll
Steph Woolley = 2nd BD DR @ Prestige

#### WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT

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

#### 6th February 2022

Jumping Clinic with Jo Winfield @ Hillview Arena

#### 18th and 19th February 2022

Area 18 Area Cross-Country Training with Richard Waygood @ Rectory Farm Arena

#### 20th February 2022

MHRC Dressage Show @ Hillview Arena

#### 27th February 2022

• Jumping Clinic with Jo Winfield @ Hillview Arena

#### 28th February 2022

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

#### 5th - 6th March 2022

• Area 18 Winter Show Jumping Qualifer @ Lincomb Equestrian

#### 11th - 13th March 2022

 BRC Arena Eventing Championships @ Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells, Daventry, Northants, NN1 6RT

#### 12th and 13th March 2022

 Area 18 Cross-Country Training with Tom McEwen @ Wayfarer Eventing

#### 19th March 2022

• Flatwork Clinic with Steph Woolley @ Hillview Arena

#### 20th March

70

30

30

10

 Area 18 Intermediate Dressage Qualifier @ CCR Equestrian, Brookthorpe

#### 26th - 27th March 2022

 BRC Novice Winter Championships @ Arena UK, Allington Lane, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG32 2EF

#### 28th March 2022

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

#### 9th April 2022

• Jumping Clinic with Jo Winfield @ Hillview Arena

#### 12th April 2022

Mini Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview Arena

#### 14th April 2022

• Gridwork Clinic with Catherine Vale @ Marlbrook Arena

#### 16th April 2022

 Area 18 Combined Training Qualifer @ Aston Munslow, nr Craven Arms

#### 19th April 2022

• Mini Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview Arena

#### 21st April 2022

• Gridwork Clinic with Catherine Vale @ Marlbrook Arena

#### **COVER PHOTO:**

Annabel McCourt, flying high at Allenshill



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E-Riders Online Dressage **Guide to Mercian Competitions** 



### FDITOR'S BIT

Well, this edition of the newsletter turned out to be a bit thinner than originally planned. Always a

gamble, organising events for the beginning of the year, but if our Dressage Show had been on any other weekend in February, we probably would have been fine! After such a mild winter, a fortnight of storms and high winds definitely felt more of a shock than normal ... but at least it wasn't snowing!

February sees the end of my short, annual stint organising the club's training clinics. It's always fun and I love watching you and your horses enjoying themselves (and working hard of course!). I hope that it's given you plenty to work on and something to whet the appetite as we swap to summer evenings clinics over the next couple of months. A huge thank you to our excellent trainers, who have come out over the winter and faced challenges on top of the normal, from freezing cold days, to icy arenas and postponements, to having jumps blow away under the horse's feet - it's definitely been an interesting few months. I hand over to Jodie know - may yours be just as interesting ©

Until next time, Caroline

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## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

## A Guide to Mercian Competitions

Last month we learned all about Area qualifiers. Maybe you thought these weren't for you, or you don't fancy going to a Championship. Well, don't despair, there's still opportunities to compete for the club in the Mercian League.

- ⇒ The Mercian League was set up (way back in the 1980's) to provide team competitions for members who weren't capable at competing at Area Qualifiers (in those days, Area started at much higher levels than it does now).
- ⇒ These days, its more of a friendly inter-club competition, with the emphasis on having a go and having fun.
- ⇒ There are 15 clubs in the Mercian League, covering an area roughly along the M50 corridor.
- ⇒ Competitions cover all sorts of disciplines, from the 'normal' Dressage and Jumping, to Showing, Mounted Games and a Quiz!
- ⇒ Each team that is sent to a competition wins points for their club, whether it's just for participating, or gaining points for being placed 1st to 6th.
- ⇒ At the end of the year, there are four different titles up for grabs the
  Flatwork Award, for points gained at events that don't involve jumps;
  the Jumping Award for those that do; the Combined Events Award,
  for events that have more than one discipline (ie. Combined Training
  or Eventing). And, of course, the much coveted Overall Award.
- ⇒ As well as team rosettes, competitors can win Individual rosettes and prizes.
- ⇒ Although eligibility criteria is the same as for BRC events, at Mercian level, it is considered fairer for everyone to compete at the level they are competent to compete at (ie. If you regularly jump 80cm, you wouldn't drop down to 70cm, even if you are eligible).
- ⇒ The Mercian League has its own Facebook page, where you can find out more about the events, rules and results.

#### **MERCIAN INTER-CLUB LEAGUE: COMPETITION DATES 2022**

Date	Competition	Format	Venue	Host
30th April 2022	Dressage	Arena	Allenshill, Pinvin, Pershore WR102DU	Worcester
15th May 2022	Show Jumping	Grass	Club Field, Hoden Lane, Cleeve Prior,	Cropthorne
3rd July 2022	Style and Show Jumping	Grass	Club Field, Upper Pengethly Farm, Peterstow, Herefordshire HR9 6LL	Hereford
17th July 2022	Dressage	Grass	Frampton Court Estate, Frampton-on-Severn, Glos, GL2 7HS	Frampton
7th August 2022	Combined Training	Arena	Gracelands Equestrian Centre, Crutch Lane, Elmbridge, Nr Droitwich, Worcs, WR9 0BE	Alvechurch
tbc August 2022	Mounted Games	tbc	tbc	Bewdley
18th September 2022	Arena Eventing	Arena	Gracelands Equestrian Centre, Crutch Lane, Elmbridge, Nr Droitwich, Worcs, WR9 0BE	Bromsgrove
28th October 2022	Quiz	Pub	The Fountain, Oldwood Road, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8TB	Shropshire South
twork League				
mping League				

### E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE RIDING CLUB LEAGUE

Congratulations to everyone who took part in February

#### Intro

11th Suzanne Lidbetter and Llwyngell Enllie Mai 12th Suzanne Lidbetter and Tilesford Rosina

#### Prelim

1st Sarah Harker and Rosebud

#### **Elementary**

5th Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie

This was the last month of the Winter Riding Club League, and once again MHRC did amazingly well to come 3rd, just behind East Mendip and Solent Riding Clubs.

We also took some top 10 places in the four individual Leagues:

7th Intro = Emma Cooper and It's All About Alfie

2nd Prelim = Sarah Harker and Rosebud 8th Prelim = Laura Bennet and It's All About Me 5th Novice = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe 6th Novice and 4th Elementary = Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who took part over the winter. A new Summer League starts in March - check out our website to find out how to take part.

### IN THE RIBBONS

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Sophie Chichester = 1st @ Allenshill BD DR

Nikki Collins = 1st @ Prestige SJ
Gail Gavan = 3rd @ Hillview DR
Annabel McCourt = 3rd @ Prestige SJ
Jessica Nevin = 1st @ Allenshill BD CT

Sara Stephenson = 3rd @ Allenshill BD DR

Gabriella Thomas = 1st @ Allenshill BD DR

Isabella Thomas = 1st @ Kings BD DR

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2nd	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	105
3rd	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	90
4th	Alice Lowe and Pudding	60
5th	Louise Carter and Oliver	55

#### JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	25
2nd	Lilly Collop and Jilly	20
3rd	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	5

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5th	Suzanne Lidbetter and Llwyngell Enllie Mai	15
6th	Ellie Burton and Golly Miss Polly	10

#### **SENIOR JUMPING**

1st	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	105
2nd	Alice Lowe and Pudding	60
3rd	Louise Carter and Oliver	55
4th	Alex Riches and Mr Darcy	40
5th	Jenny Young and Tresleas Blue	35
6th	Annabel McCourt and Wenceslaus	25
	Emily Watkins and Glasshard King Areley	25

#### JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	25
2nd	Lilly Collop and Jilly	20
3rd	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	5

#### Lad and Suzy showing off their 2021 Pepper Pot rosettes.





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COVER PHOTO: Pip and Lad, enjoying a bit of training in the sunshine at Hillview



# MHRC NEWSLETTER

**MARCH 2022** 



Area 18 Jumping Qualifier
BRC Arena Eventing Championships
E-Riders Online Dressage
BRC Novice Winter Championships



### EDITOR'S BIT

Wow! What a month to end the official BRC Winter season? Busy, busy, busy, with members repre-

senting the club all over the place - I don't think we had a weekend off at all. And that's before the clocks change and the lighter evenings arrive!

Although March hasn't helped much with the transition to summer. Our horses have been in, out, out naked, out over night, back in, out with 100g rugs, in with no rugs, fed hay in field, out on grass, no hay in field - give up and let them go feral ②. Although it was lovely to be riding out in a T-shirt so early in the year, I think getting rid of the woolly hats and gloves from the car so soon was a mistake. I really should have learnt over the many, many, many years of owning horses that you never, never presume Summer has arrived until at least August - and only then if we've got a hosepipe ban.

I'm actually really looking forward to the coming Summer season. We have lots of qualifiers to aim for and lots of team competitions and MHRC events coming up. Training clinics are ramping up and from next month we'll have a full schedule to choose from. So there's no excuse to come and join in the fun!

Until next time, Caroline

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# AREA 18 SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER

The club attended the first Area qualifier of the year on March 5th and 6th at Lincomb Equestrian. Hosted by Worcester Riding club, the two days incorporated the Show Jumping qualifiers for both the BRC Novice and Intermediate Winter Championships later in the year. MHRC was represented in all the classes and it was great to



Faye and Peaches

see some new faces coming along to have a go.

On Saturday, it was the 70 and 80 teams competing. Sadly, we came home with no team accolades, but there was an individual 6th for Camilla in the 70 and a 2nd for Esther in the 80, which qualifies her for the Novice Championships at the end of the month.

#### **SENIOR 70 TEAM**

Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe, Camilla Esling and Black Magick, Sue Peckham and Freddie, Faye Green and Tempest Peaches

#### **JUNIOR 70 INDIVIDUAL**

Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane

#### **SENIOR 80 TEAM**

Faye Green and Tempest Peaches, Sue Peckham and Solis, Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady

On Sunday, the bigger heights were contended. Our 90 team were narrowly beaten into 2nd place by Cropthorne (MHRC had a faster time, but one fence down) and Nikki was 2nd individually, which gives her the qualification for the Intermediate Championships in April. No places in the 100, although Nikki was just out of the ribbons in 7th place, but Holly was 3rd in the 110 and has been invited to form an Area team with the three other riders for the Intermediate Champs.

#### **SENIOR 90 TEAM**

Nikki Collins and Jumbos Rose, Jessica Nevin and Nicky Byrne, Anna Robson and Academy Award, Megan Harper and Imperial Moonlight

#### **SENIOR 100 INDIVIDUAL**

Nikki Collins and Jumbos Rose, Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker

#### SENIOR 110 INDIVIDUAL

Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker



Nikki and Rose

"I had a great time," said Faye, "and was absolutely thrilled to get over some scary looking fences first time!"

"The Winter Area sj qualifier was a thoroughly enjoyable and really well run day at Lincomb (although you certainly needed the layers with the extremely cold wind)," said Nikki, "It was so good to be out being part of a

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# MEET THE TEAM Esther Bowness

How long have you been a member of MHRC?

5 years

#### What's your day job?

I run my own consulting business and have 2 children 8 & 9, who do Pony Club, football and equestrian vaulting - to name but a few hobbies. It Keeps me out of trouble!

#### What's you favourite horsey activity?

Jumping, of course!

And your least?

Clipping.

#### Have you competed with MHRC before?

Yes multiple times - we qualified for the Horse Trials champs and the National Champs last year.

#### Tell us about your horse?

Blackwater Grey Lady (or Polly Pocket Rocket) is 10 this year. She's 15.2hh and of unrecorded breed, although we suspect a Connie x ID.

How long have you owned your horse?

5 years.

#### What are her likes?

Fuss and people. Carrots and just food in general.

#### And dislikes?

Other horses, especially the ponies.

#### What did you think of the venue?

Lincomb is a fantastic friendly venue if not bit chilly at this time of the year.

#### How early did you get up on show day?

Ooooh about 6.30am even though my time was later on I always get up at that time if not earlier.

#### What was the best bit about the day?

Team spirit - that's what I love about MHRC and have made so many good friends over the 5 years. And coming 2nd out of a huge class!

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

My Mum and Dad, Auntie and Uncle, who have supported me forever since I was about 3 years old and followed me around the country over the years. And then the MHRC crew Jodie, Chris and Camilla who stayed to watch.

Not forgetting Bonnie my 9 year old daughter who is my biggest critic and told me exactly how to ride the course!



# BRC ARENA EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP

The first BRC Championship of 2022 was held at Aston Le Wells from the 11th to the 13th March, and MHRC was very ably represented by our mixed 70 team, who won the qualifier at Lincomb back in October. Despite being a tad muddy under foot, the weather was very kind to us on the Sunday, with only a few spots of rain and a rather ominous black sky to mar the photos.

Team Manager Chris Esling, on Veteran Arthur, were first to tackle the twisty, tricky Show Jumping course, before popping through the water and heading of onto the cross-country portion of the course (which included ditches, steps and the crafty joker fence right at the end). She was followed by new member Faye Green on Peaches, committee member Jodie Powell on Gracie and lastly 10 year old Rose Chugg-Martin

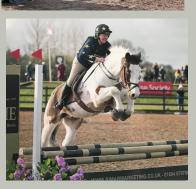
on Lily. They all did amazingly well and





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PHOTOS: Top Right: Jodie, Chris and Rose at the Prize Giving. Middle Right: Jodie and Gracie. Top Left: Faye and Peaches. Bottom Left: Chris and Arthur. Bottom Right: Rose and Lily



WY MHRC IS NOW ON INSTAGRAM WY

Follow us for funny, inspiring, favorite and archive moments.

And remember to tag us into your RC photos.



ww Well done to
member Alison Young,
who was one of the
'bucketeers' at the Cheltenham Festival Gold Cup
and helped raise over
£18,000 for the
Cotswold RDA. ww

### E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE RIDING CLUB LEAGUE

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the March competition.

#### Intro

5th = Ellen Southall and Harold

6th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Tilesford Rosina

7th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Haylers Midnight Express

8th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Llwyngell Enlie Mai

2nd = Victoria Ayling and Orchard Thief

2nd = Emma Cooper and It's All About Alfie

#### **Elementary**

1at Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie

This puts us in a great position to start the new Summer League, which started this month and runs through to the Autumn. If you'd like to take part and represent the club, then check out either the MHRC or the E-Rider's website.

- Riding Club classes from Intro to Advanced
   Medium
- Rosettes to 10th and sweets for all entries.
- Individual Rosettes to the top 10 in each league, with sashes to the top three.
- Chance to qualify for the E-Riders Summer Championship
- Earn points in the MHRC Pepper Pot League

#### IN THE RIBBONS

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Stella Bunn = 6th ODE @ Offchurch Bury
Louise Carter = 2nd AE @ Lincomb
Holly Chivers = 1st SJ @ Allenshill
Camilla Esling = 1st DR @ Moores Farm
Julie Jeffes = 2nd ODE @ Offchurch Bury
Kat Jones = 1st DR @ Stourport
Karen Kilby = 3rd BD DR @ Allenshill
Jess Nevin = 4th ODE @ Offchurch Bury
Sue Peckham = 1st DR @ Allenshill
Natalie Smith = 1st SJ @ Allenshill
Ellen Southall = 3rd DR @ HDRC
Sara Stephenson = 1st BD DR @ Allenshill
Wendy Yates = 1st BD DR @ Allenshill
Jenny Young = 1st AE @ Lincomb



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A huge thank you to Camilla Esling, who gave up her day to be our official volunteer and was given the job of stewarding and 'judging' the water jump, which provided some interesting moments throughout the day, luckily not from any of our riders.

ended up on a score of 30, which was enough for a 9th place out of 20 teams from across the country.

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NAME:	Faye Green	Jodie Powell	Rose Chugg-Martin	Christine Esling
HORSES SHOW & STABLE NAME:	Tempest Peaches (Peaches)	Glencorran Grace (Gracie)	Tregaire Tiger Lily (Lily)	Half n Half (Arthur)
Was this the first time you have competed at a BRC Championship?	Yes	No I've been lucky enough to qualify for a few now over the years	We competed at the NAF BRC National Championships in 2021	This was my second time at these Championships
What was the best thing about the week- end?	Doing our first clear round over XC fences!	The cake	Jumping a double clear and hearing my team cheer me down the step & over the boat which I was a bit worried about. It was windy and raining and I could still hear them from the other side of the arena!	Best thing is being with my fellow club mem- bers
What did you have to do in your class?	A course of show jumps immediately followed by a course of XC fences on an arena surface	A round of show jumps followed by cross coun- try fences	Jump a round of showjumps then leave the arena through the water and jump a round of XC fences, all on a surface. Mainly I had to kicka lot, Instructions from the boss (my mum) included keep my reins short, ride every fence and adopt the 'hunting position' on the step. Also don't worry about the time (it was quite a fast pace) but ride every fence accurately to hopefully get a double clear and don't forget to go through the finish!	We had to jump a round of Show jumps ( very twisty course) followed immediately by a round of x country
What did you think of the venue and the at- mosphere?	The venue was lovely and really well organised - even if the trailer parking was a little worrying with all the mud! Atmosphere was great, it felt 'bigger' but everyone was still really friendly and helpful	I love the venue and it had a lovely atmos- phere	It always seems to rain at Aston Le Walls! It is a lovely venue with everything close together. I really like the range of XC fences in the arena which are really inviting. The atmosphere was quite buzzy but friendly with lots of people standing on the hill to watch.	Venue and atmosphere was just great fun
How did your horse cope being at such a big event?	Peaches was amazing - she can be a little stressy but coped really well with the busy warm-up. She		Lily is totally chilled at every event she goes to and never seems bothered by a bigger atmosphere. She had to stand on the lorry for 3 hours and just ate!	
Is there anyone you'd like to thank?	Everyone on the team, who were all brilliant, and especially Chris for letting me join the original team at the qualifier when I'd only just joined the club, and for answering all my endless questions!	Also all the club mem-	Mummy for being my groom, Daddy for bathing Lily, Caroline for coming with us incase Mummy's back played up too much to drive/keeping her from needing to drink a bottle of rescue remedy. Chris, Jodie and Faye for being awesome team mates, making tea, feeding us yummy sausage rolls and cake afterwards and giving me and Lily big hugs when we finished!	come with me ( after a very late night at work ) but she also was our team volunteer which enabled our team to compete!
And lastly, in only 10 words, sum up your experience?	Amazing weekend, hope to be able to do it again!	Early start, Fun, Jumps Cold, sun, rain and cake	Amazing and exciting to be part of a fun team!	Lucky to have qualified for Champs at my ancient age

# AREA 18 INTERMEDIATE DRESSAGE QUALIFIER



This year, the Intermediate Dressage qualifier had to be held online (with dispensation from BRC) after a number of clubs attempted to organise a live event, but fell foul of weather, illness and general timing issues. MHRC only had one representative in the Junior section, with Isabella and Paddy competing as an individual in both the Prelim 14 and Novice 27. They won both classes and will be heading off to the BRC Intermediate Winter Championships next month.

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team and representing MHRC again. The courses were nice and inviting but did seem to cause a few problems, with not many double clears in any of the classes. Thankyou to Chris for organising us all and being there to support on the day."

## BRC NOVICE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS



The second BRC Championship of the year was held over the 26th and 27th March at Arena UK, Lincolnshire. Although we had no teams competing, the club was still represented by 3 individuals who won their classes at the qualifiers or were the highest placed individuals not on the winning team.

Up first on Saturday was Sara Stephenson on Suzy, competing in Prelim 2, followed later on in the day by Esther Bowness on Polly in the Senior 80 jumping class. Then on Sunday, Isabella Thomas and Paddy competed in both a Prelim and a Novice class, coming 6th in the latter one.

A huge thank you to all three competitors for travelling all that way and bringing MHRC to the National stage.

Name	Esther Bowness
If they made a film about your life, who would play you?	Audrey Hepburn - Classy, fun and a little bit naughty!
What was your first pony called?	Dusky - He was jet Black and owned by my Auntie. He took off with me around a 20 acre field when I was 3 years old and I stayed on! My Mum and Auntie were laughing so much that I had to find it funny!!
What is your ultimate horsey ambition?	Badminton Grassroots but I'd settle for getting to the Cotswold Cup Champs this year and will probably affiliate SJ this Winter.
Your Horse's Show and Stable Name?	New Name as we have a sponsor ' PRONTEAU Blackwater Grey Lady' and her stable / nickname is Polly or Polly Pocket Rocket
If your horse was human, who would they be?	Cameron Diaz - Super cool fit and classy!
What was it like competing at Arena UK? And what did you think of the venue and atmosphere?	We were very lucky with the weather so the venue was lovely apparently not so lovely when its raining nicknamed by my Northern Friends as 'ARENA YUK'
Would you do it again?	Definitely
What was the best thing about the weekend?	My Support team 'Bonnie James and Anthony' as well as my friends from CDRC cheering me on and of course watching my clip on H&C TV no less!
What did you have to do in your class?	2 rounds of showjumping 1 outdoor 1 indoor. If you were clear in both then you carried on to the jump off which were 5cm bigger
How did your horse cope being at such a big event?	A star she is so super cool and nothing fazes her
Is there anyone you'd like to thank?	My family as always but also a special mention to Jane Austin and her daughter Emma Jane for coming to support but also for keeping Polly ticking over the week before as I was away at an exhibition
And lastly, in only 10 words, sum up your experience?	A long way but a great experience and hope to be here again!

The top riders in each League are shown below. For a full, up to date list of places, please go to our website.

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1st	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	145
2nd	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	130
3rd	Sarah Harker and Rosebud	115
4th	Nikki Collins and Jumbos Rose	70
5th	Alice Lowe and Pudding	60
6th	Louise Carter and Oliver	55
JUNIO	R OVERALL	
1st	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	100
2nd	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	25
4th	Lilly Collop and Jilly	20
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SENIO	R DRESSAGE	
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SENIO	R COMBINED EVENTS	
1st	Chris Esling and HalfnHalf	10
	Faye Green and Tempest Peaches	10
	Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace	10
JUNIO	R COMBINED EVENTS	
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3rd	Alice Lowe and Pudding	60
4th	Louise Carter and Oliver	55
5th	Alex Riches and Mr Darcy	40
6th	Anna Robson and Academy Award	35
	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	35
	Jenny Young and Tresleas Blue	35
	Jessica Nevin and Nicky Byrne	35
	Megan Harper and Imperial Moonlight	35
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#### 2nd May 2022

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#### 5th May 2022

Gridwork Clinic with Catherine Vale @ Marlbrook Arena

#### 7th May 2022

XC Training with Abby Lloyd @ Ace Cross-Country

#### 8th May 2022

Dressage Training Day @ Corvedale Equestrian Centre

#### 12th May 2022

Polework Clinic with Karen Eacock @ Hillview Arena

#### 15th May 2022

Mercian Show Jumping @ Cleeve Prior

#### 19th May 2022

Polework Clinic with Karen Eacock @ Hillview Arena

#### 21st May 2022

BRC Combined Championships @ Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells

COVER PHOTO: Jodie Powell and Gracie at the **Arena Eventing Championships** 



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APRIL 2022

#### THIS ISSUE

Area 18 Combined Training Qualifier
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MHRC Jumping
E-Riders Online Dressage



### **EDITOR'S BIT**

Isn't it great to feel that Summer is getting finally getting here and that the competition season is in full swing. I love to read about everyone's exploits and play 'spot-the-MHRC-member' on results pages every weekend. But for every social media post that shows red rosettes and smiling faces, we all know that there's a lot of silence around those days that didn't quite go to plan.

So I'm going to take a moment to big up and applaud everyone whose April maybe wasn't the most successful. This is for those who came up against a Dressage judge that was stuck giving 5's; for those of you who fell at the first fence; for the sat nav errors out on course; for the 20 metre circles in the wrong place; for the lost shoes, filled legs and mysterious lameness; for the flat batteries, punctured tires and lost keys; and for everyone who has just come away thinking? I'd like you all to take a moment, congratulate yourself anyway, give yourself a pat on the back and your horse a carrot, and remember ... you're out there doing it. That small child dreaming of riding their pony in the ring has had that dream come true. Anything else that happens

is just icing on the cake ©

Until next time, Caroline

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#### MHRC SHOW JUMPING



50cm Winner: Ellie

Our first show of 2022 took place under blue skies and balmy weather on 11th April at Hillview. It was lovely to see so many people coming out and having a bit of fun over the jumps, whether it was to give a youngster a bit of confidence, practice before a competition or just because they were out to win one of the gorgeous Easter Eggs on offer.

#### **50cm Cross-Poles**

1st = Ellie Watkins and Areley 2nd = Di Symonds and Jeeves 3rd = Kiara Claeys and Milan Van't Flieren



Open 6ocm Winner: Louise

#### Novice 60cm

1st = Kiara Claeys and Milan Van't Flieren

2nd = Di Symonds and Jeeves 3rd = Megan Harper and Mabel



Novice 6ocm Winner: Kiara

#### Open 60cm

1st = Louise Wild and Chubby 2nd = Ingrid Barker and Paddy 3rd = Laura Rushton and Poppy

#### 80cm

1st = Victoria Wild and Chubby 2nd = Lizzie Davidge and Foxmere Smokey Joe

3rd = Pip Webster and Lad 4th = Annabel McCourt and Wenceslaus

5th = Faye Green and Tempest Peaches

6th = Helen Keats and Jimmy

#### 70cm

1st = Jodie Powell and Gracie 2nd = Lizzie Davidge and Foxmere Smokey Joe

3rd = Ingrid Barker and Paddy

4th = Louise Wild and Chubby

5th = Laura Rushton and Poppy

6th = Jenny Young and Blue

#### 90cm

1st = Esme Ruff and Lady 2nd = Pip Webster and Lad

3rd = Faye Green and Tempest Peaches

#### 1m

1st = Esme Ruff and Lady



70cm Winner: Jodie



90cm & 1m Winner: Esme

### E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE RIDING CLUB LEAGUE

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the April competition.

#### Intro

9th: Sue Lidbetter and Tilesford Rosie

11th: Sue Lidbetter and Haylers Midnight Express

15th: Sue Lidbetter and Llwyngell Enlie Mai

#### **Prelim**

6th: Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe 11th: Sue Lidbetter and Tilesford Rosie

#### **Novice**

3rd: Sarah Harker and Rosebud 8th: Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

#### PYO Elementary/Med/AdvMed

1st: Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie

After two months of the summer League, we're a good position:

1st:	East Mendip RC	182
2nd	Solent RC	132
3rd	Malvern RC	89
4th	Bewdley Bridle Club	58
5th	South Oxfordshire	52
6th	<b>Light Cavalry Supporters</b>	33
7th	Rother Valley RC	17
8th	Hiberg og omegen RC	14
9th	Tannocj Stables RC	5
10th	Rearsby Lodge RC	3

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- Earn points in the MHRC Pepper Pot League

# AREA 18 COMBINED TRAINING QUALIFIER











It was off to the middle of the Ludlow countryside for the Area 18 Combined Training Qualifier on 16th April, and despite the gorgeous weather the day before, it was a bit foggy and wet underfoot for most of the morning. MHRC were represented by a Junior and a Senior team, each with 3 riders.

#### **SENIOR TEAM**

P7 and 75cm = Camilla Esling and Black Magick

P14 and 75cm = Sue Peckham and Solis N30 and 85cm = Sophie Hooper and Jubilee Express

#### **JUNIOR TEAM**

P7 and 75cm = Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily

P14 and 75cm = Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jayne

N30 and 85cm = Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes

All three Seniors were placed, with Sophie 4th, Camilla 5th and Sue 6th in their classes, but this put them just outside the rosettes for a team 7th. But the Juniors were on top form, with all three winning their classes, putting them top of the team leaderboard and giving them a qualification for the BRC Combined Championships in May,

PHOTOS (from top): Camilla, Rose, Gabby, Sophie, Olly and Sue

"Rose and Lily had a lovely morning at the Combined Training Qualifier," said Eloise, "After a really early and misty start to the day, which may have involved the groom/ chief dogs body getting the lorry stuck in the mud on arrival, the mist soon started

to lift to glorious sunshine. This was their first go at a combined training and first round on grass. After not the best dressage mark, they flew round the show jumping, which was causing all sorts of trouble, and got the only Junior Clear Round and a fabulous round of applause from the Malvern cheer squad! This pulled them up to the top of the leader board and they were first. Their super team mates results meant a team win too! We are all looking forward to the Championships!"

# BRC INTERMEDIATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The third Championships of the year were held at Bury Farm, on the 22nd to the 24th April.

On Friday,
Holly Chivers and
Dripshell Dreammaker competed in the
100cm jumping as
part of the joint Area
18 team. After the
first round, they were
were only one of a
handful in to be clear
and after only having
one pole in the sec-



ond round, they ended up in 9th place.

On Sunday, Isabella Thomas and Paddy competed in the Junior Novice and Junior Prelim Dressage, coming 10th in the Novice section.

A big Thank You to Chris Esling, who went along to volunteer on behalf of the club.

#### IN THE RIBBONS

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Esther Bowness = 6th ODE @ Waverton
Sophie Bowness = 5th ODE @ Waverton
Stella Bunn = 6th ODE @ Sapey
Ellie Dean = 2nd ODE @ Waverton
Annitta Engel = 2nd ODE @ Calmsden
Megan Harper = 7th ODE @ Calmsden
Oliver Hooper = 1st ODE @ Swalcliffe
Julie Jeffes = 2nd ODE @ Calmsden
Karen Kilby = 3rd BD DR @ Allenshill
Katherine Jones = 2nd BD DR @ Allenshill
Jess Nevin = 3rd BE ODE @ Oxstalls
Wendy Robinson = 4th ODE @ Sapey
Felix Westgate-Wilton = 5th ODE @ Calmsden
Wendy Yates = 1st BD DR @ Allenshill

### MERCIAN DRESSAGE

The Mercian season kicked off with a Dressage competition at Allens Hill competition centre, run by Worcester Riding Club. It was a busy day, with nearly 30 teams from Mercian clubs, enjoying the sunshine and a bit of friendly competition.

We had three teams competing and it was great to see some new names representing the club for the first time. Sadly, we had no team

places, but Jodie Powell won the Intro B and Rachel Sargeant was 6th.

Pip = "Great weather, good company, remembered test (surprisingly), somewhat severe scoring! "

Lizzie = "I don't think the judge was our best friend in P1 arena! But the coffee and the company were great!"

The next competition is the Show Jumping on 15th May at Cleeve Prior, with classes from 60cm to 90cm. Contact Chris if you'd like to go along and have a go.

#### **MALVERN BUTTERCUPS**

LAUREN PHILPOTTS & BUCKWEISER RACHEL SARGEANT & CELESTIAL

**BUBBLES** 

NATALIE SMITH & COCO BEAN CAROLINE BATES & SMOKEY JOE

#### **MALVERN DAFFODILS**

CAMILLA ESLING & BLACK MAGIC SARAH LIMBRICK & BUFFY JODIE POWELL & GLENCORRAN GRACE SUE LIDBETTER & MAI

#### **MALVERN PRIMROSES**

ROSE CHUGG-MARTIN & TREGAIRE TIGER LILY

JO JEYNES & DUKE OF SPAIN
LIZZIE DAVIDGE & FOXMERE
SMOKEY JOE
PIP WEBSTER & FLASHMANS LAD

JODIE AND GRACIE
COMPETING AT KINGS



#### **UPDATED LEAGUE TABLE 03.05.2022**

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PLACE	CLUB	POINTS		
1st	CROPTHORNE & EVESHAM RC	10		
2nd	LUDLOW RC	8		
3rd	BROMSGROVE RC	7		
4th	SHROPSHIRE SOUTH RC	6		
5th	WYVERN RC	4		
	ALVECHURCH RC	3		
6th	HEREFORD RC	3		
out	MALVERN HILLS RC	3		
	WORCESTER RC	3		
A CONTRACTOR	BROMYARD RC	2		
10th	CHELTENHAM RC	2		
	FRAMPTON RC	2		
13th	BEWDLEY BRIDLE CLUB	1		
1301	VALE OF ARROW RC	1		
15th	TUMPY GREEN RC	0		



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Area 18 Horse Trials Qualifier

11th June 2022

Moreton Morrell
Warwickshire College, CV35 9BL

Help is need to Fence Judge and/or Steward Lunch provided and everyone gets a bottle of wine and 50% off Arena Eventing schooling at Dallas Burston

If you can help, please contact Alice at area18.officialsteward@gmail.com

#### PEPPER POT LEAGUE 2022

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#### 12th May 2022

Polework Clinic with Karen Eacock @ Hillview Arena

#### 15th May 2022

Mercian Show Jumping @ Cleeve Prior

#### 19th May 2022

Polework Clinic with Karen Eacock @ Hillview Arena

#### 21st May 2022

- BRC Combined Championships @ Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells
- Jumping Clinic with Abby Lloyd @ Ace Cross-Country

#### 22nd May 2022

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# COVER PHOTO: Bertie and Solis enjoying the sunshine at Area Combined Training



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### **EDITOR'S BIT**

It's been great this month, getting out and about with the club and seeing everyone enjoying com-

peting at both local and area level. But its becoming increasingly noticeable to everyone, whether competitor or organiser, that numbers are way down on where they used to be. And, to be honest, who can be blame anyone? The cost of fuel, cost of entry fees and general cost of living for the competitors means that us amateurs, who genuinely do this crazy sport for fun, have to be more discerning about where and what we do. On the other hand, venues have higher costs, have less volunteers who can afford to travel and give up their time, and have increased competition from all the other events being run on the same day. It's a sad, and slightly worrying, vicious circle... and one that is talked about regularly at every level. With some quite prominent and previously popular shows being cancelled or postponed due to low numbers, including our own Area 18 Horse Trials Qualifier, and classes of half a dozen people almost the norm, it'll be interesting to see how the world of competing adapts in the future. Afterall, we battled through and survived the Covid lockdowns - I'm sure we'll fight our way through this one too.

Until next time, Caroline

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### MHRC DRESSAGE

After bad weather scuppered our February show, it was great to finally start the 2022 Dressage series this month. It was a quiet one, but the competition was as fierce as ever.

#### **Intro A Restricted**

2nd Emily Watkins and Glasshard King

Areley

3rd Emma Taylor Newman and Polmesk

Rose

#### Intro A Open

1st Gail Gavan and Jack
2nd Jodie Powell and Gracie
3rd Grace Jenkins and the Lion Queen
4th Catherine Vale and Scarlett
5th Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai
6th Tracey Cameron and Foxy



Gail and Jack

#### **Prelim 1 Restricted**

1st Jodie Powell and Gracie

2nd Ellie Watkins and Glasshard King Areley

3rd Di Symonds and Jeeves4th Ellie Watkins and Bedazzled5th Tracey Cameron and Foxy

#### Prelim 1 Open

1st Sophie Hooper and Jubilee Express

3rd Wendy Robinson and Ernie

4th Lou Cole and Roo

5th Gail Gavan and Jack

6th Pip Webster and Flashmans Lad

#### Prelim 18

2nd Catherine Vale and Fern
3rd Rachel Bullock and Senator
4th Wendy Robinson and Ernie
5th Camilla Esling and Black Magick
6th Louise Wild and Chubby

Novice 28

1st Megan Harper and Mr Beatle

2nd Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine

Sadie

4th Esther Bowness and Pollu

5th Rachel Bullock and Senator

6th Sarah Limbrick and Buffy

#### PYO Novice 24 / Elementary 44

1st Megan Harper and Mr Beatle

2nd Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine

Sadie

3rd Camilla Esling and Black Magick

4th Sarah Limbrick and Buffy

There is still plenty of time to qualify for our championship show in December. Our next show is on the 23rd July, with classes from Intro to Elementary. Go to our website to enter online.



Megan and Mr Beatle

### E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE RIDING CLUB LEAGUE

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the April competition.

#### Intro

10th: Sue Lidbetter and Tilesford Rosie

11th: Sue Lidbetter and Haylers Midnight Express

16th: Sue Lidbetter and Llwyngell Enlie Mai

#### **Prelim**

10th: Sue Lidbetter and Tilesford Rosie

11th: Ann Brennan and Greylands Beave Brook

#### **Novice**

3rd: Sarah Harker and Rosebud

#### PYO Elementary/Med/AdvMed

2nd: Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie

After two months of the summer League, we're a good position:

1st:	East Mendip RC	252
2nd	Solent RC	210
3rd	Malvern RC	115
4th	Bewdley Bridle Club	101
5th	South Oxfordshire	59
6th	<b>Light Cavalry Supporters</b>	34
7th	Rother Valley RC	32
8th	Hiberg og omegen RC	14
9th	Newcastle Riding Club	9
10th	Strathearn RC	6

If you'd like to take part and represent the club, then check out either the MHRC or the E-Rider's website.

- Riding Club classes from Intro to Advanced
   Medium
- Judged by British Dressage listed judges
- Rosettes to 10th and sweets for all entries.
- Individual Rosettes to the top 10 in each league, with sashes to the top three.
- Chance to qualify for the E-Riders Summer Championship
- Earn points in the MHRC Pepper Pot League

#### BRC COMBINED CHAMPIONSHIPS

On 22nd May, MHRC headed to the BRC Combined Championships, where we were represented by our Junior Combined Training Team of Rose Chugg-Martin on Tregaire Tiger Lily, Gabriella Thomas on Emily Jayne and Oliver Hooper on Blue Suede Shoes. Aston-Le-Wells in a lovely venue with both phases taking place on their amazing arenas.



Olly and Elvis

Gabby was up first and did a lovely test, holding Prinny together when she decided to get a bit keen during the canter bits. Knowing that the mare (who is kindly leant to her by Jo Jeynes), likes to have a few poles, it was tense start to the jumping, but they produced a beautiful round and not a single dropped pole and just a few time faults to

add.



Rose and Lily

Rose was up next and again produced a lovely test. Then did one of the fastest jumping rounds of the day to get a perfect clear.

Olly's last centre line so impressed the judge that she got out of her car to say it was the first 9 she'd given all day! The jumps had

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#### AREA 18 DTM

The last competition for the month was the Dressage to Music qualifier, held at Stourport Equestrian Centre. This is just an individual competition, not teams, and we had three representatives across three of the different classes. t was a great day out, watching all the different routine and very varied music. And although we didn't get any qualifications this time round, all three were placed.

SENIOR NOVICE WITH POINTS
Catherine Holland and Freddie = 6th
SENIOR NOVICE WITHOUT POINTS
Camilla Esling and Black Magick = 5th
ELEMENTARY

Sarah Blackshaw and Kaydo = 4th



Sarah and Kavdo

Name	Rose Chugg-Martin
Age	10
Which school do you go to?	Bredon Hancocks First School
What would you like to be when you grow up?	I don't know yet, I can't choose!
Tell us a little bit about your horse?	Lily is a 10 year old 13hh coloured mare, she loves food, all food, she even talks to her food, especially apples. I think she rates competition centres by their grass. She is enjoying doing lots of different things and has done her first combined training, arena eventing and dressage with me.
If you could have a riding lesson from anyone in the world, who would it be and why?	I would love a lesson from Laura Collett, she's amazing! I love seeing her ride the racehorses and watching London 52 bucking with excitement when he's had a holiday. I would love to be able to ride like her and she works very hard.
What was your favourite bit about Championship day?	Our favourite bit was the showjumping, Lily looked very grumpy when she got to the arena and realised the XC fences weren't in there anymore and it was Dressage. She likes combined training as once the dressage is done she gets to do her favourite bit, jumping! The course had lots of fillers and was really good.

#### **FOR SALE:**

Rosie is a gorgeous 10yo, 14.2 Blagdon cob

She has been a pleasure to own and is for sale due to rider moving onto a competition horse.

She is a good all-rounder/PC and Riding Club pony and has done a bit of everything - Dressage (she can do a very neat Prelim test and would do well to be brought on to do more dressage), SJ and XC (currently jumping 60-70 cm, and may be able to go a little higher), was



a joy at PC camp last year, and has also done lots of riding club clinics, pony club rallies and competitions.

Won last two SJ competitions and Riding Club junior jumping award 2021. Rosie has been hacked and does better in company, although capable rider should be able to take her out alone. She adores fuss and cuddles, and is easy to bond with.

She is great with the dentist and farrier (she loves having her feet trimmed), and is good to clip. Rosie is up to date with dentist, vaccines

Rosie is not a novice ride, but very rewarding. She tries her very best and loves to be rewarded.

She loves to be around other horses, although she does get attached to them quickly.

She can be a typical bolshy cob, so responds well to firm handling, but she is so affectionate and loving.



Malvern Hills Riding Club **TEMBERS ONLY** 



th NOVEMBER - TROPHY SHOW (SEE SEPARATE SCHEDULE)



HILLVIEW ARENA, BLACKMORE PARK ROAD,

MALVERN, WR13 6NN

Fun, low key events - come and have a bit of fun amongst friends. Rosettes to 6th. Prizes to 1st place.

lorse / Rider combinations may only enter a maximum of three consecutive classes.

CLASS 1: Cross Poles @ 50cm CLASS 2: Novice @ 60cm

Classes 1 and 2 are for genuine novice horses or riders only. No fillers, no spreads. Can be lead-rein or assisted.

There will be no timed jump-off - the closest to the optimum time will be declared the winner.



CLASS 3: 60cm CLASS 4: 70cm CLASS 6: 90cm CLASS 7: 1m



Classes 3 to 7 will have a separate, timed, jump-off for all clear rounds in the first round. If there are no clear rounds, then the closest to the optimum time in the first round will be declared the winner.

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gone up for his class and Elvis loved it, but just rolled an unfortunate pole on the last fence. Although no team placings this time round, all three Juniors

did amazing jobs, with



Gabi and Prinnie

Rose and Olly both placing 7th in their arenas.

#### IN THE RIBBONS

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Sara Blackshaw = 3rd BD DR @ Prestige Esther Bowness = 4th Showing @ Allenshill Holly Chivers = 1st ODE @ Great Tew Nikki Collins = 2nd SJ @ Allens Hill Lilly Collop = 1st BD DR @ Kings Equestrian Karen Kilby = 1st BD DR @ Allens Hill Annabel McCourt = 3rd DR @ ROR Regional Championships

Sue Moger = 4th ODE @ Sapey Esme Ruff = 2nd ODE @ Great Tew Alex Riches = 7th ODE @ Great Tew Zoe Ryan = 4th SJ @ Allenshill Wendy Robinson = 7th ODE @ Great Tew Sara Stephenson = 1st BD DR @ Allens Hill Karen Withers = 2nd BD DR @ Burrows Court

As a member of British Riding Clubs, you can take advantage of a number of benefits offered by different companies and organisations.

- 10% discount on Tocsen Crash Sensor
  - 30% discount when you join BHS
- £15 off Premium ads in Horse and Hound
- Try 6 issues of Horse and Hound for £6
- 5% discount on rubber matting at equimat.co.uk
  - 5% on orders from Jump4Joy
    - 10% of Signam Products
  - 5% off Kate Negus Saddlery
- 15% off Duralock Post and Rail Fencing Check out the latest edition of Rider Magazine for more details.

### MERCIAN SHOW JUMPING

It was off to Cleeve Prior on 15th May for the second round of Mercian events, this time over jumps. We had two teams competing and both came 2nd, narrowly missing out on the 1st place spots. There was also a individual 2nd for Chris in the 70cm and a 6th for Faye in the 80cm.



Chris and Arthur

#### 70cm

Jodie Powell and Glencarron Grace / Camilla Esling and Black Magick Lizzie Davidge and Foxboro Smokey Joe / Chris Esling and Half N Half

#### 80cm

Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad / Jo Jeynes and Duke of Spain Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jayne / Faye Green and Tempest Peaches

"Such a lovely team atmosphere", said Lizzie, "quote of the day from Jodie 'I was most excited about the picnic'!"



# DID YOU KNOW?

MHRC is part of the Malvern Hills Advisory Committee, which helps the Wardens and Malvern

council look after the hills and commons in the area. Meetings are held several times a year and MHRC sends a representative to each one.

The current big topic of conversation is the increased numbers of visitors following Covid restrictions and the issues this causes. From our perspective, this has meant than many rides who use the commons have not felt safe when they are crowded and have chosen to ride elsewhere or not ride altogether.

Pathway maintenance is being discussed and if you know of anywhere where paths, grassland or hillsides have been damaged, please feel free to forward this information to the club and we can pass it on.

Likewise, if you would like to raise any issue regarding the conservation area, whether it relates to horse riding or walking, please feel free to drop a line to the club e-mail address, so that we can raise it at a future meeting.

# MEET THE TEAM JO JEYNES

How long have you been a member of MHRC?

I originally joined when I was 19!

What's your day job?

wake cheese and wilk a small bediance.

I make cheese and milk a small, pedigree Gloucester cow herd.

**Favourite Horsey Activity?** 

Turning out for shows - I love plaiting how sad am I?

Least Favourite Horsey Activity?

Cleaning the lorry.

Tell us about your horse.

Duke of Spain, aka Rodney, is a 12 year old, 18hh TB

How long have you owned your horse?
I delivered him into the world as a foal.
He went into training, but was gifted
back to me four years ago.

What does he Like?

Hacking through the woods.

And dislike?

People, other than his Mum, riding him.
What did you think of the venue?
A nice field out in the countryside.
How early did you get up on the show day?
5am to work before getting ready for the show

What was the best bit about the day?

Team coming 2nd

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

The teams all supported each other, which is great, but I'd like to say a special thanks to Jodie for videoing me and Chris for always being there.



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- Mercian Dressage @ Frampton Court Estate
- Mercian Showing @ Frampton Court Estate

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#### 30th June 2022

Flatwork Clinic with Nick Lawson @ Hillview Arena

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• BHS Teams of Three Jumping @ Hickstead

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BRC Horse Trials Championships @ Swalcliffe Park Equestrian

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# COVER PHOTO: Sophie Hooper and Nezbee, MHRC DR Show



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### **EDITOR'S BIT**

months!

There's that old adage that other's see you in a completely different light than you see yourselves, and nothing highlights that more at the moment than the current Lloyd's advert, which makes we laugh every time I see it. You know the one - people stop and stare in wonder as a herd of horses gallop through their town, prancing gracefully to a halt while wide-eyed kids reach out to stroke their noses, inspired to be free and fearless (and take out a new account!). Of course, what the real world version doesn't show you is the red faced rider, trying to run after them, complete in long boots and spurs, or wellies, while shouting obscenities. Or the bits of trailing tack, boots and assorted equipment disintegrating with every powerful stride (especially if it's that expensive bit of kit you'd been saving up to buy for ages). Or the black eye as just as you reach out to grab them, they whirl and whizz off back to where they came from. Speaking from experience (lots and lots of experience) there's no wide-eyed wonder here.

So here's hoping that the spring grass is a distant memory and none of us will be recreating the advert for another few

Until next time, Caroline

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# AREA 18 SHOW & STYLE JUMPING QUALIFIER

The summer jumping qualifier at Cleeve Prior, was a much smaller event than normal, but MHRC sent along plenty of representatives aiming for qualification to both BRC Nationals and the SWWRC Champs. Despite the heavy rain in the days leading up to the event, the ground was good and the downpours largely held off.

Both our 70 and 80 Senior teams managed a very respectable 5th place, with Gabby placing 4th as an individual in the Junior section. Our 100 team were just pipped at the post, coming 2nd to Worcester team, with Holly 3rd, Anna 4th and Nikki 6th. As the highest individual not in a team, Holly qualifies for the BRC Nationals and, after coming 3rd in the 110 class as well, will join her fellow competitors from Worcester to form an Area team as well.

#### 70cm Individuals

Anna Robson and Storm

Sue Peckham and Solis

Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jayne Camilla Esling and Black Magick

80cm Team

Natalie Smith and Coco Bean Sue Peckham and Solis

Jo Jeynes and Duke of Spain

#### **70cm Senior Team**

Lizzie Davidge and Foxmere Smokey

Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace

Sue Peckham and Freddie

100cm Team

Anna Robson and Academy Award Faye Green And Tempest Peaches Nikki Collins and Jumbos Rose Holly Chivers and Dripshill

Dreammaker

#### 110cm Individual

Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker

Unfortunately, we didn't shine in the Style Jumping (which is judged on the rider's ability rather than faults) and our Senior team was eliminated, but Faye won an individual 3rd in the 85cm section.

#### **Junior Style Individuals**

75 Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily 75 Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jayne

#### **Senior Style Team**

75 Lizzie Davidge and Foxmere Smokey Joe

75 Camilla Esling and Black Magick

85 Faye Green and Tempest Peaches

85 Jo Jeynes and Duke of Spain

"Well, Peaches had an absolute tantrum in the first ring", said Faye, "and I thought I was going to be eliminated before we even started, but we got going eventually! With help from Chris on entry for our 2nd and 3rd rounds, she got better and better, with us getting 4th in the style jumping."

"Despite the torrential forecast we hardly saw a drop of rain and had a lovely day taking part in the Junior Style Jumping," said Eloise. "Rose was thrilled with a lovely clear round to finish 2nd in the Junior Section. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to Chris for coming to support!"

# MEET THE TEAM **SUE PECKHAM**



How long have you been a member of MHRC? Over 25 years!

What's your day job?

Milk recorder, VERY early mornings and late nights, free in the day to ride ponies (and sleep!)

> What's your favourite Horsey Activity Making young horses

And least favourite? Clipping Have you competed for MHRC before?

> Many many times Tell us about your horses.

Solis is a 15hh, ID x pony cob and Freddie is a 15.2hh cob of unknown breed-

ing. Both are 6 years old How long have you owned your horse? Solis for 3 years and Freddie for 6 months

What do they like?

Solis - Rolling whilst he's still eating his food in a bucket! Freddie - showing off! And Dislike?

Solis - small branches that could be snakes! Freddie - the fact that his fat rider keeps HIM on a constant diet! She needs to look in the mirror!! What did you think of the venue? There was good grass cover but first ring was rather small

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## MHRC JUMPING

Well done to everyone who came along to our fun jumping show on 25th June. It was a quite one, but it was great to see everyone having fun and, we hope, get something out of having a go.



Charlie and Frank

**NOVICE 60cm:** 1st = Charlie-Jayne Halling and Frank / 2nd =

Sophie Jones and Calley / 3rd = Di Symonds and Jeeves



Sophie and Calley

60cm: 1st = Sophie Jones and Calley / 2nd = Laura Rushton and Poppy / 3rd = Charlie-Jayne Halling and Frank / 4th = Kiara Claeys and Milan Van't Flieren / 5th = Di Symonds and Jeeves

**70cm:** 1st = Chris Esling and Arthur / 2nd = Jodie Powell and Gracie / 3rd = Lydia Burrows and Buzz / 4th =

Helen Keats and Jimmy / 5th = Laura Rushton and Poppy / 6th = Kiara Claeys and Milan Van't

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ker

80cm: 1st = Chris Esling and Arthur / 2nd = Jenny Barnes and Parker / Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad / 4th = Helen Keats and Jimmy 90cm: 1st = Alice Cook and Smokey IV / 2nd = Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad / 3rd = Jenny Barnes and Par-



Chris and Arthur

#### IN THE RIBBONS

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Esther Bowness = 7th ODE @ Oxstalls / Sophie Chichester = 3rd
ODE @ Oxstalls / Lilly Collop = 2nd BD DR @ Stourport / Karen
Kilby = 1st BD DR @ Kings / Sue Peckham = 7th ODE @ Oxstalls / Jodie Powell = 1st ODE @ Solihull / Esme Ruff = 2nd ODE
@ Waverton / Sara Stephenson = 2nd BD DR @ Kings / Wendy
Robinson = 9th ODE @ Waverton / Karen Withers = 4th BD DR
@ Prestige

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How early did you get up on the show day?

About 5.30, I had a lie in!

What was the best bit about the day?

That Solis only knocked one pole down in

3 rounds and the enthusiasm Fred had

in his second round

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

I'm afraid I don't have a support crew, I travel to most events on my own. I'm really lucky that my boys are very well behaved around the lorry which makes things easier.

I want to thank all the other MHRC team members, they are why I'm still a member, we are all really supportive to each other, and it's always lovely to catch up. Special thanks to Chris for her relentless enthusiasm in organising teams

# E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE RIDING CLUB LEAGUE

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the June competition.

#### Intro

7th: Ellen Southall and Harold 9th: Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai 10th: Suzanne Lidbetter and Midnight

#### **Prelim**

1st: Victoria Ayling and Orchard Thief 11th: Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie 14th: Zoe Hockley and Strahard Jack

After three months of the summer League, we're a good position:

1st:	East Mendip RC	319
2nd	Solent RC	271
3rd	Bewdley Bridle Club	170
4th	Malvern RC	138
5th	South Oxfordshire	70
6th	Rother Valley RC	38

If you'd like to take part and represent the club, then check out either the MHRC or the E-Rider's website.

### PEPPER POT LEAGUE 2022

The top riders in each League are shown below. For a full, up to date list of places, please go to our website.

#### SENIOR OVERALL

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1st	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	275
2nd	Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace	260
3rd	Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad	190
4th	Di Symonds and Jeeves	175
	Sarah Harker and Rosebud	175
JUNIOF	R OVERALL	
1st	Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane	150
2nd	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	115
3rd	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	110
4th	Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes	85
5th	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	25
SENIOF	R DRESSAGE	
1st	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	275
2nd	Sarah Harker and Rosebud	175
3rd	Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace	115
4th	Suzanne Lidbetter and Tileford Rosina	85
5th	Megan Harper and Mr Beatle	80
JUNIOF	R DRESSAGE	
1st	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	115
2nd	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	5
SENIOF	R COMBINED EVENTS	
1st	Sophie Hooper and Jubilee Express	25
2nd	Camilla Esling and Black Magick	20
3rd	Sue Peckham and Solis	15
4th	Chris Esling and HalfnHalf	10
	Faye Green and Tempest Peaches	10
	Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace	10
JUNIOF	R COMBINED EVENTS	
1st	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	95
2nd	Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes	85
3rd	Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane	80
SENIOF	RJUMPING	
1st	Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad	170
2nd	Chris Esling and HalfnHalf	155
3rd	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	145
	Faye Green and Tempest Peaches	145
5th	Di Symonds and Jeeves	140
JUNIOF	RJUMPING	
1st	Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane	70
2nd	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	25
3rd	Lilly Collop and Jilly	20
/lth	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	10

#### WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

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

#### 3rd July 2022

Mercian Show & Style Jumping @ Pengethley

#### 9th July 2022

Jumping Clinic with Catherine Vale @ Marlbrook

#### 10th July 2022

Area 18 Horse Trials Qualifier @ Offchurch Bury

#### 17th July 2022

• Area 18 Dressage and Riding Test Qualifier @ Sapey Cross-Country

#### 23rd July 2022

• MHRC Dressage Series @ Hillview Arena

#### 24th July 2022

- Mercian Dressage @ Frampton Court Estate
- Mercian Showing @ Frampton Court Estate

#### 28th July 2022

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

#### 30th July 2022

Polework Clinic with Steph Woolley @ Hillview Arena

#### 31st July 2022

• BHS Teams of Three Jumping @ Hickstead

#### 5th August 2022

• BRC Horse Trials Championships @ Swalcliffe Park Equestrian

#### 6th August 2022

BRC Horse Trials Championships @ Swalcliffe Park Equestrian

#### 7th August 2022

- BRC Horse Trials Championships @ Swalcliffe Park Equestrian
- Mercian Combined Training @ Gracelands Equestrian Centre

#### 9th August 2022

• Mini Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview Arena

#### 16th August 2022

• Mini Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview Arena

#### 14th August 2022

• Area 18 Intro Dressage Qualifier @ Hillview Arena

#### 23rd August 2022

• Mini Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview Arena

#### 20th August 2022

 South Wales and West of England Regional Championships @ Hartpury

#### 27th August 2022

MHRC Summer Picnic @ Golden Valley, Birtsmorton

#### 28th August 2022

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

#### 3rd - 4th September 2022

COVER PHOTO: Alice and Smokey at our Fun SJ

Day



# MHRC NEWSLETTER

**JULY 2022** 



### **EDITOR'S BIT**

Another lovely summer month in the world of the riding club. There's been so much

going on again, and it's been great to see you all out and about. What's been even nicer is seeing some new faces taking the plunge and joining our teams. Whether it's at Mercian level, earning club points for the local RC League, or at Area level, with the chance to qualify for Regional and National Championships, competing as part of a team brings that extra element of fun, support, encouragement and laughter to your day. We'd love to welcome even more members, so if you're tempted to take the plunge, but not sure whether it's really for you, then why not have a chat to us. I can assure you, you'll love it and we're always on hand to answer your queries and give that gentle kick up the proverbial backside we all need once in a while! Check out the website for the next team opportunities - whatever level or sport you compete at, there will be something that's just for you.

Until next time, Caroline

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# AREA 18 HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER

It was rather a warm one for the Area Horse Trials on 10th July at Offchurch Bury, but we had a great day out as a club, with plenty of riders and a handful of volunteers on site.

Our 90 team were placed 3rd, with Tiggy winning an individual 6th place, while Holly won the 100+ and gains qualification for the Championships next month.

#### **Senior 80 Team**

Sue Peckham & Solis Louise Revill & Maystar Joey Faye Green & Tempest Peaches

Senior 80 Individual

Sue Peckham & Freddie

#### Senior 90 Team

Tiggy Manning & Ballybrack Bili Sue Moger & Ballygill Bobby Julie Jeffes & Barrybeg Cruise

Individal 100+

Holly Chivers & Dripshill Dreammaker

"Pretty hot day" said Sue M, "but pony came through remarkably well. Great XC course which rode really well. Best part of the day was at the start when I arrived in time to see Sue Peckham heading over to the XC, hearing over the loudspeaker that she had jumped clear SJ with Solis and then seeing her complete XC clear with minimal time faults. So chuffed for her! We were sadly



Sue M and Bob

down one rider in the 90 but despite this were 3rd team. Huge thanks to Chris Esling for organising us, Caroline Bates for SJ judging all day and all others who helped make the day fun for us."

### IN THE RIBBONS

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Sara Blackshaw = 1st BD DR @ Stourport

Rose Chugg-Martin = Champion @ Hanbury Show

Sarah Garton-Jones = 2nd BD DR @ Allenshill

Megan Harper = 3rd DR @ Allenshill

Jo Jeynes = 4th @ Three Counties Show

Kat Jones = 1st DR @ Moores Farm

Sue Peckham = 7th ODE @ Oxstalls

Zoe Ryan = 5th ODE @ Oxstalls

Natalie Smith = 1st CT @ Allenshill

Sara Stephenson = 1st BD DR @ Allenshill

# E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE RIDING CLUB LEAGUE

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the June competition.

#### Intro 1b

4th = Kelly Payne and Lola

8th = Emma Cooper and It's All About Alfie

#### Prelim 2b

11th = Zoe Hockley and Strahard Jack

12th = Ann Brennan and Greylands Beaver Brook

#### **SUMMER LEAGUE**

1st:	East Mendip RC	374
2nd	Solent RC	323
3rd	Bewdley Bridle Club	262
4th	Malvern RC	152
5th	South Oxfordshire	78
6th	Rother Valley RC	53

If you'd like to take part & represent the club, then check out either the MHRC or the E-Rider's website.

- Riding Club classes from Intro to Advanced Medium
- Judged by British Dressage listed judges
- Rosettes to 10th & sweets for all entries.
- Individual Rosettes to the top 10 in each league, with sashes to the top three.
- Chance to qualify for the E-Riders Summer Championship
- Earn points in the MHRC Pepper Pot League

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN THIS AMAZING SASH & ROSETTE?

MHRC won this for coming 3rd in the E-Riders Winter 21/22 League. It will be on display at our AGM and will then be awarded to the Horse & Rider who have won the most E-Rider RC points in 2022.



# AREA 18 DRESSAGE & RIDING TEST QUALIFIER



Jodie and Gracie

It was a rather hot day for the summer dressage qualifier, the second year in a row competing in what felt like tropical temperatures. This year, we used the grass arenas at Sapey Cross-Country, in an event jointly run by Shropshire South Riding Club and the Bewdley Bridle Club.

The day started early to avoid the worst of the heat, but at least it meant we were all finished and off the showground by lunchtime.

Due to the lower entries than normal, it did mean that it was rosettes all round, with all our teams placed and nearly everyone winning individual places too (see panel right).

This also meant that we had a lovely amount of members qualifying for the two summer championships. Off to the BRC National Championships in September is our Junior Prelim Team and Junior Riding Test Team of Gabriella, Isabella and Rose, with Rose also qualifying as an individual in the Junior Intro. Joining them are Holly in the Senior Novice 30 and Victoria in the Senior Novice Riding Test, as both were highest placed individuals not on the winning team, in their classes.

Both Senior Prelim teams qualify for the South West and Wales Riding Club Championships at Hartpury in August, as does the Green Riding Test Team, who were 2nd on the day.

"We had a lovely morning at the Area 18 Dressage Qualifier at Sapey," said Eloise, "really well organised and much cooler than we expected with a lovely breeze and three tests done and dusted by 10.40am. Rose has come on so much in confidence thanks to the support of Senior Members of the club along with her two Junior Team mates, and she was so thrilled

to have qualified for three classes at the National Championships. Rose's main aim for 2022 was to be lucky enough to get the opportunity to go to Lincoln again so fingers crossed she will be trotting down the centre line along with Gabby and Bella in September! Well done to everyone and thank you for your support."



Holly and Jester

### **RUNNERS AND RIDERS**

# SENIOR PRELIM TEAMS MALVERN HILLS PINK = 4th

Camilla Esling and Black Magick = 2nd
Sue Peckham and Solis = 3rd
Sarah Limbrick and Myshall Buffy = 4th

#### **MALVERN HILLS YELLOW = 5th**

Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace = 2nd
Sue Peckham and Freddie = 3rd
Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe = 5th
Lizzie Davidge and Foxmere Smokey Joe = 6th

#### **JUNIOR PRELIM TEAM = 1st**

Rose Chugg Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily = 1st Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jayne = 1st Isabella Thomas and Paddy = 1st

#### SENIOR NOVICE INDIVIDUALS

Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker = 1st Victoria Watkins and Dancing Spirit = 2nd

#### **INTRO INDIVIDUALS**

Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace = 4th

Rose Chugg Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily = 1st

# SENIOR RIDING TEST TEAMS MALVERN HILLS GREENS = 2nd

Victoria Watkins and Dancing Spirit = 3rd
Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace = 4th
Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker = 4th
Camilla Esling and Black Magick = 6th

#### **MALVERN HILLS PURPLES = 5th**

Lizzie Davidge and Foxmere Smokey Joe = 8th
Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe = 9th
Sue Peckham and Freddie = 10th

#### JUNIOR RIDING TEST TEAM = 1st

Isabella Thomas and Paddy = 1st
Rose Chugg Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily = 3rd
Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jayne = 5th

## MHRC DRESSAGE SERIES



The latest show in our 2022 Dressage series was great fun, with the weather turning out perfect for a bit of dancing between the boards. A huge thank you to everyone who helped run the show.

Double winners Esme and Lucy

#### **INTRO B: OPEN**

1st: Jodie Powell and Grace 2md: Elinor Lloyd and Badger 3rd: Luan Crawford and Bjort 5th: Hollie Ballinger and Rooney 6th: Tracey Cameron and Fox

#### **PRELIM 13: RESTRICTED**

1st: Stella Bunn and Everybody Rumble

2nd: Jodie Powell and Gracie 3rd: Holly Ballinger and Rooney 4th: Tracey Cameron and Fox

5th: Evie Gwillum and Ozzie

#### **PRELIM 13: OPEN**

1st: Esme Ruff and Lucy
2nd: Camilla Esling and Black

Magick
4th: Elinor Lloyd and Badger

5th: Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn

6th: Helen Keats and Jimmy

#### **PRELIM 14: OPEN**

2nd: Lou Cole and Roo

3rd: Pip Webster and Flashman's

Lad

5th: Ann Brennan and Greylands Beaver Brook

6th: Charlie-Jayne Halling and Frank

#### **NOVICE 27**

1st: Esme Ruff and Lucy

5th: Sara Stephenson and Lliedi

Susan

6th: Ann Brennan and Greylands

Beaver Brook

The next full show in the series is on the 15th October, but if you want to gain some extra points for our Christmas Championship show, then there are three open classes at our Area Dressage Qualifier on 14th August which will count towards qualification. For both schedules and links to enter, check out our website.

# HALF-PRICE SALE MHRC BRANDED GOODIES

We have a limited amount of Navy and Yellow club clothing left in stock and will be selling it off at half price before swapping to a new supplier..



NUMNAH
WAS £25 NOW £12.50
2 x Full White with Blue
Writing
2 x Full Blue with Yellow
Writing

GILET
WAS £28 NOW £14
Size 10 x 1 / Size 12 x 3 /
Size 14 x 3 / Size 16 x 2





SOFT SHELL JACKET WAS £30 NOW £15 Size 10 x 2 / Size 12 x 1

HOODIE / ZIPPED FLEECE
WAS £25 NOW £12.50
Size Small x 2 / Size Medium
x 2





POLO SHIRT
WAS £20 NOW £10
Size Medium x 6 / Size
Large x 1

Postage will be extra, or arrange to pick it up at a club event for free.

Any remaining stock will be available to purchase at our Picnic in August.

Please contact Linda Kemp on 07727 826 336 or al\_kemp@outlook.com

BASEBALL CAPS x 4 WAS £9.50 NOW £4.75

HORSE 'EARS' x 3 WAS £15 NOW £7.50



## MERCIAN DRESSAGE & SHOWING



Sara and Suzy

It's been a while since the club competed at the Frampton Estate, but it was back here on the 24th July for the next two competitions in the Mercian calendar. This was a Dressage competition and a Showing competition, both hosted by the Frampton Family Riding Club.

Both teams did brilliantly, with everyone getting individual places in their classes and both teams ending up in 2nd place, which puts us in a good place in the 2022 Mercian League.

#### **MHRC DRESSAGE TEAM**

Intro A: Lydia Burrows and Buzz = 5th
Intro A: Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai = 6th
Prelim 12: Camilla Esling and Black Magick = 1st
Prelim 7: Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan = 1st

#### **MHRC SHOWING TEAM**

Coloured: Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai = 2nd
Hunter: Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad = 3rd
Riding Club Horse: Camilla Esling and Black Magick = 2nd
Veteran: Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan = 2nd

"It was my first competition for the RC Mercian with Buzz," said Lydia, "We had an early start for the dressage. This was great as I was the first to get on and had the warm up to myself. It was so lovely to see MHRC friends again and to cheer them on. We had a great day and was good experience for Buzz."

"It was lovely to be on a team again for the Mercian dressage and showing at Frampton", said Sara, "and to see the other team members and their gorgeous horses. We did the MHRC dressage the day before so it was quite a lot for Suzy to do as she is getting older now, but she enjoyed it so much that she didn't get tired at all! We started off with prelim 7, then had to change everything (tack and clothing), before entering the ring for the veteran showing. After that we went in the Mercian championship

class with two other team members. It was a well run competition and I had a lovely day with lots of rosettes and even a trophy for the dressage, which I was very excited about. A big thank you to our team and Caroline, and to Chris for organising. It was great!"



Pip and Lad

# MEET THE TEAM SUE LIDBETTER

How long have you been a member of MHRC?

20+ years
What's your day job?
Run a cattery
What's your favourite Horsey
Activity
Hacking,
especially in new places.
And least favourite?
Jumping



Have you competed for MHRC before? Yes

Tell us about your horse.

Llwyngell Enllie Mai is an 11 year old, 14.1hh, Welsh Section D Mare How long have you owned your horse?

9 years

What does she like?

Being in charge, foals and liquorice.

And Dislike?

Horses too close to her—she can be very sassy.

What did you think of the venue?
It was well laid out and I loved the traditional show feel.

How early did you get up on the show day?
5:30, as I had to feed and clean the cats
before getting Mai ready
What was the best bit about the day?
Cantering around together in the
championship class.

Who did you have on your support crew? & do you have anyone you'd like to thank?

Professional help on the day from Linda Medcalf, who is a top helper! Thank you to all the MHRC Team and Supporters - and to Caroline for the ice-cream - and to Frampton Family Riding Club.

### PEPPER POT LEAGUE 2022

The top riders in each League are shown below. For a full, up to date list of places, please go to our website.

#### **SENIOR OVERALL**

1st	Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace	465
2nd	Camilla Esling and Black Magick	440
3rd	Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad	280
4th	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	275

#### JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	290
2nd	Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane	280
3rd	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	265
4th	Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes	85

#### SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace	320
2nd	Camilla Esling and Black Magick	280
3rd	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	275
4th	Sarah Harker and Rosebud	175

#### JUNIOR DRESSAGE

Isabella Thomas and Paddy	265
Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	185
Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane	130
Elinor Lloyd and Badger	60
	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane

#### **SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS**

Lst	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	40
	Tiggy Manning and Ballybrack Bill	40
3rd	Julie Jeffes and Barrybeg Cruise	30
	Sue Moger and Ballygill Bobby	30

#### **JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS**

Rose Chugg-Martin & Tregaire Tiger Lily	95
Oliver Hooper & Blue Suede Shoes	85
Gabriella Thomas & Emily Jane	80
	Oliver Hooper & Blue Suede Shoes

#### **SENIOR JUMPING**

1st	Pip Webster & Flashman's Lad	170
2nd	Chris Esling & HalfnHalf	155
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	Faye Green & Tempest Peaches	145

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3rd	Lilly Collop and Jilly	20
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Mini Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview Arena
 16th August 2022

• Mini Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview Arena **14th August 2022** 

• Area 18 Introductory Dressage Qualifier @ Hillview Arena 20th August 2022

 South Wales & West Riding Club Regional Championships @ Hartpury

#### 27th August 2022

MHRC Summer Picnic @ Golden Valley, Birtsmorton

#### 28th August 2022

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

#### 31st August 2022

• Flatwork Clinic with Nick Lawson @ Hillview Arena

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 BRC National Championships @ Lincolnshire Showground, Grangede-Lings, LN2 2NA

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**COVER PHOTO: Camilla and Bertie at Frampton** 



# MHRC NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST 2022** 

THIS ISSUE BRC Horse Trials Championships Area 18 Intro Dressage Qualifier Hickstead Jumping Mercian Combined Training South West and Wales Regional Championships



#### **EDITOR'S BIT**

Wow, what a busy month? So much going on and hopefully something for everyone. A bit of a chaotic one too, with the re-organisation of

the Dressage Qualifier that we held on behalf of BRC Area 18. But we had some lovely comments from the competitors, team managers and official area steward, something that everyone involved can be very proud off. It certainly makes our day when someone says 'Thank You' or complements the show for its friendly stewards and relaxed atmosphere, so it's also something I try my best to do at other shows I attend. Even if everything hasn't quite gone to plan in the ring, the weather's been unkind or you have to rush off to the next thing, it's always worth remembering the volunteers that have given up their time to make sure that your event can run. The Riding Club movement is built on volunteered man-hours and, I have to say, we have a fantastic club for that. At a recent Area meeting, one of the reps asked if other clubs have trouble finding help and I could quite happily say, 'Nope, not at all'. So thank you all for stepping up when needed ©

Until next time, Caroline

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#### Josie and Bill

# BHS TEAM OF THREE JUMPING

This event is held every year as part of the prestigious Royal International Horse Show held at Hickstead. Clubs are invited to submit teams, where three riders compete over different heights throughout the day. Our 2022 team consisted of Julie Jeffes on Barrybeg Cruise jumping 85cm, Lydia



Lydia and Lad

Webster on Flashman's Lad jumping 95cm and Josie Hobbs on Corntown Bill Baily jumping 105cm. The three travelled down on the Saturday and camped overnight, ready for the competition on Sunday. And it was well worth it, coming 10th out of a massive entry of 52 teams.

Name	Josie Hobbs	Lydia Webster
How long have you been a member of MHRC?	4 months	First year this year
What's your day job?	Planning Consultant	Student at Harper Adams University
If they made a film about your life, who would play you?	Miranda!	
What was your first pony called?	She was big 16'3 ISH called Misty (never had a pony)	Emlyn
What is your ultimate horsey ambition?	Qualify for the BE100 Badminton Grass Roots on Bill	To have fun
Your Horse's Show and Stable Name?	Corntown Bill Baily aka Bill	Cardale Flashman's Lad, aka Lad
Age? Height? Breeding? Mare or Geld- ing?	13 years old, 16.2hh, Irish Draft Gelding	15 years old, 15.3hh, Welsh Cob x TB Gelding
How long have you owned your horse?	3 years	4.5 years
If your horse was human, who would they be?  What was it like competing at Hickstead? And what did you think of the venue and atmosphere?	He reminds me of Winston Churchill - A big chap who keeps his cool in a crisis, and the way he wobbles his bottom lip when somethings going makes him look like he's puffing on a pipe!  It was a great atmosphere, lots of horses and ponies buzzing around. Got to see some top show jump riders warming up, not far from where we were. An excuse for some shopping too! The arena was lovely. Big well built course, which seemed	It was incredible. The atmosphere was like nothing that Lad or I had experienced before but he behaved perfectly all weekend.
Would you do it again?	to test a lot of horses. All our horses coped amaz- ingly in the ring.  Yes	Definitely
What was the best thing about the week- end?	The jumping was fun, but finding out we were placed in such a huge class and collecting our rosette was pretty great.	Getting placed in such a big field.
What did you have to do in your class?	I jumped the 1.05m class.	Jump a course of 95cm SJs
How did your horse cope being at such a big event?	Great. He seems to be most relaxed at shows.  Just wakes up to do his job	Impeccably all weekend
Is there anyone you'd like to thank?	My boyfriend Will for coming as groom, and Pip for telling me about the show and organising logistics for the weekend.	My mum for being an amazing chauffeur, groom as always. As well as keeping my horse trained and fit whilst I've been away for the last for university and on holiday.
And lastly, in only 10 words, sum up your experience?	Surprisingly successful at such a prestigious show!	Unbelievable, terrifying and incredible all at the same time.

### **BRC HORSE TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS**



Between 5th and the 7th August, horses and riders from around the country descended on Swalcliffe park for the BRC Horse Trials Championship. With the 80 teams completing a one-day-event on Friday, the 90 teams doing their dressage and jumping on Saturday, with their cross-country on Sunday, and the 100 and 100+riders doing the full three-day-event,

there's certainly enough entertainment whichever day you go. Although the weather meant that the full format (with road and tracks, etc) couldn't be followed again this year, the organisers and landowners had done a fantastic job in prepping the ground for the competition.

MHRC was represented by Holly Chivers riding Dripshill Dreammaker (or Jester) in the 100+. After worrying about her dressage, the pair posted an impressive 27.5 score, putting them in 3rd place after the first day, only 1.7 points behind the leader. A fabulous cross-country round only added 2.4 time penalties, and as the competition closed at the end of the day, this made them the overnight leaders going into the showjumping. Sadly, two rolled poles dropped them to 4th place, but still an amazing achievement at such a tough level of competition. The whole club is immensely proud of their performance.

# E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE RIDING CLUB LEAGUE

This month's results will be reported in the next newsletter, as the class winners will be announced after publication.

If you'd like to take part & represent the club, then check out either the MHRC or the E-Rider's website.

- Riding Club classes from Intro to Advanced Medium
- Judged by British Dressage listed judges
- Rosettes to 10th & sweets for all entries.
- Individual Rosettes to the top 10 in each league, with sashes to the top three.
- Chance to qualify for the E-Riders Summer Championship
- Earn points in the MHRC Pepper Pot League

# BRC AREA 18 UALIFIERS 2022/2023

QUALIFIER	DATE	VENUE	HOST	QUALIFIER FOR
	170 1100	WINTER QUALIF	IERS	
Winter Show Jumping	15th and 16th October 2022	Lincomb Equestrian, Lincomb Ln, Lincomb , Worcestershire, DY13 9RB	Worcester RC	BRC Novice and Intermediate Winter Championships 2023
Novice Winter Dressage	23rd October 2022	Hartpury Arena, Gloucester GL19 3BE	Cheltenham RC	BRC Novice Winter Championships 2023
Combined Challenge	5th March 2023	Dallas Burston Polo Club, Southam, CV47 2DL	LANDS Eventing	BRC Combined Championships 2023
Arena Eventing	tbc	Rectory Farm, Duntisbourne Abbots, Cirencester GL7 7JW	West Oxon RC	BRC Arena Eventing Championships 2023
Combined Training	tbc	tbc	Malvern Hills RC	BRC Combined Championships 2023
Intermediate Winter Dressage	tbc	tbc	tbc	BRC Intermediate Winter Championships 2023
		SUMMER QUALIF	IERS	
Horse Trials	17th and 18th June 2023	Moreton Morrell, Warwick, CV35 9BL	LANDS Eventing	BRC Horse Trials Championships 2023
Dressage and Riding Test	tbc	tbc	tbc	BRC National Championships 2023
Show and Style Jumping	tbc	tbc	tbc	BRC National Championships 2023
Dressage to Music	tbc	tbc	tbc	BRC Dressage to Music Championships 2023
Introductory Dressage	tbc	tbc	tbc	BRC Introductory Championships 2023

### MERCIAN COMBINED TRAINING

On the 6th August, the Mercian Combined Training competition was held at Gracelands Equestrian Centre. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough interest to send full teams, but two members joined up with Worcester Riding Club to help fill in some places.

Grace Jenkins on The Lion Queen, joined the 60cm 'Worcester Wallabies' Team, which came 2nd. While Pip Webster and Flashmans Lad joined the 80cm 'Worcester Woodpeckers' team and came individually 4th and another team 2nd.

# South West and Wales Riding Club Championship



Lizzie & Smokey Joe

Hartpury College was the host for the SWWRC Championships on 20th August. This was for club teams that had just missed out on qualification to the BRC National Championships at their respective area qualifiers, but it was nice for us to have it right on the doorstep.

We had three teams competing; our two dressage teams that were placed 4th and 5th last month at Sapey, and our 80 Jumping Team that came 5th back in June at Cleeve Prior. Sadly there were no team places this time round, but Sue Peckham came 5th and

6th on her two coloured cobs in the dressage, while Lizzie Davidge came 9th in her class.

**Prelim Team A**: Jodie Powell and Glencarron Grace / Sue Peckham and Freddie / Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe / Lizzie Davidge and Foxmere Smokey Joe

**Prelim Team B**: Sue Peckham and Solis / Camilla Esling and Black Magick / Sarah Limbrick and Myshall Buffy

**80 SJ Team:** Natalie Smith and Coco Bean / Sue Peckham and Solis / Jo Jeynes and Emily Jane

# GDACE JENIZINIS

been a member of MHRC? About 2 years What's your day job? Primary School Teacher

How long have you

What's your favourite Horsey Activity? Hacking And least favourite?



Poo Picking
Have you competed for MHRC before?
Yes, completed our first Mercian competition this month

Tell us about your horse.

The Lion Queen is a 7 year old, 16.2hh Thoroughbred

How long have you owned your horse?

18 months

What does she like?

Ear scratches, jumping, bath time, hacking, her field

And Dislike? Being stabled, water trays,
waiting for breakfast/dinner
What did you think of the venue?
It was well laid out with a welcoming
atmosphere and the all-important café.

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Name	How long have you been a member of MHRC?	Was this the first time you have competed at a RC Championship?	What was your overall experience of the day?
Lizzie Davidge	1 year	Not the first time at the Championships, but the first time doing dressage	Had a ball! Such great venue so close and such great support from teamies! Although my time with the club has been short it has been very sweet! Thanks to all especially Chris who is such supportive team manager. Have enjoyed every minute and will miss you all. But have found a BRC club so hopefully be as good as Malvern!
Jo Jeynes	I've been a mem- ber for many years now	This is the 3rd championship I've represented the club at but the first at Hartpury.	Lovely day with great team spirit & fantastic groom & support crew from the club



# AREA 18 INTRO DRESSAGE QUALIFIER

After the heat wave scuppered our original show date of 14th August, it was a hasty re-organisation to hold this show on 28th August instead. Luckily, MHRC always steps-up when needed and a huge thank you to everyone who helped us to do this.

It was lovely to see some new faces joining in the teams and having a go at area level. And this was reflected across all the clubs that took part, as this new Championship has been created by BRC just for the grass-roots and novice riders. Here's hoping that it takes off in popularity over the next few years.

We had two teams competing, with two riders in each riding an Intro Test and two riding a Prelim Test. And it was rosettes all round with everyone being placed individually. Both teams were also placed, with the Malvern Dancers coming 4th, but the Malvern Prancers just pipped Worcester to take 1st place, and qualification for the October Championships.

New for this qualifier was an Intro Pairs class, which followed a Freestyle pattern, but without the music. We had two pairs competing - Jodie and Camilla won the class, with Suzanne and Alison coming in a close 2nd. While the winners get automatic qualification, we have our fingers crossed for a wildcard for 2nd place.

As well as the qualifier classes, we had a couple of open classes. Suzanne and Rosie won the Intro C, while Gail Gavan on Jack was 3rd in Prelim 7, closely followed by Tracey Cameron on Foxy in 4th.

"It was Dash's first time at Hillview so we weren't sure exactly how he would be as he is a baby and only done a test or two at Kings so far!" said Tiggy's Mum, Isobel, "But he was very calm and everyone was really friendly, so both he and Tiggy had a great day."

"The pairs dressage was really fun, said Alison, "and a real test of accurate riding. Hope RC do more of these!"

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How early did you get up on the show day? 7:00am

What was the best bit about the day?

Competing as a team for the first time getting a rosette was a bonus too!

Who did you have on your support crew? & do you have
anyone you'd like to thank?

My fantastic mum who comes to all my events, training and regularly helps keep Nala and myself running. Thank you to the MHRC Team for being so welcoming. encouraging and organising us to compete for the team and have fun!

# IN THE RIBBONS CONGRATULATIONS

Sara Blackshaw = 2nd @ Prestige BD

Stella Bunn = 3rd @ Allenshill SJ

Junior rider Lilly Collop who came 2nd at the BD

Area Festival at Kings and is off to the Finals in October.

Megan Harper came 9th in the ROR Novice Dressage

Championships at Aintree.

Kat Jones came 1st in the Ridden Veteran @ ROR

Championships, Aintree

Sue Moger = 6th @ Dauntsey ODE

Esme Ruff = 2nd @ Dauntsey ODE

### INTRODUCTORY TEAMS MALVERN PRANCERS = 1st

IA: Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace = 1st IB: Charlotte Treleaven and Carnsdale Pure Genius = 3rd

> P1: Camilla Esling and Black Magick = 2nd P2: Tiggy Manning and Ballybrack Bill = 4th

#### **MALVERN DANCERS = 4th**

IA: Suzanne Lidbetter and Tilesford Rosina = 5th

IB: Lauren Philpotts and Buckweiser II = 5th

P1: Rachel Sargeant and Celestial Bubbles = 4th

P2: Josie Hobbs and Corntown Bill Bailey = 2nd

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**PHOTOS** (from top): Jodie, Josie, Camilla, Lauen, Charlotte, Rachel, Sue and Tiggy

#### PEPPER POT LEAGUE 2022

The top riders in each League are shown below. For a full, up to date list of places, please go to our website.

#### SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace	585
2nd	Camilla Esling and Black Magick	555
3rd	Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad	335
4th	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	275
	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	275

#### **JUNIOR OVERALL**

1st	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	290
2nd	Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane	280
3rd	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	265
4th	Oliver Hooper and Blue Suede Shoes	85

#### SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace	440
2nd	Camilla Esling and Black Magick	395
3rd	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	275
4th	Sarah Harker and Rosebud	175

#### **JUNIOR DRESSAGE**

Isabella Thomas and Paddy	265
Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily	185
Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane	130
Elinor Lloyd and Badger	60
	Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily Gabriella Thomas and Emily Jane

#### **SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS**

1st	Pip Webster and Flashman's Lad	55
2nd	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	45
3rd	Tiggy Manning and Ballybrack Bill	40
4th	Grace Jenkins and The Lion Queen	35

#### **JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS**

1st	Rose Chugg-Martin & Tregaire Tiger Lily	95
2nd	Oliver Hooper & Blue Suede Shoes	85
3rd	Gabriella Thomas & Emily Jane	80

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#### 2nd October 2022

BRC Dressage to Music Championships & Intro Dressage Championships @ Bury Farm

#### 8th October 2022

Polework Clinic with Sophie Parkins @ Hillview Arena

#### 15th October 2022

- MHRC Dressage Series @ Hillview Arena
- Area 18 Show Jumping Qualifier @ Lincomb Equestrian

#### 16th October 2022

- Jumping Clinic with Catherine Vale @ Marlbrook Equestrian
- Area 18 Show Jumping Qualifier @ Lincomb Equestrian

#### 22nd October 2022

• Equidance Dressage to Music Clinic @ Hillview Arena

#### 23rd October 2022

• Area 18 Novice Dressage Qualifier @ Hartpury

#### 28th October 2022

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- Mercian Quiz @ The Fountain, Tenbury Wells

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• MHRC Members-Only Show Jumping @ Hillview Arena

#### 28th November 2022

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

#### 18th December 2022

MHRC Dressage Championships, Hillview Arena, Malvern

COVER PHOTO: Two by Two - our Pairs competing at Hillview



# MHRC NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022

#### THIS ISSUE

BRC National Championships MHRC Jumping Mercian Arena Eventing E-Riders Online Dressage



#### **EDITOR'S BIT**

It's definitely been a strange old month. It was odd, and very humbling, to see the country in national

mourning following the death of the Queen, and, whether you are a monarchist or not, there was also a sense of pride in how amazingly the ceremonial aspects of it all were conducted. The equestrian world definitely rose to the occasion - whether it was the local clubs and riders lining the route the hearse took from Scotland, the beautifully turned out horses of the Household cavalry or Emma paying her last respects, the whole thing was extremely moving.

And so with the end of September, we move into the Winter season with a bang. October is a hugely busy month, with clinics, qualifiers and TWO club shows, so if you want to take advantage of joining in before the clocks change, there should be something for everyone. Remember to keep an eye on your email and on Facebook, as our lovely English weather will no doubt try to scupper plans for the next few months and I foretell the usual round of postponements, reorganisations and cancellations in the offing. But we can but keep ticking along and keep fingers crossed it will be kind ...

Until next time, Caroline

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### MAGNIFICENT SEVEN @ BRC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Camilla & Bertie



**HONOUR ROLL** 

Junior Intro Dressage

3rd = Rose Chugg-Martin &

**Tregaire Tiger Lily** 

**Junior Dressage** 

2nd = Isabella Thomas &

**Paddy** 

**Junior Riding Test** 

6th = Isabella Thomas &

**Paddy** 

9th = Rose Chugg-Martin &

**Tregaire Tiger Lily** 

**Senior Riding Test** 

7th = Camilla Esling & Black

Magick

**Senior Prelim Dressage** 

8th & 9th = Sue Peckham &

3rd = Sue Peckham & Freddie

Holly & Jester

On the 3rd and 4th September, the highlight of the British Riding Clubs calendar, took place at Lincoln Showground. This is a massive event, with clubs from across the British Isles competing in Show Jumping, Dressage, Riding Test and Style Jumping competitions. MHRC were lucky enough to qualify once again, with our seven amazing riders making the trip. The weekend started on Friday, with the Senior riders and Cheer Squad meeting up at Strensham services, convoying across the country and arriving at the Showground just in time for the stables to open. A huge thank you to Eloise, who has saved us an amazing site for us to park up, so once camp was set up we could sit and watch the horses peering over their stable doors at the organised chaos around them. We even had an impromptu appearance from the Red Arrows, which are based nearby. While the riders went for a hack and explore around the site, the rest of us set up camp and put the kettle on, settling into 'home' for the next few days.

On Saturday, it was an early start, with Victoria and Holly both heading over to the Dressage area. Both had qualified as individuals in the Dressage and also competed as part of the Riding Test team, so had two tests each to learn and perform. They were followed later on in the day by Camilla and Jodie, again competing as Dressage individuals and on the Riding Test team, and by Sue, who not only qualified to ride in two

individual Dressage tests, but choose to ride in two Direct entry tests on the day (the Coloured Horse/Pony and the

Veteran Rider). Sue was definitely the star of the day, as not only did she ride four different tests, but was placed in every single class too. Also adding to her two tests in the morning, Holly rode four jumping rounds as part of the Area 18 100cm team and as an individual in the 110cm - only rolling a couple of poles throughout.

On Sunday, it was time for the Juniors to shine. Sadly, horse injury meant that Gabriella couldn't compete, so Isabella and Rose were joined by Connie Strutt from Worcester Riding Club to make up a Riding Test Team - and not only were



Isabella & Paddy



Rose & Lily

Jodie & Gracie



Sue & Freddie

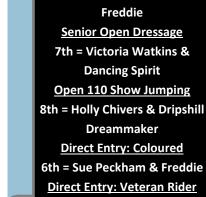
all three girls placed, but the team came 2nd and they got to attend the mounted prize-giving. Isabella and Rose also smashed their individual dressage tests, with top three places for both and another prize-giving ceremony to attend. Rose was the last person to compete for the club, having qualified as an individual in the 75cm Style Jumping, where she pro-

duced a lovely clear round over the long championship course.

Then, it was only left to dismantle camp, share out the remaining cake and snacks, and wend our way back to Worcestershire. A huge thank you to everyone who travelled all that way to represent the club, whether it was riding or cheering on from the sidelines. Fingers crossed we can go back there next year.



Vickie & Rupert



### MHRC JUMPING SHOW

It was a lovely day for the latest in our members only jumping competitions at Hillview Arena. With classes from 50cm to 1m, there was something for anyone wanting a fun, low key pop around the fences. A huge well done to all our winners and thank you to everyone who helped out on the day.

CLASS	50cm	
1st	Emily Watkins	Areley
2nd	Kelly Blowers	Baltic Prince
3rd	Claire Atkinson	Dakota
4th	Ann Brennan	Greylands Beaver Br
5th	Isabella Holland	Fox Hollow Eddie
CLASS	Novice 60cm	
1st	Di Symonds	Jeeves
2nd	Emily Watkins	Areley
3rd	Kiara Claeys	Milan Van't Flieren
4th	Kelly Blowers	Baltic Prince
CLASS	Open 60cm	
1st	Louise Wild	Chubby
2nd	Laura Rushton	Рорру
3rd	Evie Gwilliam	Ozzie
4th	Hattie Nions	Finlay
5th	Di Symonds	Jeeves
6th	Kiara Claeys	Milan Van't Flieren
CLASS	70cm	
1st	Victoria Wild	Chubby
2nd	Laura Rushton	Рорру
3rd	Sarisa Martin	Murphy
4th	Martin Febery	Cape Icon
5th	Alexandra Ross	Nancy
6th	Hattie Nions	Finlay
CLASS	80cm	
1st	Natalie Smith	Coco Bean
2nd	Sarisa Martin	Murphy
3rd	Alexandra Ross	Nancy
CLASS	90cm	
1st	Sue Moger	Ballygill Bobby
CLASS	1m	
1st	Sue Moger	Ballygill Bobby

Our next Jumping Show is on the 29th October and will be a bit different - fun classes with trophies for the winners. Check out the schedule on the website.



**Emily and Areley** 



Di and Jeeves



Natalie and Bean



Louise and Chubby

# E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE RIDING CLUB LEAGUE

#### **AUGUST 2022**

#### Intro 1c

11th = Kelly Payne and Miss ARS Vivendi

13th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Llwyngell Enlie Mai

16th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Haylers Midnight Express

#### Prelim 20

9th = Ann Brennan and Greylands Beaver Brook

11th = Elinor Lloyd and Badger

12th = Suzanne Lidbetter and Tilesford Rosina

August was the end of the Summer RC League and MHRC came 4th with 160 points - not a bad position after a busy few months. Thank you to everyone who competed and congratulations to everyone who was placed in the top 10 of the individual leagues:

#### PRELIM LEAGUE

7th = Victoria Ayling and Orchard Thief

#### **ELEMENTARY LEAGUE**

3rd = Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie

#### **SEPTEMBER 2022**

#### Prelim

3rd = Ann Brennan and Greylands Beaver Brook

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### MERCIAN ARENA EVENTING



'Miracles' Ellie, Rose, Jodie and Jo

It was off to Gracelands in Droitwich, for the latest Mercian
Team event, and this time it was a spot of Arena Eventing. Once again, the competition involved a round of show jumps in the indoor arena, followed by simulated cross-county jumps in the outdoor arena.

In the 60cm class, our team of Grace, Lauren, Emily and Caroline came 5th, but our 70cm team won the class, with Rose

coming 3rd, Jo 6th and Jodie 10th in the individual section.

Malvern Magicians Grace Jenkins and Nala / Lauren Philpotts and Buckweiser / Emily Watkins and Areley / Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe Malvern Miracles Ellie Burton and Golly Miss Polly / Jodie Powell and Gracie / Jo Jeynes and Duke of Spain / Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily

"It was a fantastic event," said Grace, "For us it was being able to represent the riding club as a full team for the first time and the general friendliness and sup-

portiveness of it all. We also enjoyed the post ride chocolate bar!"
"We had a great afternoon at the Mercian Arena Eventing," said Eloise, "lovely to be part of such a friendly team, with some great rounds jumped. I think Roses favourite part was winning a cream tea!"



'Magicians' Grace, Emily, Lauren and Caroline

#### IN THE RIBBONS

Huge Congratulations to Juniors Sophie Chichester, Felix Westgate-Wilton and Sophie Bowness who represented Hanley school at the NSEA 80cms

Championships and won the team event ©

Lydia Burrows = 1st SJ @ Blue Lights Show / Louise Cole = 2nd DR @ Kings / Gail Gavan = 2nd DR @ Hillview / Katherine Jones = Ridden Champion Showing @ Ace / Karen Kilby = 1st DR @ Allenshill / Sarah Limbrick = 1st DR @ Hillview / Annabel McCourt = 2nd ODE @ Elmwood / Lauren Philpotts = 1st CT @ Allenshill / Caroline Rees = 1st DR @ Kings / Zoe Ryan = 3rd DR @ Kings / Rachel Sargeant = 5th DR @ Kings / Catherine Vale = 1st SJ @ Allenshill

# MEET THE TEAM

How long have you been a member of MHRC?  $1 \ year$ 

What's your day job? I work at Waitrose and Partners in Great Malvern

What's your favourite Horsey Activity?

Show Jumping and Cross Country

And least favourite? Dressage and Poo

Picking

Have you competed for MHRC before? Yes

Tell us about your horse.

Showname is Glasshard King Areley and stable name Areley. He's an 18 year old, 15.1hh Cob Cross
How long have you owned your horse?

2 years

What does he like? Apples and Carrots
And Dislike? His ears touched
What did you think of the venue?
A well set up course of jumps
How early did you get up on the show day?
6:30 in the morning
What was the best bit about the day?
Encouraging my team members
Who did you have on your support crew? & do
you have anyone you'd like to thank?
My support crew was my Mum and
Dad. I would like to say thank you

to Chris Esling for supporting the

teams, and Camilla.



Emily and Areley at Hillview

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#### **COVER PHOTO:** Bobby Moger appreciating his prize at the MHRC jumping



# MHRC NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2022



BRC Introductory Championships MHRC Dressage Area 18 Show Jumping Qualifier MHRC Halloween Trophy Jumping Mercian Quiz Area 18 Novice Winter Dressage Qualifier



#### **EDITOR'S BIT**

Wow! Hello Winter - that definitely came in with a bang! From poo-picking the field in short sleeved T-Shirts one evening, it's back to layers, waterproofs

and wellies the next. Nothing like easing gently into the darker months! I think I can hear the echo from a million horse owners desperately praying that this isn't an omen of what the whole winter will be like. For me, it was the realization that I couldn't put off buying new wellies any longer. Almost 12 months of 'making do' came to an abrupt end when I found I'd used 20 socks over one memorable weekend, as even plastic bags weren't enough to stop the water soaking in. You do forget what a luxury it is to have dry feet, even if the rest of you is a tad on the soggy side!

Anyway, no slowing down quite yet for the club. October has been a manic month, with two Area qualifiers, two MHRC shows, a BRC Championship and the other usual club activities. It's been great to see so many people, including some new faces, get involved and come out to enjoy their ponies with us. There are still a few opportunities left in 2022 to join in club activities (check out the diary on page 6 or on our website), before we start all over again for 2023!

Until next time, Caroline

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#### BRC INTRODUCTORY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Jodie and Camilla

The last BRC Championship of the year was the inaugural Introductory Championships held at Bury Farm. Running alongside the Dressage To Music Championship, it's a new venture for BRC for members getting the chance to compete in teams made up of BD Intro and Prelim tests.

After winning the qualifier back in August, our team of Jodie, Camilla, Tiggy and Charlotte joined the other 18 teams from around the country to contest the senior title. Charlotte was up first and despite Oscar itching to can-

ter, they produced a lovely test for individual 8th place. The were followed by Jodie and Gracie, who, despite her young age, treated it all like a pro to come in 5th. After lunch, it was our prelim riders, with Camilla have an interesting test as the judge pulled her up for going wrong, when she hadn't. Her and Bertie kept it all under control to continue the test and come in 4th. Tiggy was last on, riding baby horse Dash beautifully to produce a lovely test.

After a long day of competition, the team ended up on a score of 17 and a well deserved 6th place.

The following day, it was the turn of the Intro Pairs This is a new class for BRC and works similar to a Freestyle test, in that you have a set list of movements that have to be completed, it any order, but the routine isn't set to music. It was an early start for Camilla and Jodie, but they produced a brilliant test and a huge score of 94.5. This put them into 2nd place, just behind the winners who scored 95.5, but more importantly finally won them a long-sought after BRC sash!

#### MERCIAN QUIZ

The last event in the Mercian calendar was Quiz, which took place in Tenbury Wells on 28th October. It was a fun evening, with rounds ranging from anagrams to music, general knowledge to geography, and everything in between. We had five club members taking part. Our team of Alison and Jenny Young, Caroline Bates and Jo Jeynes didn't seem to have the greatest of starts, but ended up drawing with Frampton. A tense tie-break saw MHRC taking the higher points for 3rd place. Chris Esling also came along and joined with South Shropshire to make a mixed team ... and the

combined brain power of the two clubs saw them take the top spot. With a lovely pub supper and a raffle too, it was a great way to spend an evening and add some points tour Mercian League total.





RUNNERS AND RIDERS
Charlotte Treleaven and
Carnsdale Pure Genius

Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace

Camilla Esling and Black Magick

Tiggy Manning and Double Dash

# E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE RIDING CLUB LEAGUE

Congratulations to our riders who had a go at the online Dressage this month.

#### Intro 1a

2nd = Stephanie Bateman and Tuscany Matilda 6th = Emily Watkins and Glasshard King Areley Prelim 2a

7th = Ann Brennan and Greylands Beaver Brook

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#### AREA 18 SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER

Once again, the Winter
Show Jumping was split
across two days at Lincom
Equestrian, with the 70 and
80 held on 15th October
and the 90, 100cm and
110cm on the Sunday.
MHRC did brilliantly to get a
representative at every
height, with one team competing in the Senior 80 class.
And two individuals were
placed, with Rose coming
4th in the Junior 70 and
Holly 3rd in the 110.



Holly & Jester springing into action

Junior 70cm Individual = Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily
Senior 80cm Team = Faye Green and Tempest Peaches / Sue Peckham and
Freddie / Lydia Burrows and Urneypark Emir / Charlotte Treleaven and Carnsdale Pure Genius

Senior 80 Individual = Sue Peckham and Solis

Senior 90cm Individual = Lydia Webster and Flashmans Lad

**100cm Individuals =** Cindie Bunce and Dreammaker / Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker

110cm Individual = Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker

"Rose had a lovely morning at her first Area Show Jumping competition representing Malvern Hills Riding Club," said Eloise, "Rose and Lily jumped a super clear in the first round, followed by a clear in the second round but then just rolling a pole in the jump off for 4 faults. There were only two triple clears so they still managed a great 4th place! It was great to jump at Lincomb with the 2 arenas on a surface, a great variety of fillers and everything ran really smoothly."



#### IN THE RIBBONS

Caroline Bates = 4th DR @ Kings
Rose Chugg-Martin = 1st EC @ NSEA
Louise Cole = 1st DR @ Kings
Lilly Collop = 2nd BD DR @ Kings
Helen Keats = 1st SJ @ Hillview
Annabel McCourt = 6th ODE @ Aston-le-Wells

Sue Peckham = 3rd HT @ Cotswold Vale Wendy Yates = 1st BD DR @ Allens Hill

# MHRC DRESSAGE SHOW

On the 15th October, we held our last MHRC Dressage Qualifier Show of 2022. We were hugely lucky with the weather, as what started as a cold and wet day, with many a rainbow over the hills, turned into a beautifully, sunny, autumnal day.

MHRC members were on top form and won all 7 classes. In fact, bar a couple of places in the later classes, MHRC took home all the rosettes on offer.

#### **INTRO C (Restricted)**

1st: Ellie Watkins / Areley

2nd: Emma Taylor Newman / Polmesk Rose of

Kernow

3rd: Bonnie Bowness / Mr Fox

#### INTRO C (Open)

1st: Jodie Powell / Grace2nd: Luan Crawford / Bjort

3rd: Jacqueline Potts / Don't Blame Me4th: Lauren Philpotts / Buckweiser II

5th: Elinor Lloyd / Badger6th: Suzanne Lidbetter / Mai

#### PRELIM 7 (Restricted)

1st: Tiggy Manning / Double Dash
2nd: Tracey Cameron / Foxy
3rd: Jodie Powell / Grace
4th: Victoria Watkins / Tiger
5th: Suzanne Lidbetter / Mai

#### PRELIM 7 (Open)

1st: Lauren Philpotts / Buckweiser II

Laura Rushton / Poppy

2nd: Gail Gavan / Jack 3rd: Elinor Lloyd / Badger

4th: Megan Harper / Chateaux Robin

#### PRELIM 12

6th:

1st: Camilla Esling / Black Magick
2nd: Megan Harper / Chateaux Robin
3rd: Pip Webster / Flashman's Lad
4th: Annabel McCourt / Wenceslaus

5th: Louise Wild / Chubby

6th: Gail Gavan / Jack

#### **NOVICE 24**

1st: Camilla Esling / Black Magick

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# AREA 18 NOVICE WINTER DRESSAGE QUALIFIER

It was off to Hartpury for a bit of Dressage on the 23rd October. But with torrential rain and floods to contend with, those riders competing in the morning definitely had to question their sanity. Luckily, the sun came out, the rain stopped and it turned into a lovely day to be strutting down the centre line in the amazing indoor arena.

It was fantastic to field three teams and to have a few new names make their debut for the club. Sadly, we had no team places, but there were still a few rosettes in the individual classes that came our way. Jacquette was 6th in Novice 27, as was Lauren in Intro C. Rose took two 3rd places in her Intro and Prelim tests, while Bonnie came 4th.



Rose & Lily



Caroline & Smokey



Bonnie & Fox

#### **TEAMS**

Malvern Hills Divas: Prelim 7: Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe / Prelim 12: Lauren Philpotts and Buckweiser II / Novice 24: Keely Newman and Cutton Jubilee / Novice 27: Jacquette van Ufford and Mr Socks

Malvern Hills Dreamers: Prelim 7: Jodie Powell and Glencarron Grace / Prelim 12: Sue Peckham and Solis / Novice 24: Victoria Watkins and Dancing Spirit / Novice 27: Megan Harper and Mr Beatle

Malvern Hills Diamonds: Prelim 7: Tiggy Manning and Double Dash / Prelim 12: Camilla Esling and Black Magick / Novice 24: Julie Jeffes and Hederfield Ash / Novice 27: Sue Peckham and Freddie

#### **INDIVIDUALS**

Intro C: Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger
Lily / Bonnie Bowness and Pendock Mr Fox /
Lauran Philpotts and Buckweiser II
Prelim 2: Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire

Prelim 2: Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily

Prelim 7: Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan Prelim 12: Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

"We had a lovely day despite the early morning Monsoon conditions on the way to Hartpury," said Eloise, "thank goodness for the wonderful indoor facilities and cheesy chips! Lovely to see so many members taking part. Rose rode two lovely tests for 69.13% and 69.14% for two third places as an Individual Junior, which she was really pleased with!"

"Now I know why Mummy calls it stressage," said Bonnie, "we got to Hartpury and I was pretty nervous - our first area competition for the riding club and I'd forgotten my jacket (well, actually mummy had!), but Rose saved the day. I hoped Foxy was going to be a good boy. He was nervous too, but he did a reasonable test for a 63.91% and 4th place. Not our best test, but I was pleased and the best bit was toffee apple treats for Fox and Hartpury lasagne for me!"

# MEET THE TEAM VICTORIA WATKINS



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

What's your day job?
Freelance trainer and rider
What's your favourite Horsey Activity?
I love having lessons and competing
And least favourite?

Dealing with wet, muddy rugs
Have you competed for MHRC before? Yes, I have
competed in the Area Dressage
Qualifiers and 2 BRC National
Championships, where I was 2nd last
year.

Tell us about your horse.

Rupert, or Dancing Spirit, is an 18 year old, 16.3hh TB.

How long have you owned your horse?

We bred him from my Mum and Sister's mare, so 18 years!

What does he like?

He definitely likes his food, but really enjoys going to parties.

And Dislike?

Flowers, especially yellow ones, although he wasn't too fussed at the scary advertising boards at Hartpury!

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The 29th October was the clubs first fun Halloween Jumping Competition, with lots of fun classes and lovely trophies on offer to the winners. With the option to add Fancy Dress to the mix, it was great to see both horses and riders getting into the 'spirit' of the day.

#### CLASS 50cm

Emma Taylor Newman / Rose 1st

Alison Young / Blue 2nd 3rd Bonnie Bowness / Mr Fox

#### CLASS **Cross Pole Challenge**

Alison Young / Blue 1st

2nd Emma Taylor Newman / Rose

3rd Evie Gwilliam / Ozzie 4th Bonnie Bowness / Mr Fox

#### **CLASS Ride and Run**

1st Bonnie Bowness / Mr Fox

Emma Taylor Newman / Rose 2nd

3rd Jenny Young / Blue Evie Gwilliam / Ozzie 4th

#### **CLASS** 70cm

1st Charlotte Treleaven / Oscar Charlotte Treleaven / Private 2nd

**Jones** 

3rd Camilla Esling / Bertie

4th Emma Taylor Newman / Rose

Sarisa Martin / Murphy 5th

#### **CLASS** Challenge 70 to 80

1st Annitta Engel / Vinny 2nd Sarisa Martin / Murphy

3rd Camilla Esling / Bertie

#### CLASS 80cm

1st Helen Keats / Jimmy

Charlotte Treleaven / Private Jones 2nd

3rd Sarisa Martin / Murphy

4th Charlotte Treleaven / Oscar

5th Annitta Engel / Vinny CLASS Challenge 80 to 90

1st Helen Keats / Jimmy

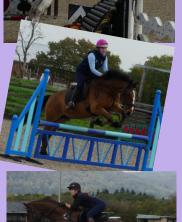
Pip Webster / Flashmans Lad 2nd

















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3rd: Sarah Limbrick / Myshall Buffy

**PYO NOVICE 28 / ELEM 50** 

1st: Sarah Garton-Jones / Lola 2nd: Wendy Yates / Matilda

3rd: Annabel McCourt / Wenceslaus 4th: Sarah Limbrick / Myshall Buffy

This was the last change to qualify for our Championship Show on 18th December. With loads of HUGE rosettes, sashes and prizes (generously donated by NAF) to be won, it's definitely worth coming along. There might even by some Christmas treats and Mulled wine to enjoy! To see if you've qualified, please check out our website.

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What did you think of the venue? I love Hartpury. It's one of my favourite venues (mainly because of the pancakes!)

How early did you get up on the show day? For once, I wasn't on until the afternoon, so I got up at 7am. What was the best bit about the day? Riding! I just love riding Rupet at

Who did you have on your support crew? & do you have anyone you'd like to thank?

shows. He always tries his best.

My friend Rosanna, who helped me to get Rupert ready, and Leslie, who came with me to Hartpury, helped me warm up and was top videographer ... and has a mutual love of pancakes!



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**COVER PHOTO:** Alison 'Pussy Cat' Young and Blue

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EDITOR'S BIT

Hmmm. There are more than a few times a year when I go to send out the news-

letter and realise that I haven't written this in-

troduction. And, as today, my mind goes blank when trying to come up with a suitable topic. Especially at this time of year ... there's less going on, the mornings are dark, evenings are long and it seems that spending time at the yard becomes less about the horses and more about moving muck and negotiating mud. That's if you can even find the yard through the fog and the rain! But enough with the negativity ... we've survived one month, we can do the rest, so give yourself a pat on the back and crack on. Spring will soon be here....

Until next time, Caroline

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## **AREA 18 ARENA EVENTING QUALIFIER**



Annabel and Sprout

Well, the weather definitely was not on our side as the club headed for Rectory Farm for the Arena Eventing qualifier. Thick fog in the morning meant that the judge had an interesting job picking out the fences on the other side of the arena and once that cleared, it was replaced by heavy rain. Sadly, a bad fall in the morning delayed many of the rounds later in the day, and

the 1m class ended up being cancelled. But despite all the difficulties, all our riders turned out and rode their hearts out for the club.

We had two teams in the 70cm class, which caused a few issues across the clubs. The 'Blues' ended up in 7th place (probably the worst outcome when rosettes go to 6th), but the 'Greens' came 3rd, with an individual 4th for Charlotte, who stepped in last minute to fill a space in the team. Charlotte was also placed in the 80 class, matching her 6th individual to the team coming 6th.

After a long day, it was our 90 team that flew, coming 2nd and only just missing out on the qualification spot. Tiggy was 5th individually, but after a tense end to the class, it was Julie Jeffes who topped the leaderboard, winning the class on Barry and gaining out first qualification for a 2023 Championship.



Lydia and Buzz

#### **70 = MALVERN GREENS**

Charlotte Treleaven and Mr. Jones / Louise Carter and Oliver Sue Peckham and Freddie / Camilla Esling and Black Magick

#### **70 = MALVERN BLUES**

Rose Chugg-Martin and Tregaire Tiger Lily / Sarisa Martin and Don Padeja Jodie Powell and Glencorran Grace / Faye Green and Tempest Peaches

Charlotte Treleavan and Carnsdale Pure Genius / Sue Peckham and Solis Lydia Burrows and Urneypark Emir / Annabel McCourt and Wenceslaus

Julie Jeffes and Barrybeg Cruise / Tiggy Manning and Ballybrack Bill Lydia Webster and Flashmans Lad / Cindie Bunce and Dreambreaker



"I loved yesterday," said Annabel, "despite the dreadful weather, which resulted in wet underpants! The club members are so friendly and supportive and I was so pleased with Sprout in his first Arena Eventing in dreadful conditions around what I thought was a

Charlotte and Mr Jones

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# MEET THE TEAM JULIE JEFFES



How long have you been a member of MHRC? I don't know how long I have been a member but it must be somewhere between 10 - 15 years. What's your day job?

I work for the pet charity Blue Cross and am currently redesigning their contact handling solution.

What's your favourite Horsey Activity? Probably a good cross country round And least favourite?

Plaiting in the frost or maybe clipping Have you competed for MHRC before? I've competed quite a lot for Malvern over the years in nearly every discipline and been to various Championships. I've been lucky to have some lovely horses.

How long have you owned your horse? I've owned Barry for 3 years What does he like?

He likes food - especially keen on those horse treats -!!

And Dislike?

Anything that is in a different place to yesterday - he can be very spooky What did you think of the venue? Rectory Farm is a great venue - really

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### **MERCIAN LEAGUE 2022**

The final league places were announced at the beginning of the month. Huge congratulations and thank you if you represented the club at one of the Mercian competitions this year. A fabulous effort. Here's hoping we can bring the cup home in 2023!

		2022 FINAL RESULTS	
	/	FLATWORK LEAGUE	
	PLACE	CLUB	PTS
	1st	FRAMPTON RC	32
	2nd	MALVERN HILLS RC	26
	3rd	LUDLOW RC	15
	4th	BROMYARD RC	14
	5th	SHROPSHIRE SOUTH RC	12
	6th	CROPTHORNE & EVESHAM RC	10
	7th	BROMSGROVE RC	8
* 1	- 3	BEWDLEY BRIDLE CLUB	8
	9th	WYVERN RC	5
	10th	WORCESTER RC	4
	11th	HEREFORD RC	3
5		ALVECHURCH RC	3
3	13th	CHELTENHAM RC	2
	A Charles	VALE OF ARROW RC	2

	2022 FINAL RESULTS		
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	JUMPING LEAGUE		
PLACE	CLUB	PTS	number of wins
1st	CROPTHORNE & EVESHAM RC	20	2
2nd	BROMSGROVE RC	20	1
3rd	MALVERN HILLS RC	13	
4th	HEREFORD RC	10	
5th	FRAMPTON RC	8	
6th	CHELTENHAM RC	6	

		2022 FINAL RESULTS	
		OVERALL LEAGUE	
	PLACE	CLUB	POINTS
	1st	BROMSGROVE RC	48
	2nd	MALVERN HILLS RC	41
	3rd	FRAMPTON RC	40
55		WORCESTER RC	40
5	5th	CROPTHORNE & EVESHAM RC	34
55	6th	ALVECHURCH RC	31
	7th	HEREFORD RC	25
	8th	LUDLOW RC	23
	9th	BROMYARD RC	21
25	10th	SHROPSHIRE SOUTH RC	12
		WYVERN RC	12
	12th	BEWDLEY BRIDLE CLUB	8
	/ /	CHELTENHAM RC	8
	14th	VALE OF ARROW RC	2

		2022 FINAL RESULTS	
	17 18	COMBINED LEAGUE	
=	PLACE	CLUB	PTS
	1st	BROMSGROVE RC	46
	2nd	WORCESTER RC	40
	3rd	ALVECHURCH RC	30
	4th	MALVERN HILLS RC	18.5
50	5th	HEREFORD RC	15
5 5	6th	LUDLOW RC	8
	7th	WYVERN RC	7
		BROMYARD RC	7
	9th	FRAMPTON RC	6
	10th	CROPTHORNE & EVESHAM RC	4

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good competition surface and good set of equipment. It is a shame it doesn't have a covered seating area or lights - which probably makes it a better summer venue. We love it to hire for schooling

How early did you get up on the show day? Well, I did get up a 6am but that is just normal for me. Given that I didn't jump until nearly 3pm I could have stayed in bed until lunch

What was the best bit about the day?

Best bit of the day was finishing the course and hearing them say it was double clear. I didn't hear clearly if it was clear of time penalties but

somebody told me that as I left the arena and that was even better.

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

My husband Charlie is my support crew and nearly always comes along to support us, even when it is an early start or lousy weather or means he misses a football match.

I would like to thank Caroline and Chris for always being there for our teams and always being positive and supportive no matter what the outcome.

### **BRC UPDATES FOR 2023**

#### HATS

From 1st January 2023, BRC will no longer be accepting the following 2 hat standards.

- 1. PAS O15 1998
- 2. SNELL 2001

The new pink hat tags will be sent round to Official Stewards as soon as possible.

The PAS 015 2011 and SNELL 2016 will continue to be accepted.

#### **BODY PROTECTORS**

It is envisaged that we will continue to accept the BETA Level 3 Purple Label 2009 standard until 1 Jan 2025

#### **COMPETITOR DRESS**

Jodphurs/breeches can now be white, cream, beige, navy or black

#### **DRESSAGE CHANGES**

- ⇒ Due to lack of entries the Team of 4 at Lincoln will not take place in 2023
- ⇒ Senior and Junior Pairs at the National Championships at Lincoln will be amalgamated into a Mixed Pairs class from 2023
- ⇒ Dressage to Music Open Pairs and Novice Pairs will be amalgamated into one class with open eligibility using the Novice Pairs test from 2023

#### SHOW JUMPING CHANGES

- ⇒ The 110 SJ will remain as is for Intermediate Winter Competition for 2023, but from 1 October, will drop down to 105 SJ for 2024 Championships. The 110 SJ at Lincoln will become 105 SJ in 2023. If this class does not gain in entries it is at risk of being lost.
- ⇒ Show jumping speed in 70cm class to be lowered from 325mpm to 300mpm from 1 January 2023

#### **HORSE TRIALS CHANGES**

- ⇒ BRC are delighted to announce that from 2023 we will be running a mixed 70cm Horse Trial class.
- ⇒ This will take the place of the 100+ class, which unfortunately is no longer viable or competitive with continuous low numbers over a number of years.
- ⇒ The mixed 100 class will become open eligibility.
- ⇒ These does mean that the format of the Championships will also change:

Mixed 70 and Junior 80 – 1 day short format (Friday) Senior 80 and Junior 90 – 2 day long format (Sat & Sun) Senior 90 and 100 – 3 day long format (Fri to Sun)



# WE NEED YOU!

From 1st January 2023, MHRC will need a new Treasurer.

Please note that this is a voluntary role.

#### **DUTIES INCLUDE:**

Keeping basic accounts on an excel spreadsheet

BACS Payments on behalf of the club

In charge of Petty Cash Tin

**Account Signatory** 

Accounts update at monthly Committee Meetings

# Unfortunately, if we cannot fill this role, we will lose our BRC Affiliation

Plenty of support will be given and no experience necessary - a basic working knowledge of Excel and/or a willingness to learn is all that is needed.

If you think you'd like to join us, or would like to discuss the role further, then please contact

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tricky course. It was lovely to wear the team colours which looked super smart."

"It was mine and Buzz's first time at Rectory Farm," said Lyd-



Tiggy and Bill

ia B, "It was a lovely venue. The course was twisty and well decorated with foliage, fillers, a water tray and a 10cm bigger joker fence. It was a well run show and was lovely to see so many MHRC members there supporting. I appreciated everyone involved in the running of the show. We are definitely not fair weather riders!

I was so pleased with my horse Buzz. He jumped a great round in the 80cm and I really enjoyed it."

### \*\*\*FOR FULL, LONG-TERM LOAN/POTENTIAL LWVTB\*\*\* Please share! Bertie, 16.1hh, 15 y/o, thoroughbred gelding







Due to me living at university, I'm looking for someone to loan Bertie. He is to stay within 20 miles of Evesham and homes and riders will be vetted.

Bertie is a really lovely boy who is a pleasure to have around. I have had a lot of fun on him over the last 3 years doing pony club, dressage, eventing, showjumping and fun rides. However, I'm now looking for a lower level of life for him doing dressage/hacking/fun rides. Dressage has always been his forte, competing up to elementary level with scores over 65% and training at medium. He competed at the PC Open dressage champs in 2021, finishing in the top 20. When we evented we were always in the top 5 after dressage with scores primarily in the 20s.

He is 100% to catch, shoe, clip, load, travel etc. He can be spooky to hack alone so prefers company, however more often than not I take him out by himself.

As he is an ex-racehorse he can have the odd moment of excitement where he'll throw in a buck, but he has never reared or done anything nasty.

He would be best suited to a competent small adult/older teenager who will continue to have fun with him at RC/Dressage/ROR as he really has so much to offer still and loves going out and about. I just want someone to love him like he's theirs. He would not be suitable for a novice or a happy hacker.

He does have maintenance injections in SI joints and hocks due to normal wear and tear but we're happy to discuss this with potential homes and we will share the cost of this responsibility.

He has had a quiet last month due to me living away from home so isn't at 100% fitness but he would be fit in no time with a regular routine.

All tack and rugs available.

For more information about my gorgeous boy, please text me on 07503412456. Due to currently working a full-time placement, my replies might not always be the quickest, but I will get back to you ASAP, and viewings will only be on the weekends (available this weekend). He's currently based in White-Ladies-Aston near Worcester/Pershore.

Hundreds of pictures and videos available.

 From 1st January 2024, BETA 2009 purple tags will no longer be permitted at BRC competitions.

Please note that safety equipment will be checked if you ride at Area Qualifiers or BRC Championships.

While these rules will not be checked or enforced at club events, clinics or at other team events, please be aware that you may invalidate your insurance if you are riding in obsolete equipment.

If you are unsure if your hat or body protector is acceptable, please feel free to ask a member of the committee or bring it along for us to look at.

There may well be hats and body protectors being offered on the market at discounted rates as suppliers try to sell off old

stock before the changes happen, so please be aware if you are treating yourself this Christmas.



#### **NEW HAT & BODY PROTECTOR GUIDELINES FOR 2023**



BRC have introduced some new rules regarding riding hats and body protectors. To read the full press-release, check out the BRC website or FaceBook page, but please be aware of the following:

#### **HATS**

- From 1st January 2023, PAS 015 1998 and SNELL 2001 have been withdrawn and won't be acceptable at BRC competitions.
- Hats will need to be checked and tagged with a PINK tag in order to compete

#### **BODY PROTECTORS**

 From 1st January 2023, BETA 2000 purple tags will no longer be permitted at BRC competitions.

# Malvern Hills Riding Club



#### FRIDAY 27th JANUARY 2023

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### PEPPER POT LEAGUE 2022

#### NO LEAGUE TABLE THIS MONTH

The last chance to earn points for the 2022 League is our Dressage Championship on 18th December. Any points earned at events after this date will go towards the 2023 League.

The Results of the 2022 League will be announced at our AGM on 27th January 2023.

# E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE RIDING CLUB LEAGUE

Congratulations to our riders who took part in the online league this month:

#### **INTRO 1b**

4th = Ellie Watkins and Bedazzled 5th = Ellie Watkins and Glasshard King Areley

#### PRELIM 2b

2nd = Camilla Esling and Black Magick **NOVICE 3b** 

2nd = Camilla Esling and Black Magick

If you'd like to have a go, then check out the schedule on our website, or go directly to the E-Riders website.

Classes from Into to Advanced Medium, lots of sweet treats for everyone who enters and the chance to qualify for the E-Riders Online Championship.

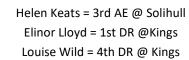


#### IN THE RIBBONS

Lydia Burrows = 3rd SJ @ Allens Hill

Louise Carter = 4th TREC @ Abingdon College

Grace Jenkins = 4th SJ @ Allens Hill





For the latest schedules, times & future events, please go to www.malvernhillsridingclub.com

#### 4th December 2022

• Just for Fun Team Show Jumping @ Hartpury

#### 18th December 2022

- MHRC Dressage Championships @ Hillview Arena, Malvern
   28th December 2022
- E-Riders Online Riding Club Dressage League (closing date)
  30th December 2022
- Just for Fun Team Show Jumping @ Allenshill

#### 21st January 2023

• Jumping Clinic with Jo Winfield @ Hillview

#### 27th January 2023

- MHRC AGM and Presentation Evening @ Welland Village Hall
   28th January 2023
- E-Riders Online Riding Club Dressage League (closing date)
  4th February 2023
- Flatwork Clinic with Kirsty Imm @ Kings Equestrian
- Area 18 Intermediate Winter Dressage Qualifier @ Lincomb

#### 18th February 2023

Arena Eventing Clinic with Karen Eacock @ Rectory Farm

#### 25th February 2023

• Jumping Clinic with Jo Winfield @ Hillview

#### 28th February 2023

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

#### 5th March 2023

Area 18 Combined Challenge Qualifier @ Dallas Burston Polo Club
 10th March 2023

#### Tutil March 2023

BRC Arena Eventing Championships @ Aston-le-wells

#### 11th March 2023

BRC Arena Eventing Championships @ Aston-le-wells

#### 12th March 2023

• BRC Arena Eventing Championships @ Aston-le-wells

#### 18th March 2023

Gridwork with Catherine Vale @ Marlbrook

#### 28th March 2023

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

#### 1st April 2023

- BRC Novice Winter Championships @ Arena UK
- Flatwork Clinic with Steph Woolley @ Hillview

#### 2nd April 2023

BRC Novice Winter Championships @ Arena UK

#### 9th April 2023

• Area 18 Combined Training Qualifier @ Allens Hill

#### 19th April 2023

Polework Clinic with Sophie Parkins @ Hillview Arena

COVER PHOTO: A bit of a grey day for Jodie and Gracie at Rectory Farm



# MHRC NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022

#### THIS ISSUE

BRC Christmas Cracker MHRC Dressage Championship Fun Jumping at Allenshill E-Riders Online Dressage



#### **FDITOR'S BIT**

And that's a wrap! 2022 is over and 2023 is getting underway. I hope you all had a great Christmas and enjoyed the New Year festivities

... enough to get you through the next few winter months. With spring waving out there on the horizon, I'm sure they'll fly by and the longer, warmer days will soon be here.

Some of you may have already spotted the major update to the MHRC website. For the past few weeks we have been trialing a calendar feature and we think it will make it easier for everyone to plan their 2023 campaigns. As soon as we have a confirmed competition, clinic or event, the dates will be entered so that you can all see what is coming up. E-mail invitations will still be sent out as normal nearer the time, with details on how to book in or enter, but at least everyone will have more insight what is coming up.

However, with a little wink and a smile, those of you who come along to our AGM might get a heads up on some exciting news for 2023 - so get out your diaries and start planning what you're going to do next.

Until next time, Caroline

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# BRC CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Every year, BRC runs an Virtual Christmas Dressage Competition, for teams and individuals, and MHRC was represented by a team of four and 8 individuals. With classes from Into to Advanced Medium, there was something for everyone, although our riders competed up to Novice only.



Luan and Bjort

#### TEAM

Emma Cooper Its All About Alfie Walk and Trot 1 Suzanne Lidbetter Mai Walk and Trot 1 Camilla Esling Prelim D4 **Black Magic** Sarah Harker Lematon Sunshine Sadie Novice D11 **Individuals** Zoe Hockley Tyersall Shaunlara Prince Walk and Trot 1 **Glasshard King Areley** Walk and Trot 1

Ellie Watkins **Tanzanite Mist** Walk and Trot 1 Linda Kemp **Luan Crawford** Walk and Trot 1 Bjort Isabella Thomas Paddy Prelim D4 Sarah Limbrick Myshall Buffy Prelim D4 Suzanne Lidbetter Rosie Prelim D4 Isabella Thomas Novice D11 Paddy

Tests were recorded and uploaded to YouTube, where they were judged by BD judges on behalf of BRC. Then on the weekend of 10th and 11th of December, the results were live streamed on the BRC Facebook page, with the top three tests in each Arena shown for everyone to enjoy.

Everyone did extremely well against clubs from all over the country and we had a smattering of rossies won too. In the Walk and Trot test, Emma and Zoe were 5th, Ellie was 7th and Linda was 9th in their respective arenas. Camilla was 9th in the Prelim, but Isabella won her Arena with a whopping 75.60%.

#### IN THE RIBBONS

Ingrid Barker = 1st DR @ Hartpury
Stella Bunn = 2nd DR @ Hartpury
Lilly Collop = 1st BD DR @ Kings
Emma Cooper = Reserved Champion @ Dressage

Addict

Kat Jones = 2nd DR @ Allenshill Claire Pollock = 3rd DR @ Hartpury Jodie Powell = 5th AE @ Solihull



# E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE

#### RIDING CLUB LEAGUE

Congratulations to our riders who took part in the online league this month:

#### INTRO 1c

1st = Ellie Watkins and Glasshard King Areley 4th = Ellie Watkins and Bedazzled



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chance to qualify for the E-Riders Online Championship.



### **CHRISTMAS SHOW JUMPING**

The last competition of the year was the Fun Christmas Show Jumping on 30th December at Allenshill. A lovely, relaxed event and, despite the forecast predicting high winds and heavy rain, it turned out to be a reasonably dry and almost sunny day!



Jodie and Gracie

**60cm = MALVERN MAGIC MINCE PIES:** Di Symonds and Jeeves / Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe

**70cm = MALVERN MISTLETOE MAGICIANS:** Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe / Jodie Powell and Gracie / Helen Keats and Jimmy

**80cm = MALVERN MERRY MALTESERS:** Faye Green and Peaches / Pip Webster and Lad / Helen Keats and Jimmy / Charlotte Treleaven and Oscar **90cm = MALVERN MILLED MANIACS:** Faye Green and Peaches / Lydia Webster and Lad / Charlotte Treleaven and Oscar

Due to last minute changes, we didn't end up with a 60 team, which may have been just as well, as Jeeves didn't want to jump and Caroline stopped after fence 10 (there were 12 fences in the course!). But all the other teams were placed, with the 70 and 90 teams coming 3rd and the 80 team 4th. Helen was 5th individual in the 70, Lydia 6th in the 90 and Charlotte 7th in the 80 and 10th in the 90.

"We had a great day!" said Faye, "Jumping in fancy dress is so much more comfortable than show gear, I think we should always do it that way! We had a stop at the very last fence in the 80 which was frustrating but managed to convince Peaches she would go back and try again for the 90 and got our first clear round at that height (even if it did feel like hard work!). A team 4th and team 3rd, very pleased!"

"We had team placings in the 80 and 90," said Pip, "both of which were large classes with over 40 entries. Helen Keats, Faye Green, Charlotte Treleaven and Pip Webster finished on team total of 4 faults for 4th place in the 80, with Charlotte and Pip going clear and Charlotte just missing out on an individual frilly in 7th. In the 90 Faye, Charlotte and Lydia Webster all went clear for team 3rd and individual 6th for Lydia. It was a great day

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#### Lad with Lydia (left) and Pip (right





# MEET THE TEAM HELEN KEATS

How long have you been a member of MHRC?

About 18 months - since we moved to

Malvern.

What's your day job?

Finance Director

What's your favourite Horsey Activity?

Definitely Cross-Country

And least favourite?

Picking out feet - having 16 to do everyday gets a bit tedious.

Have you competed for MHRC before? No-Tell us about your horse. Jimmy, show name Jimmy Jimmy (named by my old vet who bred him and names all her horses after Madonna songs!), 6 years old, 15.2hh, Dutch Sports pony x Warmblood.

How long have you owned your horse?

2 years

What does he like?

Anything fast, especially jumping.

And Dislike?

Dressage

What did you think of the venue?

Lovely friendly, low key venue.

How early did you get up on the show day?

7am

What was the best bit about the day?
Really enjoyed meeting some more
MHRC members and being part of the
team.

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

Ní support crew, so really lovely to be there with the other team members - big thank you to Jodie for videoing my round, especially after I forgot to video hers - sorry!



#### PEPPER POT LEAGUE 2023

The top placings in each league are shown below - for full results, check out our website.

#### SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Helen Keats and Jimmy	/0
2nd	Charlotte Treleaven and Oscar	55
	Faye Green and Tempest Peaches	55
4th	Ellie Watkins and Glasshard Areley	40
5th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	35
6th	Jodie Powell and Gracie	30
7th	Ellie Watkins and Bedazzled	25
8th	Di Symonds and Jeeves	5
SENIO	R DRESSAGE	
1st	Ellie Watkins and Glasshard Areley	40
2nd	Ellie Watkins and Bedazzled	25
SENIO	R JUMPING	
1st	Helen Keats and Jimmy	70
2nd	Charlotte Treleaven and Oscar	55
	Faye Green and Tempest Peaches	55
4th	Lydia Webster and Flashmans Lad	40
5th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	35
6th	Jodie Powell and Gracie	30
7th	Pip Webster and Flashmans Lad	25
8th	Di Symonds and Jeeves	5

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with good competition, Christmas jumpers and the later classes were incredibly lucky with the weather even glimpsing the sun. Great support from Jo Jeynes and Louise Carter as well as Caroline and Jodie who had both ridden earlier in the day."

"On Friday," said Di, "we set off before it was light and it was raining, however we warmed up nicely, but as soon as we went in the arena Jeeves got stage fright! Sorry RC team to let you down, we were eliminated again, that's horses. Onwards with 2023!"



Caroline and Smokey

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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COVER PHOTO: Faye Green and Peaches, Xmas Jumping at Allenshill

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