

WORCESTER & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB



News

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May, June & July 2009

Summertime, and the winning is easy!

WORCESTER&DISTRICT Riding Club members really do it with style (car stickers on order!) - our style jumping team, the reigning national champion, again thrashed the competition at area (May 24) to win outright. But it isn't really easy and reflects loads of hard work.

The team this year was Vicki Hancox (ind 2nd), Jodie Aston (ind 3rd), Rebecca Harris riding Beth Evans' horse as Beth had had a nasty fall - but Beth is taking him to Lincoln - and Kate Webberley, who rode Thomas in place of Liz Warner and Fleur, who had been vaccinated four days earlier and therefore were not allowed to compete (RC are so very, very strict about vaccinations. No-one is allowed to compete within 7 days of a vaccination and every horse must have its annual booster within the 12 months, or, if a new course, have had the second jab at least 7 days prior to the competition). Very disappointing for Beth and Liz, who were on the winning team last year at Lincoln and huge thanks to Rebecca, Kate and Thomas.

In the area SJ at the same time Vicki Hancox won the novice class and Jodie Aston was 3rd in the intermediate.

We also did well at the Area ODE (June 14) when the senior novice and intermediate teams were each 6th, with

individual placings for Victoria Heleno (5th), Daisy Ingram (5th), and Vicki Hancox and Liz Warner (6th) in the novice and in the intermediate team of Michelle Burton, Beth Evans, Vicki Hancox and Rebecca Harris, Rebecca was individual 3rd.

Earlier, on April 25 at the Area Hunter Trials, Vicki Hancox and Beth Evans were 10th in the novice pairs and Beth Evans was 10th individual.

We entered teams for the Area Riding Tests and Dressage Pairs this year - with great results! RT is a test of the rider - the rider's effectiveness is criticised so it's not for the faint-hearted. But our team of just three - Beth Evans, Charlotte and Rebecca Harris was 5th with Rebecca 2nd individual. And in the pairs Liz Lindsay and Nicky Mundy were second (qualifying for championships) and Charlotte and Rebecca Harris were 4th - not bad for a first attempt!

And hot off the press, on July 4 Liz Lindsay was 2nd at the Area Dressage to Music and has qualified for the national championships - now in two disciplines.

We've also been sending record numbers of teams to Mercian competitions with several new members making their debuts. All those results, and those from members only shows, are overleaf.

PLEASE REMEMBER

When you ask to go on a team, Mercian or Area, or compete as an individual, the club pays your entry fee with the entry form and must be reimbursed. If you subsequently can't compete or drop out *for any reason* this entry fee is NOT reimbursed to the club. We will help in every way we can, but it is your responsibility to try and find a replacement who will compete and pay the entry fee or, unfortunately, you must forfeit it.

Carol, Jan and Zaco prove experience really counts

MANY of you will know members Janice Gilbert (Mercian Teams co-ordinator) and Carol Pointon (dressage judge and open show secretary), but the modest pair do hide other talents under their bushels!

Jan's veteran horse Zaco (aged 22) is something of a dressage maestro and lives with Carol, who is something of a dressage queen. Carol is pictured mounted and Jan holding the cups.

After having a wrist replaced Carol was out of action for about 12 months so began this year with a few unaffiliated competitions, culminating in winning the elementary championships at Solihull and the cup for the highest score of the day - over 72%.

Now affiliated, Zaco has qualified for the elementary music regionals and Carol has been picked to be in a team representing the north-west region for British Dressage on her own horse, Andonie.

WELL DONE!



DIARY DATES

2009

July 12 - Mercian dressage - Sinton Green - Wyvern RC
July 19 - Area dressage: open, medium & rural riders - Bristol
August 2 - Midi 2-phase members; show - Lincomb Equestrian
August 7-9 - Horse Trials Championships - Offchurch Bury
August 8 - Mercian CT - Bissell Wood - Bromsgrove RC
August 23 - ODE incorporating Mercian teams - HILLTOP
Please note: Entry fee for WDRC only £30pp
September 6 - Style & SJ members' show - Lincomb
September 12&13 - National championships, Lincoln
September 20 - Mercian show- and style-jumping - CEVRC
October TBA - Mercian quiz - Bromyard
November 2009 - Awards evening & AGM TBA

Further details on www.worcsterridingclub.co.uk

RESULTS...RESULTS...

April 4, Members CT & dressage show:

Class 1 - Dressage Only

1st Sam Hanson
2nd Sarah Lovatt
3rd Sam Hanson
4th Lucy Conway
5th Sarah Walton
6th Maggie Bakewell

Class 3 - 2 ft 9"

1st Liz Warner
2nd Michelle Burton
3rd Lorraine Stott

May 2, Members dressage show

Class 1 (D1)

1st Poppy Smith, Jimmy Choo
2nd= Nicky Smith, Cruiser
2nd= Heidi Bradshaw, Kai
4th Heidi Bradshaw, Navar
5th Theresa Morris, Carthago
6th Sharon Hamilton, Paddington
Helen Best, Balleroy Mercury
Amanda Hull, Goldie

Class 2 - Combined Training 2ft 3"

1st Nicky Mundy
2nd Claire Watkins
3rd Natalie Lindsay
4th Jo Powell

4th Annabelle Perry
5th Sarah Lovatt

CLASS 2 SECTION A (Prelim 10)

1st Heidi Bradshaw, Kai
2nd Nicky Smith, Cruiser
3rd Lynn Biggs, Lucy
4th Heidi Bradshaw, Navar
5th Sarah Lovatt, Jasper

SECTION B

1st Liz Lindsay, T the S
2nd Caroline Gudgeon, Hugo

CLASS 3 - NOVICE 25

1st Charlotte Harris, Crunchie
2nd Liz Lindsay, Thorneyside the Swizzle
3rd Sarah Lovatt, Jasper

May 31, Members mini two-phase

1st Sam Hill- Topaz
2nd Tamara Ellis- Cassie
3rd Caroline Horsley

4th Laura Cockram- Nicely
5th Heidi Bradshaw- Saffy
6th Annabelle Perry - Tilly

May 3, Mercian HT

2ft 3 - 2ND WORCESTER WONDERS

Heather Smith, Maggie Bakewell, Lucy Conway, Sarah Walton

5TH WORCESTER WIZARDS

Lynn Biggs, Sally Harte, Liz Lindsey, Natalie Lindsay

2ft 9 - 6TH WORCESTER WILLOWS

Jodie Aston, Lizzie Davies, Vicki Hancox (2nd ind), Lorna Walsh

June 20, WDRC Open Show

New trophy donated by Liz Lindsay for the most successful W&DRC member on the day, won by Vicki Hancox.

Best dressage Intro A won by Jane Blackband

June 21, Mercian Two-phase HT

2'3" Worcester Wonders 2nd - Lucy Conway, Heather Smith (2nd Ind), Maggie Bakewell, Lorna Walsh Worcester Wizards 4th Joyce Brown (3rd Ind), Clare Gabriel, Liz Lindsay (6th Ind), Heidi Bradshaw.

2'9" Caroline Horsley (2nd Ind)

FOR SALE

WINTEC 500 AP black saddle. 44 cm (17") medium changeable gullet system. Less than 12 months old. Hardly used. One lady owner - one horse! £200.00

Contact: Sam Hill 07904 931786

WANTED

GELDING 5-7 years, 15.2-16.00HH 3/4 bred for Mercian level competition. Reasonably priced bay/black/chestnut preferred

Contact Susan Newell: 07977 214588.

NAGS' NEEDS 'N FEEDS

Equestrian supplies

☎ 01905 755773

• Knoll Farm •

• Ladywood Road •

• Worcester • WR3 7SX •

MERCIAN TEAMS

If you want to know more about Mercian Teams, please contact

Janice Gilbert.

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MERCIAN DATES

July 12 DRESSAGE - Wyvern

Aug 8 CT - Bromsgrove

Aug 23 ODE - Hilltop WDRC

HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE

Sep 20 SJ & Style-jumping

CEVRC

Oct TBA Quiz - Bromyard

WE are running an open ODE incorporating Mercian Teams on August 23rd at Hilltop and we need loads of fence judges. If you or anyone you know (friends, family) fancies half a day sitting in beautiful Herefordshire countryside with lunch provided please contact Sarah Lovatt.

01905 621858

07776 187089

sarah@slovatt.orangehome.co.uk

Gracelands Equestrian Centre

- Unaff. showjumping every Wed (from 1'9") & Thu (from 2'6")
- Clear round from 6pm
- Classes from 7.15pm

ALSO

- BSJA Junior & Senior
- Unaffiliated dressage
- Available for private hire

☎ 01527 861476

OPEN SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

THE weather couldn't have been more different from last year as we prepared for this year's Open Show, with the Croome Pony Club Parents' Association running the showjumping ring.

Chris and Carole Heath again allowed us the use of their land and

provided the most fabulous fields for the three showing rings, dressage arena and showjumping.

We were very fortunate to obtain sponsorship from a number of companies, which paid our expenses, so all the money raised on the day was funds for our club and the children of the Pony Club.

Not surprisingly, entries were well up on last year.

Riders of all ages and their creatures great and small had a go at everything, from fancy dress to dressage, working hunter to showjumping, best turned out to veteran.

Scores of people qualified for the MIDARC Championships and thanks to efficient judges and all those who gave up their time

to help everything ran smoothly with smiles all round.

IMP again took the photos and if you missed yours it is available to view and purchase on www.impweb.co.uk.



Photos anticlockwise from top left:

- Beth Evans and Bailey's Luck
- Millie Cooper and Louis won the Ring 1 ridden showing championship
- Horses of all shapes - and sizes - took part
- Jane Langdon and Joe won the WH championship
- Joint winners of the fancy dress were Neil Paskins and Trigger, as a zebra crossing, and Ruby Bradshaw on Sammy as a princess



FANCY HACKING ON BREDON HILL?

NEW member Sally Harte has extended an open invitation to all to enjoy the wonderful riding on Bredon Hill with her.

You can park in her ponies' field (doesn't get muddy), use the hosepipe to wash down when you get back and have a cup of coffee at her house while your horse can use the stable. She's only three minutes walk away from the first bridle path which leads up to the hill, and only about 25 minutes ride from the summit. Whilst she admits she doesn't know her way around 100% she does have a fair idea of the layout.

"It would be nice to have some company - I tend not to go up there on my own as Fergus can be silly, and I get the impression that most of the members come from north of Worcester, so maybe they don't often get the chance to go up the hill, which is the most incredibly beautiful place," said Sally.

If you fancy taking her up on her offer, ring 01386 710546.

