

JUNIORS MAKE IT TWO OUT OF TWO!

Our junior team travelled to Stratford Hills Area dressage with some trepidation. A clash of dates meant we did not field a team last year. Our squad comprised of Charlotte Cattermole (Hilltop Holly), team captain, Georgia Cattermole (Legend), Lydia Sida-Page (Harebell) and Leanne Kelly (Bruno VI) making her team début. They were scrubbed and ready to roll. Leanne very kindly stepped in for Flynn Regan who decided his revision had to take precedent!!!!....a first I heard! Flynn kindly lent his lovely dun 'Hilltops Holly' to Charlotte.

Team star Georgia won her arena....proving that jumping ponies can do dressage.... with seconds from Charlotte and Lydia holding the team in first place to qualify for the Championships at Lincoln.

Imogen Sida-Page and her 24 year old veteran 'Inform' took the junior elementary and also qualified for Lincoln.



Junior dressage team & individual qualifiers

Left to right Charlotte Cattermole (Hilltop Holly), Lydia Sida-Page (Harebell), Imogen Sida-Page (Inform), Georgia Cattermole (Legend) and Leanne Kelly (Bruno VI)

Imogen and Charlotte have ridden in our teams since they were 10! Sadly due to their happy 18th birthdays fast approaching they move up to senior next year and we need to build a team to replace them!

In their time as members Charlotte has won the team horse trials championships and come second in the eventer-trial pairs championship. Both she and Imogen were in the 5th placed dressage team at the winter championship with Imogen obtaining an individual sixth. Imogen was also second at the summer championships on 'Inform'. We are grateful to the support these two have given to the junior teams turning up time and time again often on borrowed ponies the junior teams will miss them.

Our next outing will be the Festival of the Horse Championships!

Report by Helen Sida-Page

SENIORS DO THE DOUBLE TOO!!

Two senior teams headed down to Stratford Hills for the Area 14 dressage qualifier. They were the 'Bees' and the 'Butterflies'.

The 'Bees' consisted of Julie Frost (Horse Heaven Rambo', Lee Wright (Polly Whisper), Alison Rushmer (Maggie May) and Caroline Oakes (Renee). The 'Butterflies' team was Corinne Bullock (Diamond Cruise), Susannah Close (Prince Albert), Samantha Butcher (Pumpkin Pie) and Gillian Feury (Mr Randleton).

Both teams represented the club brilliantly and were ably assisted by Lynn Bell and Lucy Frost who excelled themselves at calling for those that needed this little piece of reassurance.

Wine flowed freely from the Frost box for those that needed their nerves steadied whilst waiting for the scores. (See what awaits you Charlotte and Imogen in senior teams!) These were swiftly posted due to the excellent organisation by Colne Valley RC who hosted the event. What a result it proved to be.

Lee Wright was first individually, with Alison Rushmer taking fourth individually in the qualifier. They were well supported by Caroline and Julie so that the 'Bee' team won the area qualifier and will be heading to the Championship with the juniors.

The 'Butterflies' also did well with Gillian finishing sixth individually.

Deben RC finished in second place and St Edmunds RC took third in the qualifier.

Alison and 'Maggie May' also entered the dressage to music qualifier. To the best of our knowledge this is the first time the club has been represented at Area in this discipline. They performed a lovely test and finished in second place.

This is probably the best result the club has ever had in the Area dressage qualifiers so well done to everyone representing the club. We are really proud of you.

The teams are on a real roll at the moment with both junior and senior teams qualifying in the Eventer Challenge and the Outdoor dressage. Our team managers, Corinne Bullock and Helen Regan, have the biggest smiles going.

Next is the Area Horse Trials at Poplar Park on 23rd June followed by the Outdoor Show jumping and Style jumping at Geldeston. Dare we hope for more success?