

BRC NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE EVENTER CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP

The BRC Festival of the Horse Eventer Challenge Championship took place at Aston Le Walls over the weekend of 1st & 2nd June 2103. The club was lucky enough to be represented by a Junior and Senior team in the 90cm class at the Championship as both qualified at the Area 14 qualifier which we hosted in April at Geldeston.

JUNIORS

The Junior team comprised of Charlotte Cattermole riding 'Wise Dennis', Flynn Regan and 'Hilltop Holly', Georgia Cattermole and 'Tullyreavey Legend' and Lydia Sida-Page and 'Harebell'. This was Georgia and Flynn's first time at Championships.

Things did not start well for the team. 'Hilltop Holly' decided she really didn't want to go to the party and made it perfectly clear by creating havoc in the lorry. Fortunately they had only reached Harleston. So a quick about turn and return home where she was swapped for Flynn's other less experienced horse 'Knock on the Head'. He was dragged from the field and loaded onto the lorry. Tack was swapped and the passport remembered at the last minute (Thanks Charlotte!) and off they set again.

The team arrived in time to walk the course under the guidance of the team captain Charlotte while Helen Sida-Page (Lydia's Mum) cooked the evening meal. I understand the evening's entertainment was also provided by Helen although no details are provided!

There were eighteen teams entered in the Junior 90cm class. When all team member's scores counted our team finished in 12th place. All had a wonderful time and gained valuable experience for forthcoming Championships.

Many thanks to all those who supported the junior team financially, with time and encouragement. Thanks also to Charlotte for encouraging and helping the more junior and inexperienced team members and I am sure Helen Regan the team manager will miss you when you progress to the senior teams next year.



From left to right: Charlotte, Flynn, Lydia & Georgia

SENIORS

Lucy Frost (Polly Whispers), Sam Palmer (Foreigner of the Lowlands), Stacey Laine (Azire) and Corinne Bullock (Diamond Cruise) made up the Senior team in the Senior 90cm class.

There were 23 teams entered. Blidworth EQ won with West Oxon RC coming second.

The team finished in sixteenth place but all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The atmosphere was brilliant with everyone mucking in and helping and supporting each other. This is what riding club is all about.

There were good performances from our team members with some competing at the Championships for the first time.

Sam Palmer picked up 4 faults in the show jumping and went clear on the cross country but collected 8 time penalties for being under the optimum time. This gave Sam 24th place individually.

Lucy Frost gave another outstanding performance going clear in both the show jumping and cross country. However the partnership was also too fast cross country and collected 24.3 time penalties. Lucy finished 59th individually.

Stacey finished the show jumping with 13 penalties and had another 40 jumping penalties across country. She was over the optimum time and had 25.2 time penalties added to her score giving her 86th place individually.

Corinne finished the show jumping with 4 penalties but unfortunately was eliminated on the cross country at the fifth fence.

Gary Moore (Withywood Lad) representing Riders 2000 was the overall individual winner with a perfect and penalty free round.

The full results are available on the BRC pages of the BHS web site www.bhs.org.uk



**Sam Palmer & 'Foreigner of the Lowlands
Best placed BBRC senior member @ FOTH Senior 90 EC Championship 2013**

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