

WORCESTER & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB



News

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THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS!

VICKI Hancox couldn't have had a better birthday present than becoming individual style jumping champion at Lincoln and helping our team, which also included Beth Evans, Jodie Aston and Kate Webberley, reach third place.

Vicki was also a star in lending her two horses to two other Worcester members so they could compete. Jodie's own horse had a nasty fall at Blenheim a couple of days earlier (after jumping!) and Rebecca Harris had only just returned from a summer working abroad, so was surprised to find out her second riding test place at area had qualified her, and her horse wasn't ready!

In the pairs dressage Liz Lindsay and Nicki Mundy came 10th - and in the dressage to music Liz Lindsay came 12th. Well done everyone who represented the club at all the championships.

We've also done rather well in the Mercian League this year - full results overleaf.

On August 23rd we ran the Mercian and open one day event at Hilltop - a huge undertaking - but exceptionally well organised and a massive thank you to everyone who helped either beforehand or on the day. It seemed as if almost every member turned out to compete, help or both! Needless to say it raised a lot of money to spend on members and the committee is currently exploring a number of ideas including subsidised training - more ideas welcome!

We sent a team to jump at Blenheim under the new format this year - one timed round of showjumps, followed by XC fences then a final showjump. Vicki and Beth had fabulous clear rounds.

MAKE A DATE November 26th

- Annual awards evening
- Three-course carvery meal
 - short AGM
- plus 'Man of the Year' citation

AT: The Holt Fleet Hotel

7.30pm to dine (special deal, £18pp inc coffee)

9pm awards and AGM only

Booking forms coming soon!

ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING

The Annual Awards Evening and AGM is fast approaching - see below for details - so if you have a trophy from last year please return it by the first week in November to any committee member, preferably clean!

And we will have places to fill on the committee so if you think you could manage a friendly meeting once a month (or so) and would like to get involved helping shape the future of the club, deciding what to stage, etc etc., please nominate yourself! All the forms, including a booking form for the meal (discounted by £3pp), will be coming soon by post.

Last year's event was great fun with a fantastic meal, club clothing on sale, a quiz, raffle and photo display, but if you can't come for the meal do join us after 9pm for the awards - especially if you might have won one!



• Above: Vicki gets her sash and salver at the national championships, before tucking into her cake!

• Below: The Blenheim team l-r Vicki Hancox, Jodie Aston, Beth Evans and Rebecca Harris



RESULTS...RESULTS...

MERCIAN DRESSAGE - July 12th INDIVIDUALS

TEAMS

Worcester Warriors 3rd
Worcester Wonders 4th

Prelim 14: Nicki Mundy 1st
Prelim 7: Zoe Griffin 2nd, Shelley
Tillman 3rd, Lorna Walsh 4th
Novice 27: Vicki Hancox 4th

MERCIAN RIDING TESTS - July 12th

TEAMS

Worcester Wonders 1st
Worcester Wizards 5th

INDIVIDUALS

RT7 (2 sections): Liz Warner 1st,
Vicki Hancox 2nd, Nicki Mundy 2nd
RT6: Helen Davies 1st
Jane Blackband 2nd

MERCIAN COMBINED TRAINING - August 8th

Worcester Warriors 2nd
2'3": Shelley Tillman 2nd, Nicki Mundy 6th
2'9": Olivia Iles 2nd, Helen Davies 4th, Liz Warner 6th

MERCIAN ODE - August 23rd

TEAMS

2'3" Worcester Wizards 5th
2'9" Worcester Warriors 1st

INDIVIDUALS

Natalie Lindsay 5th, best W&DRC
Michelle Burton 1st, best W&DRC
Helen Davies 4th

MERCIAN STYLE AND SHOW-JUMPING - September 20th

2'3" showjumping

TEAMS

Worcester Wolves 3rd
Worcester Wizards 4th
2'9" Showjumping
Worcester Wonders 5th

INDIVIDUALS

Rebecca Harris 1st, Clare Gabriel 3rd
Heather Smith 5th

2'3" style jumping

TEAMS

Worcester Wizards 4th
Worcester Wolves 5th
2'9" style jumping

INDIVIDUALS

Rebecca Harris 1st
Heather Smith 4th

TEAM

Worcester Wonders 1st

INDIVIDUALS

Jodie Aston 2nd
Lizzie Davies 3rd

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE AND ALSO TO:

..Liz Lindsay & Dylan, reserve champion ridden cob at the MIDARC Championships and Liz and Casper, 3rd in the in-hand final.

..Nicki Mundy and Bertie Bassett who qualified for the Abbey Dressage Championship and came 1st in P19 and P18, also winning the summer series points accumulator.

Exercises to help you become a better horse person

1. Drop a heavy object on your foot. Don't pick it up. Shout "Get off, you stupid horse! Get off!"
2. Jump of the back of a Land-Rover doing around 25mph. Practice 'relaxing into the fall'. Roll yourself into a ball and then spring to your feet.
3. Learn to take your chequebook out of your pocket and write out a cheque for £200 without even looking.
4. Jog long distances every day, carrying a headcollar and a couple of carrots.
5. Practice ringing up your osteopath on your mobile phone with both arms paralysed to the shoulder and one foot anchoring the lead rope of a spooky horse.
6. Lie face down in the muddiest patch of your field in your best competition riding clothes and brand new leather boots. Repeat several times. "This is a learning experience, this is a learning experience, this is," etc.,
7. Work on your porkie-telling skills eg: "You see, unloading hay bales is fun, isn't it darling?," or "No really I am glad your good luck and £100,000 dressage horse won you a first in the medium. I'm just thankful my hard work and real talent won me the my second place."
8. And finally the most important exercise of all: MARRY SOMEONE WEALTHY.

MERCIAN TEAMS

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

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MERCIAN DATES

October 21 QUIZ - Bromyard

NAGS' NEEDS 'N FEEDS

Equestrian supplies

☎ 01905 755773

- Knoll Farm •
- Ladywood Road •
- Worcester • WR3 7SX •

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.

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MASSAGE THERAPY

Equissage therapy: contact

Vicki Hancox: 07903 437622.

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

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