

Senior Horse Trials – Area 16 Qualifier at Eland Lodge, Derbys – Sunday 20 June

Rearsby had three senior novice teams, one intermediate team and three individuals competing at Eland Lodge.

Rearsby Daisies of Tracy Walker, Nicky Grayson, Tessa Spencer and Julie Preston all rode well and finished in 4th place with Tessa Spencer coming 2nd individually in her arena.

Rearsby Tulips of Margaret Pitts, Caroline Harvey, Steph Hensman and Natalie Mulligan all had great dressage scores but unfortunately Margaret had a bad fall on the cross country course and a trip to hospital but all ok and Natalie unfortunately being eliminated but Caroline and Steph when clear across country.

Rearsby Poppies of Gill Argyle, Becky Littlefield, Cherise Greasley and Sarah Nicholls. Cherise's horse unfortunately went lame after the dressage but the rest of the team battled on. The team won and Becky was placed 1st individually and Sarah placed 2nd individually and the team qualified for the National Horse Championships at Aston le Walls on 7th & 8th August.

Our three novice individuals Jo Ball, Michelle Patrick and Kate Leonard. Jo and Michelle had a reasonably day but Kate went before the bell in the showjumping and eliminated herself. I don't think Kate will be doing that again!!!

The Intermediate team of Jo Payne, Georgina Sim, Natalie Mulligan and Charlotte Barker, Jo, Natalie and Charlotte managed to finish but unfortunately Georgina had a fall and had to retire.

Well done to all the teams and hope you will all have a go next year.

National Horse Trials Championships – Senior Novice Team

Unfortunately the original team members of Gill Argyle and Cherise Greasley were unable to compete as both horses were injured so Tessa Spencer and new member Helen Dooley took their places.

At the National Horse Trials at Aston le Walls the team also had to negotiate roads and tracks and steeplechase.

Day 1

Sarah Nicholls (Cragg Prince) gave the team a great start with a 31.1 dressage, Helen Dooley (Murphys Tipple) – 36.1, Tessa Spencer (Miss Scarlett) - 36.8 and Becky Littlefield (Sunkist Avalon) – 32.6.

Becky had an unfortunate 4 faults in the jumping and the rest of the team went clear.

Day 2

Sarah again gave the team a great start with clear through all the roads and tracks, steeplechase and cross country. Helen also went clear just picking up 0.6 time penalty and Tessa and Becky were clear inside the time. The team looked great in their cross country tops kindly sponsored by Fresh Creations and Design.

We thought we were in with a chance of being placed and the team were placed a fantastic 3rd out of 29 teams. Sarah 2nd individually, Tessa 3rd individually, Becky 5th individually and Helen 6th individually.

The team also won a silver salver for the Senior Novice Top All Four Scores.

A great weekend for Rearsby Lodge.

Claire Atkins
(Stand in Team Manager for the day)