

What a fabulous weekend for our five Rearsby Lodge members at the BRC Music Championships held at Aintree on 9/10th October.

The racecourse was a superb choice of venue, it has atmosphere even when empty, let alone on a race day. The competitors were stabled in beautiful brick boxes alongside a noticeboard denoting all the National winners who had also been in residence. The International Indoor Arena was at the opposite end to the stands from the stable block, so the competitors had a 5 minute ride along the side of the racetrack (and past the winning post) with the stands on one side and the views across the course on the other! What a privilege to have your horse there and be able to experience that. But we were there for Dressage to Music not just a gentle hack!

The International Indoor Arena was like being in a shopping mall, with full length windows/doors along two sides it felt very special. Jules Johnson was the very first competitor at 8am on Sunday and was delighted with Haf, he was a good boy and scored 64.86% putting them in 12th place from a class of 31. Jane Wisher was also delighted with Connie, a faultless routine to score 62.5%.

After lunch Jane Carruthers achieved 72.09% with her adorable Max finishing in 6th and able to take place in the top ten mounted presentation. Finally at 5pm Becca Smith and Hilary Bowerman scored 66.36% with their 007 Pairs routine which also put them in 6th place and into the presentation arena.

Do have a look at their photos on the following link (Jules no. 1. Jane Wisher no.8 Jane Carruthers no.52 in the afternoon and the Pairs were first in that class) www.lincspphoto.co.uk/?Action=VC&id=63782050&ppwd=rr7231pc

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