

On Sunday July 11th Rearsby Lodge Senior Showjumping teams and Stylejumping teams arrived at Eagle Moor, this time not too early in the morning (sorry Juniors!). On a lovely sunny day we were fielding two intermediate teams comprising of the Flyers: Sarah Aspinall, Natalie Mulligan, Kate Hollin and Katy Bonham and the Gliders: Becky Littlefield, Jo Ball and Claire Diamond. Sadly we lost two or three riders after the prelim entries and could not make a team of four. Our style jumping team consisted of Sam Pilling, Kate Hollin, Claire Diamond and Katy Bonham.

The Gliders finished their first round clear with the Gliders having an elimination which left them sadly with no hope. Interestingly though they all did really well in the second round with Jo Ball and Red Welsh Flyer pulling off a clear, to make up for an interesting first round!

The Rearsby Lodge Flyers finished in a very creditable fourth place and had it not been for the water tray we may have come higher! But our only rider who scored a double clear, Sarah Aspinall, went into the jump off and came a brilliant second. Because the rider who came first had already qualified with a team, Sarah has qualified for Lincoln. Hurrah and very well done Sarah!

Our style jumping ladies looked the part and I think it was only time penalties that let them down, otherwise we may have qualified them for Lincoln! But thank you for taking part in that, I know that I bullied and cajoled that team together!

We didn't manage to field a Senior Novice team but had three individuals. That makes a team I hear you say, but it was Sam Pilling, Sam Pilling and Natalie Mulligan. They all rode really well and unfortunately Sam was pipped at the post by less than a second for qualifying for Lincoln. What a shame.

Thank you to all riders, drivers and grooms, and to my daughter who unfortunately could not compete on the day, but pole picked in the intermediate ring practically all day!

We are now looking forward to the Senior Novice Indoor Showjumping in November. I know one or two of you are already signed up but please get in touch with me if you are interested.

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