

2023 BRC Area 16 Horse Trials Qualifier at Epworth in June

We had one 100cm team (Anne Krumins (J), Tish Jerabek & Claire Lewis) They had to run as a team of three due to lameness for the 4th member. However, they pulled it out the bag and WON and they booked their ticket to the Championships in August!

We had three teams in the 90cm - The Red team of Helen Garner, Laura Garratt, Molly Tarris, & Celia Dyson - The Blue team of Louise Taylor, Sharon Roscoe, Natasha Shelton & Caroline Harrison (on Sam) - The White team of Karen Holmes, Jessica Gray, Katie Lowbridge & Caroline Harrison (on Jack)

The results were: The Blue team came 4th with Caroline individually 4th - The White team came 3rd with Jess individually 3rd - The Red team WON with Celia individually 2nd and they also booked their ticket to Swalcliffe in August.

The 80cm team of Gavin Vaughan, Alice Kidd, Alice Springett-Smith & Lorrie McGowan came 5th with Alice Kidd individually 5th. The 70cm team consisted of Anna Edwards and Juniors Emilia Edwards, Maxwell Berry & Effie Berry who were 3rd.

It was a fabulous day with a fantastic team spirit that made us all proud to be part of Rearsby Lodge Riding Club.

2023 BRC Horse Trials Championships at Swalcliffe in August

RLRC had two teams and one individual competing at the National HT Championships. We had a 90cm team (Helen Garner, Karen Holmes, Wendy Parker and Celia Dyson); a 100cm team (Tish Jerabek, Caroline Harrison, Claire Lewis and Annie Krumins); and Alice Kidd competing as an individual at 80cms.

The 90cm and 100cm classes started on Friday morning with the trot up. Unfortunately, Annie's horse didn't pass the vet, so she was

unable to compete, which was such a shame for her. Friday was dressage day. Everyone did well, in the pouring rain, and our 90 team were lying in 10th place after dressage, and the 100 team in 6th place.

Saturday was roads & tracks and XC day for the 90 and 100 teams. Again, it was pouring with rain, but everyone went out and had a magnificent day with fabulous results. Collectively, the 90cm team only picked up 14 time-penalties and one stop between them, putting them up to 8th place. The 100cm team were all clear and only had a few time penalties, so they maintained their overnight placing of 6th, and all 3 riders were lying in 3rd place in their individual sections. Saturday was also dressage and show jumping for Alice in the 80cm, and she finished on her dressage score – a great position ready for her XC the next day.

On Sunday there was the trot-up to start the day for the 90 & 100 teams. Unfortunately, we lost another of the 100cm team members so the 2 remaining were competing as individuals. However, Claire came 2nd as an individual and Caroline came 4th in their sections, which was a brilliant result for them both. The 90cm team all jumped magnificent clears in the show jumping so they moved up into 7th place, which was a great achievement as there were over 25 teams in the 90cm class.

To say it was a wet weekend was an understatement – it rained and rained but all the competitors managed to pull out all the stops; and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being at such a high profile BRC event.