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HDRC enjoys the Lucy Oldfield - October 2011

HDRC was lucky enough to have three entrants at this year's **Lucy Oldfield** competition; Charlotte, Beccy and me.

The competition, which takes part at Trent Park Equestrian Centre in Enfield, was the BRC Novice Riding Test 7 and is ridden on school horses, all of whom are really well schooled and very willing. Charlotte rode a lovely grey called Tori and Beccy on another grey Baloo. I had Freddie, a bay who thought he was a giraffe to start with but we eventually relaxed and he performed much better in the test than on the warm-up – you don't hear that often !

Trent Park is a fabulous centre and is lucky enough to have two lovely big arenas, which are both indoor – luxury indeed. Their staff all helped to ensure everyone was welcomed and made the evening a really enjoyable experience. After riding our group all de-camped to the heated viewing gallery to a wonderful buffet tea, with yummy home cooked quiches and hot soup.

The results were announced and HDRC did amazingly well, with Beccy coming 4th. Great we all thought, at least we have been placed. However, our surprise and glee went to new heights when Charlotte was announced as the overall winner ! **The very first time for HDRC!** Many congratulations to Charlotte.

Finally I would like thank Liz, Debbie and Richard for giving up their Friday evening to support us and generally make sure we were all okay, it makes such a difference to have that extra support and I know I can speak for Beccy and Charlotte when I say how grateful we all were. **Tracy**



Prix Caprilli - Littlebourne Saturday October 22nd

A Prix Caprilli test is a combination of jumping and dressage performed simultaneously in the same arena. It is named after Captain Federico Caprilli, an Italian cavalry instructor, who is credited with inventing the forward seat. Tracy wrote a very interesting test, which had two small diagonal jumps. Riders and horses enjoyed the event. Thanks go to our judge Julie, our scribe Liz, Richard for keeping score and to our supporters who helped out with setting up and clearing up on the day. **Louise**



Back row: Nick, Louise, Mylene, Geoff

Front row: Tracy, Michele

Results - Hirelings

1st place
Tracy riding Revel
2nd place
Louise riding Revel
3rd place
Nick riding James

Results - Livery

Joint 1st place
Mylene riding Joey
Geoff riding Luke
3rd place
Michele riding Buddy



A warm welcome to Gwen



My name is Gwen and I've been riding since I was 5! I started in France, did quite a few riding holidays as a teenager before becoming a hack leader in the South of France during the summer helping out one of my friends and taking out tourists. Lots of beautiful wild beaches, perfect for amazing and unforgettable gallops! I broke in quite a few ponies and horses along the way too.....one of them was a lovely black and white 3 year old cob and that was when I was living in Crawley.

Can't remember how I found myself at Littlebourne, but have never looked back since. Such a great atmosphere there. Some of you might have seen me ride on Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings.

I love jumping, dressage, hacks (especially the 5 hrs ride and pub ride!) and games of all sorts! You've not seen me in any events here yet cause I was off last year for quite a while due to a foot operation (all fine now!) and I just started riding again late summer. We'll see what this year brings! Looking forward to meeting you all. **Gwen**

Newsletter changes

Michele has decided to step down as HDRC newsletter editor. The committee would like to thank Michele on behalf of the club, for all of her very hard work over the years. The newsletter is now being edited by Louise and all articles and photos should be sent to HDRcenquiries@hotmail.com

Liz

Riding Test - Saturday November 19th - Littlebourne

What a beautiful day for riding!

The weather was glorious and we had a good turn out for this event. Our thanks go to Julie for judging, Maureen for scribing, Liz for calling the test and to Richard, for keeping those all important scores. Many congratulations to Charlotte for her first place. **Louise**



Results

1st place

Charlotte riding Kudos

2nd place

Debbie riding Otto

3rd place

Mylene riding Joey

4th place

Tracy riding Wallace

5th place

Louise riding Otto

6th place

Beccy riding Wallace

7th place

Alison riding Kudos

8th place

Nick riding Wallace

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