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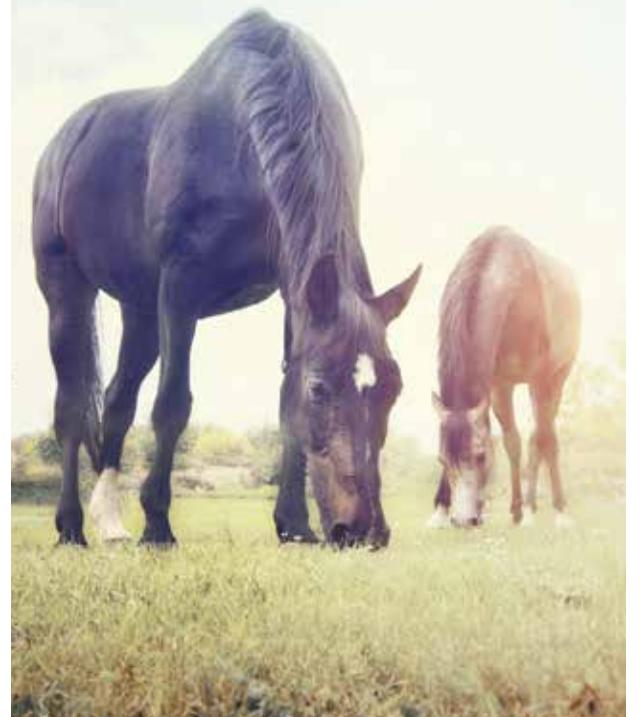
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Kate competing at a TREC competition

TREC

Most riders will have tried dressage and showjumping at one point or another, and some will have a go at cross-country or even endurance.

But outside the main Olympic and World Equestrian Games disciplines is a raft of unusual equestrian sports that are gathering a loyal following all over the country.

From polocrosse to horseball, and horseboarding to TREC, there is something for everyone with even the slightest equestrian interest.

We've checked a few of them out...

Le TREC originated in France as a way to test equine trail guides and is all about assessing how horse and rider can cross terrain.

It has grown in popularity in the UK recent years and there are now clubs and competitions all over the country.

There are three phases to TREC competitions – orienteering, control of paces and an obstacle course.

Orienteering phase: This tests the rider's route-finding skills and the horse's willingness to cross any terrain. The competitor must copy the route from a master map before setting off. At top levels, there is also a compass section and orienteering from a small section of map or satellite image. At Level 1 participants might be hacking for up to two hours, but this goes up to eight hours at championship level.

Control of paces: Horse and rider have to canter as slowly as possible up a marked corridor, then turn and walk back as quickly as possible, with any break in pace earning the competitor zero marks for this section.

Obstacle course: 16 obstacles are set up and horse and rider must complete each in turn – some are ridden, while others involve the horse being led. They are designed to test the obedience of the horse, and the higher up the levels you go, the narrower

the obstacles and the higher the jumps are.

Kate McMorris lives in Blackfield and is a partner at Seadown Veterinary Practice in Hythe. She started TREC in 2003 and hasn't looked back...

"I moved over to TREC from endurance – I had heard about this new competition and it seemed to encompass a lot of my favourite things.

As I had a fit endurance horse I went straight in at Level Four, which was an eye-opener but I managed to come 10th at my first championship!

TREC people are a friendly bunch and because many of the competitions are spread over two days, events are very social.

Over the years I have competed with a few different horses at all levels, both as an individual and as a pair.

I have seen some incredible parts of the country, made some great new friends and spent hours cantering across grassy fields, occasionally getting lost, and relaxing at the end of the day!

For people looking to get into TREC, I would recommend trying a winter indoor TREC competition and joining your local group. Start off at Level 1 and try it – you will get hooked!"



Kate is organising a TREC-style event with New Forest Riding Club on Saturday 14th October, starting at Ashurst Campsite – schedule available from www.nfed.co.uk

The nearest TREC clubs to the New Forest are TREC South-West and TREC South-East – for more information, go to www.trecsouthwest.co.uk or www.setrec.org.uk

Horseboarding

Photos: Kirsty Batteate Photography

The newest equestrian sport on the block, horseboarding is a fast and furious mixture of skateboarding and riding.

Competitions involve horse, rider and boarder working together to negotiate a series of gates and obstacles in the fastest time possible.

Events take place at country shows around the UK, with a local round held at the Hampshire Country Show in Netley Marsh in May. Other venues include the Thame Country Fair in Oxfordshire and the Wiltshire Game and Country Fair in Calne.

There are three levels of competition and teams earn points to move up a level. Anyone can have a go, but teams must pass an assessment before being allowed to compete.

The national horseboarding training centre in Chippenham, Wiltshire is run by experts Lloyd Crabb and Sarah Ebbs, who organise training courses

for novice and experienced boarders alike.

Newbury-based team Rough and Tumble use New Forest pony Rowdown Jackson in competition and recently won their first competition at Sandringham.

Rider Ellie Faint competes alongside boarder Emma Grainger in that team, and also boarder Adam Ford in her other team - A&E Horseboarding.

She told the A&T: "The whole horseboarding community is very friendly and if there is anyone interested, a local team will usually be happy to help. "The Horseboarding UK Facebook page is the place to go for new people looking for help and to find events coming up.

"It's a brilliant sport, which is super friendly and really growing in popularity too."

For more information about horseboarding, go to www.horseboardinguk.org

A&E Horseboarding team at a recent competition

Rough and Tumble horseboarding team in action last month



"It's a brilliant sport, which is super friendly and really growing in popularity too."



Southern Horseball members in action



Horseball

Horseball originated in Argentina and has been described as a combination of polo, rugby and basketball.

It involves riders handling a ball and scoring points by shooting it through a hoop positioned 3.5m from the ground. Several leagues operate in the UK and competitions are physically demanding, with riders having to lean down off their horses to scoop up balls with handles.

"I'd encourage anyone to play horseball, as it's great for your fitness and confidence"

Teams comprise six members, with four playing at any one time. Matches usually last 20 minutes and teams change ends half-time.

Anyone interested in getting involved in Southern Horseball should contact Alexandra at a.oldburydavies@gmail.com or on 07794 148123.

For more information about horseball in the UK, go to www.britishhorseball.co.uk

South Horseball is based in Hampshire and runs sessions at Hampshire Polo School near Winchester, Quob Stables near Southampton, Inadown Farm in Alton and World's End near Waterloo.

Their senior team is currently leading National Division 2, and they also train the Southampton University team, a senior novice team and an Under 14 team.

South Horseball organiser Alexandra Oldbury-Davies told the A&T: "Horseball is all about playing as a team - it's not about what sort of horse you have or what kit you have, it's how you all play on the pitch."

"It's about getting that adrenaline rush, and when you get that good pass or goal and you have all your team to celebrate with you.

"I'd encourage anyone to play horseball, as it's great for your fitness and confidence. It's all about having fun and we're very welcoming as an association - the more players the better!"

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Vet's Corner

Surviving against the odds



When Shetland part-bred foal Cupid was viciously attacked by a dog on the open Forest earlier this year, the signs were not good.

It took three days for owner Christine McEvoy to find the terrified foal near Bolton's Bench in Lyndhurst.

The attack had left Cupid with one ear completely chewed off, the other severely damaged, her tongue torn in two and puncture wounds on her jaw and neck.

She was initially seen by locum vet Elaine Horan, who was shocked by the foal's injuries - having never seen so many maggots in a wound before - and wasn't sure she would survive.

Christine explains: "It was touch and go. However, Cupid proved a true fighter and must have really wanted to live."

"I bought a mare's milk replacer because her damaged tongue wouldn't let her drink from her mum. I tried hard to help her drink from a bucket but it took two days.

"Initially Cupid just played with the milk but eventually she drank and then of course, couldn't get enough! I fed her every 2 hours, and was just so, so grateful that she had such a will to live."

And what does the future hold for Cupid now?



Christine says: "Cupid is almost healed now. She has one ear that has completely grown over so she is deaf on that side and in her other ear, she only has partial hearing but the muscle was so badly damaged, her little ear just hangs down beside her face.

"She seems back to her old self already, although she must have had the most awful of experiences and been so stressed and upset. "While we will never know what exactly happened, the only sensible answer is that it must have been a dog and I just hope that all dog owners will be sensible in future and keep dogs on leads around Forest stock.

"We have never known anything like it before and hopefully never will, again so we have made the decision to keep her at home now and not let her run in the Forest.

"I just thank Seadown for all their truly excellent care. Cupid wouldn't be here today without them."

What should I do when...?

Equine vets from Seadown Veterinary Practice in Hythe give their top tips for dealing with common equine conditions and situations...

CHOKE

Choke is an obstruction in the oesophagus, not the trachea as in humans. It is mainly caused by poor dental health, dry food and horses bolting food down.

We recommend getting your horse's teeth checked regularly and dampen feed, especially sugar beet. It's also worth taking account of where your horse is in the herd hierarchy and allow the horse to eat without being pressured by others.

Signs of choke include:

- Distress - the horse may panic at the initial inability to swallow
- Difficulty swallowing
- Lack of interest in food
- Coughing
- Head and neck extended in a downwards position
- Nasal discharge containing saliva and/or food material
- Saliva drooling from the mouth



What do I do?

Immediately remove any food and water. If your horse is not distressed, leave the horse quietly for 15-20 minutes, because in a number of cases the obstruction will soften and the horse will be able to swallow, thus clearing the obstruction.

If the obstruction does not resolve in this period, or if the horse is distressed you should phone the vet and ask for help or advice.

The vet will sedate your horse and pass a nasogastric tube through the nostril and into the oesophagus to determine the extent and nature of the blockage. The vet will then flush the blockage through by pouring warm water into the tube to soften it and flush it into the stomach - this flushing can take some considerable time!

ORALLY MEDICATING YOUR HORSE

We all know how difficult it can be to get a horse to accept oral medication via a syringe, be it a wormer or antibiotics.

Looking at this from a learning theory perspective, the horse finds the syringe being placed on its mouth mildly objectionable and jerks its head back.

This removes the contact of the syringe from its mouth momentarily, and so through a process of negative reinforcement the horse is essentially rewarded by having the negative stimulus removed and hence this behaviour is more likely to be repeated.

So how do we change this?

Instead place the syringe on the side of the face, and when the horse raises its head keep the syringe in contact with the face or mouth. When the horse lowers its head remove the syringe. Keep doing this, gradually moving the syringe closer to the horse's lips, eventually the horse

will start to keep its head down and remain relaxed.

Each time, move the syringe closer to the corner of the mouth eventually pushing the first part of the syringe into its mouth and removing it when the horse visibly accepts it and relaxes.

Ideally this shaping of horse behaviour is done over time using water in the syringe, i.e. prior to any period when medication may be required. If this is not possible and you are in the situation of requiring to medicate your horse, try to make the medication more palatable by mixing it with a fruit cordial - but check with your vet first.

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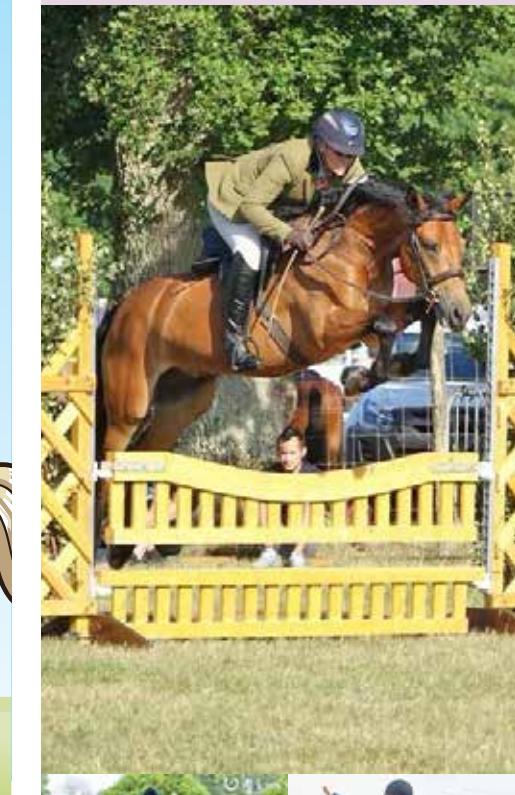
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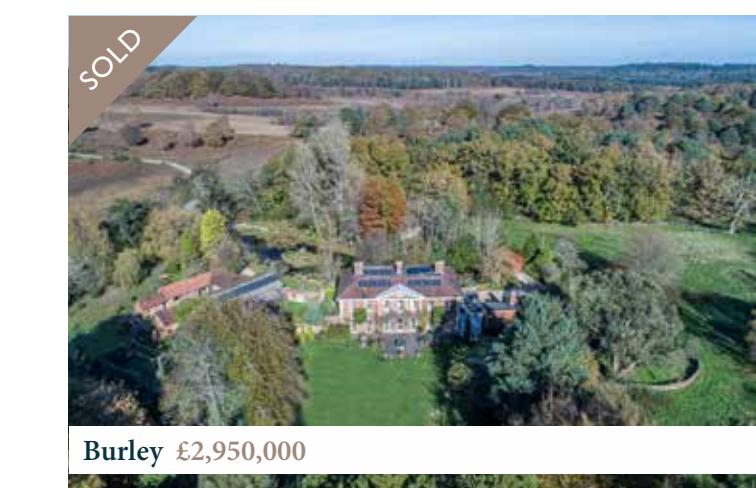
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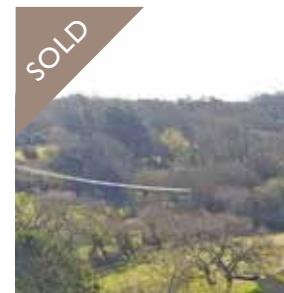
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On the Hoof

NATIONALS VICTORY for New Forest riding clubs

NEW Forest Riding Club capped off a brilliant summer with wins and placings galore at the British Riding Clubs National Championships.

Amy Bridgett-Robbins won her arena in the senior Prelim dressage with Bluebell XVI and came 21st overall out of 120 competitors.

It was also a fantastic weekend for junior team member Callum Robertson, who won his arena in the junior dressage and also took the pairs dressage title with Imogen Reynolds.

The pair competed alongside Matteo Lallo and Ella Conway to take fourth place in the junior riding test competition and third place in the team of four dressage. Ella also came third in her arena and fifth overall.

It was also a good weekend for New Forest Pony Enthusiasts Club member Millie King on Green Cottage Legacy, who won her arena and finished ninth overall in the junior dressage.



Amy Bridgett-Robbins with her prizes

CHAMPIONSHIP WIN FOR EX-RACEHORSE

SWAY rider Fiona Jopling continued her stunning form with Alyson Hall's Medburn Singer, winning the Retraining of Racehorses Medium Championship.

The ex-racehorse has progressed up the levels with Fiona and took the title with a 10% lead over his nearest rival to win on 73.1% at Vale View Equestrian Centre.

A delighted Fiona told the A&T: "He always tries his heart out and I could not be more proud of him."

"I must thank his owner Alyson Hall for letting me share this fantastic journey with her and Medburn Singer."



Fiona Jopling and Medburn Singer after the prize giving

Award of merit for local equestrian stalwart

THE contribution of a dressage judge and trainer from Wellow has been recognised with a prestigious local award.

Heather Ashley (pictured right), who runs Woodington Training Centre, was presented with the Award of Merit at Romsey Show for her contribution to the local and national equestrian community.

A stunned Heather was given the award in the main arena at the annual show, which took place earlier this month.

A spokesperson for the Romsey Agricultural and Horse Show Society explained her nomination for the award: "Heather has been involved with horses all her working life. She has competed in show jumping and dressage at

national level and runs her own yard, breaking, schooling and training horses.

"She now concentrates on coaching horses and riders - mostly in dressage - and also showjumping to national level, training clients for BHS exams.

"Heather is also a listed dressage judge and level three coach, and runs regular monthly dressage competitions. She also accommodates and assists various riding clubs and organisations who hold their events at her yard.

"She holds regular clinics with top trainers and teaches clients at all levels on their own horses and is currently chief instructor at Sparsholt College."



Entries open for dressage sponsorship competition

ATOP local dressage rider and trainer is offering two lucky riders the chance to win a year's free training.

Olivia Oakeley has competed up to Grand Prix level and is based at Woodington Training Centre in Wellow.

She combines dressage lessons with rider fitness classes and is also training as a sport massage therapist.

Olivia is giving one rider aged under 25, and one over 25 years of age the chance to have a monthly lesson, personal training session and sports massage with her, as part of a sponsorship package to help the chosen riders achieve their dressage goals.

She told the A&T: "I basically wanted to give something back. I've learned so much over the years – although there are still a million things more to go – and felt I wanted to help two other people out."

Entrants must be prepared to travel to Woodington for their lessons, and should submit an application online – for full details, search "Olivia Oakeley Dressage & Fitness" on Facebook.



Olivia Oakeley competing her former top horse Donna Summer

PROFILE



Bethany with some of her canine charges

THIS month we speak to Bethany White from Ringwood, who runs home and pet care service 'House, Horse & Hound'.

TELL US ABOUT THE BACKGROUND OF YOUR BUSINESS

I have been socialising dogs in and around the New Forest since 2014, basing myself in Ringwood and working within a ten-mile radius.

I have loved animals since a young age and my love for horses began when I started riding lessons at the age of 11, before moving on to loaning ponies and eventually purchasing my own. I now own an Irish Sports horse who I event, and a New Forest pony who I have backed and trained myself.

I studied for a national diploma in horse management at Sparsholt College and achieved top grades in my diploma and British Horse Society exams. When I left college I decided to combine my love of the Forest and my love for animals and created 'House, Horse and Hound'.

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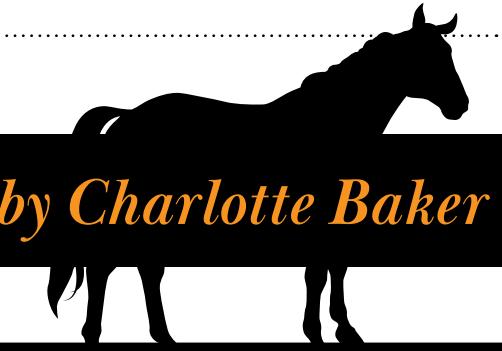
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by Charlotte Baker

Lawnmowers of the New Forest



New Forest livestock – and in particular New Forest ponies – are often known as the “lawnmowers of the Forest”, maintaining the landscape for all, including horse riders, to enjoy.

Here Commoners' Defence Association chair Dr Tony Hockley reflects on the special qualities grazing livestock bring to the Forest...

It is easy to forget how fortunate we are in the New Forest, with open access for riders away from the roads. There are very few places Britain that can really compare. Add to this the extraordinary natural environment, full of species once common throughout Britain, but now extremely rare and we really do have countless reasons to be grateful.

The relationship between commoning and riding is a close one

This very special, open landscape – with riding embedded in its culture – is maintained by the constant grazing by local people's livestock. This exists through their vocational commitment to commoning, which they do alongside their normal, busy lives.

Constant close-cropping of the dominant vegetation ensures that the New Forest does not revert to impenetrable scrub, maintaining habitats for rare species, as well as extraordinary public access.

Stock tracks created by commoners' animals form routes that we can all follow, whether on foot or on horseback, navigating the heather, brambles, gorse and mires.

The commoners' animals are intelligent lawnmowers, adapting their grazing through the changing seasons. The dry and hot summer of 2018 demonstrated this natural adaptability very well. As the heaths dried, the livestock moved to the shade of the grazed woods and damp valleys, ensuring that grazing followed the growth of the vegetation. This is one of the many reasons why no-one, commoners included, should provide supplementary food or water for the animals. To do so disturbs this natural grazing management, and trains them to stop doing what is most important to the biodiversity of the New Forest, and from learning to cope with the seasons.

For the rider, the wonder of this natural system means that we can not only enjoy a landscape criss-crossed with stock tracks and close-cropped lawns, but

also quiet lanes with hedges restrained by grazing, and even woods with a “browse line” below which most riders can pass. Anyone on a pony can usually pass below with a minimal need to duck.

Everyone who enjoys the Forest can help support the “lawnmowers of the New Forest”. Riders, perhaps, have more of a responsibility than most given the special benefits they enjoy in this corner of England.

The relationship between commoning and riding is a close one, not least because a large part of the practice is maintained in order to produce one of the world's most versatile ponies, which has now become a rare breed.

There really is no easier way to check on our animals than to do so from horseback. Riders, whether commoners or not, are often the first to spot any problems and

report them to the owners, Verderers or agisters. This is a tradition well worth maintaining. Riders can also do their best to avoid accidentally driving livestock onto the roads, passing between them and the road whenever possible.

It is also important to resist the temptation to damage the stock tracks or grazing by building jumps or using the old “schooling rings”, a relic of past commercial exploitation which has now disappeared.

The grazed Forest gives us so much to enjoy, and riders can play a positive part in maintaining its special nature for everyone's benefit, not least the next generation of riders.



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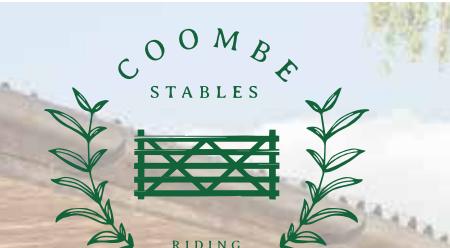
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For professional riders, horses are a full-time job but there is a group of riders who manage to take on the pros while holding down full-time jobs and juggling family commitments – often sacrificing a huge amount to reach their goals.

We talk to three riders based in the New Forest who are competing at a high level week in, week out in their chosen discipline and find out the secrets to their success...

Leanne George



Leanne and Charlie competing at Farley Hall Horse Trials

Leanne George from Lymington balances work as an equine physiotherapist with competing at British Eventing 100 level and the recent arrival of her daughter Olivia.

She competes her 14hh TB x New Forest pony Charlie and qualified for the Badminton Mitsubishi Motors Cup at 100 level last year, as well as winning a BE 100 three-day event at Aldon Horse Trials.

"I juggle my newly arrived and beautiful little baby girl, a super cool home-bred pony and my own animal physiotherapy business with the help of my amazing mum and fiancé."

"I ride early while my partner is home, look after the baby during the day, treat a few clients from my clinic at home and sort the horses on the yard. Luckily, my baby loves being outside and active, so is out in her pram or carrier while I do the daily yard duties!"

"I do paperwork late in the evenings once she's in bed if I haven't already fallen asleep!"

"Everything just takes a bit more planning nowadays and thinking ahead, but I couldn't do any of it without my mum who babysits while I treat clients

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and also at events, so I know Olivia is in safe hands and I never have to worry. "It's quite funny jumping on and off between disciplines to feed her and make sure she is ok - I'm hoping she likes horses and I can't wait to get a little pony for her as soon as she is able! I have always juggled work with eventing but now I just have to juggle a baby too."

"I have my home-bred pony Charlie and have done everything with him from start to finish so he is a little needy - I think he's more demanding than the baby!"

"He is an awesome little pony who has been really successful, coming 20th out of 100 competitors in the Badminton Mitsubishi Motors Cup in 2017 at 90 level. Then last year we had an amazing season qualifying again for Badminton this year, this time at 100 level – although I couldn't compete because I was pregnant."

"Now I'm back out this season for the last few events of the year, just enjoying competing again. We had one placing so far this year but have no expectations given our long time out of competition with pregnancy."

"My main aim again for the future with him is the Badminton Mitsubishi Motors Cup at 100 level, but we will see how it goes."

"I will just enjoy being a lucky working mummy who still gets to enjoy my horses - none of which I could do without my own mum!"

Charlotte Hordle

Charlotte Hordle from Ringwood competes in British Eventing 100 and Novice events, while working full-time as a sales representative for Hordle-based Cooling and Heating Solutions.

She has taken 1st, 2nd and 5th place in her last three competitions and has qualified for the Badminton Mitsubishi Motors Cup at 100 level for the second year running.

"It is tough to juggle working full-time, competing and having some sort of a social life! Organisation is key, I always have a plan in my mind for each week of what I need to achieve to prepare for my events, and I then work out how I can fit it all in."

"It often means riding before work or having lessons after work. I don't have an arena at home, so I have to plan trips to a local school when I have the time. Luckily, my horse Ollie is quite established with his dressage, so he doesn't need too much preparation in between events and mainly hacks. He rarely jumps between events, simply because I run out of time!"

"My mum is a star and helps me a lot with looking after Ollie while I am working - I don't think I could do it without her help, both at home and at competitions."

"I have dressage lessons with Kathryn Marsh - our scores have improved a lot since starting training with her at the beginning of the summer. I also have jump lessons with Kirsty Johnston when I can, however between mine and her hectic schedules these don't happen as often as perhaps they should!"

"The winter is tough with it being dark all of the time, however I try to give Ollie a few weeks off in December when the days are at their shortest. Otherwise it's just a case of getting on with it and riding in the dark! We have a few places we can use with floodlights so I can work Ollie properly a couple of times during the week, and we just have to make do."



Charlotte and Ollie ready to go at a recent competition

Clare Heap

Sway-based Clare Heap worked as a primary school teacher before recently making the switch to dressage as her full-time job.

She competed against seasoned professionals up to Prix St Georges level with her top horse Fabio V, while commuting to Southampton every day.

The long days were all worth it when I would get a result at a big show and beat professional riders!

"I had to juggle my riding career with my professional career for over three years."

"As a PSG dressage rider it was hard work keeping on top of my job as a primary school teacher; I had to do the horses early in the morning and be in Southampton for work at 7.30am which was a 30-minute drive away."



Clare competing her top horse Fabio V

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October

Winter Events Diary

■ Saturday 6th October
Chilworth Riding Club Combined Training and Dressage competition
Braishfield Manor Estate, nr Romsey;
schedule from www.chilworthrc.co.uk

■ Sunday 7th October
New Forest Riding Club Autumn Dressage
Woodington Training Centre, East Wellow;
schedule from www.newforestrc.co.uk
Endurance GB competition
New Park, Brockenhurst;
email rufusegb@outlook.com
Chilworth Riding Club Autumn Fun Ride
Braishfield Manor Estate, nr Romsey;
schedule from www.chilworthrc.co.uk
Unaffiliated dressage competition
Crofton Manor, Fareham;
schedule from www.croftonmanor.co.uk

■ Sunday 14th October
New Forest Riding Club Trec-style fun ride
Ashurst Campsite;
schedule from www.newforestrc.co.uk
West Hants Pony Club Hunter Trial
Shirley Common, Bransgore;
schedule from www.branches.pcul.org/westhants
Woodington Dressage competition
Woodington Training Centre, East Wellow;
schedule from www.woodingtontraining.co.uk

■ Friday 19th October
Evening unaffiliated dressage
Quob Stables, nr Southampton;
schedule from www.quobstables.com

■ Saturday 20th October
Unaffiliated showjumping
Crofton Manor, Fareham;
schedule from www.croftonmanor.co.uk

■ Wednesday 24 October
Beaulieu Road Pony Sales
Beaulieu; details from www.nfls.org.uk

January

■ Sunday 6th January
Unaffiliated showjumping
Crofton Manor, Fareham;
schedule from www.croftonmanor.co.uk

■ Sunday 20th January
Unaffiliated dressage competition
Crofton Manor, Fareham;
schedule from www.croftonmanor.co.uk

■ Friday 25th January
Evening unaffiliated dressage
Quob Stables, nr Southampton;
schedule from www.quobstables.com

November

■ Sunday 4th November
Woodington Dressage competition
Woodington Training Centre, East Wellow;
schedule from www.woodingtontraining.co.uk
Unaffiliated showjumping
Crofton Manor, Fareham;
schedule from www.croftonmanor.co.uk

■ Sunday 11th November
Unaffiliated dressage competition
Crofton Manor, Fareham;
schedule from www.croftonmanor.co.uk
Unaffiliated showjumping competition
Parley Equestrian Centre, Hurn;
schedule from www.parleyequestrian.co.uk

■ Friday 23rd November
Evening unaffiliated dressage
Quob Stables, nr Southampton;
schedule from www.quobstables.com

December

■ Saturday 1st December
Unaffiliated showjumping
Crofton Manor, Fareham;
schedule from www.croftonmanor.co.uk

■ Sunday 2nd December
Woodington Dressage competition
Woodington Training Centre, East Wellow;
schedule from www.woodingtontraining.co.uk

■ Thursday 6th December
Beaulieu Road Pony Sales
Beaulieu; details from www.nfls.org.uk

■ Sunday 9th December
Unaffiliated dressage competition
Crofton Manor, Fareham;
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■ Wednesday 26th December
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