

Finn Valley Riding Club

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Welcome to the Summer 2018 newsletter, with reports from our members representing Finn Valley Riding Club at local and regional events

28 October – Intermediate Winter Dressage – Wix

It was a cold bright morning for the start of the first winter qualifiers at Wix. We had one junior individual, two senior teams and several senior individuals taking part. To start the day for Finn Valley it was Milly Butters riding Prelim 14, then N24. Both were lovely tests with scores of 180 for her first test and 156.5 for her second, with both of which she came 1st. Well done Milly.

Next were the senior P14 riders Isabella for team Rockets, Rosie for team Adventures, and Becky deBree, Luisa Edwardes, Megan Hammond & Jenny James as individuals. All did lovely tests with Rosie coming 6th, Megan 4th & Jenny 1st, so well done to all.

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Dream Team: Full report from Arena UK on page 3



Dates for your Diary:

24 June - Area ODE, Poplar Park

1 July - Area SJ, Geldeston

22 July - Dressage to music, Wix

3-5 Aug - Horse Trials Championships, Swalcliffe Park

18 Aug - Members BBQ & Social Event

1-2 Sept - National Championships, Lincoln

22 Dec - Trip to Olympia (afternoon performance) – email Julia if interested, finnvalleyrc@gmail.com

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Intermediate Winter Dressage continued...

Next it was the turn of the Novice where we had Luisa riding N24 for the Rockets, Megan riding N24 for the Adventures and Maddie Girling for the Adventures & Jenny for the Rockets riding N30. Also Charlotte Long rode N30 as an individual. The only placing was Luisa coming 3rd in N24.

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Finally after a very long day it was Charlotte to ride the E50 for the team Adventures. This was a good test with a mark of 189. Right at the end of the day it was Shirley to ride E59 for the Rockets where she came 5th, and to finish the day she rode AM93 as an individual, it was a lovely test with a score of 63.9% which gave her 1st place, but as they join together the Medium 63 and AM 93 she was beaten by a score of 76.93% so unfortunately did not qualify.

The end result was Finn Valley Rockets came 3rd but Adventures did not get placed. Apart from being a very long day all enjoyed it and came home with lots of rosettes. Well done to all who rode, the standard was very high again this year. Thank you for supporting Finn Valley and a great start to the winter season.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

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18 November –

Novice Winter Dressage, Broads Equestrian Centre

This event was cancelled and teams we selected by a ballot!

26 November 2017 – Novice Winter SJ – Wix

It was a lovely cold, bright, sunny morning for the Novice Show Jumping qualifier at Wix. Unfortunately our junior team went down to one rider - a new member, Ellie Harrington, and this was her first event for us. She enjoyed the experience and had two good rounds.

When the junior teams were completed it was time for the warm up class before the qualifier. We had three qualifying teams Red team : Molly, Shirley, Julia & Sue Leggett. Green team: Maddie Girling, Joe on Solly, Hanna

Norris and Shirley who stepped in at the last moment on Raffi. Yellow team: Joe on Willow, Sarah Chaplin, Lisa Kenyon and Natalie who unfortunately pulled out at the last moment.

Red team first to go all had great rounds and finished on zero score.

Green team unfortunately had a few problems with Maddie and Joe having a couple of stops and poles rolling and Hanna and Shirley with 4 faults. Yellow team also rolled a few poles. At the end of the first round there were only two teams on zero score us and Halesworth.

In the second round Molly, Shirley and Julia all went clear, sadly Sue rolled a pole but that did mean we still finished on a zero score. Sadly the Green and Yellow teams did not finish on a score or get a placing but they all enjoyed the day.

It was a tense wait at the end of the competition, we thought we had won but needed confirmation. It was finally announced and yes we were in 1st place and off to the Championships. Well done to all who represented the club.

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Left: Shirley Stagg. Below: Sue Leggett



14-15 April 2018 – Novice Winter Champs, Arena UK

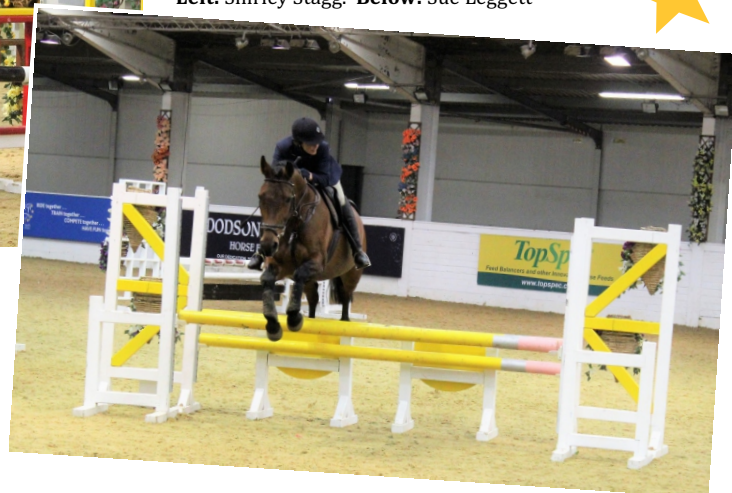
On April 14th the Senior Novice SJ team headed to Arena UK. Due to the recent weather conditions the showground resembled a bog! The indoor arena was needless to say fantastic to jump on once we had negotiated the mud to get there! The team of Shirley Stagg, Julia Sheppard, Molly Appleby and Sue Leggett had a great time representing East Anglia at the Nationals. Although Julia and Shirley have been to several championships with their experienced older horses (22yrs and 24ys old) for Molly and Sue it was their first experience. Sue even saying that 'age is no barrier' at the age of 60!



The team started off really well finishing on a zero score after the first round with four other clubs. The fences were then raised in the prestigious indoor arena at Arena UK and it was proving tough as the poles were falling. Between us we had a few down and the team finished on 12f. No team finished the two rounds on zero, so it was close to wait for the final scores. Two teams on 4f,

three teams on 8f and then three teams on 12f. Final placings were decided on time in the second round and as we were the slowest we finished a creditable 8th out of 25 teams!

Another great experience representing Finn Valley and shows that no matter how old you or your horses are, you can always give it go!



Left: Molly Appleby. Above: Julia Sheppard

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25 February 2018 –

Intermediate Winter Show Jumping, Tophorn



We hosted the Area 14 Intermediate show jumping qualifier at Tophorn on the 25th February, it was an early start and a cold one, we had good entries so we knew it was going to be a long day. Sue Peasley came early and built the course for us.

We started with an 80cm Open warm up class which was single phase. At the end of the class we started the 90cm Junior team and individual class, unfortunately we didn't have a junior team entered.

Next there was a 90cm Open class, single phase again then onto class 4 the 90cm Senior Team and Individuals. We had two teams entered, Finn Valley Blue had Emma Sayer going first having 4 faults, followed by Isabella Stagg with 8, Ann Corke 4 faults and Joe Mace unfortunately got eliminated; Smartie was not in the mood to jump! The

second round Joe decided not to jump and the others all rolled a pole so no placing for them.

The Red team consisted of Danielle Lawrence a new member who had a lovely clear round, Ruth Everard 8 faults, Louise Thompson another clear and Jenny James 8 faults. The second round Danielle did another lovely clear with the others rolling a pole, the team came 6th.

Next class was the 100cm warm up and then followed the 100 Junior/Senior Team and Individual class. We had one team Finn Valley yellow with Sarah Chaplin riding first unfortunately a few poles fell, Pip Davies was next and she has a lovely clear, Wendy Lewis a new member unfortunately rolled several poles, last to go was Dulcie Wade who had a lovely clear. In the second round again poles unfortunately fell but at the end

of the day the team came 4th; so well done.

Finally, it was the turn of the 110cm Junior/Senior team and Individual class, we unfortunately only had three in our team as Natalie had a nasty fall the week before and had to withdraw. The Finn Valley Purple team consisted of Rosie Stevens and James Smith who both did lovely clears and last to go was Milly Butters who sadly had 8 faults. In the second round Rosie again went clear, James had 12 faults and Milly had 4. The team came 3rd and Rosie came 3rd Individually and qualified for the championships.

Well done to all the teams we are very proud of you. Thanks you also for all the people that helped on the day and for Roy, Mary and Carole for being the judges. Thank you also to Julia for doing the entries and for answering all the queries before and on the day.

25 March 2018 - Eventer Challenge at Poplar Park

On Sunday 25th March it was the Eventer Challenge qualifier at Poplar Park and Area 14 were kindly invited to join Area 8 for this event. Considering the weather we have had recently it was a nice day and the ground at Poplar was excellent.

The day started with the 100cm riders. We only had James entered as a

individual qualifier but unfortunately, the day didn't go quite as he had planned - enough said I think, but hopefully he will now make sure he walks round all the jumps in the show jumping ring.

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he walks round all the jumps."***

Next we had the 90cm teams and they all jumped lovely rounds and delighted when we read that the team

consisting of Danielle, Joe, Isabella and Pip had won, Pip also the winner individually, Joe 4th & Isabella 6th. The other 90 team came 5th with Joe, Tish & Jenny so well done to them.

Last to go were the 80cm teams. One team with riders Shirley, Julia Hicks, Julia Sheppard and Anne came

3rd, all doing lovely clear rounds, with Shirley coming 3rd and Anne 5th individually. The second team came 5th with riders Danielle, Pip, Chloe & Sue.

We also had individuals in the junior classes with Flossie coming 10th and Imogen 4th.

Thank you also to Jacquie & Colin, Emma Kelly & mum plus Brooke for offering to jump judge and also a big thank you to Julia for organising the teams.



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Below & Right: Joe Mace
Centre: Jenny James



8 April 2018 - Combined Training at Anvil Stud

It was a damp morning for the Combined Training qualifier held at the Anvil Stud on Sunday 8th April hosted by Carleton Riding Club. We had five teams entered and it was amazing to see so many members out supporting the club. It also finished up to be a great day for Finn Valley.

The Pink team was Emma Sayer, Joe Mace on Ash Hill Blossom, Sarah Chaplin & Lisa Kenyon. They all did lovely tests and only Sarah having 4

Yellow team was Shirley on Xerife, Joe Mace on Carillon, Sue Leggett and Julia Hicks, good dressage tests and only Joe having 4 faults in the show jumping. Joe also came 1st individually, Julia 5th and Shirley 8th. If coming first and second place wasn't enough, the Yellow team came third.

The Green team was Luisa Edwardes, Becky De Bree, Jenny James on Billy Rocket and Joe on Willow. Nice dressage test, a few poles rolled in the show jumping and unfortunately Luisa withdrew her horse after dressage but they still managed to come 6th with Jenny coming 6th individually. The Red team was Sarah Chaplin, Maddie Girling and Anne Corke, unfortunately Emma Kelly had to withdraw her horse so only had team of 3. They all did good dressage tests a few show jumping poles went so unfortunately they didn't get a placing.

As you can see it was a great day for Finn Valley taking home lots of rosettes and two teams qualifying for the championships. Well done to all, we're very proud of you.

27-29 April 2018 – Intermediate Winter Championships, Bury Farm

Finn Valley had two members competing at the Intermediate champs at Bury Farm on the 29th April; Rosie Stevens and Milly Butters. Both had a great time and Milly finished 8th and 16th.

Rosie was jumping in the 110cm class and she jumped two great rounds just rolling a pole in the first round to finish on 4f and a creditable 10th.

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faults in the show jumping meant that the team came 1st. Emma also came 4th individually, Joe 3rd and Lisa 4th. The Blue team was Shirley on Timatia, Chloe Fulcher, Jenny and Charlotte Long. Great tests again and only 4 faults from Charlotte in the show jumping which meant they came 2nd. Charlotte also came 1st individually and Jenny 10th. The

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"Washbrook Farm was looking magnificent in the Spring sunshine."

Left: Emma Sayer.

Below: Shirley Stagg

19-20 May 2018 - FOTH Champs, Aston le Walls

What a lovely weekend we have had at Aston! Quite a long journey but as usual a very well run event and Washbrook Farm, courtesy of Nigel Taylor, was looking magnificent in the Spring sunshine.

Due to a misunderstanding of the eligibility rules (!) only Joe Mace got to ride the Eventer Challenge course at 90 cms and he joined an Area 14 team. The show jumping course gave quite a few problems, especially with time faults, but Joe jumped a lovely round and just had one pole down and a clear cross country. His team came 9th.

The Combined Training was the following day. We had two teams: Joe Mace who replaced Chloe Fulcher, Shirley Stagg, Jenny James and Charlotte Long; Emma Sayer, Joe Mace, Sarah Chaplin and unfortunately Lisa Kenyon's horse



was foot sore and couldn't go. We tried to replace her but there wasn't a stable free in time to take Holly and Isabella, so they ran on a team of three.

The dressage was very well run and it all took place on their surface. I think everybody was pleased with their horses in the tests.

The show jumping was a fair test and no particular jump caused a problem

but a few poles went down and the time was quite tight. Unfortunately Jenny and Herald parted company on the course but they were both alright and everybody else jumped well.

There were 32 teams competing and our team of four came 10th and the team of three came 19th. Charlotte got an individual 5th and Joe got two 10ths.

**Anything you would like to add to the newsletter? Contact Julia Sheppard:
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