

# MOAT VIEW RC

## Maiden Voyage to Hickstead and The First Open Show!

On Sunday 29th July Moat View RC sent three teams to compete in the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead. As the Club was only founded this year we were pleased to have nine riders (including two



juniors) taking part on the day. Our teams consisted of: Buddy Williams, Colette Walker (Club Jumping Team Captain) and Paul Smissen; Jo Cocker, Laura Hackett and Clare Jones; Michelle Collins, Gill Pring and Adam Legge.

After the second rider had jumped from each of Moat View's teams, we had one team on 8 faults, one team on 12 faults and one team had an elimination. There were very few clear rounds, so the Club was really pleased to have 3 of its riders complete the course with just 4 faults a piece - the 4 faults being incurred by rolling an unlucky pole! However, after the third riders had jumped Moat View sadly ended up outside the placings. There were a total of 81 teams in the competition from clubs across the country and the standard was very high, so

we were all pretty satisfied with our performances.

A special mention must go to Laura Hackett who was on one of the smallest ponies and was one of the youngest riders. She rode the most determined round over a long and imposing course, to end on just 8 faults. Adam Legge, another junior team member, also deserves a mention for completing the 105cm course in style on a horse he has never competed before, ending on just 4 faults.

The down side of the day was the mud as I am sure anyone who attended will tell you. The 2 hour wait to be towed onto the show ground added to the 5 hour wait to be towed off again made it a very long day, so a big thank you to those members who made the journey to lend their support.

Moat View RC are looking for more riders who would like to compete on the various Club teams. If you are interested please contact Club Secretary on 07751238204 / jo@moatviewrc.co.uk

On Sunday 12th August we held our first ever Open Show at Trenley Park Liveries, near Fordwich, Canterbury. Despite the terrible wet summer we have experienced so far, the ground was in perfect condition, the sun stayed out all day and, even with the threat of the recent Foot & Mouth outbreak, we had a fantastic number of entries. We received lots of brilliant feedback and many thanks for the lovely comments from the people who took the trouble to come to the Secretary's tent to say how they enjoyed the show, and for all the emails that we've received since.

It's all very much appreciated!

Chelsea Wilding riding Pewter took the Ring One jumping by storm, winning the Intermediate, Small Open and Open. There were lots of smiles and

laughter surrounding the Ring Two jumping, Ryan Taber riding Zola received a rosette and prize from class sponsor Silverline Travel (pictured).

There were some quality horses and ponies in the showing classes which made it challenging for our judges. Susan Smissen riding Fairview Sonny Boy (pictured) took the Pony Championship and Zoe Stanway-McKavey riding Galway Guy (pictured) the Horse Championship. Horton Cobs took the 3 top spots in the Ridden Cob.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our kind sponsors and everyone who gave up their valuable time to help on the day. Thank you also to all the competitors that supported our first show which will hopefully be the first of many!