



The team with the Union Jack



Parade of the competing nations

Finn Valley Riding Club team update

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Area One Day Event 22nd June

Finn Valley Riding Club hosted the Area 14 one day event on Sunday 22nd June at Poplar Park. Joining us again this year were Area 8 and the entries were equally as good as last year's. In total we ran about 250 horses in one day.

Finn Valley entered two intermediate teams. The first consisted of James Smith, Rosie Stevens (second in arena), Julia Sheppard and Vicki Watts, and the team came third. The second team included Caroline Steward, Toni Watts, Emma Harwood (first in arena) and Lisa Kenyon, and the team came fifth. We had three individuals in the 80cm (Julia Hicks, Ruth Everard and Anne Corke) and then Shirley Stagg, who came second in the 100+. Two juniors took part, with Isabella Stagg coming second in 100cm and Charlotte Long competing in the 90cm. Emma Harwood came first in her arena and qualified along with Shirley Stagg in the senior BRC100+ for the BRC Animalife National Horse

Trials Championships which took place at Swalcliffe Park, Banbury on 1st - 3rd August.

The day went well without any major problems, and FVRC would like to say a very big thank you to all our helpers on the day. We started at 8am and the jump judges did not come off the course until after 6.30pm, so it was a long day. We look forward to running the event next year - it gets a little easier each time.

Area Show Jumping 29th June

Despite the wet weather, FVRC had another successful area competition. With several new riders out representing the club we were able

*The course was
twisty, long
and testing
which required
forward riding.*



Lisa Kenyon competing in France



Shirley Stagg competing in France



Isabella Stagg

to field two intermediate teams and two individual novice and open riders. Joe Mace took part in the senior 75cm style jumping with just four faults at the last fence, and Jess Mace competed in the senior novice. The first senior intermediate team comprised Julia Sheppard, Shirley Stagg, Lisa Kenyon and Emma Harwood. The team came first and qualified for the Nationals, so they will hopefully retain the title they won last year. The other team consisted of Amy Cranfield, Vicki Watts, Toni Watts and Simon Hazlem (individual second). Rosie Stevens jumped superbly in the senior open, and won it in the jump off.

The senior 85cm style jumping was hotly contested by Julia Sheppard and Rosie Stevens, with Julia just beating Rosie to win the class. We wish all riders the best of luck at the finals in September.

Area Dressage 6th July

The last of the qualifiers were held at Stratford Hills on Sunday 6th July. We

had two teams enter in the prelim 12 as qualifiers, and the FVRC Flyers came sixth. Riders were James Smith, Rosie Stevens, Laura Smith and Caroline Steward, who came fifth in her arena. In the second team we had Amy Cranfield, Jackie Lambert, Vicki Watts and Tony Watts, with Vicki coming third in her arena. All rode good tests and the competition was very high this year. We hope they all enjoyed their day.

World Club Tournament Lamotte-Beuvron, France Thursday 24th – Monday 28th July

The Generali World Club Tournament is a friendly international competition for clubs all over the world. The tournament was held in Lamotte Beuvron and was run by the French Federation over the weekend of 26th and 27th July. British Riding Clubs were invited to send a team over to France to represent Great Britain in this international team show jumping event, and since Finn Valley were the current national champions, we