



BRIDGEWATER RIDING CLUB

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Hi everyone,

Well, isn't the weather glorious for May?! (Insert sarcastic insult here). I keep expecting the sun to come out and the beautiful spring weather to take hold, but all I see out of the window is dull, dull, dull. No matter, with any luck we will have stunning sunshine for the show on the 23rd. Which will be a medal show, so all first place winners will have some bling. It's also a qualifier for our NWSJC and NWWHC, along with the Midlands finals, Greater Manchester Finals and the UK Showing championships.

We are looking forward to another successful show. It was great to see you all in April, despite the downpour just after lunch. The ground held beautifully, though, so your showground is in fantastic condition.

Check out our junior newsletter for a Q&A session with none other than leading showjumper Billy Twomey! Sophie Horton put together an email, and Billy was kind enough to reply, so thanks to him and to our great junior committee who work hard to represent our younger members.

See you on the 23rd!

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July will be a 'Highest Placed Member' show, where the highest placed member in each class will receive a special rosette. You **MUST** have your membership card with you in the ring to receive your rosette!! No exceptions. No card, no rosette. Please contact Carol if you have yet to receive your card on carolbrougham@talktalk.net.

Good luck to our own Becky Brougham and Helen Platt, who are competing in the SEIB Search for a Star classes at Osbaldeston on May 23rd. Here's hoping you qualify for HOYS!!!!

Please let me know your opinion on our new all electronic format. Is it convenient? Do you enjoy the newsletters? Are you happy with the amount of contact and do you get good answers to any queries either from the website or direct email? I can do more with the newsletters colour and layout wise and was hoping for a few opinions.

At the May show you will have the chance to sponsor a set of rosettes for a class at the July show. This was a great success last year, it cost £10 to have a set of rosette tails printed (and you get one to keep!). Promote a business, remember a loved one, or just to show off... Committee member Jane Gerrard will be going round the show to find sponsors, so make sure you don't miss her.

You will also have the chance to sponsor a set of rosettes for the North West Working Hunter Championships. 12 big, beautiful rosettes, perfect for promotion, and don't forget there will be people from all over the North West and beyond who will see your rosettes.

Grab the opportunity!

In fact, if you want to sponsor a class at the finals and donate prizes (vouchers, saddlecloths, treats, feed, whatever, then I want to hear from you. It's a chance to get in at the start of what promises to be an event every bit as popular and prestigious as the North West Show Jumping finals!



Just want to clear something up, due to people not wanting to compete when it rained at the last show. If WE abandon classes, your entries will be forwarded on to the next show. If YOU choose not to compete after making an entry, that's your decision and you would forfeit your entry fee. Needed to clarify that!

Our charities for last month each received £30, the takings of Clear Round split between the Brooke Hospital for Animals and the Manchester Children's Hospital. Well done to you for competing, every penny can make a difference.

This month we are championing the Cardiac Unit at Great Ormond Street Hospital. They have been looking after one or two of our competitors, who would like to give something back. GOSH really needs no introduction, go and look at their website at <http://www.ich.ucl.ac.uk/>.

Our equine charity will be Jigsaw, the Mawdesley Equine and People Trust. Jigsaw rescue and rehabilitate horses and ponies, and also provide training and courses for people from all walks of life. Check out their worthwhile cause at <http://www.equinextra.com/index.htm>