



Archive News from Middleton Equestrian Centre

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Since I last wrote LOTS of things have happened !

Lewis and Buffy have qualified for the Summer Regional Dressage at Elementary level with 2 wins at Barleyfields Equestrian Centre – needless to say Lewis is over the moon – we will let you know when and where he will compete – maybe some of you could come along as supporters ? If anyone is interested in the trip then please email me :

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And we could go in a mini bus en-mass !

I have bought not 1 but 2 new horses being :

Apollo's Coco Chanel - I have posted a preliminary picture of her and will fill you in with news as it happens. She is a Belgian Warmblood – 6 years old and she has done nothing at all. I have start to XC school her and we have hired some SJ's at Solihull and Lewis has start to compete her in the Dressage Arena !

Unfortunately although British Dressage have no problems with her name – British Eventing do, and won't let me register her as Apollo's Coco Chanel so when she events she will be called Apollo's Coco Cabana !! She is not ready to event yet and I am entering some unaffiliated ODE's to get her up and running before showing her off on the big stage ! She will go to a Novice ODE at Swallowfield on 30th June – more news then.

In the meantime Lewis will campaign her at Novice level (such a show off – he has missed out the Prelim classes !!!) His aim is to take her to an Area Festival Event in August.

The second horse I have bought is 4 this year and was bought on a whim because he is sooooo handsome – Nigel has not yet spotted him on Apollo's Row even though he has been there for nearly three weeks.

I have called him **The Senate** and his Apollo name will be **Apollo's Senator**. He will mainly be ridden by Lewis for now as he has some amazing paces – we will see if he can jump over the coming months – please come and see him on Apollo's row but don't tell Nigel !!! Some pictures will be posted next time I write – as long as I don't get found out and have to sell him (yeah right !!!)

Both Sally and I competed at Somerford Park where the course was ENORMOUS.

Sally had a good dressage despite the wind and had 4 penalties SJ and was clear XC – she was not placed in the top 10 but was thrilled to have completed over such a demanding course.

Buffy went well in the Dressage even though I followed Jeanette Brakewell, who not only rides for Team GB, she had just completed Badminton in early MayNo pressure then !!

Buffy went clear SJ – the XC was huge and I had all but talked myself out of running her because I thought the course asked too many questions of such an inexperienced horse but I pulled myself together and she gave the ride of my life – I made one mistake at the steps to a skinny hedge and it cost us 20 penalties – next time I'll leave her to it and not over ride it !! Again we did not finish in the top 10 but I now know that the little horse is capable of jumping a really big track and will trust that next time we will get it right.

Sally and I compete at Draycott House on 2 June so more news after that event.



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I was due to run them both at Prestwold Hall on 29 May but withdrew them due to the ground and weather conditions – I was not alone and all of the top riders with good horses did the same – I made the right decision for once !

Richard Hayward and Frances' horse Apollo's Masterplan have also qualified for the Summer Regionals at Novice level and may compete at the same place as Lewis – even more reason you should email me and come as THE TEAM APOLLO CREW !!!

Until next time

Regards

Kerry