



Archive News from Middleton Equestrian Centre

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## **APOLLO'S STATE SECRET – BUFFY**

Buffy and I finally managed to compete again at the Solihull BE on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. As usual she was practically perfect in every way with a leading score of 30.5 after the dressage. We has one down show jumping and we were clear cross country so I was disappointed to learn we has 10 time penalties show jumping – this has never happened before and it was queried by lots of people also scoring high time penalties. However the penalties stood and we therefore were not placed.

We then went to Milton Keynes ODE on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Lewis, Paul Barron and I all got up at 4.30am to make the trip to Milton Keynes, for a 9.16am dressage test. However, it was all worth it as she scored 27 in the dressage and led from the front all day – clear SJ and clear inside the time XC – what a star horse she is ! We won out of a class of almost 40 runners – she is a once in a lifetime sort of horse but then so is Duke and Dan !!!!

The full results are on the BE Website :

[www.britisheventing.com](http://www.britisheventing.com)

I have attached some pictures of the star girl at the end of this Team News – I think you will agree she wasn't going to touch a pole on the day !

I have been unsuccessful in getting in to compete at Somerford Park Farm so will instead take her to Solihull once more on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September.

We may then do a pairs hunter trial at Eland Lodge as a bit of fun with Sally and Dan at the beginning of October and then re think our plans for the winter and next year.

## **APOLLO'S DESTINY – DUKE**

Duke continues to astound us and is well and happy and 'in charge'; in the field. He still has his Jimmy Choo's on ad he is still on a cocktail of drugs but it all seems to be working – lets hope they continue to do the trick so he can enjoy yet another summer in the field – biting his best mate 'Daniel';.



## **APOLLO'S SECRET LIAISON – LEO**

Leo is continuing to shock us all with his laid back attitude and his ability to 'come up with the goods' when needed.

So far he has competed in a charity day dressage competition – we went as one of the Pink Ladies so he was also dressed in pink !, he was a little bit excited and bouncy but managed a credible 5<sup>th</sup> place on the day.

He went to his first ODE at Solihull on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September and he was really well behaved and looked a bit shell shocked by how busy it all was.

He did a lovely test 33.9, then went clear Show Jumping and had one silly run out at a 'skinny' fence to pick up 20 penalties cross country. We finished a credible 9<sup>th</sup> and he won another 'pretty'. We are excited about his prospects for next year, it will be great to run 2 horses again.



## **CYPRUS HOLIDAYS**





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We still have some weeks available to rent in our Apartment in Cyprus see the website for more information, 1 week's rental starts at as little as £250, ring me for details. We have the winter weeks available from beginning of November to 1 March for £195 per week.

## **FUN DAY**

What a great day we had at the Fun Day for Spinal Research – photos can be viewed and purchased at : [www.nickwardphotography.net](http://www.nickwardphotography.net)

We raised and have sent £1000 to the Spinal Research Charity and £300 for the County Air Ambulance.

**MANY MANY THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO CAME ALONG AND SUPPORTED US – WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO DUG DEEP INTO THEIR POCKETS ON THE DAY AND HELPED US HIT OUR TARGET.**