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Izzy Fergus and Charlwood Arctic Storm. By kind permission of Action Shots

*Dry weather, a good turnout and lots of homemade goodies all contributed to making a successful show at **Hull Farm** in April. Very many thanks to those willing helpers, who set up and ran the event, and in particular to Christopher and Fran Marriott for once again hosting us at Hull Farm. Shows like this are not only great fun for competitors but play a vital part in raising funds for ORC - after all the expenses we made £643.*

*Also thank you to Hilary for organizing our **Summer Dressage Show** at Over Worton and to Mrs. Jean Ballard for allowing us to kindly use her arena and fields. The **Great Tew Pub Ride** was popular with a number of people turning up, thank you Beverley for leading the way.*

***ORC Hunter Trials
October 30th 2011***

Grange Farm, Swalcliffe

Our annual hunter trial is fast approaching and we are hoping for another good turnout and any help is much appreciated. If you could give a hand then please contact June junecollier@btinternet.com

Royal Windsor Horse Show Topscore Final

By Louise King

Fred and I arrived at Windsor horse show on Thursday 12th May 2011. Our class didn't start until later in the day giving my groom Kate and I plenty of time to enjoy the shops and watch some show jumping.

In the Topscore class riders pick their own course, with each fence carrying a number of points, I had no idea what course of jumps I was going to pick! We went in and cleared the joker fence twice (practicing over planks the night before had paid off!) and we ended up coming 4th, which meant we qualified for the final which was run as a scurry.

We jumped early in that class, Fred jumped really well answering all my questions and we were delighted to finish 3rd. We had a great experience and would love to try and qualify again next year. We even had our picture taken with Tim Stockdale who was competing in the ring next to us!



Ditchley Park Ride, 14th May 2011

Very many thanks to Catherine Wills for taking us on a fantastic ride around Ditchley Park. Eleven ORC riders and friends enjoyed a two hour hack around some really beautiful West Oxfordshire countryside taking in an Anglo Saxon Burial mound and Grim's Dyke. We ended by cantering up a wide ride leading right to Ditchley house and then gathered back at Model Farm where we were kindly treated us to a glass of rosé. A really good lunchtime out and many thanks to all of those who came along.



Eventer Challenge 10th April 2011

This year the Atherston Riding Club in Leicestershire put on a friendly and well organized Eventer Challenge. Rosie Wilson, Sue Ruddock, Louise King and Anna Reynolds made up the Novice Team and all jumped clear in the show jumping. The 'trappy' cross country course led to a few penalties but nevertheless we finished second overall. Very well done to Rosie and Bertie who finished second individually, and Anna and Jamie who came third. Sarah Corner put in clear rounds in the Open class in a very good time but unfortunately wasn't placed. Well done everyone and thank you for making the long journey.



Novice Dressage Qualifier

Our team of Sue Ruddock, Hilary Stratton, Beverley Hart and Alice Reynolds had a very enjoyable and successful day at Princethorpe College, Warwickshire doing their tests in the shadow of an attractive bell tower. They all performed well with Sue winning her section on a very good score and Alice coming 5th in hers with the team coming 5th overall. Well done Sue for qualifying for the BRC Championships at Lincoln in September.



I recommend a product called Pro Feet Hoof Rub Ointment which is made by NAF. It comes in a white tub with a grey sponge and costs around £6. It does exactly what it says on the tub 'a penetrative ointment to help protect the hoof from becoming brittle and prone to cracking and splitting'. You rub it all over the hoof once a day and it has definitely helped my horse's hooves – confirmed by national champion farrier David Smith! It is available in Countrywide or from most online saddlers.



Pauline Parker

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