



DIRECTOR OF EQUESTRIAN SPORT

Danny Anholt

The summer term is usually a frenzy of activity in our busy department and Summer 2019 has flown by with hardly a moment to reflect before we're on to the next event.

Millfield BE

The term was dominated by our British Eventing competition, held in the grounds of the Prep School in May. This was our fifth year of running the event, once again blessed by beautiful weather, almost 600 competitors over the weekend, hundreds of hard working volunteers and hundreds more spectators. Adrian Ditcham's course looked better than ever, providing a uniquely attractive and fair challenge for each level of 80, 90 and 100cm. As ever, a healthy number of Millfield riders and equestrian staff competed at all levels, with some good placing in the results. It's very gratifying as coaches to support our riders in doing so well and enjoying the sport on home turf - not to mention some of our noble school horses showing their amazing versatility and talent.

NSEA Championships at Hickstead

A remarkable number of our pupils qualified for the NSEA Eventers Challenge Championships this year and Hayley Newman and some of our team took them the 300+ mile round trip to more success. (Full details in the separate article). We've also hosted both show jumping and dressage qualifying shows for the NSEA this term, with our riders featuring in the results and qualifying for next year's championships.

Hickstead

That's a timely reminder of the highlight of our competing year: the National Schools Show Jumping Championships at Hickstead on 1 August. We have three Senior teams and two Junior teams entered, who will travel down with our staff the day before. We'll be hosting our barbecue, team briefing and course walk on the Wednesday evening and we welcome any support from pupils and parents not competing.

Trainers

Our Wednesday clinics have been well supported, with Pammy Hutton, Caroline Moore and Clare Sansom sharing their experience and expertise with our riders. We also welcomed ex-pupil Steffi Dampney, who is now a qualified Sports Psychologist, working for Charlie Unwin's Centre 10 organisation. Steffi gave a fascinating presentation to our riders by way of introduction to some of the work that we are planning to deliver next year. She will be available for pupils to invest in online consultations to support them in their riding and competing.

Stephen Hadley has been training our pupils since 2003 and it was wonderful to welcome him back for a Master Class, after which he kindly agreed to be our Guest of Honour at the Riders Dinner.

Riders Dinner

The Gaskell room is barely large enough to accommodate all our riders for the annual dinner. Stephen Hadley gave a fascinating insight into the world of show jumping and how it has changed in the years that he's been competing and commentating for television. Our departing Captain, Alanna Clements gave a farewell speech and we thanked her for her support and input into the department. The announcement of the Captains for next year is keenly anticipated and from a very strong field, I'm delighted to have been able to announce Jamie Thomas and Lottie Brown as our new leaders. We award our trophies and prizes at the dinner and you will find a full list of prize winners on page 5. Many congratulations to the deserving winners and nominees.

Polo

Our polo players have had an extraordinary season, culminating in winning the SUPA Championship and Gabriel Iglesias being awarded Most Promising Player. Polo also hosted the annual Invitational match at Kingweston, with impressive hospitality and entertainment, creating a delightful atmosphere not at all dampened by the rain. A full report of their achievements appears later in this newsletter.

Year 8 Induction

We're certainly looking forward to next year, if the Year 9 Rider intake is anything to go by. The Year 8 Induction day was a really fun event, giving us a chance to meet our new riders and show them the ropes - literally, as we put them through their paces of our FK Pro and Fitball equipment to give them a taste of some of the peripheral work that will compliment their training when they move up to Senior School in September. Suffice to say that Hayley Newman and her team have done a fantastic job in preparing this vibrant group for the rigours of riding at Senior School.

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STAFF—SUMMER TERM 2019

Millfield Equestrian Centre

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Admin Assistant	Kelly Doyle
Coaches	Clare Wilkins BHS Stage 4 Lowri Powell BHS Stage 5 E&C Emily Holt BHS Stage 5 E&C Sarah Fraser BHS Stage 3 Corrie Painter BHS Stage 3
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Apprentice Grooms

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Danielle Thompson-Webb

Millfield Prep Stables

Head of Prep Riding

Hayley Newman BHSI
BE Accredited Coach

MPS Stable Manager

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MPS Coach

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MPS Trainee Coach

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Teacher Liaison: Riding

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Victoria Illingworth/Sam Lane
Talitha Crouch

Polo

DIRECTOR OF EQUESTRIAN SPORT Cont

BHS Evening

We staged another of our ever popular evening presentations for BHS Somerset with this term's subject being arena training for cross country. A number of our talented riders, both pupils and staff, as well as some of our faithful school horses, demonstrated training techniques for a highly appreciative audience, some of whom drove considerable distances to watch.

Achievers

Massive congratulations to Caitlin Clancy for achieving a place at the International Dressage Competition at CDIYP Leudelange in Luxembourg at the start of the summer. What a well deserved achievement for this diligent and talented young rider! We certainly wish her all the best on this important step in her dressage career.

In eventing, our retiring Vice-Captain, Talullah Bartlett, has had a remarkably successful season, including 6th at Aston -Le-Walls OI U21, 9th in the CCI3* at Houghton International as well as election to the World Class Podium Pathway. Talullah will be attempting her first Advanced event this summer and will be competing in either France or Poland. Many of our riders have had successful seasons so far, notably, Lily De Lacy, Bronte

Monks, Freddie Cooper, Tara Kay, Zoe Lindley-Smith and Alanna Clements, to name a few. We look forward to hearing from all you as you continue to compete through the summer.

Finally,

We say farewell to four members of our staff moving on to new adventures: Corrie Painter, Leighanne Tolchard and Giovanna Borghesan. Emily Holt has decided not to return as a coach after her maternity leave ends. I would also like to thank our amazing teams at Senior School and Prep Stables for their untiring hard work and good humour, making both yards the most professional and happy places for our pupils.

May I wish you a happy, restful and successful summer and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Hickstead in August.

Danny Anholt FBHS (BE Accredited)

MILLFIELD BE

Josh Beal —Kukri Sports

It was a great privilege to be asked to be title sponsor for the 2019 BE, at Millfield School. For our company, Kukri Sports, it is imperative to show support to our key partners, such as Millfield, and support their key events. The BE is certainly that for the school, hosted at the Prep School showcasing the school's grounds, it is a great showcase of the school and what the school has the ability to deliver, on such a big scale. For Kukri to be a part of that was fantastic!

What was great about being title sponsor was the effort the equestrian team put in to ensure that our sponsorship of the weekend, worked for us. They were endlessly trying to find ways in which we could showcase our brand and make sure those competing and attending knew the title sponsor. As mentioned, we want to support the school but any sponsorship event has to work for the sponsor too and they made that happen. With this being our first year as title sponsor, we were guided by the equestrian team to help with what would work well, where branding could be placed and what was possible. We couldn't thank the team enough for their help building up to the BE.

Being at the BE over the full weekend, as title sponsors, is great. The hospitality tent is a great place to rub shoulders with those who run the school and make it

such a fantastic place – whilst being wined and dined with the best food and drink you can imagine. The opportunity to experience the course, the eventing and all the stalls is an amazing prospect and one that all should do. It is a fantastic weekend and a privilege to be title sponsor of.

We must thank the organisers again for the opportunity and for putting on such a fantastic weekend of eventing.



A SELECTION OF OUR RIDERS



Clockwise: Jemma, Oscar, Evie and Tara



Far Right: Fleur
Bottom Right: Hatty



MILLFIELD AT HICKSTEAD

Eventers Challenge Championships at Hickstead – May 2019

From the start of the academic year Hayley's mission has been to qualify for the Eventers Challenge at Hickstead. Riders travelled to Pontispool, Bicton and KSEC over the months, picking up qualifying certificates along the way. Careful plans had to be made as some of the qualifiers were in the school holidays and at one point equine flu prevented Millfield based horses from competing. Fortunately, thanks to the dedication of parents, some of our home riders were still able to compete and picked up another qualification at West Wilts.

Fast forward to April and preparations were well under way for the Championships. There were stables to book, classes to enter, hotel rooms to book and transport to be arranged. As soon as the schedule came out we were able to look at what classes we could enter. Using the qualification certificates as her guide Hayley made 10 teams out of 13 rider over a 3 day bank holiday weekend. Hayley had to take into account that Hatty had a new horse so was not an original combination, some parents had Summer Celebration to attend at Senior School and Tara needing to change her horse.

The week of the competition and we entered a waiting game for the times to be released, throwing a logistical nightmare at us when we saw the first teams were on at 11.06 on the Saturday morning. A quick change of plan saw the LGV taking the first team up on Friday evening and the HGV sticking with the original plan of leaving at 6am on the Saturday morning.

Class 1, the 80-85cm championship class, saw Millfield Red taking 11th place and Millfield Green taking 14th place. A great result in a class with 36 teams! The teams then headed over to the International Polo Arena to compete in a fun competition. The mixed height class had a rider in the 70, 80, 90 and 1m making up one team. We entered 3 teams in this class Royal, Sapphire and Indigo. The Royal team got off to a good start with Ava having a clear round at 70cm, Antonio having a clear round in the 80cm, Billy having a clear round in the 90cm and the icing on the cake was Hatty having a clear in the 1m. The Indigo team started with Frankie having an unlucky pole, followed by Fleur, Millie and Lily having clear rounds. This meant the Indigo team went through on a zero score. The Sapphire team consisting of Aggie, Tash, Bryany and Charlotte took through a score of 8.

However, in this sport nothing is certain and the final placings are decided on clears and times. After what seemed like an eternity, the scores were announced. Millfield Indigo, having 3 clear rounds, had the quickest time and saw them taking 1st place and the Royals taking 3rd place - a great performance in a class of 20 teams. All

riders had a great day and rode some brilliant rounds. Everyone rounded the day off with an evening meal in the Clubhouse. The catering staff handled the group booking of 34 brilliantly!

Sunday saw everyone on the yard at 7.30am mucking out and getting horses ready for another full day of competition. Millfield Purple were the first riders of the day competing in the 90-95cms class at 9.58am. With 2 riders having unlucky poles they carried 4 faults through. Millfield Grey competed in the same class in the afternoon and took the same score through. The team's ended in 10th and 11th place. Meanwhile, in the new sand arena the 70-75cms class was well under way. Unfortunately, an elimination and 2 riders having unlucky poles meant carrying through a score of 8 faults. The team came a very respectful 13th place out of 28 teams. Another day of brilliant riding by team Millfield. With competition classes finished by 4pm it meant the riders could have some down time. Some of the riders and their siblings were rewarded with a trip to Brighton. Dotti was desperate to spend some money at the arcade and Rachelle was in search of a stick of rock!

On Monday we had 2 teams competing in the 1-1.05m championship class. With 20 teams and a different course from the day before to remember the pressure was on! The course was challenging and the skinny's had been proving difficult all weekend. Both teams had jumped by mid-day and the major pack up operation started. Lowri and Rachelle left with the horses in the HGV as soon as they had finished jumping while Hayley and some of the riders stayed for the results. Team 1st and 4rd was definitely worth waiting for! Both teams rode great rounds and all riders were a credit to Millfield throughout the entire weekend.



Well done to all our riders who represented Millfield: Antonio, Fleur, Ava, Aggie, Frankie, Tash, Charlotte, Billy, Millie, Lily, Bryany, Hatty and Tara. We would like to thank all the riders, siblings, ponies and parents for a great weekend!

MILLFIELD PREP STABLES

Hayley Newman

In other news.....

Our Year 8 riders will be leaving us soon and one of their last outings was a trip to the beach with their ponies followed by a picnic. For some riders it was a chance to have their first proper gallop. The horses also went for a paddle in the sea—along with Jamie, who's horse decided she wasn't keen on the waves!

Daria has been out successfully competing at local BS shows, picking up a 3rd place rosette at Badgworth.

The year ended with the Year 8 quadrille ride. This year the riders performed a display with music from The Greatest Showman. On one of the hottest days of the year so far all the year 8 riders dressed up in fancy dress costumes and rode their display to an audience of parents, grandparents and other pupils of Prep School. Video footage can be found on our website

Hayley Newman
Head of Prep Riding



MILLFIELD SENIOR NEWS

This term has seen many of our riders competing at BS and BE across the region. After our Millfield BE we took riders to BE West Wilts. Three riders were entered in the BE100 open—Lily De Lacy took first place, Lily Rhys 12th and Jemma Bell 18th. 6 riders entered BE Nunney International—Talullah Bartlett came 12th in the Olu21. Hatty Kingsford entered the BE100Ou18 on her new horse Melody. Lily De Lacy came 10th in her section in the BE100 Ou18.

Jess Hosier and her horse Rhys entered an unaffiliated competition at Chard and came 1st in the 1m class.

Stephen Hadley has been to Millfield to do some

Hickstead training and stayed on as guest speaker at the riders dinner.



STELJES TROPHY (Captain of Riding for next year)
LITTLEMAN DRESSAGE TROPHY (for Improvement)
GEORGE SMITH (for Dressage Achievement)
WITHAM VALE LTD TROPHY (for Improvement in Show Jumping)
HAWKINS ADAMS TROPHY (for Achievement in Show Jumping)
THE KILLIN TROPHY FOR EVENTING (for Improvement in Eventing)
HORSE'S HEAD TROPHY FOR EVENTING (for Achievement in Eventing)
THE LOCKE FAMILY TROPHY (Contribution to the Stables)
QUESNELLS HORSEMANSHIP CUP (Most Promising Rider)
THE MITRE TROPHY (SOLDIER) (Best AI Student)
THE MILLFIELD SILVER PLATE (for Dedication and Commitment)
THE FULLER TROPHY (Captain of Polo)
THE BUENA MOZA CUP (for Improvement in Polo)
THE VAUX CUP (for Achievement in Polo)

Jamie Thomas and Lottie Brown
Oscar Oldham
Caitlin Clancy
Lin Pretorious
Zoe Lindley-Smith
Jemma Bell
Talullah Bartlett
Vanessa Zhou
Bronte Monks
Reanna Stanhope
Giorgia Wetton
Armand Le Page
Henry Palmer
Gabriel Iglesias & Jemima Heffron

PHOTO GALLERY



Reanna achieved her BHS Stage 3 Ride and Care



Mencap Day



Year 8's having a blast along the beach



Sarah rode Bobby in the Millfield BE



May fun at the NSEA Eventers Challenge at Hickstead



MPS familiarisation Day—learning that core strength is a vital part of riding!



RIDING DIARY—AUTUMN TERM

SENIOR SCHOOL	
September 2019	
Mon 2nd	Yr 9 Induction and Goal Setting
Tues 3rd	Yrs 10 and 11 Induction and Goal Setting
Weds 4th	L6 & U6 Induction and Goal Setting
Sat 7th	BE West Wilts
Sun 8th	BE West Wilts/BS (J) KSEC
Weds 11th	Cross Country Schooling
Sun 15th	NSEA JwS Bicton/BS (C1) KSEC
Weds 18th	Pammy Hutton Clinic
21st-23rd	BE Pontispool (PS)
Sat 21st	Stonar ISODE (TC)
Weds 25th	Clare Sansom Clinic/Annual Photo
Sat 28th	Bryanston Friendly/BE Bricky
Sun 29th	NSEA SJ Sparsholt CHQ/BE Bricky
October 2019	
Weds 2nd	Cross Country Schooling
4th-6th	BE Dauntsey
Sat 5th	BS (C2) Mendip Plains
Weds 9th	Stephen Hadley Clinic/BS (C2) Chard
Sat 12th	BS (C1/2) Chard
Sun 13th	Hunter Trial @ Mendip Plains
Weds 16th	Caroline Moore Clinic/BS (C2) Chard
17th-19th	NSEA Championships @ Addington
19th-20th	BE Bovington (PS)
Sun 20th	BS (C1) Badgworth (provisional)
November 2019	
Sun 3rd	NSEA Eventers Challenge @ Pontispool (PS)
Weds 6th	BS (C2) Chard
Weds 13th	Pammy Hutton Clinic
Sat 16th	BS (C1) KSEC
Sun 17th	BS (J) Chard
Weds 20th	Caroline Moore Clinic

SENIOR SCHOOL CONT	
Sun 24th	BS (J) Badgworth
Weds 27th	Christmas Show
Sat 30th OR Sun 1st Dec	BS (C1) Chard or Badgworth (weather dependent)
Weds 4th	Goal Setting for Spring term
PREP SCHOOL	
SEPTEMBER 2019	
Mon 2nd	4pm Year 3-7 Induction & Goal Setting
Tues 3rd	4pm—Year 8 Induction & Goal Setting
Weds 11th	JWS Training @ MPS
Sun 15th	JWS CHQ @ Bicton Arena
Weds 18th	ISODE Training @ MPS
Sat 21st	Stonar ISODE
Weds 25th	Grassroots Training @MPS
Sat 28th	Grassroots RPL SJ @ Leweston
OCTOBER 2019	
Weds 2nd	Clare Sansom Clinic
Sun 13th	Hunter Trial @ Mendip Plains
17th—19th	NSEA Championships @ Addington
Sun 20th	Hunter Trial @ Pontispool
NOVEMBER 2019	
Sun 3rd	NSEA Eventers Challenge @ Pontispool
Sun 24th	Christmas Fun

At the start of term MEC riders will meet with their squad coach to arrange their competition schedule for the term. Please go through the list and identify all competitions you might be interested in attending. Millfield may not be available to transport you to every competition. Whilst we will try to accommodate late requests, we cannot always do so. Competitions are subject to change. The process is slightly different at MPS, please contact Hayley Newman for more information. PS = Parental Support Only. TC = Travelling Coach, no transport or packed lunches provided.

POLO

Polo this year has exceeded expectations. All our teams have been successful in the majority of their outings. All players have put in an immense amount of effort and it has paid off, this includes our intense stick & ball training sessions as well as playing chukkas 3 times a week.

We would as always like to give a special thanks to our Coach Tim Vaux for his time and dedication to Millfield Polo and allowing us to train on such well-maintained grounds with fantastic facilities.

Copenhagen Cup

Every year Millfield gets invited to the Wellington College Copenhagen Cup tournament which is hosted by Guards Polo Club. This year Millfield, Wellington, Harrow & Rugby along with 4 other schools battled it out for the top prize. The tournament is held over 2 days with the format being each school/college play one other, the winner of the match would then play the winner of the other match followed by a subsidiary final with the runners up.



This was a tough tournament to play in with our first match being against the notoriously tough Harrow School. The team put so much into the match but lacked the pony power to keep up with the high goal ponies half the Harrow team were playing on.

Millfield went through to the subsidiary final to play against Rugby school, a team we didn't know great deal about. We knew they had 2 strong under handicapped players. Once again our pony power let us down even though the team put in every effort to keep Rugby at bay.

Millfield finished in a very respectable 4th place this year and have learned a lot from the experience.

2019 Polo Awards

Captain of Polo Armand Le Page

Achievement in Polo Gabriel Iglesias & Jemima Heffron

Most Improved Polo Player
Henry Palmer

Millfield Polo Invitational

This year Millfield saw the biggest ever crowd at our prestigious Polo Invitational & Car Rally event on Sunday 2nd June, with over 4000 staff, alumni, students, Old Millfieldians, friends & family coming from far and wide to raise money for scholarships while being entertained with 2 thrilling polo matches, a car rally, music festival, art gallery, food and shopping village plus much more.

Although this year the weather wasn't totally on our side



we managed to put on 2 fantastic exhibition polo matches for The Sacher & Ian Balding Cups.

Our first match of the day, The Sacher Cup consisted of a match with both current and Old Millfield players



Saif Noon (OM), Taimur Noon (OM), Henry Plamer, Bello Ali Shinkafi - The Sacher Cup winners



Alan Kent (OM), James McCarthy (OM), Gabriel Iglesias, Armand Le Page – Runners up The Ian Balding Cup

against The Royal Navy, this was a great warm up match for those spectators that are finding their feet and don't know much about polo it was a fun exciting

game without being too fast & furious. Millfield were able to claim the title back from The Royal Navy in a blinding win.

Our second and main match of the day saw two teams



Max Hutchinson (OM), Will Penfold (OM), Harry Fuller, Jemima Heffron – The Ian Balding Cup winners

Arbuthnot & Aston consisting of a mixture of Millfield & Old Millfieldian players go head to head in what was traditionally a Millfield V OM match. This year however the organisers decided to shake things up and combine efforts to not only level out the total handicaps of both teams but also raise the level of polo to provide a better experience for both spectators and players. The players efforts did not disappoint, despite the constant fall of rain during the entirety of the match it was a very fast match to watch. The Aston team consisting of Jemima Heffron, Harry Fuller, Will Penfold (OM) and Max Hutchinson (OM) claimed the Ian Balding cup with an impressive win, Jemima Heffrons' Petito claiming Best Playing Pony.

