



Burgess Hill School for Girls won the Prelim 12 (non-Surrey) Championship. Their team included: Sophie Duffield, Alice Reffin, Katie Finnerty and Eleanor Reffin



Chantelle Phillips and Paige, first Prelim 12 (Surrey)



Sophie Hodgson and Moydrum Minstrel



Sophie Duffield and Grizzly, first Prelim 12 (non-Surrey)

Inter-Schools Dressage Challenge

Oldencraig Equestrian Centre, Lingfield, Surrey
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Over 100 riders from schools across Surrey and Sussex took part in the NSEA West Sussex and Surrey County Dressage Championship Challenge Qualifier, hoping to qualify for the final in April.

Burgess Hill School got off to a flying start with Eleanor Reffin securing first place in the BD Intro A followed by a Team First and West Sussex County Champions title in the Prelim 12. The Burgess Hill School for Girls team of Sophie Duffield, Alice Reffin, Katie Finnerty and Eleanor Reffin, took the top four place in the Prelim 12 competition for non-Surrey Schools, taking the team title ahead of Farlington.

By far the largest class of the day was the Surrey Prelim 12 Championship, which was dominated by some stunning riding by Cranleigh School. Chantelle Phillips gained a huge score of 75.6% with her lovely pony Paige, to claim the individual title. Having dominated the individual competition, Cranleigh took the Surrey Team Championship as well as second and third in the team competition.

As a break from the fierce competition the organisers, Lingfield Notre Dame School, arranged for a lunchtime demonstration of dressage to music introduced by top level dressage rider and list 1 BD judge Mark Ruddock. Eve Manning and Lucy Wells rode spectacular tests to Frozen and a Madonna medley respectively. As well as being interesting to watch the NSEA aim to introduce this fast growing discipline to its already extensive range of competitions, to offer a way for dressage to reach a broader audience.

All the County Champions from the day qualified to take on the winners of each County in the NSEA National County Championship Challenge scheduled for 18th April. The afternoon saw the more difficult tests with the Novice and Elementary sections. Morgan Bloquet, year 7, is one of equestrian's rising stars, winning the Surrey Championship Novice title for Caterham School. Lily Heron won the West Sussex Championship Novice slot for Farlington, with a beautifully accurate test.

Finally the host school, Lingfield Notre Dame, took the Elementary title, with Charlotte Penston performing a super test at the close of a very busy sporting day. Thanks to Vicky Thompson 12 times National Dressage Champion for holding such a fabulous competition enjoyed by school children throughout Surrey and West Sussex.



Kate Hewson and New Oak Jester, third BD Intro A



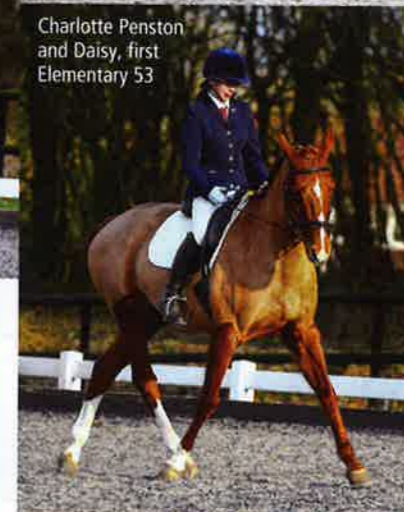
Eleanor Reffin and Percy, first BD Intro A



Kate Hewson and New Oak Jester, third BD Intro A



Morgan Bloquet, first Novice 24



Charlotte Penston and Daisy, first Elementary 53



Morgan Bloquet and Cynhidrefawr Boris, first Novice 24

Results

BD Intro A

- 1st Eleanor Reffin – Percy Burgess Hill School for Girls
- 2nd Kate Finnerty – Dixie Burgess Hill School for Girls
- 3rd Kate Hewson
- 4th Kezia Arnold – Tubberody Troy Caterham School
- 5th Elal Bubb – Pepper Farlington
- 6th Lulu Garlick – Blackwatch Brigadier Cranleigh

Prelim 12 (non-Surrey)

- 1st Sophie Duffield – Grizzly Burgess Hill School for Girls
- 2nd Alice Reffin – Henry Burgess Hill School for Girls
- 3rd Kate Finnerty – Dixie Burgess Hill School for Girls
- 4th Eleanor Reffin – Percy Burgess Hill School for Girls
- 5th Izzy Oakley – Twisted Wizard Oathall Community College
- 6th Ella Heron – Nemo Farlington

Prelim 12 Teams (non-Surrey)

- 1st Burgess Hill School for Girls: Kate Finnerty, Eleanor Reffin, Sophie Duffield & Alice Reffin
- 2nd Farlington: Millie Bubb, Ella Bubb, Ella Heron & Lily Heron
- 3rd Uckfield Technical College: Isobel Pennington, Amy Dennis, Livvy Logan & Chloe McDonald

Novice 24

- 1st Morgan Bloquet – Cynhidrefawr Boris Caterham School
- 2nd Chantelle Phillips – Paige Cranleigh
- 3rd Cora Moore – Spice Lingfield Notre Dame School
- 4th Caleigh Faure – Riddle Cranleigh
- 5th Rosie Moore – Blackie Lingfield Notre Dame School
- 6th Emma Cording Lingfield Notre Dame School

Elementary 53

- 1st Charlotte Penston – Daisy Lingfield Notre Dame School
- 2nd Rosie Moore – Tealeaf Lingfield Notre Dame School

Prelim 12 (Surrey)

- 1st Josh Moore – Polo Cranleigh
- 2nd Lulu Garlick – Blackwatch Brigadier Cranleigh
- 3rd Saskia Bolt – Holly's Oliver St Catherines
- 4th Morgan Bloquet – Cynhidrefawr Boris Caterham School
- 5th Chloe Burrell – Quabdoul Tess Ly Gordons School
- 6th Sam Hollidge – Hennessy Cranleigh

Prelim 12 Teams

- 1st Cranleigh Gold: Caleigh Faure, Josh Moore, Chantelle Philips & Lucy Collecott
- 2nd Cranleigh Red: Lulu Garlick, Maria Marks, Amy Scheijde & Flora Philips
- 3rd Cranleigh Blue: Poppy Watkinson, Sam Hollidge & Alex Moor
- 4th Caterham: Morgan Bloquet, Giselle Mackinlay & Elise Bloquet
- 5th Lingfield Notre Dame School: Natalia Kirpalani, Emma Cording, Jess Calcutt & Victoria Wall
- 6th St Catherines: Saskia Bolt, Alice Grassly & Sophie Moore



Lulu Garlick and Blackwatch Brigadier, second Prelim 12 (Surrey)



Charlotte Penston, first Elementary 53 with Rosie Moore, second Elementary 53



Alice Reffin caused much laughter, when she used her mother, Jo as a coat hook. I am sure there are many equestrian mothers who know what that look feels like!