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Townend is top of the class

Oliver Townend's impressive run of good form continued at the Istanbul BBQ Chester sponsored Kelsall Hill (2) when he took the top spot in the Open Intermediate (OI) class.

Winner of the highly coveted Event Rider Masters Series, Townend posted an impressive performance with Ballaghmor Class - a horse owned by Angela Hislop, Karyn Shuter and Val Ryan - to head the leader board in front of runners-up Louise Harwood and her long-time campaigner Mr Potts, while Oliver's other rides Cooley SRS and King Joules also featured in the placings.

Oliver, who is currently residing in 10th place in the FEI world rankings, said:

"Ballaghmor Class is a horse that we think an awful lot of, he completed his first CIC3* at Blenheim this year and he's definitely a horse on the up."

Ballaghmor Class arrived at Townend's yard as a rather sharp 4-year-old and it has taken time to produce him to this level. Oliver now plans to aim him at Boekelo CICO3*.

"I hadn't planned to run all my OI horses today but when I saw how fantastic the ground was I thought that I would give them a confident run before they head to Holland. Full credit to the Kelsall Hill team - this is an exceptional event," said Oliver.

"In my opinion, Kelsall Hill is one of the best one-day event courses I've seen in this country."

OLIVER TOWNEND, OI WINNER.



Kelsall Hill (2)

Runner-up Louise Harwood explained that the home-bred Mr Potts was never destined to be at Kelsall Hill and should have been enjoying some 'down time' at her yard in Herefordshire after running at Burghley Horse Trials.

Louise explained: "Mr Potts was bored already! He just loves going to parties and he was threatening to jump out of his field if he didn't do some eventing so I substituted him for my other horse 'Jenga'. I'm hoping that he'll be happy now for a week or two!"

The perfect ground on offer at this venue along with the outstanding cross country courses designed by Captain Mark Phillips attracted many other top-class athletes including Alex Hua Tian (CHN) and Carlos Parro (BRA) who have recently returned from representing their country at the Rio Olympic Games.

Jim scores a home run

In the Intermediate (I) class, it was Kelsall Hill's resident event rider Michael Owen who claimed victory aboard Jims Pal - a horse owned by his girlfriend Ashleigh Dean.

It was a last minute decision to run at Kelsall Hill as the 10-year-old gelding was due to have ended his season after completing the CCI2* at Ballindenisk.

Michael said: "Jim had a few poles down in the show jumping at Ballindenisk as the ground didn't suit him so we decided to get a late entry at Kelsall Hill to give him a better experience on superb going before he enjoys a holiday. He felt fantastic today so it was a decision that certainly paid off!"

Bought as a 5-year-old from Mark Allman, Ashleigh produced Jim up until the middle of last season when Michael took over the reins and started to campaign him at Novice level.

"Jim's come on in leaps and bounds this year, so the plan for next season is to go out at Intermediate and then hopefully to make the move up to Advanced. He's only about 15.2 hh can look a bit like a pony when he's standing in the stable but he has plenty of scope and he can really gallop," said Michael, who was the only competitor not to incur cross country time penalties in this section.



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“This event is so well organised and everyone was very helpful and friendly; the ground was perfect - probably the best going we’ve run on all season.” ANYA KOLLETH, PON WINNER.

Merlin works his magic

We were delighted to host a Pony Open Novice (PON) class at Kelsall Hill (2). This is a new edition to the British Eventing calendar and one that offers combinations the opportunity to be selected for the Pony Programme and the European Pony Championships.

In a hotly-contested class, it was Anya Kolleth and her own Laburnum Ineer who eventually claimed the spoils ahead of Saffron Osborne and Red Dandy and, with both combinations finishing on identical scores, the placings were decided by their proximity to the optimum time.



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Earlier this year, Shropshire school girl Anya Kolleth was part of the Silver medal winning pony team at the European Championships in Vilhelmsborg, Denmark where she finished in 8th place individually aboard ‘Drop the Subject’. Laburnum Ineer, an 11-year-old connemara gelding who’s known at home as ‘Merlin’, was also long-listed.

Said Anya: “Merlin is such a cheeky and characterful pony and we have developed a real bond. I have three horses at home and that means a lot of early mornings and late nights to fit everything in but I’m happy to make these sacrifices as it’s all worth while.”

In the Money

The journey from Warwickshire to Kelsall Hill was a trip worth taking for Sarah Parkes with placings in both the OI and I classes.

Sarah took third place in the OI aboard the ‘cross country machine’ Balladeer Durban Hills. The 11-year-old son of Seabrook, has recently returned to top form after needing some time out due to undergoing treatment for kissing spines syndrome.

Said Sarah: “Balladeer Durban Hills was rather mischievous in his dressage test today but he jumped a great double clear. Kelsall Hill offers such inviting cross country courses at all levels and the ground was so perfect that I could put my foot down a bit.”

It was a hectic weekend for Sarah with a total of seven horses competing between Moreton Morrell and Kelsall Hill Horse Trials.

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In the Intermediate class, Jane Starkey's homebred mare Browning, 'ate up' Mark Phillips' cross country track to finish in the runners up position. Sarah took over the ride on this lovely mare earlier in the year and she would like to credit Jane Starkey for all the preparation she does at home.



An autumn spectacular with something for everyone!

Now in its tenth year, this event saw a record number of visitors who flocked to enjoy 3 days of equestrian sporting action along with the other attractions on offer such as Cheshire's largest multi-species pet show 'Pets on the Hill'.

Run by the Willows Veterinary Group, this event boasted a whole host of activities for canines including a doggy fashion show, Flyball demonstrations and bale jumping competitions. However, this was not your average dog show and a plethora of more exotic creatures could also be found such as snakes, alligators, tarantula spiders and even the odd skunk!



Other visitor attractions included the return of our Macmillan Coffee Morning hosted by Kelsall Hill's Emma Latham, while students from Coleg Cambrai attended educational 'Access All Areas' tours of the event with British Eventing RDO Fiona Saxby. Meanwhile, our younger visitors - and those just young at heart - enjoyed free face painting and drawing competitions inside of our kid's marquee.

Kelsall Hill's next British Eventing Horse Trials will run from 21-23 April 2017.

Sponsorship Focus: Corbetts Malpas Ltd

We were delighted to welcome Corbetts Malpas Ltd (previously known as Bernard Corbett & Co) as the new sponsors of our show jumping arena at our recent horse trials. The arena looked beautiful in the autumn sunshine and the stunning feature fences built by Little Oaks Show Jumps were much admired.



Situated in the village of Malpas, Corbetts is a company steeped in history with a reputation for supplying high-quality animal feeds and bedding throughout Cheshire, Shropshire and North Wales.

It was William Corbett who first established the business during the First World War. William was one of nine brothers who came from Malpas and, although he escaped conscription on the grounds of being too old, his younger brothers were enlisted.



“We’ve always done business with the Latham family and are proud to support them. You have to give something back to businesses who work so hard to put on events that we all enjoy.”

PAUL CORBETT, DIRECTOR.

Back in Cheshire, William began to deliver animal feed and supplies to local army regiments using his horse-drawn cart which doubled-up as a ‘taxi’ service for soldiers when his deliveries were complete! These days, William’s grandson Paul Corbett is at the helm.

Paul said: “There’s some confusion as to whether my grandfather started up the business in 1917 or 1918 but we are all looking forward to celebrating our centenary! There’s been many changes over the years but there are still four generations of the Corbett family working in the company and this is reflected by the friendly and personal service we offer to our customers.”

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Many of the team not just own horses but have an in-depth knowledge of farming and quality produce. This means that they are familiar with the practicalities of keeping and feeding livestock and understand the needs and requirements of their clients.

Corbetts have been loyal sponsors at our British Eventing Horse Trials since they began in 2006, but this is the first year that they have sponsored the show jumping arena.

Paul explained: "We've always done business with the Latham family and are proud to support them. You have to give something back to businesses who work so hard to put on events that we all enjoy. We're all in it together; it's good advertising for our business and Phil Latham deserves to be acknowledged for all the work he does."

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Meet our blogger: Ben Read

We catch up with our blogger Ben Read to see how he fared in the ONU18's class at Kelsall Hill (2) with his horse Dougal. Will the duo have learned to embrace the world of dressage? Read on to find out more!

Back to school...

Hi everyone,

Well, I have kept my promise to work on our dressage and I began by booking some lessons with two very experienced 3* Eventers who were both brave enough to agree to assess our current level and to listen to what we may aspire to!

Both trainers were very encouraging and both confirmed that the issue here is the rider, not the horse... I just need to get on with it! On their advice, we decided to try a new bit for the dressage phase as it was felt that this might help Dougal accept the contact more consistently. So, with this confidence boost in mind, off we went to Llanymynech (2) and for the first time ever we were in the top half of the scoreboard after our dressage test! We followed this up by producing a double clear and came home in 8th place.

Then came the shock of going back to school, and so severe was this shock, that I succumbed to a bout of man-flu in the second week of term. This meant that there was not much time for training, but I was almost looking forward to my next dressage lesson.

When the day came, disaster struck - Dougal was not 100% sound in trot. On closer inspection, he appeared to have a small swelling on his shoulder - with a pony-sized hoof print on it. Great, his field mate Rocky had a lot to answer for and poor Dougal was confined to his stable.

I began to question if I would get to Kelsall. Fortunately, all appeared well with Dougal after a few days and our training could resume.

The big day dawns

We headed off to Kelsall Hill early on Saturday morning to join U18's Trainer Richard Carruthers for his course walk. The course looked fabulous, big and solid with a few technical questions.

I collected my number from the secretary and I should have realised that this was to be a memorable day... as I put my number into the bib I saw that my number, 558, was the very same as my number from the previous event at Llanymynech - what were the chances of that - very spooky?!

Dressage came and went without major incident (even in sitting trot!). My score was just about in the top half of our section and with an '8' for Dougal's medium trot - which has never been seen before - and very little separating us all, I felt that we must indeed be improving and that last time wasn't just a fluke!

The show jumping phase was proving to be influential and Dougal rolled one pole but with only two clears being posted, we moved up a few places. Now for the best bit, Dougal flew around the cross-country course as usual and we came through the finishing posts inside the time. The course caused enough problems with only half the competitors going clear and only two of us managing to make the time.

After a long and productive day, the results were posted...

I'd WON! I couldn't believe it, I'm still buzzing and have a huge smile on my face!

I am so pleased to have done it at my favourite event with so many friends competing and watching. What a way to end the season. Mum & I fence judged the next day and I couldn't help eyeing up the Intermediate fences... my target for next season was set!

Meet our blogger: Ben Read continued...



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I'll be heading for Kelsall Hill again soon for the first of their Arena Eventing series and hope to see lots of friends there again. **Ben & Dougal** :)

Spotlight on sponsorship: Equine 74

"Ben approached us at the beginning of the year, as he had heard excellent reviews about our product Equine 74 Gastric and wanted to give his horse, Dougal Delight, the opportunity to perform at his best and to keep him in tip-top condition. Ben is a determined and ambitious young rider with obvious talent so we decided to help support him and Dougal to achieve their goal of representing Wales and Borders at British Eventing U18 Novice level.

Equine 74 Gastric helps to prevent gastric ulcers and maintains a healthy stomach, which is of vital importance to horses competing at top levels. The product is also known to have a calming effect on horses, enabling them to focus on their work - particularly during the dressage phase where a good mark is essential!

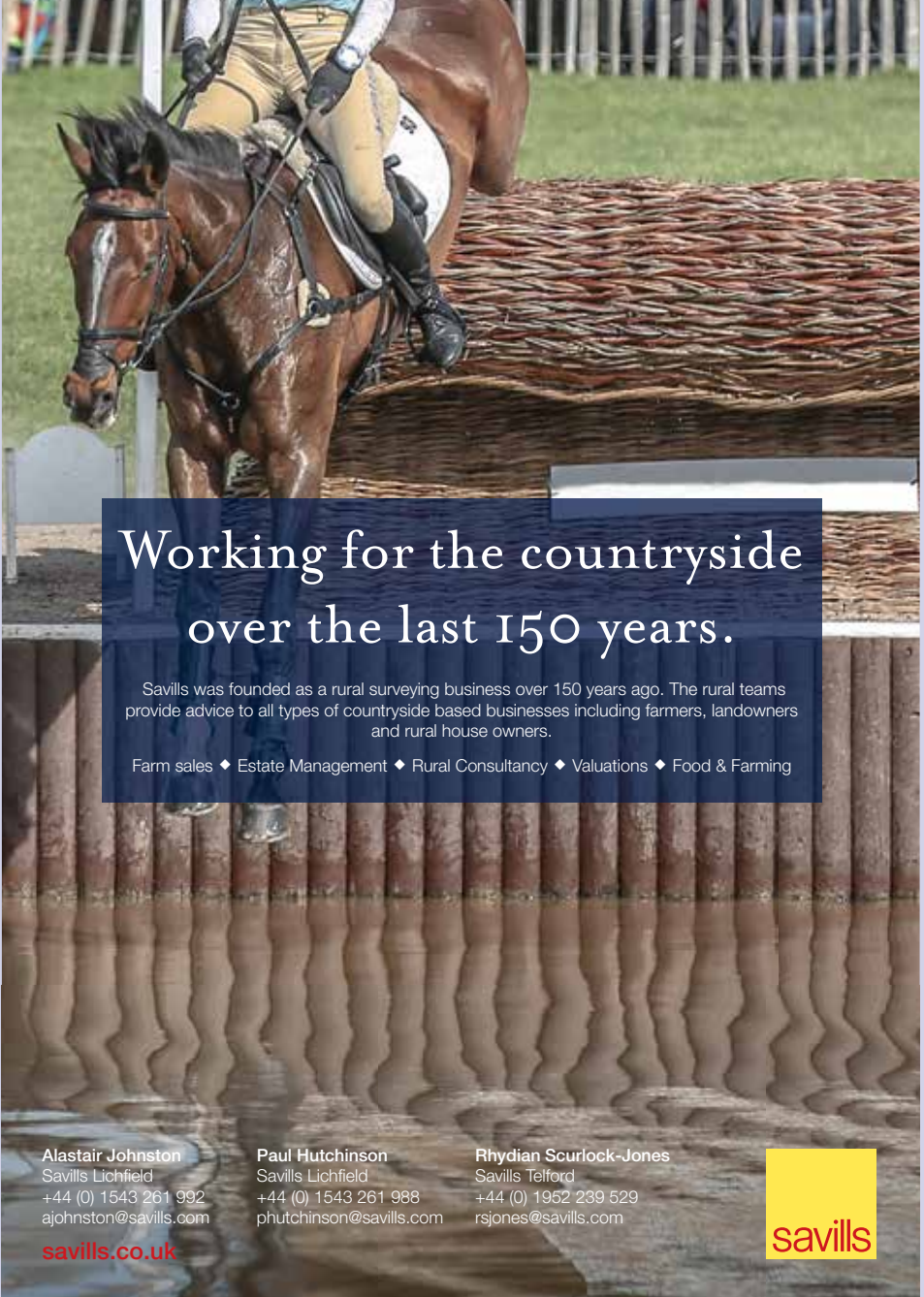
Ben has found that the product works extremely well and has been pleased to report an improvement in Dougal's calmness and dressage scores. We are sure that Ben will be successful in his endeavours and take this opportunity to wish him good luck - we look forward to following him over the coming years!"

AMANDA DAVIES, Sales Director of Equine 74

Meet our blogger: Ben Read continued...



Ben with his sponsors Amanda Davies from Equine 74



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The team at Kelsall Hill would like to say a huge thank you to all sponsors, competitors, volunteers and officials at the September horse trials, we really appreciate all the help and support, without each individuals efforts it just would not be possible! We look forward to seeing you all next year!

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