

British Riding Club National Championships 2018



What a weekend!! The adventure to Lincoln began on Friday lunchtime with busy day on the roads, it's only when we started seeing signs for the Humber Bridge and Grimsby that we realised how far north this was...☺



We all arrived close to 6pm and unloaded the horses, put on their bridles and took them straight to passport check which didn't take too long at all. Next up was finding their stables before throwing some tack on and taking the well behaved boys for a leg stretch. There were hundreds of horses and horse boxes of all shapes and sizes which was lovely to see as the sun set on the huge showground with stunning facilities.



Once the horses had been fed it was time to start the G&Ts (Gilly even managing to provide ice cubes!) Pulling out the camping table and folding chairs, it was time to eat Gilly's yummy chilli served with a fabulous homemade salsa! We pulled out DIY Eton mess for a pud accompanied by homemade brownie made that morning by Lynne – end result was that we were very well fed before climbing into bed! ☺



The alarm went off bright and early on Saturday morning and it was time to feed our 4-legged friends before grabbing a quick bite for brekky and a cup of tea. First up was Amy on Frankie in the Open Novice Championship – a lovely test gained her 9th place. Next up was Tamsin and Corby in the Elementary 45 Championship riding a superb, accurate test. Amy was then back on to jump the first round of a challenging 90cm with a fantastic clear. Next up was Lynne in the first round of the very long and technical 70cm course – biggest challenge was going to remember the course – and yep she remembered riding a lovely round with just an unlucky last fence down! Next up was Corby, this time piloted by Gilly riding an incredibly challenging Medium test – they showcased some seriously impressive moves resulting in a 2nd placing. Final challenge of the day was the second round for Amy and Frankie who just had one down. And finally Lynne and Barney headed in for the second round, producing a fantastic clear (made even better by her never ever dreaming of competing at a National event – just showing anything is possible!) During this time, results were up for Tamsin’s class and she had WON – she received a beautiful sash and lots of goodies at the mounted presentation – what a top result!



This was a truly amazing event catering for ALL levels which any club member should aim for – the show jumping and dressage arenas were top quality giving it a real Championship feel yet the atmosphere was incredibly fun! Very well done Team OBHRC! 😊

