

# Showjumping Longines Royal International



The Old Lodge's Super Trooper De Ness and Nicky Boulter reclaim the winter grades B and C title

## National classes A Super start

Three very exciting stallions triumph in the young horse classes, slamming home their international credentials. And it's fast and furious in the pony finals

NICKY BOULTER and Old Lodge's Super Trooper De Ness reclaimed their Russell's Catering winter grades B and C title after a fast jump-off in which all eight through went clear again.

"The class was far hotter than last year," said Nicky. "Everyone here was in it to win it."

Having gone first in the jump-off with Ja Waher, Nicky thought she had set a strong enough target. But the rounds kept getting quicker and she had to ask the black eight-year-old stallion for an outstanding performance, which he gave her.

"He loves that ring and when he comes to jumping internationally he'll go well in there," said Nicky.

Shane Breen prevented Nicky from gaining a second title, this time with Ja Waher, in the Old Lodge young breeding horse championship. He claimed victory with the Brendon Stud's Warrior, relegating Nicky to second.

Greg Taylor and his *Horse & Hound* Foxhunter finalist Dutchman 38 triumphed

in the British Showjumping Business Partnership winter novice championship.

The seven-year-old stallion, who was bred for and began his career in dressage, jumped the penultimate oxer on a sharp angle after a long gallop down the arena, enabling his rider to take 1sec off Lola Wade's leading time with Bellagio II.

"He's so adjustable and elastic," said Greg of Jackie Kemp's son of Dream Of Heidelberg. "I think it's his dressage background that helps, though he loves this job."

### Allen takes over on Herbie

AMY INGLIS was on duty as a member of the pony European team at Bishop Burton, so couldn't contest the Oakley Coachbuilders winter JC final with Herbie's Double Trouble. However, her best friend Millie Allen took over and couldn't have done a better job, taking the title.

"Duncan Inglis [Amy's father and the pony's owner] told me I'd be able to go fast and let him

flow," said Millie, 12, a former 128cm champion here with Flinor Songbird.

Emily Ward has been previously victorious at the Royal International with working hunters and this time she added a showjumping win to her tally in the Claydon Horsewalkers winter 128cm title with Rockingham Shadow.

"I was going to run into the second last, but I didn't need to in the end," said Emily, 11. "I was fast to the first and he's so careful I could just get on and gallop."

The winter 138cm title went to Darby Ward and Bilton Ward Developments' More Than Milton, bettering the 14-year-old rider's opening double clear with Oakhurst In The Spotlight by over 4sec.

"My trainer [Harvey Kaye] didn't think there'd be that many clears, so I was steadier on my first," said Darby. "On More Than Milton, I think I went faster than I was supposed to." **H&H**

## THE GOING

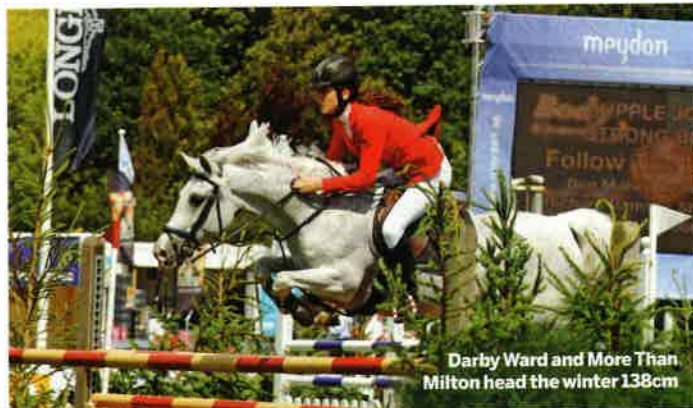
THIS week, renovation work begins in the international arena.

"The grass will be sprayed and killed off. The top two inches will then be removed and recycled," said Hickstead's facilities director, Edward Bunn. "Then all the top soil will be removed."

Gravel bands will aid drainage, as will 2,500 tonnes of sand mixed with the top soil: "It will be pretty much what you get underneath a sand school," said Edward, whose final job will be to reseed the entire arena.

The Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI) is undertaking the work, having performed similar transformations at Dublin, Ascot and Cheltenham.

Set to cost £500,000, you can follow the progress via webcam at [www.hickstead.co.uk](http://www.hickstead.co.uk).



Darby Ward and More Than Milton head the winter 138cm

## Results

### NATIONAL CLASSES

**Oakley Coachbuilders winter JC.** — 1, Herbies Double Trouble (M Allen); 2, Never Tell (H Rawson-Smith); 3, Romany Jane (F Pickard). **Claydon Horsewalkers winter 128cm.** — 1, Rockingham Shadow (E Ward); 2, Marthas Darling (F Adams); 3, Glen Hill (C Dawson). **winter 138cm.** — 1 & 3, More Than Milton & Oakhurst In The Spotlight (D Ward); 2, The Agent (K Deakin). **BS Business Partnership winter novice.** — 1, Dutchman 38 (G Taylor); 2, Bellagio II (L Wade); 3, Son Of India (J Tuff). **Russells Catering winter B&C.** — 1, Super Trooper De Ness (N Boulter); 2, Ondine Du Logis (S Crippen); 3, Sultan V (B Menzies). **30 Jul: Old Lodge breeding ch.** — 1, Warrior (S Breen); 2, Ja Waher (N Boulter); 3, Mid Summer Nights Dream (D Charles).

### RESULTS FROM REST OF SHOW

**Nov stakes.** — 1, Oliver Okehurst (B Drea); 2, Winterkoning (H Compson); 3, Arrowthorn (M Bowling). **1.25m.** — 1, Voquilot (B Maher); 2, Mysteron (G Walker); 3, Zicanta (J Welles). **Russells Catering 1.30m.** — 1, Loughnatousa Raven (G Luckett); 2, Zulieka (J Welles); 3, Playboy II (M Dorgan). **Horse & Hound Foxhunter.** — 1, Lottie III (G Luckett); 2, Vanoux Van Lange Weeren (D Charles); 3, Billy Burgundy (D Moseley). **Old Lodge 1.35m.** — 1, Billy On Show (P Funnell); 2, Bahrain Clover (M Dorgan); 3, Warrior (S Breen). **Polyjumps jr 1.05m.** — 1, Herbies Double Trouble (M Allen); 2, Thorndells Kilkota Lad (M Porter); 3, Pebbly Grey Fox (J Tinson). **1m.** — 1, Templehill Merlin (D Johns); 2, Nabucco (E Harrison); 3, Priamore (V Barker). **am prelim.** — 1, Tammy's Girl (L Long); 2, True Star (S Lundy); 3, Laughing Larry (M Bowling). **28 Jul: Horse & Hound Foxhunter.** — 1, Winterkoning;

2, Eclips Van Erpekom (B Menzies); 3, Cor Dela Rossa Z (S Breen). **1.25m.** — 1, Wisp (J Draper); 2, Magnum (A Al Baityon); 3, Let's Fly (B Maher). **Old Lodge 1.35m.** — 1, Calero (D Wise); 2, Carlow Cruiser (C Platt); 3, Voquilot. **am prelim.** — 1, 2 & 3, Tammy's Girl, Lapaloma & Tiamo II (L Long). **nov stakes.** — 1, Acapulca IV (B Drea); 2, Nora II (N Charles); 3, Arrowthorn. **1m.** — 1, Olivia IV (J Marshall); 2, Concordador (L Hanari); 3, KEC Super Nova (M Smyth). **1.05m.** — 1, Caribik Feeling (H Al Kaabi); 2, Adalar (B Etwell); 3, Premier (A Campbell-Horne). **29 Jul: Horse & Hound Foxhunter.** — 1, Cor Dela Rossa Z; 2, Rising Time (C Platt); 3, Boundalong (S Penn). **Old Lodge young breeding horse q.** — 1, O'Vol De La Roque (C Raether); 2 & 3, Warrior & Cherubini Z (S Breen). **Old Lodge 1.25m.** — 1, Sonora II (M Kent); 2, Sorraya (S Franks); 3, Lottie III (G Luckett). **Old Lodge 1.35m.** — 1, Loughnatousa Raven; 2, Urfarmore Aldi (P Lear); 3, Torianda (M Kent). **nov stakes.** — 1, Kilorans Mountain (P Anderson); 2, Skip Jack (A Al Marri); 3, Dominant III (D Wise). **am prelim.** — 1 & 2, Tiamo II & Lapaloma; 3, Laughing Larry (M Bowling). **1m.** — 1, Channa Z (L Long); 2, Templehill Merlin (D Johns); 3, Bollerina (E Gill). **1.05m.** — 1, Scholarship (P Beecher); 2, Caherpuca Star (C Fowdrey); 3, Go Dutch (E Chirside). **30 Jul: 1, Hunters Image (C Ward); 2, Parcival III (T Priest); 3, Plkachu (C Peris). 1.20m.** — 1, Russellstow Hill (L Pavitt); 2, Sorraya; 3, Tell Me Quick (V Barker). **Old Lodge 1.30m.** — 1, Loughnatousa Raven; 2, Zicanta (J Welles); 3, Urfarmore Aldi. **1m.** — 1, Roseberry Hill (S Dillon); 2, Bramati Z (W Plunkett); 3, Urbanes (N Cadman). **am prelim.** — 1, Otage (A Wicks); 2, Landor D'Asnieres (C Flitch); 3, Caha Sting (G Swinglehurst).