



Suzie Offley claims a prelim win with her Fell pony Cliffhollins Mystry

said Suzie, who trains with Helen Dutton. "We affiliated at the beginning of last year and qualified for the Area Festival finals at the winter championships this spring. I knew regionals would be much harder, but she did the best she could and I knew that she'd gone well."

Harriet Kipping won the silver section of the advanced medium with her own and her mother Catherine's Camelot's Black Knight. Now 11, he was bought six years ago through Harriet's trainer Rhett Bird, although circumstances have meant lessons have been at a minimum lately.

"Mum has had a hip replacement and I can't drive the lorry," explained Harriet, who works as a business analyst. "Getting my lorry licence is on my list of things to do, but it's so easy to keep putting things off."

Luckily, Catherine got the all clear to drive just in time to

chauffeur Harriet, a regular at the Somerford regionals, to the show.

'THE SWEETEST THING'

ANNABELLA PIDGLEY and Ine won the silver section of the medium with a 6% lead, the Constantin x Handryk mare being one of two that Annabella has short-listed for the upcoming pony Europeans. The 12-year-old mare competed at the Europeans for Sweden in 2015, and was bought by the Pidgleys on Annabella's trainer Cathrine Dufour's recommendation at the beginning of last year.

"She was bought from a video and she is just the sweetest thing ever," said Annabella's mother, Sarah. "I'd love to get the horse version of her for the future."

So far, the combination has been on great form, with an international victory in Compiègne earlier this year.

"She gave me an amazing

'IT'S ALL ABOUT THE EDUCATION'

CHARLOTTE DUJARDIN enjoyed a great birthday weekend with four mares earning high scores.

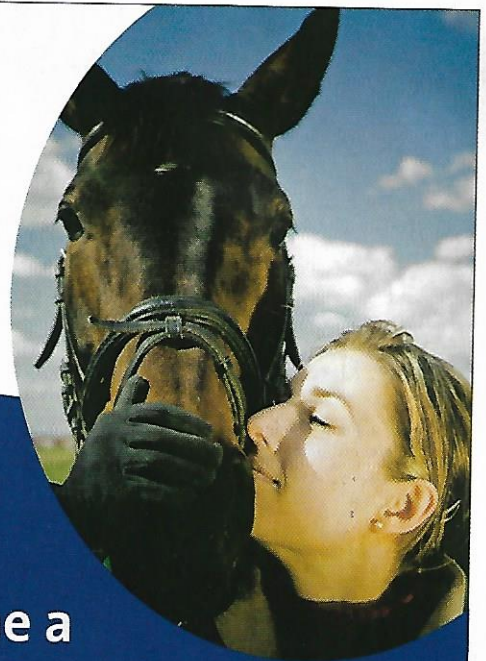
Gaining the highest percentage of her three winners was Hawtins San Floriana, a six-year-old San Amour x Florestan mare whose 79.95% secured the medium gold. Not far behind was the 79.04% of Mount St John VIP (pictured) who gave her the advanced medium win over stablemate Briosio II in second.

Charlotte rounded off the show with River Rise Nisa's 76.75% prix st georges (PSG) win.

"They've all just moved up to the next level and I'm chuffed to bits with them," Charlotte said. "It's all about the education; we can all win at home and in the warm-up, but it's the coming out and proving it in competition that's the difficult thing. They've all been brilliant and to have Briosio here is amazing — last year, we thought we might lose her to colic."



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