

## Bookham Dressage Team Beats the Heat!

With the temperature set to reach 30+ degrees to make it the hottest day of the year, our 4 Bookham riders were up bright and early to compete at Hengest Farm on Sunday, 27th June. (So early in fact that Steph Chamberlain's alarm went off at 4 am, rather than 5 am. She got up, then realized the time and went back to bed for another hour!)

The competition was Area 11's qualifier for the London and South East Championships. Fourteen teams of four riders each all rode the same test--Prelim 12. Our team was lucky enough to be first up --- so much cooler at 9 am! The team included Steph Chamberlain on Zac, Issie Myers on BJ, Isabel Delamere on Molly, and Kathryn Blowers on Rome. And congrats to all -- We came 4th to qualify for the Championships in October! Kathryn also placed 4th overall with a score of 68.4%.



Nothing went pear-shaped on the day, although Issie pulled out her long black boots and discovered they were caked with mud. Fortunately, she had her brown ones along and managed to pass the tack check with those! And Kathryn had a borrowed lorry but no driver until the last minute. Except her driver could only get her there, so she had to wait for another driver to come later in the afternoon to take her back. (Kathryn, what time did you finally get home?!?)

We'll be at Ardingly on Sat. 16th October for the Championships. Come along and cheer for your Bookham team!

