

Louise's news from Chevalian Shropshire

Dartans Gilbert, Dartans Sam, Dartans Handsome Jack, Dartans Echo and Dartans Muroto have all gone to lovely new homes this autumn. Gilbert, Echo, Jack and Muroto have moved to young riders and will be evented whilst Sam is hunting in Leicestershire. I wish everyone lots of luck with their new rides.

Burghley

Watership Down came 24th in the great 4 star event. He jumped clear across country taking all the straight routes with 13 time penalties. I am thrilled to have finished well at Burghley as it has always been one of my ambitions. 'Bugs' will now have a holiday doing dressage this winter and then aim for Badminton in the spring.

Dartans St Patricks day and Allegro owned by Claire Connor both competed well in the 4 year old Burghley young event horse final but were unplaced.

Future Young Event Horse Final Ireland

I rode Business time into 2 nd place in the final held at Dollanstown, Ireland. This horse has huge potential and is very exciting for the future. I would love to find an owner for him! He missed winning by one point. Madges Lane spring came 8th in the final. He has now been bought by Jonathan Heywood to hunt. Hopefully I may be able to event him next season!.

Blair CCI

Kismet V owned by Judy Burdett came a respectable 14th in the CCI 1 star. A super dressage and clear xc inside the time was a great result.

Murphys Miracle finished 19th in the CCI 3 star. He jumped well round a big track in tough conditions so I look forward aiming him for Badminton next season.

Chevalian, Shropshire

I have settled in now in Dudleston Heath, Shropshire since moving in June. The yard now consists of 25 horses in work ranging from just broken eventers to advanced horses and hunters. We also have 10 foals to care for as part of the breeding programme. I continue to teach and school horses for people who need help. I am busy hunting with the Wynstay and Cheshire Forest which I love. My hunters are 'Dartans Fred' who has replaced his brother Jack and also 'Proud four socks' who I bought from Ireland.

I am concentrating on dressage with my top horses over the winter to aim for a place on the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky next year.

I still come to Thornton Farm once a week to teach my regular clients and catch up on news from the Wirral.

Over Christmas I hope to hunt a bit in Ireland as well with the Bree and the Wexford.

Then it's all go again for next year's eventing season.

Louise