



JUMPING FOR JOY!



Ipswich's Orwell Park School equestrian team celebrate their success at the recent Woodbridge School Eventer Challenge. Left to right: Molly McGuckian, Jessica West, Lydia Chapman and Jemima Erith.

Photo: Tim Blackburn

EQUINE THERAPY CENTRE OPENS

Olympic bronze medallist Sharon Hunt and her horse Tankers Town have helped with the official opening of a new Equine Therapy Centre in Cambridge.

Sharon performed the official ribbon cutting while Tankers Town demonstrated the benefits of some of the new equipment. Sharon said: "The College of West Anglia and Anglia Ruskin University are developing a fantastic new facility which is badly needed in this area. I have to travel miles to be able to use this type of equipment which I would use routinely to keep my event horses in top condition."



WHEN MONTY MET ROSSIE!



L-R: Petrina Philp, her parents Peter and Patsie Theobald, Monty Roberts and Kelly Marks.

The internationally famous Monty Roberts, known universally as 'the man who listens to horses' visited Newton Hall Equitation Centre on the 6th November during his current European tour.

Mr Jonathan Bloomfield booked Monty to give a private demonstration as a birthday present to his wife Pauline. In addition to their family and friends, Mr and Mrs Bloomfield kindly invited staff at Newton Hall to be part of the audience. During a non-stop three hour demonstration, Monty demonstrated his methods. Newton Hall proprietor, Rossie Theobald, said "This was a very special occasion and a privilege. He was very warmly applauded by all those who had been fortunate to watch this master of his craft at work".

REMEMBRANCE GATHERING AT THE ANIMALS IN WAR MEMORIAL



On Armistice Day 11th November 2009 at the Animals in War Memorial in Park Lane, London, a touching Remembrance Gathering was held to mark the huge contribution animals have made in all areas of conflict past and present.

Attending the first event of its kind at the Memorial were representatives of many Animal Charities and members of the Armed Forces including three officers on horseback, Captain Mike Fry, Major Christopher M. Stewardson and Captain Laura Holmes. At 11am the two minute silence was observed, then poetry and moving readings were given by two of the mounted officers. Event organizer Emma Kureks from Voices for Horses said, "The main objective being to create a yearly gathering to respect and pay tribute to the millions of animals which served, suffered and died alongside soldiers worldwide and so we do not forget the animals currently working today."



Three donkeys from Scratchy Donkeys stole the show at Chapelfield Shopping Centre in Norwich recently, helping to launch the festive season with 'Snowy, Halo and Fred' who are owned by Sarah-Jayne Lawson who has twenty rescued or retired donkeys in her care.

ANDREW AND DANIEL TRAIN FOR LONDON MARATHON

Andrew Gould and fellow rider Daniel Timson have set themselves an enormous challenge for next year - to run the Virgin London Marathon in aid of the charity, Spinal Research.

Andrew commented, "They are a fantastic charity hoping to one day find a cure for paralysis through their research into spinal cord repair. I am an Ambassador for their Saddle Up Campaign which does terrific things in the equestrian world. I know that riding is a high risk sport whether you hack or compete at a high level in a discipline. I have had many falls in my career but luckily have walked away with no long term injuries. However there are plenty of people who are not so lucky and it's them I am running for. To get them walking again and back on a horse."

Both men hope to raise as much money as they can and are looking for donations and sponsorship for the run. Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity and make sure Gift Aid is reclaimed on every eligible donation by a UK taxpayer. www.justgiving.com/andrewpgould

