

# NEWSLETTER

## Report from Jodie:

“Finally, we have kick off! Eventing 2015 is now live! The sun is shining, the horses are being turned out and having blown away the cobwebs with their first XC round under their belts, everyone seems on very good form. So far so good, we have had a successful start to the season with everyone in camp Amos on flying form.

The team is finally complete as we have recently been joined by our two working pupils Kate Clarke and Tom Lawson. Kate, Vicky's sister has arrived with her mare Miss Lippy to compete and is another talented rider to keep everyone ticking over whilst I'm away competing. Tom, the latest addition, has come on his feet to gain invaluable experience on a competition yard with aspirations to continue working in eventing. With Vicky as head girl, Camille stable jockey and Abbie doing part time

weekend work, there is a real team spirit on the yard and finally enough hands on board!

My latest dilemma being the fact that I'm going to need a bigger horse box to take not only my horses but also all the riders based with me... any ideas or sponsors willing to help?!?

Fiona, who you will be seeing out and about at events, had a very intensive three days in Newmarket on a business management course last month. Hopefully everyone will agree that we now have a really professional team of people in place enabling the business to expand not only with the competition horses, but with the sales horses and teaching which has been very busy pre competition season.

With regards to the facilities, the new water has been extended and there are talks of another surfaced area linking all the arenas into a possible gallop. Ann and Nigel have come such a long

way from a house, plot of land and some cattle barns... the grounds are immaculate and the first event was a huge success, a real credit to all those involved at ALW.

Finally I had a really lovely break with Nick out in Dubai and it was great to turn the tables and pose the question "So why didn't you win?!" Joking aside, Nick shot very well in an incredibly competitive event and Dubai was certainly an experience. Our night wandering round the back roads of the gold souks, close to midnight, not a tourist in sight let alone a visible woman...Nick naively following some locals into their flat, potential business opportunities he said. Anyway, needless to say my heart was going pretty fast and I genuinely thought our time was up :(

Onwards and upwards, we're back in one piece and here's to a successful 2015 eventing season!

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# REPORTS:

## Wise Crack (Cracker)

**Owned by – Nicky Coates and Jodie Amos**

Cracker is certainly better for having his first run at Oasby, despite it being a slightly wild one! Having had a quiet week after bolting up the hill during his first gallop, over contained exuberance and energy is never something that works to his advantage. As a result his pre XC shakes whilst being tacked up at the lorry developed into a new

found spanish walk when going into the start box! Hopefully having got that first run out the way, Cracker will be a little more in the zone this coming weekend at Lincoln. He certainly showed some really promising work whilst dressage training in Nottingham under the watchful eyes of Guru Andrew, Nicki Herbert and Judy Bradwall.

## Matt (Matt)

**Owned by - Caroline Messeca and Jodie Amos**

Matt remains on flying form having had a fantastic first run at ALW with Vicky in the BE100 Open, admittedly bringing Jodie to tears! He looks so well at the moment and is thoroughly enjoying sprinting round the XC with Vicky, strutting his stuff and telling all his success stories along the way. Jodie is pinching back the reins for a XC clinic with Lucinda Green this week and has plans to enter him up in some

Ols in the next couple of months but for now he has novice runs with Vicky on the cards. Matt is and always has been the perfect example of no matter what the physical limitations he has, they are overcome by his overriding desire to do the job. It is a credit to Jodie and Vicky, that at the age of 15 having competed since a 4 year old, he looks as well and as keen as ever to keep going and do what he loves best.

## One of a Kind (Alfie)

**Owned by – Mr and Mrs Jenkins, Mr and Mrs Lawrence, C McGann and Jodie Amos**

Alfie behaved really well during his training at World Class and definitely seems happy to be back in work, giving him something to focus on. Matt was very pleased with his first Intermediate run at Oasby, starting with a respectable and ever improving dressage score of 30. He then jumped a mature show jumping round, calm, rideable and seemingly

more grown up followed by a good effort around a strong and technical cross country track. He did pick up a green 20 penalties but in his defense so did a majority of the field in a combination that was very hard for the horses to read. The plan now is for Alfie and Matt to run in regular intermediate outings leading up to Houghton Hall CCI\*\*.

# Figaro Van Het Broekhof (Mister Fig)

Owned by – Barbara Cooper

Fig won the gold star during his first run at Oasby finishing 9th in the OI after a pretty faultless run in all three disciplines. Jodie is thrilled with the way Fig has progressed over the last couple of months but obviously the proof is in the pudding and they had yet to demonstrate this out competing. Fig's dressage benefited hugely from the two days training up in Nottingham and he earned a very respectful score of 31 at Oasby. Nigel has played a fundamental role in helping with the

jumping, riding Fig himself, on a few occasions at home... going as far as threatening to steel the ride! Fig and Jodie jumped a super round in the OI, topped off by storming round the XC inside the time on cruise control, described by Jodie as "an absolute machine who wants to do nothing else but jump between the flags". Overall, Fig is certainly becoming a favorite on the yard.. Nigel has been caught on more than one occasion winning him over with polos.

# Ballytarsna du Carel (Hartley)

Owned by – Jocelyn Riley

Hartley has had a really exciting start to the season jumping two immaculate double clears at both ALW and Oasby BE100 where he climbed the ranks to 3rd place. His dressage is still his weak phase but it is improving and will continue to do so as he gets stronger physically. His jump

is athletic, bold and incredibly careful making him a very fun ride for Jodie and a horse that is likely to progress up the grades fairly quickly. Jodie will continue to take her time with Hartley, really concentrating on his flatwork, always with the long term future of the horse in mind.

# Family Affair (Henry)

Owned by - Jodie Amos & family

Another yard favorite, mainly because he whinnies as soon as he sees Jodie walk into the yard, Henry fans will be pleased to hear he is back in action! Henry made it to ALW for his debut outing and jumped a super XC round feeling very grown up and mature.

His scope and braveness are unquestionable, curbing his enthusiasm is always a little more testing. The plan for Henry is to run in one more BE90 before upgrading to BE100 and Jodie has high hopes for this horse and a lot of belief in his natural ability.

## Rocket Man (Manuel)

**Owned by - Mr and Mrs Lawrence, Sara and Dom Brown and Jodie Amos**

Manuel put in a cracking first run at ALW with a competitive dressage score of 22 and a very strong jumping performance making the XC phase feel like a true walk in the park. Manuel has matured hugely over the winter feeling a lot stronger off the floor in the show jumping. He is as grown up as ever, continuously

demonstrating a confidence that far exceeds his age. Having competed at both the Burghley Young Event Horse and Osberton 4yo Finals, those three months competition experience have certainly given him a kick start to this year and we are hoping to see Manuel move up to novice later on this season.

## Diamond Duette (Duette)

**Owned by - Ann Morley, Nicky Coates, Lisa Kent and Jodie Amos**

Duette has made huge progress this month, really settling into her work and coming on leaps and bounds. She has been XC schooling proving incredibly bold and very eager to jump whatever she is pointed at. Duette is a very intelligent mare but equally a sensitive one and needs quiet yet

confident riding, something Camille is doing beautifully. She thinks highly of the mare, is really enjoying riding her and is very excited about her first BE entry, ALW unaffiliated in April. The plan after that is very much to get going and hopefully catch up with her boys Manuel and Henry!

## Calida Clover

**Owned by – Nicky Coates & John and Stefanie Lawrence**

## Invite Only

**Owned by – Lisa Kent, Joanna Amos, Nicky Coates and Barbara Cooper**

Both our Monart Graduates have returned from Nicky's and are back in action, seemingly a lot more settled into their routine being

turned out over night. The plan is to crack on, starting with the unaffiliated at ALW in April... watch this space!



# FOR SALE:

The gorgeous Eldorado has been sold to talented Junior rider, Maddie Briggs - watch this space!

# IN THE PRESS:

\*BE Eventing life Diary - March / April Issue

\*Check out Horsezone's article "Five minutes with eventer Jodie Amos":  
<http://horsezone.co.uk/news/5-minutes-with-eventer-jodie-amos-4113/>

\*Check out The Gait Post's article "Pro Secrets" : <http://www.thegaitpost.com/jodie-amos/>



# SPONSOR NEWS:

## Equetech

Jodie is really excited to have renewed her sponsorship contract with Equetech clothing. They are currently designing Jodie new competition jackets for show jumping in both tweed and navy blue as well as looking into possible new XC tops. Equetech are also very kindly supporting all Jodie's team with new

performances breeches. They offer a quality range of products in a very competitive price bracket so should you have anything in mind, please check out their website [www.equetech.com](http://www.equetech.com) or speak to Jodie for more information.



## Baban

Baban boutique on the Buttermarket in Thame offer a unique collection of clothing "just a bit different from your usual high street finds, their clothes allow you to express your individual style without blowing the budget!"



Setup by Nicky, Baban clothing has gone from providing Jodie with trot up outfits to pretty much taking over her entire wardrobe! A "must" if you are anywhere near Thame as well as the perfect present for all occasions.

## Horsezone

Horsezone are kindly providing Jodie with all new jackets for both her and the team as well as new branded thermatex rugs for all the horses... smart alert!



## Hai Bike

Thanks to Nick, Hai Bike have started a joint venture with both Jodie and Honesberie Shooting promoting their battery powered electric bikes. Jodie has been given a bike to use for this coming season and believes there is a promising market within the eventing world. Helping you pedal nearly 300% faster, this XC bike will be hugely beneficial at three day events and whilst walking lengthy cross country tracks.



Jodie and Nathan John from HaiBikes

# IN PICTURES:



Fig storming round the XC for 9th place at Oasby OI



Matt jumping a lovely double clear in the BE100 Open at ALW with Vicky



Duette XC schooling with Camille showing her scope and boldness!



Camel riding in Dubai



Cooper & Badger back in work

# DATES FOR

## The Diary:

### APRIL

- [Thursday 2nd](#) - Saturday 4th April - Burnham Market International - OI / CIC \*\*\*
- [Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th April](#) - ALW Unaffiliated BE90 / BE100 / Novice
- [Thursday 16th April](#) - Sapey BE90 / BE100
- [Saturday 18th - Sunday 19th April](#) - Belton International OI / Advanced
- [Friday 24th April](#) - Hambleton BE100
- [Wednesday 29th April](#) - Whitfield BE90 / BE100
- [Saturday 2nd - Sunday 3rd May](#) - Withington OI / Advanced