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Katy storms round to take her NNQ ticket at Onley

Katy Alvis shrugged off the extremely wet conditions to storm round the marathon course and gain her National Novice Qualifier ticket at Midlands Carriagedriving's Onley Grounds club event (25-26 July). Starting the second day's proceedings in third place behind Lesley Tilbury and Grace Smith after dressage and cones, Katy and her pony recorded some super-fast obstacle times to overhaul them and win by over ten penalties from Grace who finished second overall. Grace was driving the only horse in the combined class and had already qualified for the National Championships at Ashfields earlier in the year.

In the club classes Nicola Corby recorded yet another win in the Novice after leading the dressage on 49.63 and holding on with a best cone score for the class and quickest marathon. Despite a corrected course in Obstacle 6, Cathy Gilbert took second place with Rachel Reilly, who recovered from a first phase score of 79.89, in third.

Emma Burton made a welcome return to competition to take second overall in the Intermediate class, having led after dressage on 43.20. However, she had to give best to Cath Brockie when the latter overtook her in both cones and marathon to finish 3.71 penalties ahead. Stephen Trebble, in third, was similarly just 3.62 penalties behind Emma.

A healthy entry in the Open class saw just two complete – and both of these, Claudia Bunn and Gemma Owens, had corrected courses in Obstacle 1. Claudia took the honours with Gemma in second. In the combined Pairs class it was youth over age as Emma Young took the class ahead of Joseph Adams with their seniors, David Wheeldon in third and Ruth Auton – who helped organise the event and arranged a

mountain of goodies from generous sponsors - in fourth. Emma has now completed her required competency certificates and will be out with her pony team before long.

Despite the worsening weather many stayed on to help MC President George Spencer and his wife Peggy celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary by cutting a cake especially commissioned for the occasion. The couple were also presented with a card signed by competitors and supporters as well as a bottle of bubbly.

Full results can be found on: www.midlandscarriagedriving.co.uk

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