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Another great event at Onley for Midlands Carriagedriving.

Another great event hosted by Midlands Carriagedriving was held at Onley Grounds EC (30th – 31st July). With fantastic facilities that include hot showers, clean toilets, on site cafe, tack shop, farm shop, flat parking and permanent obstacles that included water it was no wonder the club had 50+ entries.

Alongside the usual two-day and one-day events, the club was also running National Novice Qualifiers (NNQ) for the National Championships to be held at Cirencester in September and the British Young Drivers (BYD) National Championships.

Some lovely turnouts were presented for the dressage while the 'King of the Cones' competition was won by Megan Wheeldon, a BYD competitor. Mark Riley and Nicola Corby also put in great rounds for the Novice class.

The weather held up for everyone competing in the marathon stage on Sunday. Dry but cool conditions enabled some fantastic driving for all.

In the NNQ class, Neil Edwards, who was in third place after Saturday despite making good time on the cones, stomped round the marathon and finished just a few points behind Mary Jane Campbell. With this performance he has qualified for the championships so we look forward to seeing much more from him.

The NNQ pony class saw Nicola Fallaize and Jane Parsons battling it out, with Nicola staying ahead and taking the win.

The intermediate class was won by Granville Styler, who maintained his lead throughout the competition. The open class saw some ups and downs, but it was Gemma Owens who took the win. The multiple classes were great entertainment with an excellent entry in the pairs class, which included Peter Young's Shires and was won by Emma Burton and her small ponies.

The teams saw some great competition with Angie Smith winning the class with her pony team, followed by Sonny Hillier with his horses.

What a fabulous event; hats off to all who helped organise and run the event and best of luck to the drivers now heading off to the championships. We look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

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