

## BRC Area 16 Winter Dressage Qualifier – Teams Report by Jane Ellis

This year, the Club sent three Teams to the Winter Dressage Qualifier, which was held on 30 October at The Northern Racing School at Rossington near Doncaster. It is quite a way for everyone to travel, but a very easy journey for the horses, straight up the A1. The facilities at Rossington are good and the Qualifier is well organised by East Midlands Dressage Group.

All the horses went really well and the Rutland Ranksborough Team of Rosie Bliss on Blackwater Boy; Lucy Howard on Rushmoor Harriet II; Pam Sellers on Rabijn and Emily Lumb on Donna Melissa won, qualifying for the Winter Championships, which will be held at Hartpury on 7 April 2012. There are no individual placings at the Winter Qualifier, but Rosie was first; Emily third and Lucy fifth and Pam ninth in their respective sections. A brilliant result!

The Rutland Whatborough Team of Sue Scott on Ballintemple Myles; Tamsyn Iveson on Diamond Star and Emily Lumb on Rorie were fifth, with Sue and Tamsyn placed third in their sections

Rutland Burley finished ninth, with Rachel Finch and Middy sixth in their section. Bella Craven and Frank-a-Goodun; Rosie Bliss and Hildebrand and Deirdre Haynes and Fernella Fudge all performed good Tests and certainly deserved a few more marks

Team scores were very close and, as only one Team qualifies for Hartpury, everyone did a fantastic job to head the eighteen Teams competing. It has been a really good season for the Club and the results throughout have been a real credit to everyone and to all the hard work that they put in with their horses