Midlands Carriagedriving congratulates its members' success at the 2015 National Championships

irst of these must go to 74 year-old Geoff Kirby and his lovely coloured mare Peggy who won the Open Horse Championship. Lying third after dressage and second after marathon day, Geoff put up a superb cones round to overhaul overnight leader Lynda Christian.

Reserve Champion in this class went to Sara Clough who has frequently been up against Geoff in national competitions this season.

Another club member who became a 2015 National Champion is Sue Mart in the Advanced Single Pony. Sue also recorded the Best Dressage of the whole event – 35.31.

Amanda Hawley, wife of club treasurer Mike, was crowned Reserve Intermediate Horse Champion while British Young Driver Megan Wheeldon put up a fine performance to finish third in the Novice Horse Championship.

This was an extra special achievement for Megan as she up-sized from pony to horse mid-season.

Para-equestrian Lucy Barclay finished fifth behind Megan.

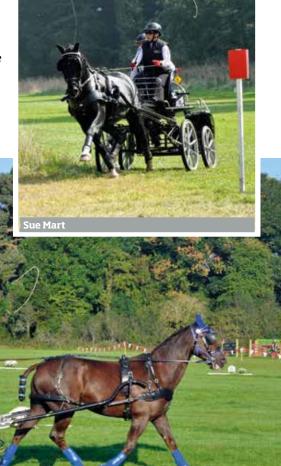
Other club members to make their mark were Stephen Trebble, seventh in Intermediate Pony, Dave Smith, fifth in Open Pony, Megan's father David, ninth in Open Pony Pairs, and Christine Jamieson, seventh in Horse Fours.

Although not members, other regular competitors at Midlands' events who did well were the Scottish contingent of

Louise Kailholm, Reserve Open Pony Pairs Champion, Amanda Nisbet, fourth in the same class, and Amanda's husband John who also finished fourth in Open Horse.

Joseph Adams was sixth in Open Pony Pairs and Mark Broadbent finished fifth in Horse Fours.

Club Chairman Dave West said: "Everyone at Midlands sends their heartiest congratulations; it's great to know that our club continues to produce National Champions while still catering for all levels at our two and one-day events."



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