

# The Reddocks family enjoying their Bennington

By Mandy Reddock

We bought "Just Jasper" in October 2008 from Jim Ellesmore who originally sold us our other 14.2hh Welsh Cob gelding "Ben James". Selling Ben in January 2008 (as he was getting too small for my daughter Emma to ride) to his new owner (Jane Parsons at Minta Winns yard in Horsham, West Sussex) meant we were horseless and had to find a replacement.

I had been invited on a number of rallies with Jim and had always admired "Jasper" and when he told me that he was selling him, I asked for first refusal. Thankfully we were able to come to an agreement on price and Jasper joined the Reddock family in October 2008.



Jasper is a 15.3hh Welsh Cob x Hackney 9 year old gelding. Since we have had him we have broken him to ride and the whole family takes great enjoyment from riding him – although occasionally we squabble as to whose turn it is! Jasper has been driving from a very early age but had never been in a show until last year when I drove him at a show in Hay on Wye. My only goal was for him to stay in the ring and behave himself – which he did and performed brilliantly, winning every class he went entered and becoming Champion.



Since Jasper joined us we have been to a couple of club rallies and we have just taken him to his second show, with all three of the Reddock family driving him. The show was the Hereford and District Driving Group Spring Show held at Hereford Race Course on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May.

First up was Emma, who won the Junior Whip class. Husband Tony was next to win the Novice whip class (he had never competed in his life and was very nervous - but we were very proud of him). Finally I went on in the afternoon to win the Exercise class and was awarded Champion Exercise vehicle and then became Reserve Supreme Champion of the show! A brilliant day was had by all even though we were very tired (including Jasper!!) We still haven't come down off cloud nine – made all the more special to see Jim at the show who was so very proud of Jasper and his new family.

Jasper has become a real family horse and hopefully will be at the Reddock home for many years.

