

Sisters finish seventh in world championships

LONG BENNINGTON sisters Sue Mart and Wendy Palfrey achieved an excellent seventh place in the world combined pony championships in Germany.

Support crew Erica Hine from Dry Doddington, driver Mart, back stepper Palfrey and horse Steppers Viceroy — nicknamed Zac — took on the world's best carriage drivers in the picturesque town of Greven.

The first day saw Great Britain coach Wilf Bowmna-Ripley preparing his team for the final trot-up and inspection, and the initial discipline of

the event saw Zac fluid and confident in the dressage to claim an initial sixth place.

That was followed by the marathon competition, watched by 15,000 spectators, with Zac again performing superbly through the eight obstacle sections as the team finished in sixth position again.

The final element, the cones, again saw a fine display as Mart, Palfrey and Zac finished seventh overall — the highest placed Great Britain competitors.

Mart and Palfrey (on left) are directors of Bennington Carriages, manufacturers of horse drawn carriages based in Long Bennington.

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