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# Murcott Side Saddle & Concours d'Elegance Show

**Manor Farm, Whitecross Green, Murcott, Oxfordshire OX5 2RF**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021, entries close 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021**

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This is an informal, fun, show where help and advice will be given. Habits need not be worn in classes 1 and 2, but smart competition dress code should be used where habits are not worn. Horses/ponies may be shared in classes 1 & 2. All classes are open to all, you do not need to be a member.

**Safety hats to current safety standards as defined in Rules 11 and 12 below must be worn whilst mounted by all Junior competitors at all times and by any Adult competitor in Classes 1 & 2. For all other classes see Rule 12 (Adults) below.**

## **Ring One – Side Saddle Association classes on surfaced arena**

**Judge: Mrs Louise Graham**

### **Class 1 – Novice Walk & Trot**

Aimed at absolute novice riders, lead rein riders, and/or horses new to side saddle. Honesty is appreciated in the spirit of a novice show. Riders may choose to show canter in their individual show but it is not required. Habits need not be worn and horses may be shared

### **Class 2 - Novice Equitation Class**

Open to Adult and Junior riders who have never competed in a Side Saddle Equitation Qualifying Class. A short simple show will be required. Habits need not be worn, and horses may be shared (*Qualifying Points for Equitation Championship classes at the National Show are not awarded in this class*)

### **Class 3 - The Side Saddle Association EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS ADULT QUALIFYING CLASS**

Run under SSA rules defined in the current Members' Handbook. Open to SSA Adult Members and NonMembers aged 18 or over on 1st January of the current year. Members carrying their current Championship Points Cards are eligible for SSA rosettes to 3rd place and SSA Championship Points. A rosette in memory of The Late Mr R Philpot is offered to the Adult Member, judged to be the best turned out.

### **Class 4 – The Side Saddle Association EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR QUALIFYING CLASS**

Run under SSA rules defined in the current Members' Handbook. Open to SSA Junior Members and NonMembers aged under 18 on 1st January of the current year. Members carrying their current Championship Points Cards are eligible for SSA rosettes to 3rd place and SSA Championship Points. Southernden Farm offers a rosette to the highest placed Member aged under 14 on 1st January of the current year. Manor Grange Stud Show Centre offer a rosette to the Junior Member, judged to be the best turned out.

### **Class 5 - BEST HORSE OR PONY RIDDEN SIDE SADDLE**

Open to horses and ponies 4 years old or over: conformation & manners will be taken into consideration; horses/ponies will not be stripped. A Special rosette will be awarded to the highest placed Adult and Junior Members of the SSA carrying their current Championship Points Cards. The Highest placed coloured exhibit ridden by a competitor aged 16yrs or over (who has not already qualified) receives a Special Rosette and qualifies for the Side Saddle Final at the CHAPS Championship Show. Open to any type of exhibit. Riders/Owners need not be a member or their exhibit registered with CHAPS at the time of qualification, but in order to compete at the Championships, the Rider/Owner must be a showing member and their horse/pony registered with CHAPS before entering the final. Lead Rein competitors are eligible for this class. Leaders must be correctly dressed.

### **Class 6 - SIDE SADDLE CONCOURS d'ÉLÉGANCE**

The sole criterion for this class is the elegance of the picture presented by horse and rider. Attention may be paid to the rider's personal appearance, but detailed inspection of rider or tack is not required. Fancy dress or period costume is not permitted. Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter. No individual show is required, but the Judge may ask groups of 3 or 4 riders to give short displays. A Special rosette will be awarded to the highest placed Adult and Junior Members of the SSA carrying their current Championship Points Cards. N.B. Silk hats are permitted to be worn by Adults IN THIS CLASS AT ANY TIME OF DAY. Juniors must wear hats to current Safety standards or above for this class. Adult riders not wearing such hats do so at their own risk.

### **Class 7 - SADDLE COSTUME CONCOURS d'ÉLÉGANCE**

The sole criterion for this class is the elegance of the picture presented by horse/pony and rider, and the way of going of the horse/pony. Safe tack must be used. Detailed inspection of the rider's period costume is not required. Fancy dress is not permitted. Competitors are required to walk, trot and canter. No individual show is required, but the judge may ask small groups of 3 or 4 riders to give short displays. A Special rosette will be awarded to the highest placed Adult and Junior Members of the SSA carrying their current Championship Points Card. Competitors should produce a brief résumé about their costumes for the Commentator. Juniors must wear hats to current Safety Standard or above for this class. Adult riders not wearing such hats do so at their own risk.

## **Ring Two – Concours d'Elegance Classes on grass arena**

**Judge: Mrs Loretta Niblo**

### **Class 8 Concours d'Elegance Ridden astride**

Open to astride riders only. Costumes can be professionally or home-made. A resume detailing your costume is appreciated but not mandatory.

### **Class 9 Concours d'Elegance Homemade Costume**

Primarily home-made costume although ready-made jackets may be worn and embellished. A resume detailing your costume is appreciated but not mandatory.

### **Class 10 Concours d'Elegance In Hand**

Open to in hand competitors wearing either professionally made or home-made costumes. A resume detailing your costume is appreciated but not mandatory.

First, second and third placed horses/ponies not already qualified in eligible classes will qualify for the Champion of Britain Title class to be held at Arena UK, Grantham on Sunday 5th September 2021. If a horse/pony has already qualified, cards may be handed down to 6th place at judge's discretion. Each qualified horse/pony will receive a qualification card in the ring which will enable the owner to enter the Championship Show, provided the owner and rider/handler are, or become registered with the Concours d'Elegance Society within 21 days of the qualifying show. No horse registration is required. For up to date information telephone the secretary on 07960 107 111 or see [www.eqconcoursegb.com](http://www.eqconcoursegb.com)

**Competitor's Guidelines** These guidelines are for both Judges and Competitors to ensure we are all working towards the same standards to create a fairer way of judging and competition.

1. Hats to BRC current standards must always be worn when mounted by ALL junior riders (under 18 years), with the chinstrap secured. Top hats, bowlers and costume hats may be worn by adult riders, and a disclaimer must be signed if you choose not to wear a safety hat. The Society shall accept no responsibility for riders choosing NOT to wear an approved hard hat. Please refer to the shows own rules which may require ALL riders to wear safety headwear and overrule the rules of The Society. Hat bands create a more elegant look if made to match the costume however, some people are very creative with over-hats but they can look out of proportion with some costumes.

2. Ridden Novice Classes are performed in walk only – no trotting at all in these classes. In hand classes – walk and a short trot from front to back of group. All ridden classes (excluding the novice class) are walk and trot in the 'go round'. The class will be judged with competitors at walk and trot with consideration to ability, on both reins. Canter may be shown in the individual show, but it is entirely at the rider's discretion. Ladies can execute their show in sitting trot to create a more elegant picture, however the comfort of the horse and rider should be the first consideration.

3. Plumes are not permitted on horse's heads as these were traditionally used for funeral and circus work only.

4. The aim is to give a correct presentation for the chosen historical period. Concours d'Elegance is a costume competition, not fancy dress or 'cosplay'. The picture created should represent history perhaps depicting a film, painting or period drama. Any historic/traditional period may be portrayed up to the 1950's. Costume, tack, rider and horse/pony will be taken into consideration.

5. Participants enter individually, if an unmounted leader is required, he/she may wear correct costume for the period and their role.

6. Inspection of the costume and horse tack will take place when the class is lined up. Details such as silhouette, fabric (colour, trimmings, weight and materials) appropriate style and drape will be examined. Period make-up may be included to help create the 'look'. Appropriate accessories may include jewelry, hairstyle and headwear, bag, belt, footwear, etc. Veils are acceptable as the overall look is often designed to create the look of a rider riding side saddle. No jodhpurs or boots should be visible unless they form part of the costume.

7. Horse Tack: Bits and saddles **MUST** be safe and fit the horse. Any suitable tack is acceptable, and you may wish to use themed tack to enhance your costume. Decorated and embellished browbands are acceptable for any type of horse/pony. The welfare of the horse and safety of the rider is always paramount.

8. Competitors are encouraged to submit a brief resume about their costume, for the commentator and/or judge.

9. Costumes should be tasteful, traditional and have the wow factor. No flesh should be on show ie no bare arms or cleavage. Concours is meant to replicate wearing your 'Sunday Best'. It is not a competition sparkle and bling.

10. In hand classes: Competitors should enter the arena on the left rein to enable the judge to get a clear view of your costume and not obscured by the horse or pony.

11. The Judge's decision is final. All classes are judged on the overall picture of elegance with a strong historical influence.

12. Please remember that the possession of a sense of humour, fair play and good sportsmanship are mandatory for all involved at these shows. Please try and remember that a smile and a good word demonstrates the height of humility and good manners, which are always in fashion.

### **Rosettes.**

Three tier rosettes to sixth place in all classes.



Please enter online at [www.showingscene.com](http://www.showingscene.com)

**Entry fees:** £10 per class; Entries received after 23<sup>rd</sup> June will be accepted subject to availability at a premium of £5. No entries accepted on the day.

**Show Secretary:** Mrs Emma Richardson-Steele Telephone: 07960 107 111 (evenings only before 9pm) email: [emma@emmarichardsonsteele.com](mailto:emma@emmarichardsonsteele.com)

**Directions:** Manor Farm, Whitecross Green, Murcott, Oxfordshire, OX5 2RF

**From the A41:**

From the Bicester ring road turn onto Aylesbury Road, A41. Turn right towards Ambrosden. Continue through Ambrosden on Ploughley Road. Bear right onto Norris Road passing through Arncott. Bear right onto Murcott Road. Turn right at T junction. Turn left into Manor Farm approximately ½ mile after the T-junction and follow signs to parking area.

**From the A420 Headington Roundabout:**

Take the exit on to Bayswater Road; at the mini roundabout continue forward. At the T-junction turn right on to the B4027 and immediately turn left. Turn right onto Church Lane; continue forward on to Horton Hill. Turn left onto Brill Road. At the next junction, turn left down Panshill. Continue past T-junction. Manor Farm will be on your left after ½ mile. Follow signs to the parking area.

***We wish to thank Stephen Whidborne for allowing us to hold this show on his premises. We would also like to thank our Judges, Stewards and helpers for giving their time to help at this show.***

**Rules**

1. Classes may be divided for the purposes of preliminary judging if numbers require
2. Judges' decisions are final
3. **Entries close 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021** - LATE ENTRIES will be accepted if classes are not already full, at an additional cost of £5.00 each.
4. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry and to alter, amalgamate or cancel classes
5. Dogs to be kept in or near lorries/cars
6. There will be no ambulance in attendance although there will be trained First Aiders on the showground
7. All competitors and those in attendance are reminded of their individual responsibilities with regard to Health & Safety, not only to themselves but others on the show ground. This responsibility extends to safe parking of vehicles and management of horses/ponies
8. No responsibility will be accepted by the organisers or Manor Farm for any accident howsoever it is caused
9. Withdrawals: Refunds will only be processed on receipt of a doctor's or vet's certificate with a reduction of £5 to cover fees and administration costs.
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