

# EQUESTRIANISM

## Elizabeth's charges do mentor proud

British pony Chef d'Equipe Elizabeth Mills pupils wiped the board in all but one class when Poplars Equestrian centre hosted their first show of the season

Twelve-year-old Alicia Patrick won both novices as well as the highest percentage of the day (71.29pc) riding Dutch/Welsh stallion Schermeer Hof Arendsoog. The combination are now part qualified for the British Dressage Regionals.

"My aim this year is to qualify Ari for the nationals" said Alicia. "I also want to get a place on the pony training squad for the Europeans in 2011 in November. I've only had Ari a few months but he is such a lovely boy in the stable and to ride."

Local competitor Sophie Rodgers won both Elementaries on Grane Venice a 13-year-old trakkener mare.

"Our percentages have increased massively since Elizabeth has been training us and I'm really hoping to qualify for the Regionals in August now," she said. "These are the highest percentages I've ever achieved."

The Mills dynasty also filled second and third in the elementary classes, both second places in the novice competitions and two spots in each of the preliminary classes.