

POPLARS

By Ruth Pearce

MANDY Baldwin partnered Christian IV to a double win at elementary with 68.4% and 71.7% in Norfolk on 9 January, with the pair earning eights for their simple changes and medium trot work.

The freelance human resources consultant keeps the 12-year-old bay at DIY livery. She goes up to the yard to ride in the morning at 5am before going to work.

"It's our first outing for five months and the best he's gone for ages," said Mandy, who shares ownership of the British-bred Belgian Warmblood with Alison Standley, giving credit to



Mandy Baldwin and Christian IV take two elementaries at Poplars

her trainer Pippa Childerhouse.

Riding on home territory, Mark Mills partnered his own Tavarix to complete their medium qualification on scores of up to 69.18%.

The seven-year-old Dutch-bred

gelding was broken to ride 18 months ago, having previously been driven. Mark trains with Ulla Salzgeber as well as having help from his wife Elizabeth, with whom he runs Poplars.