

# Attlee scores a hat-trick

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By Jo Prestwich

KATE ATTLEE took three out of three at Kingswood Equestrian Centre to start 2009 in grand style. Win number one came with Ann Willetts' chestnut gelding Corbiere. Kate's own Stein produced the double in the advanced medium qualifier, before Sarah Outwin's Lochness rounded off in the PSG.

"It was perfect — that

completed Corbiere's summer qualification," said Kate. "Stein needed the outing and I got to ride the new PSG through, too."

Kate resorted to borrowing another two-horse lorry alongside her own to ferry the horses there.

"It was like a fleet of Mr Whippy vans," she said.

Polly Stockton brought her eventers down from Malpas to compete in the advanced medium 94, winning with Tom Quigley and finishing third with Regulus, both of whom are being aimed at

Badminton. It was a first outing since Badminton last year for Quigley.

"It was good to get them both out and knock off the rust that has set in over the winter," said Polly, who, in view of the extreme temperatures at Kingswood, was

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**Polly Stockton** on an outing with her eventers

sensibly kitted out in her hunting coat.

"I was pleased with them both, but I definitely need to get out and do some more," she added.

Jean Gow won both prelims with plus-70% scores riding Corrib Blue Vinney. The six-year-old Irish-bred evented last year up to pre-novice level, initially with Jean and then with Marcus Reid in the saddle.

"He qualified for the Pavo championships [he finished sixth] and I didn't want to let him down, so I let Marcus have the ride," said Jean. "This is the first

affiliated dressage I have done in a million years, but then I am a million years old!"

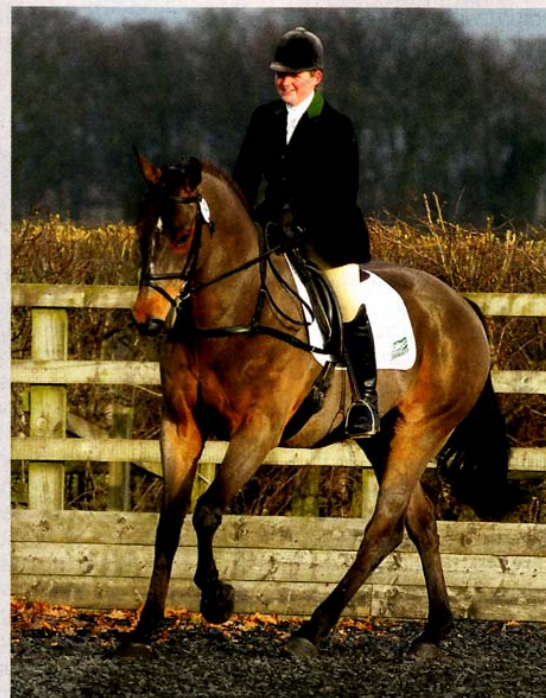
The plan this year is to combine dressage and eventing.

"I will start him off eventing again and then let Marcus take over when he goes novice," said Jean, who bought the horse as an unbroken three-year-old through Janet Green.

"Janet was going to Goresbridge so I asked her to buy me a grey as nice as my old horse Finn — and she bought me the perfect horse."



Kate Attlee cleans up at Kingswood, riding one of her three winners here, Corbiere



Polly Stockton wins with Badminton contender Tom Quigley