

# Lidar's showing good form

DAVENTRY-BASED rider Anna Lidar was in great form at the Sansaw Park International Augustus CIC international one-day event, which drew a quality entry to the Shropshire venue.

The Swedish born rider was competing in a field that included European squad members Oliver Townend and Polly Stockton and clinched fourth spot in one section of the CIC.

Her partner was the locally-bred bay gelding Blue Touch-

paper, who is owned by Brackley based Annabel Smyth-Osbourne.

"Annabel bred Blue Touchpaper as a racehorse, but when he was six it was decided he wasn't going to be good enough and he was sent to me to event instead," said Lidar.

"He's a lovely horse. He is 17.1hh but he doesn't feel that big and is quite light."

The pair began their challenge with a "pleasing" dressage test that saw them well up

## Equestrian

with the leaders and then faced the testing cross country course.

"When I walked the course I thought it was difficult but my horse attacked everything and nothing really worried him," said Lidar.

"He jumped a lovely clear with just 1.2 time penalties. I was really pleased as it was his

biggest ever test and there were a lot of questions asked, with plenty to jump."

Luck slightly deserted the duo in the show jumping phase, where they had two fences down to cost them a possible second spot.

"Blue Touchpaper had the very first fence down and another later on, but the course was causing quite a lot of problems and we actually moved up from our position after cross country," added Lidar.

"There were only four clears in the whole section. It had turned into a warm day by then and I think the horses became a little tired in the heat."

Lidar now plans to aim the 10-year-old at the Blair Castle CCI three-day event in Scotland in late August, if "all goes to plan".

She is in action at the Yorkshire staged Bramham CCI three-day event this weekend where she will be riding the 15-year-old bay Double Dealer.



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## Trampolining News

# Harris flies high to land first gold of her career

**A SUPERB display by Amanda Harris in the last grade one event of the season gained the youngster her first ever gold medal finish at the top level.**

Harris put on a score of 86.9 to topple her nearest rival by 0.8, boosting morale before next month's national finals in Birmingham.

Harris' team-mate Katie Mitchell had to settle for eighth place after an error in her final routine left her down the pack.

Buoyed by her first place finish last time out, the 17-year-old went into the final round in second place, but hit the side frame on move four and ended with a score of 61.9.

William Howell made up 0.4 over his closest chal-

lenger going into the final round to leapfrog into second position with a score of 85.1.

Howell has been in good form since his return from injury, and took home a silver medal for his troubles.

Helen Kirby's haul of 83.8 was enough to earn her silver medal in the over-19 ladies.

Kirby was nearly a whole mark clear of third place to net a second place finish.

Fresh from her exploits at the European youth championships, Yasmin Gumbs made it a successful two weeks with qualification to the ladies national championships.

Gumbs refrained from entering any ladies events to concentrate on her preparations for the Europeans, and the gamble paid off as

she gained the exact qualifying score needed to compete in the event next month.

The 16-year-old chalked up a score of 58.5, which netted her second place for the day.

The Northants Academy under-17 girl's team picked up first place by 4.3 marks.

Penny Mitchell's third place was the highest of the foursome with Victoria Payne (6th), Rebecca Pedley (7th) and Hannah Moriarty (17th) all putting in good performances to secure the win.

Katie McKenzie's fourth place helped the under 15 girls to a third place team finish. Erin Basford (23rd) and Sophie Gardner (30th) put in the other result that secured a bronze medal for the team.



HEADING TO THE NATIONALS - Yasmin Gumbs

# Tomlinson a Welland Valley winner

**PAUL TOMLINSON** took gold in the annual Welland Valley CC three stage time trial last week.

Tomlinson took two out of the three stages and finished runner up in the other to earn the crown of overall winner.

Gavin Hinxman staked a claim in the first race with victory over Tomlinson in four minutes 23 seconds over the 1.8 mile flat course.

Hinxman was just three tenths of a second faster than the champion, with

## Cycling

Matt Plews finishing in 4.26.01, gifting him third spot after the first round.

The second stage was taken by Tomlinson in the absence of the current leader, Plews again finished behind and Phil Rayner grabbed third spot.

The 17 miles two-up race provided the final stage for riders, and the duo of Phil Rayner and Paul Tomlinson took first spot

in a time of 40.51. Matt Plews and Luke Marlow in 41.58 were the second pairing home.

The result left Tomlinson first overall with Phil Rayner, Matt Plews, Chris Begley and Chris Hyde all making up places second to fifth respectively.

**GRAHAM DOLBY** continued his run of wins in the A45 Club 10 at Earls Barton.

Dolby was beaten by guest riders Stu-

art Wright and Sam Barker, who raced two up to record a time of 19.56, but was top of the pile when it came to club riders with a time of 21.53.

Robert Swannack was second in a time of 22.08 and Brian Carlin managed to pick up the bronze medal position with a time of 22.44.

The trio of Simon Fitzhugh (24.12), Tim Caine (24.17) and Ian Donald (24.25) all came home in personal best times.

# Belcher power downs Crows

## Tenpin bowling

**THREE ZERO ZERO** faced Crows Feet in a match the saw the Zeros taking all 17 points thanks to an excellent 546 series from Denise Belcher.

Rob Robinson bowled a 367 for the now bottom-of-the-table Crows Feet.

Rolling Home rolled home with a 12-5 win over Lucky Strikes, Pete Wellburn hitting a 491 for the victors and Brian Harrop a 373 for the Strikes.

On Credit and The Ladybirds fought out the basement battle this week, with On Credit winning 10-7 thanks to Will Banfield's 428, Philomena Sloman replying with a 398 for the Ladybirds.

Fourth-placed KFC saw off the challenge of sixth-placed Three Bs 11.5-5.5, Steve Jefford top scoring for the Bs with a 491 series.

Nigel Boddington scored a 378 to help The Terminators beat Castlemaine 11-6

Ed Talbutt replied with a 408 but to no avail.

Second and third-placed teams, Team Phoenix and The Young Ones fought out an 8.5-8.5 draw, Dale Blunt bowling a 522 form team Phoenix, and Paul Mellor a 571 for The Young Ones.

Leaders Babyshoes extended their advantage with a 13-4 victory over Nemesis, Gordon Ball hitting a 496 series for Nemesis, but a very good 652 from Glen Griffiths saw Babyshoes home.

The Tuesday Night Ten Pin Bowling League is always looking for new players, if you would like to come along and have a look, then please do so.

Go to The Bowl at Sixfields on Tuesday night at 6.30pm and ask for Tag, Maureen or Dale.

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Tuesday Night Ten Bowling League						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Babyshoes.....	15	12	0	3	194.5	60.5
Team Phoenix.....	15	10	1	4	172	83
The Young Ones.....	15	9	1	5	161	94
K.F.C.....	15	12	0	3	149	106
Nemesis.....	15	10	0	5	138	117
Three B's.....	15	9	0	6	138	117
Terminators.....	15	9	0	6	136	119
Rolling Home.....	15	8	0	7	135	120
Castlemaine.....	15	7	0	8	124.5	130.5
Three Zero Zero.....	15	7	0	8	121.5	133.5
Lucky Strikes.....	15	5	0	10	114	141
Triple X.....	15	3	0	12	99	156
Ladybirds.....	15	4	0	11	93.5	161.5
On Credit.....	15	3	0	12	75	180
Crows Feet.....	15	4	0	11	66	189

**FOOTBALL:** Heathfield Rangers FC are looking for new players for the forthcoming season. Anybody interested in turning out for the Northants Sunday Combination Division Six outfit should contact Nick on Northampton 712690, or 07915 203557.