

# London's Playboy Played to Win

Mote End Farm Hunter Trials, 21st October  
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The weather could not have been better for the inaugural Mote End Farm Hunter Trial. Mike McCombe built the cross country course which was designed by the farm's British Eventing Accredited trainer Ross Algar. "We firstly had an in-house event as a warm up," explained Mike "but today has been wonderful as we have had lots of riders who have never been here before, so we are very pleased. Next year we hope to be involved in the BHS qualifying series and British Eventing are going to come over to inspect our course to see if they

was starting to get a bit slippery." Hettie Colchester riding Symphony was over the moon to claim the honours in the Novice with good reason. "I have had endless injury problems with her," said Hettie "so the fact we were able to compete at all is amazing. She is also a little bit tricky and this is the first time at a cross country course that I have not fallen off! To have gone clear and to have won is such a fantastic achievement for us. Over the first few fences we were fine and she galloped straight through the water. I knew that the hardest

*Hettie Colchester and Symphony winners Novice  
Photo JNA Photography*



*Kelly Turner and London's Playboy winners Open*

coffin I had a good chance of going clear. If I had realised I was going to be that little bit over the time I would not have tried to hold her back so much as she was so up for it today." Angie Andrews and her 18 year old Hanoverian Guardsman II took

second. "He might be 18, but he still thinks he is a two year old," said Angie. "He was given to me as he proved too strong for his owner. He loves cross country so much and whilst I was a bit worried about the narrow fence it did not bother him.

*Olivia Timms and Shandaem Pippaley second Open and second Pairs with Morgan Saper and Flying Tinker*



would like to hold an intro type event in the future, which we are very excited about." Kelly Turner and her homebred eight year old London's Playboy cruised to victory in the Open to close what has been a good season's eventing at Novice level. "We came here today, as a kind of end of season outing," said Kelly who after the birth of her baby in February hopes to step up to Intermediate level. "I was really pleased with the way he performed although the ground

**"We had a great time today and it was just such good fun and the course was fantastic and the going good."**  
*Olivia Timms*

thing for me was getting her back for the narrow fence after the bunker as we don't always have very good brakes but she was brilliant. She was also good up the steps and over the ski jump. I tried to take it steady down to the corner as I was worried about her slipping down the hill. She hates walking down hill let alone cantering, but again she jumped it very well. She can also be a bit funny about ditches, so I rode her positively over the trakehner and she just powered through the coffin as if it was not there. I knew once we had got over the