



**SPRING 2026**

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## Introducing Vet Esme Morris BVMedSci (Hons) BVM BVS MRCVS

We are absolutely delighted to welcome Esme to the Avonvale Equine team! Esme graduated from the University of Nottingham in 2024 and then completed an internship at The Donkey Sanctuary in Devon before joining Avonvale.

Esme enjoys all aspects of first opinion practice but is particularly interested in welfare, critical care, behaviour and dental work. She is always especially excited to work with Donkeys.

Outside of work Esme will most likely be found having an adventure with her cocker spaniel Chase. They love running, wild swimming, hiking, climbing and travelling together. Previously Esme enjoyed showjumping and eventing with her lively thoroughbred who is now retired. Esme loves to spend time with her gypsy cob too, who is a big character!



## Client Evening Round up

We recently held our Spring Client Evening at Moreton Morrell College Equine Centre and were delighted to welcome so many of our clients and friends along for a number of excellent interactive sessions.

We covered dentistry and use of the oroscope, worming advice, bandaging and dealing with emergencies—what our vets look out for. Here are some photos of the evening with our guests really getting involved.



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Mon-Fri 8:30am - 5:00pm

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# Introducing our New Brand Ambassadors for 2026

We are thrilled to announce our new Brand Ambassadors for this year. These riders will be flying the flag for Avonvale Equine Practice alongside some of our 2025 riders and we will be posting regular updates on our social media channels. Please do follow us on Facebook and Instagram if you don't already.

## Holly Fitzerman



Holly competes her 10yr Maxi cob mare Molly in showing and dressage. They have recently joined the showing register with their HOYS package to hopefully qualify for HOYS and the Amateur of the year championship .

They both did very well last year in the unaffiliated showing classes finishing 1st and 2nd, and overall champion.

Last year they were very successful in the unaffiliated dressage scoring an average of 67% in prelim and are planning on joining British Dressage this year to progress up the levels.

Holly regularly has lessons with Mark Townsend who is a Grand Prix dressage rider and coach. He has helped both Holly and Molly the past two years with their training.

## Lauren Fletcher



Lauren is Mum to Junior Brand Ambassador Aaliyah so they are both flying the flag for Avonvale this year!

Lauren competes on her homebred 'Niamh' regularly in Showjumping and Team Chasing. They started Showjumping about a year ago and went to British Showjumping National Champs in the summer and competed in the KBIS Club Championships, coming 4th in both the 80 & 90.

Their favourite thing to do however is Team Chasing. Niamh is Lauren's horse of a lifetime, her Dam was Lauren's Pony Club eventer when she was a teenager. They started competing about 18 months or so ago and Lauren's children all ride her too.

## Megan Murphy



Local rider 16 year old Megan has two horses, Tilly and Dennis. Sadly Tilly broke her leg in the Summer of '24 and had to retire. Dennis is a 6 year old, 16:2 Anglo-European gelding, who's incredibly affectionate and loves jumping. They have been concentrating mainly on flatwork. At home they tend to focus on grids and building his confidence with bigger and 'scarier' fences. At competitions they've stuck to 80, 90, to work on getting everything perfect and he's shining with potential.

Megan signed up for 2 ODEs last summer and Dennis really shone before hitting a rough patch. This year Megan plans to get out and about as much as possible. It is a huge family team effort with much sacrifice from Megan's parents, who both are a huge support as Megan is still studying hard in 6th form. Megan works as a freelance groom every weekend and in school holidays, so keeps exceptionally busy.

## Harriet Billyeald



17 Year old Harriet lives in Warwick and competes regularly with the North Warwickshire PC and British Eventing. Riding since she was 2, Harriet competes on her horse Barum Peter Pan "Pete", who she's had for around 3 years and enjoys competing in a range of disciplines. Last summer proved to be very successful, competing in the PC90, qualifying for the Pony Club National Champs where they were placed first.

Other achievements included; Qualifying for ACE Arena Eventing at Aintree Equestrian Centre, North Warwickshire memorial award for the "Eventer of the Year", Burghley International show jumping with the North Warwickshire Pony Club (1m), Eventers Challenge at Blenheim International Horse Show and 2nd at BE90 at Moreton Morrell

Harriet has also been working with a new loan horse "Gettabuck" who is an ex-racehorse and we look forward to following Harriet's season with Pete and Gettabuck.

## Seraphina Hadrill-Rankin (Junior)



Seraphina is 12 years old and with equestrian and farming in the blood, she has always been around animals big and small, since she was a baby.

She currently represents Arnold Lodge School equestrian team and North Warwickshire Pony Club in show jumping, cross country, dressage and pony care competitions. She also competes in National Schools Equestrian Association competitions and has also competed in Pony Club Tetrathon.

Seraphina is currently working towards Pony Club - C training pony care and this along with all her other activities makes for one very busy rider! With a love of all animals, Seraphina's world revolves around her equestrian passions and her ambition is to work with animals in the future. We have no doubt she would be perfect for that type of profession.

## Aaliyah Fletcher (Junior)



11 year old Aaliyah mainly competes in Showjumping, Eventing and recently started Team Chasing. She's an active member of the North Warwickshire PC, representing the Branch last year at championships in 4 different disciplines.

Aaliyah had an amazing 2025 with her pony River. She was nominated the best girl at the Area Horse and Pony Care qualifier (which her and her team mates won). She stepped up to 80 for the first time at Area show jumping with 4 fabulous clear rounds, helping her 70 team to 1st place and qualify and the 80 team to qualify for champs also. At Regional Championships her team came 1st. She stepped in to help the mounted games team who were a rider down throughout the season and qualified for the championships. Aaliyah also competed at the BS National Champs in the Club champs at 70 and also the Academy Team champs representing area 30. She then started team chasing competing at the Cotswold Mini team chase with her friends jumping round clear.

## Hattie Sentence (Junior)



10 year old Hattie has owned her pony, Brynseion Goronwy (Sid) for just over a year and are members of the North Warwickshire Pony Club, regularly enjoy getting out and about competing at local shows and Pony Club rallies.

Since partnering with Sid, Hattie's confidence has grown enormously. Sid is a typical cheeky Welsh pony where finding the brakes took a little time (and still does!). Over the past year, Hattie has progressed from nervously cantering and popping tiny cross poles to confidently flying around on Sid and jumping much bigger courses. Show jumping is her favourite discipline, and this summer she is aiming to jump 90cm.

Hattie and Sid are very much looking forward to getting out competing again this year.

## Ava Canning (Junior)



Ava is 13 and has a pony called Ringo, a 9 yo 14.1 Standardbred. He is a rescue pony from Redwings and Ava has owned him for just over two years. He is kept at the lovely Lynwood Stud in Wolston, our partner yard.

They are part of North Warwickshire Pony Club and the highlight of their year is attending Pony Club Camp in the summer. The two of them love show jumping and qualified for the Regional Championships at Kelsall Hill last August for the 70cm and then following on by coming team first! This year they are stepping up to competing at 80cm, having had their first qualifying competition recently and another at the start of March for arena eventing.

# Spotlight on Vaulting by Vet Carys Morgan

## What is vaulting?

Vaulting is a fun and vibrant sport combining horsemanship with dance, gymnastics and music. As well as training and learning new skills there are also growing opportunities to compete within the sport both in the UK and abroad. Vaulting is one of the 7 FEI disciplines, in the UK vaulting is governed by British Equestrian Vaulting which falls under our umbrella governing body of British Equestrian.

We are lucky enough to have a few clubs within our local area, one of which is run by one of our vets, Carys.

Midlands Equestrian Vaulting is a relatively new club, run by Carys. After retiring from 12 years of competing within the sport both nationally and as part of the British team, Carys decided to set up the club. She is a level 3 vaulting coach and is assisted in training sessions by former teammate and level 2 coach, Felix.

The club is based just outside Stratford Upon Avon, we currently have 2 vaulting horses, Chester a 17.2hh Irish Sport Horse, and Andy a 16.2hh thoroughbred who is just learning the ropes but is proving to be very good at his new job.

## What to expect from a vaulting session?

Sessions begin with a warm up on the floor working on fitness, strength and flexibility, we then progress to learn and perfect moves on our barrel, a static “horse”, this is where we spend a lot of time during our sessions ensuring that the moves we perform on the horse are safe and secure for both the vaulters and the horse. We then progress to practice moves on the horse.

## How to get involved?

Midlands Equestrian Vaulting are currently taking on new vaulters aged from 6 to 11 years old, please email [midlandsvaulting@gmail.com](mailto:midlandsvaulting@gmail.com) for more information on sessions we have available.



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