RIDER: WILLIAM FOX-PITT

HORSE:
24 NAVIGATOR, chesnut gelding, 17.0 hh, 1999, *s:* Keltrice, *d:* Royal Mistress*, Breed:* TB, *Country of Birth:* Australia
Owners: **Barts Ladies & Mrs Jane Walter**, Sturminster Newton, Dorset

A leading British international rider and last year's World number one, William with a stable of top horses had a choice of five entries for this year's Badminton Horse trials.
William has topped the world rankings three times (2002, 2008 & 2010) and been British number one seven times – he lost the accolade to Oliver Townend in 2009 and last year he was second in the BE rankings. He has won seven team gold and two individual silver medals at European championships as well as Olympic team silver (2004) and bronze (2008). Last year at the WEG in Lexington he added World Championship team gold and individual silver to his tally. He is one of only three riders to have won Burghley on five occasions and in 2004 achieved his ambition of winning Badminton. In 2008 he was the winner of the inaugural HSBC Classics Series and last year reclaimed the title.
He is the only rider to have won four out of the five CCI****'s worldwide having won Burghley (1994, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2008), Badminton (2004), Luhmulen (2008) and Rolex Kentucky (2010) – he has yet to win Pau. William has now won 40 international three-day events and 20 international one-day titles.
After school he gained a languages degree from London University before setting up his own yard. Both his parents Oliver and Marietta rode at Badminton and Marietta was in the British Team in the 1960's. He is married to Alice (Plunkett) a former four-star event rider and a now well known presenter of Channel 4 racing. The couple have two sons Oliver (5) and Thomas (4). They are based in Dorset where William has created a modern 24-box training yard. William enjoys skiing during the off season.

Seacookie, a Thoroughbred/Trakehner was acquired from German international rider Ingrid Klimke in 2008. After coming second at Burghley last year he was named 'Trakehner of the Year' voted for by the German Verband.

Thoroughbred Cool Mountain, by Primitive Rising, originally bred for the track, was produced by Antoinette McKeowen and is a former national novice champion who last year won the Lexington four-star and gave William his team gold and individual silver at the WEG last year.

Navigator is an Australian bred Thoroughbred by Keltrice. He was the 2008 winner of Bramham and last year was second at Pau four-star.

Recent results
2010 – Pau CCI**** 2nd Navigator
2010 – WEG 2nd (& team gold) Cool Mountain
2010 – Burghley CCI**** 2nd Seacookie & 6th Macchiato
2010 – Lexington CCI**** 1st Cool Mountain
2009 – Fontainebeau CCI*** Eu Ch 4th (Idalgo) team gold
2009 – Le Lions D'Anger CCI** 2nd (Oslo)
2009 – Lexington CCI**** 6th Seacookie & 23rd Navigator
2009 – Bramham CCI*** 7th (Cool Mountain)
2009 – Blair Castle CCI*** 1st (Cool Mountain)
2009 – Burghley CCI**** 7th (Seacookie)
2008 – Le Lions D'Angers CCI* 1st (Oslo)
2008 – Boekelo CCI*** 6th (Navigator)
2008 – Olympic Games 12th (Parkmore Ed) team bronze
2008 – Blair Castle CCI** 2nd (Cool Mountain), 3rd (Corofin Flyer) 4th (Bay Tokay)
2008 – Bramham CCI*** 1st (Navigator)
2008 – Luhmuhlen CCI**** 1st Macchiato

Badminton
2010 – 34th Macchiato, W'drew Seacookie after dressage
2009 – 2nd (Idalgo), 5th (Macchiato)
2008 – 3rd (Ballincoola) 18th (Tamarillo)
2006 – W'drawn (Tamarillo)
2005 – 2nd (Tamarillo) Ret'd (Ballincoola)
2004 – 1st (Tamarillo)
2003 – 22nd (Highland Lad)
2002 – 2nd (Tamarillo)
1997 – 3rd (Cosmopolitan)
1995 – W'drawn SJ (Chaka) when overnight leaders
1994 – 25th (Chaka)
1993 – 7th (Chaka)
1991 – 19th (Steadfast)
1989 – 26th (Steadfast)