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RIDER: LOUISE SKELTON

HORSE:

51 PARTLY PICKLED, bay gelding, 16.3 hh, 1996, s: Blaze O'Gold, d: Gerfuffle, *Breed:* TB, *Country of Birth:* United Kingdom *Breeder:* Jackie Skelton
Owners: **Alison Haynes**, Suckley, Worcs. & **Rider**

Louise (35) who has runs her own yard in Herefordshire began eventing with the Radnor and West Hereford Pony Club also taking part in other equestrian competitions including mounted games, show jumping and dressage. Aged 16 she first competed in affiliated competition and was a member of the Welsh JRN team.

Louise gained a BSc in biology from Cardiff University followed by a PGDip in Applied Equine Science at the Royal Agricultural College and worked part-time in marketing before turning to a career in horses. She is now a professional event rider and instructor (BHSII) and an accredited BE coach.

In 2003 Louise won the Welsh Championships and in 2006 competed at her first four-star completing with a double-clear at Burghley on the homebred Bit of a Barney. She competed and completed her first Badminton in 2007 with Partly Pickled – the full brother to Bit of a Barney.

In 2009 Louise was second in the BE six-year-old championship with Whitson with who she has been selected for the BE Equine Pathway. The combination was fourth at the 2010 seven-year-old championships at Osberton and competed at Le Lions D'Angers. A former county cross-country runner and champion Louise now runs for fun and has completed the London Marathon – 'once was enough'. She now lists reading as her hobby.

Partly Pickled is by the former HIS Thoroughbred Blaze O Gold (also the sire of Badminton contender Mac McDonald) out of Gerfuffle by the Thoroughbred Rhodomantade

Recent results

2010 – Osberton CIC** 7yr old 4th Whitson
2010 – Burghley CCI**** 21st Partly Pickled
2010 – Hartpury CIC*** 5th Partly Pickled
2009 – Burghley CCI**** 16th (Bit of a Barney)
2009 – Gatcombe CIC***W 16th (Bit of a Barney)
2009 – Hartpury CIC*** 8th (Partly Pickled)

2008 – Hartpury CIC*** 5th (Partly Pickled)
2007 – Burghley CCI**** 28th (Bit of a Barney)
2007 – Gatcombe CIC*** 10th (Bit of a Barney)
2006 – Burghley CCI**** 23rd (Bit of a Barney)
2005 – Blair Castle CCI*** 1st (Partly Pickled)

Badminton

2010 – 41st Partly Pickled
2009 – Elim'd final horse inspection (Bit of a Barney), Ret'd (Partly Pickled)
2008 – 44th (Bit of a Barney)
2007 – 23rd (Partly Pickled), 'Best first timer'