

**Clare Balding**

▲ The "National Treasure" and Channel 4 Racing anchor is to receive a BAFTA for "outstanding achievement in factual presenting" — for her work on last summer's Olympics on the BBC and the Paralympics on Channel 4.

**Team Twomey**

▲ Billy Twomey, his stable jockey Anthony Condon and protégé Bertram Allen were all on the Nations Cup team representing Ireland at Linz, Austria on Friday in the Europe Division 2 level of the Furusiyya 2013 Nations' Cup series. See Brits Abroad (p70).

**Opposition Buzz fans**

▲ Buzz lovers can see more of their favourite eventer thanks to the new "The Buzz Collection" launched by owner/breeder Rosemary Search.

Merchandise includes iPhone covers, t-shirts and signed photos.

**Richard Hughes**

▲ The Champion Flat jockey celebrated another milestone on Sunday (5 May) winning his first British Classic. He won the 1000 Guineas aboard the Richard Hannon-trained Sky Lantern.



## Good week

## Bad week

**Zara Phillips fans**

▼ Fans who attended Badminton on Monday would have been disappointed not to see their heroine, as she withdrew after a run out at the lake during the cross-country.

**Graham Gibbons**

▼ The jockey was arrested at Wolverhampton racecourse on 29 April, on a day when he'd ridden two winners, for failing to answer a drunk and disorderly charge in court.

**A thirsty horse**

▼ Mungo the horse had to be rescued from a pond in Barnsley by firefighters, after he slipped in while sneaking a drink. He was unhurt.

**Nick Skelton**

▼ The Olympic gold medallist took a tumble from his new horse, Beverley Widdowson's eight-year-old stallion Cassionato, at the GCT five-star show in Madrid when the horse put in a stop. But undeterred, Nick went on to jump a double clear on Big Star in the grand prix.

## Hunting

# Antis must be unmasked

**P**OLICE are being urged to enforce laws stripping protestors of balaclavas, in a bid to help protect hunt followers, writes **Martha Terry**.

Countryside Alliance chairman Sir Barney White-Spunner has written to the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), following serious assaults at a Badsworth and Bramham Moor meet and the High Peak kennels.

"We at the Countryside Alliance are increasingly concerned about attacks on hunt supporters and staff by people wearing balaclavas and face coverings to avoid detection," said Sir Barney in his letter to ACPO president, Sir Hugh Orde.

"We ask you please to write to police forces across the country, reminding officers of their powers under Section 60AA of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 [the power to remove disguises]."

In October last year, Badsworth and Bramham Moor hunt supporter and landowner Charles Warde-Aldam was repeatedly hit on the head with a heavy torch (news, 17 January). Although

**Police can order antis to uncover their faces, but this is rarely enforced**

the assault was filmed, his attackers were wearing masks and therefore could not be identified.

In a similar attack, two masked assailants clubbed and kicked High Peak huntsman Nigel Cox at his kennels in December.

No one has been charged over either incident.

There is currently a discrepancy in different parts of the country as to how the police enforce Section 60AA. Crawley and Horsham senior master Antony Sandeman told

H&H he believes Sussex is "a soft target", drawing sabs in balaclavas from many areas because they know the police will not challenge them.

"Surrey Police [the neighbouring force] do enforce Section 60, but Sussex won't unless there's a direct threat of violence," said Mr Sandeman.

"I hope this letter will do some good, but I feel like we're banging our heads against a brick wall. It's all down to the chief constable, and if he doesn't want to enforce it we've got no chance."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**First solo show for Pat Eddery's daughter**

**NICHOLA EDDERY**, daughter of 11-times champion Flat jockey Pat, is putting on her first solo exhibition of 25 equestrian paintings (Osborne Studio Gallery, London, 18 June-15 July).

"Horses are my love — I was brought up on them," said Nichola, 30.

"I think growing up with horses helps you see them differently. Depicting the anatomy comes more easily."

Nichola's work, which includes commissions of super-sire Sadler's Wells and 2005 Derby winner Motivator, has been collected by, among others, the Saudi royal family. Prices start at around £1,000 for a sketch.

► For more information visit [www.osg.uk.com](http://www.osg.uk.com)

**Record numbers for new masters' course**

A record 51 people took part in the recent new masters' course, run by the Hunting Office to prepare them for the new season.

The day, held at Stratford racecourse on 27 April, covered issues from care of hounds and running a hunt country to media relations.

"There is more to being a master than ever before," said Tim Easby, director of the

Masters of Foxhounds Association (MFHA).

"With so many regulations and responsibilities, it is a potential minefield."

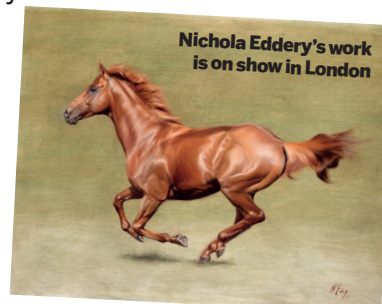
But it was encouraging, he added, that interest was "at an all-time high".

**International polo league for 2014**

THE world's first inter-club polo league will kick off next summer in the UK. The eight leading polo clubs contesting the Polo Premier League will be Guards, Beaufort, Cowdray Park, Royal County of Berkshire, Ham, Cirencester, Hurtwood and Kirtlington.

England captain Luke Tomlinson said the league was a "superb way of taking the game to new audiences and developing the next generation of players".

► For more information visit [www.polo-premier-league.com](http://www.polo-premier-league.com)

**Nichola Eddery's work is on show in London**