

## TIGGA'S SADDLERY GREAT WITCHINGHAM (2), NORFOLK

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NICOLA WILSON and Beltane Queen prevented a Piggy French takeover in the closing minutes of Saturday's competition, posting a 22.3 dressage score completion to win the open intermediate. Nicola also finished sixth and seventh on Watermill Vision and One Two Many.

"All three horses are recently back from their spring three-days and were here to have nice runs. Beltane Queen has been doing super tests all year and was a joy to ride today," said Nicola. "I don't wear a stopwatch at this level but she was inside the time without me pushing."

Piggy had to settle for the runner-up spot, Seapatrick Dark Cruise also keeping a clean sheet. "It was his first run since Tattersalls CCI2\* and he'll be moving up a level next time, so I wanted to blow off the cobwebs

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and release the handbrake, which we both enjoyed," she said.

Piggy took the two intermediate classes riding Lexies Joy and Carpe Diem IV. It was a second win on the trot for Lexies Joy, and owner Kim Turner says she would sell to the right home. However, she rides him as field master for the Quorn during the winter, so is in no rush to lose him.

Piggy has her sights set on Le Lion d'Angers for Carpe Diem who, having showjumped up to 1m40 in Ireland, made his first intermediate run feel easy.

Matthew Wright was also busy and successful, with an intermediate runner-up spot along with third, fifth and ninth in the open intermediate.

The organisers made a last-minute switch to the spring course after heavy rain on Thursday jeopardised the use of the water meadows through which the summer course runs. All courses rode well, although Gaby Cooke parted company from Cumlaude at the first water combination, as did Willa Newton on Fernhill La Di Da and Sophie Brown on Will. Torrential rain returned on Sunday, forcing abandonment at 4pm. [H&H](#)