Deen City Farm – first riding school to qualify for BRC's quadrille final

The Merton based Deen City Farm riding school is one of only four UK teams to reach the British Riding Clubs SEIB Insurance Brokers Quadrille Final, taking place at the "Moet & Chandon All Stars Show Jumping Championships" on 22nd October 2016.

The Deen City Farm riders put on an impressive and bold Bollywood-themed performance at the Quadrille trial earlier this month. As the only riding school to ever compete in the Quadrille (other teams have their own horses) it's a really incredible achievement.

The team rehearsed after work and after university every Thursday evening for nine months to master a routine that involved daring movements, outrageous costumes and a big blast of coloured smoke. On top of this they designed and made all the costumes, including the outfits the horses were decked out in (see the attached photos).

So what's a Quadrille? It's a display set to music with a team of four riders wearing themed costumes, who charge around a large arena packed with a partisan crowd cheering for their favourites. It's quite an event!

Notes to the Editor:

• In previous years, the quadrille final has been held at the "London International Horse Show" at Olympia in December however this year it was cut from the schedule and this year is being held at the "All Stars Show Jumping Championships" at Bury Farm Equestrian Village.

About Deen City Farm:

Deen City Farm is an urban farm with an educational focus in the heart of the London Borough of Merton and is a registered charity, relying upon donations from visitors and the local community. Deen City Farm has a small, professional Riding School with up to 12 horses and ponies, offering affordable riding lessons, pony rides and activities to the local community.

For more information, please visit: <u>www.deencityfarm.co.uk</u>

About British Riding Clubs:

British Riding Clubs (BRC) provides support and encouragement to amateur riders of all levels – from the dedicated competitor to the happy hacker. They offer a range of events, training and qualifications through over 500 clubs and centres right across the UK.

BHS Approved Riding Schools (such as Deen City Farm) can apply to join the British Riding Clubs Centre Membership Scheme, enabling them to offer their riding school clients the opportunity to join the BRC movement. For more information, please visit: <u>http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs</u>

