



Hartpury - RAF

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April 2009 saw the RAF Team venture out for the first time this year. Weather was superb as was the location, Hartpury College Arena, home of the World Equestrian Paralympic Championships. This was a first for the team, a different competition for everyone. Hosted by the Ledbury Hunt Branch of the Pony Club we were made very welcome and it was clear a good day was going to be had by all. The aim was to get everybody jumping in teams ready for Royal Windsor in May. The format was slightly unusual with there being two arenas and everyone jumping in both for one class. The idea being you get to see a whole array of fences from both the arenas. The team would jump one after the other and would do a round in both arenas. Your time and faults from both rounds were tallied and the best 3 individuals counted towards the final team placing. As each of us were entered in two classes this meant we all had to do 4 rounds.

The teams were as follows:

**Harriers: Wg Cdr Jane Austin- Mr Willoughby,
Flt Lt Caitlin Wroe- Chamonix,
Flt Lt Jules Fleming- UFO and SAC Mel Stoner- Rio
Tornados: Wg Cdr Dawn Elson- Alligator,
Flt Lt Carrie Moore- Max, Cpl Becky Downes- Zippy
and Cpl Sarah Marshall on Minnie
Typhoons: Flt Lt Liz Hale- Ollie, FS Allen- Sam,
Cpl Paula Golder- Charme and
Cpl Kelly Kyte- Havannah.**

