

## Bramham CCI3\* event in the UK



Two South African riders successfully competed at the Bramham CCI3\* event in the UK last weekend (3-6 June). Paul Hart and Heartbreak Hill and Alex Peternell and AP Uprising both achieved an MER/QR which at this high level event was an excellent achievement.

The venue has been home to one of the top events on the FEI calendar for many years and is set in rolling green hills of Yorkshire. Many of the world's top riders were competing, in fact there were eighty seven in the CCI3\* and over thirty in the CCI3\* under 25 class!

The cross country course, designed by Ian Stark and built by David Evans, was big and long, or at least the 5,888m seemed especially long with the uphill pulls. There was no let up from Fence 1, in fact some horses were backing off by the time they arrived at the first water No. 10. Some big names fell (literally) by the wayside and for both our riders to go clear for jumping was fantastic.

Alex has to complete and achieve an MER/QR at the short format 3\*, while Paul is the first South African Eventer to gain qualification for London 2012.

Congratulations to Alex and Paul and their horses for a thoroughly professional turnout and for flying the South African flag high.



Alex and AP Uprising at the Vet Inspection



Paul and Harry at the Vet Inspection



Bramham Jumps



Paul with Jane Jackman, Amelia (Harry's groom) and Tamsyn