

# Bramham's big four

There's so much on at the Equi-Trek Bramham this year it's hard to know which way to look. Pippa Roome explains the main classes

## *EQUI-TREK CCI3\**

**WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:** one of only three CCI3\*s in Britain and the long-established flagship class.

**2015 WINNER:** Flora Harris on Bayano (pictured below).

**FAVOURITES:** double Bramham winner Pippa Funnell on Billy Beware, who missed out on Badminton after Pippa was injured, plus New Zealanders Andrew Nicholson (with both Teseo and Jet Set IV) and Tim Price, who rides Bango and Xavier Faer – he's due a change of luck after a rotten spring. Oliver Townend has three rides (MHS King Joules, Samuel Thomas II and Sandiman II) and Nicola Wilson brings forward last year's CIC3\* winner Annie Clover as well as 2015 Boekelo victor Bulana – a CCI3\* win here is on this local girl's bucket list.

**H&H DARK HORSE TO WATCH:**

Dee Hankey on Chequers Playboy, a talented horse with slightly erratic form, but he was second in the CIC3\* here two years ago.



## *BRITISH EQUESTRIAN TRADE ASSOCIATION CIC3\**

**WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:** this class will be super-spicy because it's a key trial for the British team for the Olympics. Riders showjump as their last phase, on Sunday.

**2015 WINNER:** Nicola Wilson on Annie Clover (pictured below).

**FAVOURITES:** Kitty King, with Persimmon and Ceylor LAN, Gemma Tattersall (Quicklook V and Chico Bella P) and William Fox-Pitt (Chilli Morning), who needs to prove he is at full

fitness more than anything. This pair have won at Bramham three times. William has also made a late entry for Parklane Hawk. Others to watch include Nicola Wilson, Izzy Taylor, Laura Collett, Tina Cook, Flora Harris and Pippa Funnell.

**H&H DARK HORSE TO WATCH:**

Holly Woodhead with DHI Lupison. They won the under-25s last year and are capable of a superb dressage test.

