Alexander Bragg, 44 GBR

British rider Alexander Bragg (44) scored his best Burghley placing to date in 2023, finishing 15th on Quindiva, his mount again for 2024.

Alex, who is based in Chilton Trinity, near Bridgewater in Somerset, is a qualified farrier but not currently practising. He grew up with horses and enjoyed success as a child in Pony Club mounted games before concentrating on showjumping. Aged 16, he took a break from riding but continued to work with horses and then began training as a farrier. He qualified with distinction and started his own business. Through his job he met Simmone – now his wife – who gave him his first insight into eventing and Alex began to ride and compete again when Simmone was pregnant with their first daughter.

He made his CCI5* debut at Burghley in 2016 with Redpath Ransom and Zagreb, and has competed on British Nations Cup teams. He was a reserve for the European Championships in 2017 and made the long-list for the World Equestrian Games in 2018. Alex has won at CCI4*-S level and has multiple top-10 placings at CCI4*-L. His best CCI5* result came at Badminton this year, where he and Quindiva finished third.

With Simmone, Alex runs Team Bragg and the couple has three daughters; Ellouise, Sienna and Florence, all of whom who ride and are members of the Polden Hills branch of the Pony Club.

Quindiva (Quintender 2-Ruby Roller (High Roller) is an Irish-bred Oldenburg registered 14-year-old mare owned by the Roe Family. She has two siblings – Quality Time and KGB Sandro – who have evented at CCI4* and CCI3* level as well. Quindiva was acquired from Ireland in 2015 and is 'aptly named'. She made her CCI5* debut at Badminton in 2023, and scored her best result at the highest level to date back there in 2024, where she and Alex finished third. They also won the Eventers' Challenge at Hickstead in July 2024.