



Tom Crisp
GBR

It will be the ninth visit to Burghley for British rider Tom Crisp (43) who runs Team Crisp Eventing with his wife Sophie (nee Balfour) in East Sussex. His best Burghley result to date was 11th in 2014, and he has completed six times so far.

Tom, who was born in Norfolk, first came to prominence in 1999 when he finished second in the Young Rider National Championship at Bramham with Barnabys Ballard. The pair represented Great Britain at that year's Young Rider European Championship at Necarne Castle winning team silver. After school he went to Ireland to pursue a career in eventing which was followed by various placements before he set up his own yard in his home county.

Since then Tom has produced a succession of young horses from scratch to advanced level, including his former four-star ride Liberal. Tom and Sophie relocated to Mayfield in East Sussex where they now have a 60-acre yard including a small stud breeding future event horses. After competing at Luhmuhlen in June 2017 Tom returned home to a fire that destroyed much of the yard infrastructure – fortunately all the horses were turned out.

As well as being a professional rider Tom is also a retained firefighter – when the call comes he has to drop whatever he is doing to become part of a vital team. His team mates at the station all helped to put out the yard fire. Tom and Sophie have two sons and a young daughter; Harry (14), Hugo (12) and Hermione (3).

Liberty and Glory, owned by Robin Balfour and Sophie Crisp, is a 15-year-old British-bred SHB(GB) registered mare. Bred by Sophie's parents, Patricia and Robin Balfour, she is by the Brendon stud's former stallion Caretino Glory out of Sophie's former advanced mare Little Runneymede by the Thoroughbred Ginger Boy (a son of Colonist – the sire of Mark Phillips 1974 Badminton winner Columbus). Liberty, who aquired her name as she was born on 4th July, was ridden in her first competitions by Sophie.

Results

- 2022 – Barbury Castle CCI4*S 14th Liberty and Glory
- 2020 – Little Downham CCI4*S 7th Vendome Biats, 16th Liberty and Glory
- 2019 – Ballindenisk CCI4*L 8th Winterdown Royale
- 2019 – Gatcombe – CCI4*S 6th Coolys Luxury
- 2019 – Jardy CCI4*S 10th Coolys Luxury
- 2019 – Jardy CCI4* S ERM 11th Liberty and Glory

2019 – Badminton CCI5* L 41st Liberty and Glory
2018 – Pau CCI4* 6th Liberty and Glory
2018 – Burghley CCI4* 21st Coolys Luxury
2018 – Luhmuhlen CCI4* 27th Liberty and Glory
2018 – Badminton CCI4* 19th Coolys Luxury
2017 – Burghley 16th Coolys Luxury
2017 – Bramham CIC3* 9th Coolys Luxury
2017 – Badminton CCI4* Ret Coolys Luxury
2017 – Belton CIC3* 25th Coolys Luxury
2016 – Pau CCI4* 25th Coolys Luxury
2016 – Burghley CCI4* Ret Coolys Luxury
2016 – Badminton CCI4* El Coolys Luxury
2016 – Belton CIC3* 78th Coolys Luxury
2015 – Burghley CCI4* 19th Coolys Luxury
2015 – Badminton w/d after dressage Coolys Luxury
2014 – Burghley CCI4* 11th Coolys Luxury
2014 – Luhmuhlen CCI4* 14th Coolys Luxury
2013 – Pau CCI4* 34th Coolys Luxury
2013 – Burghley CCI4* EL (before SJ) Liberal
2012 – Burghley CCI4* 24th Liberal
2011 – Burghley CCI4* 34th Liberal
2009 – Luhmuhlen CCI4*13th (Liberal)
2008 – Pau CCI4* 19th (Liberal)