



**Pippa Funnell MBE**  
**GBR**

British Olympic rider Pippa Funnell (53), who is based near Dorking in Surrey, is a former three-time winner of Badminton and former European Champion. She won Burghley in 2019 riding MGH Grafton Street and is therefore the defending champion. Last year she took top places in the 5\* at Bicton with Burghley entry Billy Walk On 2nd, vand Maja's Hope 5th. Pippa is currently #6 in the FEI world rider ranking.

Pippa is one of the world's most successful riders and a long-standing member of the British team. In 2019, with Maja's Hope, she was a member of the British team that won silver at the European Championships in Luhmuhlen – 20 years after her first senior team appearance in 1999. She first competed at Badminton in 1988 and etched her name into the eventing history books when in 2003 she became the first winner of the Rolex Grand Slam (for consecutive wins at Kentucky, Badminton and Burghley).

Aged 16, after leaving school she based herself with trainer Ruth McMullen. In 1987 she became European Young Rider Champion with Sir Barnaby who the following year gave Pippa her first ride at Badminton. She has won team Olympic silver medals in Athens (2004) and Sydney (2000) and was crowned European Champion in 1999 and 2001. As a result she was voted the 2003 Sunday Times Sportswoman of the Year and was in the top five of the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Awards. In 2005 Pippa received an MBE.

During a few years out of the limelight, Pippa helped establish the Billy Stud with husband international show jumper William Funnell (married in 1993) – who won team gold at the 2013 European showjumping Championships – and breeder Donal Barnwell. In 2009 she returned to the top winning Bramham three-star and selection for the WEG in Kentucky with Redesigned where they gained fifth place running as individuals. In 2013 she was back in the British team and competed at the European Championships with Mirage D'Elle. She also won the Tattersalls three-day with Billy Beware. In 2015 she was a member of the British team that won silver at the European Championships and was 8<sup>th</sup> individually (Sandman 7) and the following year was a member of the team for the Rio Olympic Games (Billy the Biz).

Pippa is also a renowned producer of young horses, having won a record number of Burghley Young Event Horses classes and now helps to produce and compete young show jumpers for the Billy Stud competing to two-star grand prix.

Pippa has also written and had published a series of 22 children's story books which are being re-launched next spring. She is a patron of the charity World Horse Welfare and a mentor and trainer for The Wesko (formerly Windrush) Equestrian Foundation.

Pippa trains with husband William Funnell, Carl Hester and GB squad trainers.

**Billy Walk On**, owned by Nick and Barbara Walkinshaw, is a 13-year-old British-bred gelding. He was bred by the Billy Stud and is by the homebred stallion Billy Mexico out of Shannon Line by Golden Bash – Shannon Line is also the dam of 4\* horses Billy Liffy and Billy Shannon, formerly long-listed for London 2012. Pippa has trained him from the start and the combination was the winner of the BE Young Horse 6-year-old championship at Osberton. In 2019 and this spring he contested Badminton but did not complete, but he took the runner up spot in the 5\* at Bicton last year. He is described as the 'gentleman of the yard' and is adored by Pippa.

## Results

2022 – Barbury Castle CCI4\*S 2<sup>nd</sup> Billy Walk On ret Billy Wonder  
2022 – Badminton CCI5\*L EL MGH Grafton Street ret Billy Walk On  
2022 – Lexington CCI5\*L 6<sup>th</sup> Maybach 14<sup>th</sup> Majas Hope  
2022 – Thoresby Park CCI4\*S 10<sup>th</sup> Maybach 14<sup>th</sup> Billy Walk On  
2021 – Blenheim CCI4\*L 8<sup>th</sup> Maybach  
2021 – Bicton CCI5\*L 2<sup>nd</sup> Billy Walk On 5<sup>th</sup> Majas Hope  
2021 – Hartpury CCI4\*S 5<sup>th</sup> MGH Grafton Street 6<sup>th</sup> Majas Hope 7<sup>th</sup> Billy Walk On  
2021 – Bicton CCI4\*L 13<sup>th</sup> Billy Walk On 14<sup>th</sup> Maybach  
2021 – Aston-le-Walls CCI4\*S 6<sup>th</sup> Maybach 10<sup>th</sup> Billy Walk On 17<sup>th</sup> Majas Hope  
2021 – Burnham Market CCI4\*S 7<sup>th</sup> Billy Walk On 13<sup>th</sup> Majas Hope 33<sup>rd</sup> MGH Grafton Street  
2019 – Blenheim CCI4\*L 6<sup>th</sup> Billy Walk On 20<sup>th</sup> Billy The Biz  
**2019 – Burghley CCI5\*L 1<sup>st</sup> MGH Grafton Street**  
2019 – Luhmuhlen CH-EU-CCI4\*L 22<sup>nd</sup> Majas Hope  
2019 – Hartpury CCI4\*S 3<sup>rd</sup> MGH Grafton Street 5<sup>th</sup> Billy The Biz 33<sup>rd</sup> Maybach  
2019 – Gatcombe Park CCI4\*S 8<sup>th</sup> Billy Walk On  
2019 – Barbury Castle CCI4\*S 5<sup>th</sup> MGH Grafton Street  
2019 – Bramham CCI4\*L 17<sup>th</sup> Billy Walk On  
2019 – Tattersalls CCI4\*L 11<sup>th</sup> MGH Grafton Street  
2019 – Badminton CCI58L 16<sup>th</sup> Majas Hope ret Billy Walk On  
2019 – Burnham Market CCI4\*S 10<sup>th</sup> Billy Walk On 15<sup>th</sup> MGH Grafton Street  
2019 – Belton CCI4\*S 5<sup>th</sup> Billy Walk On 87<sup>th</sup> MGH Grafton Street  
2018 – Boekelo CCIO3\*-NC 14<sup>th</sup> Maybach  
2018 – Blenheim CCI3\* 6<sup>th</sup> MGH Grafton Street 50<sup>th</sup> Billy Walk On  
2018 – Blenheim CIC3\* 8/9yo 7<sup>th</sup> Maybach  
**2018 – Burghley CCI4\* 13<sup>th</sup> Majas Hope**  
2018 – Luhmuhlen CCI4\* ret Billy Beware  
2018 – Bramham CCI3\* 14<sup>th</sup> Billy Walk On ret MGH Grafton Street  
2018 – Tattersalls CCI3\* 12<sup>th</sup> Majas Hope  
2018 – Badminton CCI4\* ret Billy Beware  
2017 – Blenheim CCI3\* 44<sup>th</sup> Majas Hope  
2017 – Barbury Castle CIC3\* 8<sup>th</sup> Majas Hope  
**2016 – Burghley CCI4\* EI Second Supreme**  
2016 – Rio OG 27<sup>th</sup> Billy the Biz  
2016 – Ballindenisk CCI3\* 1<sup>st</sup> Billy the Biz  
2016 – Ballindenisk CICO3\* 1<sup>st</sup> Mirage D'Elle  
**2015 – Burghley CCI4\* w/d after dressage Second Supreme**  
2015 – Badminton CCI4\* 12<sup>th</sup> Redesigned, 23<sup>rd</sup> Second Supreme  
2014 – Badminton CCI4\* 6<sup>th</sup> Billy Beware, EI Redesigned  
2013 – Ballindenisk CIC3\* 1<sup>st</sup> Second Supreme  
**2013 – Burghley CCI4\* 17<sup>th</sup> Redesigned**  
2013 – Malmo CH-EU-3\* 40<sup>th</sup> Mirage D'Elle  
2013 – Tattersalls CCI3\* 1<sup>st</sup> Billy Beware, 3<sup>rd</sup> Billy Landretti  
2013 – Badminton CCI4\* 56<sup>th</sup> Redesigned  
**2011 – Burghley CCI4\* 28<sup>th</sup> Mirage D'Elle, 30<sup>th</sup> Pure Addiction**

2011 – Barbury Castle CIC3\* 1st Billy Landretti, 36th Pure Addiction  
2010 – Lexington WEG 5<sup>th</sup> Redesigned  
**2010 – Burghley CCI4\* 15<sup>th</sup> Mirage D'Elle**  
2010 – Bramham CCI3\* 1<sup>st</sup> Redesigned  
2005 – Windsor CCI2\* 1st (Blue Horizon)  
2005 – Badminton 1st Primmores Pride  
2004 – Blenheim CCI3\* 1st (Viceroy III)  
2004 – Athens OG 3rd (Primmores Pride)  
2003 – Punchestown Eu-Ch-CCI3\* 3rd (Walk On Star)  
2003 – Blenheim CCI3\* 3rd (Viceroy III)  
**2003 – Burghley CCI4\* 1st (Primmores Pride)**  
2003 – Lexington KY CCI4\* 1st (Primmores Pride)  
2003 – Badminton 1st Supreme Rock  
2002 – Jerez WEG 13th (Supreme Rock)  
2002 – Bramham CCI3\* 1st (Walk On Star)  
2002 – Badminton 1st Supreme Rock  
2002 – Punchestown CCI3\* 3rd (Supreme Rock)  
2002 – Saumur CCI3\* 1st (Jurassic Rising)  
2001 – Pau CH-EU-CCI3\* 1st (Supreme Rock), team gold  
1999 – Badminton 6<sup>th</sup> Supreme Rock  
1999 – Fontainebleau EU-CH-CCI3\* 1st (Supreme Rock), team gold  
1997 – Burghley CH-EU-3\* 33<sup>rd</sup> Bits and Pieces  
1997 – Badminton 9<sup>th</sup> Bits and Pieces  
1992 – Badminton 14<sup>th</sup> Sir Barnaby  
1990 – Badminton 5<sup>th</sup> Sir Barnaby  
1988 – Badminton 27<sup>th</sup> Sir Barnaby