

Nicky Hill, 43
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Nicky Hill, 43, is based near Droitwich in Worcestershire and competed at Defender Burghley last year with MGH Bingo Boy, where they finished 20th. She competed at her first Burghley in 2019 gaining her first completion (27th) with Bingo Boy.

Nicky comes from a non-horsey background but was determined to ride and began lessons aged four. She acquired her first pony on loan at the age of 12 and when 18, in 2010, bought her first horse, Thomas Wombat, formerly ridden by Louise Harwood (then Skelton) to two-star level, and began eventing.

After leaving school Nicky undertook a degree in biology and sport science at the University of Worcester, combining her studies with riding. She now runs her own yard. Bingo Boy was acquired in 2016 and the pair was fourth in their first CCI2*-S at Rockingham – just their fourth competition together. At the end of that year they completed the 8/9year-old CCI4*-S at Blenheim and were 14th in the CCI2* at Osberton.

The following year (2017) the pair was selected to represent Team GB in the CIC2* European championship in Belgium where they finished ninth and won team silver. That year Nicky was third in the Mark Todd Bridging the Gap Scholarship and finished the year with their first CCI3* completion at Blenheim and in 2018 completed their first CCI5* at Pau with a top-20 place.

Nicky enjoys skiing in the winter and climbing in the summer. She trains with Richard Waygood and Karen Eacock.

MGH Bingo Boy (Unknown) is an Irish-bred 16-year-old gelding. He was imported into the UK by Pdraig McCarthy and was competed to intermediate by Megan Cummings. Nicky acquired him as a seven-year-old. She says, 'Bing is a massive character – if there's trouble on the yard you can guarantee it's down to him'.