

## Julie Newell



It is with great sadness that we have learnt that Julie has passed away. Julie has been an anchor of vaulting in the UK for more than thirty years, being part of the original team that set up BEV when it split off from the BHS. Julie gained her BEV Fellowship in 2014.

Julie was introduced to vaulting by Kathryn Townsend from a chance meeting, following a demo at a North Warwickshire Pony Club Camp, where she was with her children Emma and John. She was immediately hooked and with the support of Kathryn set up Warwick Vaulting Group in 1991 which developed into the English Vaulting Squad (EVS) in 2000 and she vaulted ever since. She was a familiar face on the UK and International vaulting circuit going to nearly every World and European Championships from 1998 onwards with both British vaulters and also lending horses to international vaulters from around the world.

Julie won every national title in almost all classes at British Championships over the years with many vaulters. At the last count Julie had trained more than 25 vaulting horses with ginger ponies being a particular speciality.

Julie has touched the lives of many people both young and old through her involvement with vaulting, she was a wonderful coach and friend to many and will be much missed. She wouldn't want a fuss, she would want us all to follow her motto of laugh, learn and live and be the best we can be to support the sport of vaulting which she so loved.

Our thoughts are particularly with her family at this sad time.