

I owe it to...

...video analysis

CHRISTINE COLLETT topped the novice restricted music with Wendel (pictured), a 10-year-old by Weltmeyer. She credited her horse's improved way of going and straight eights for the canterwork to video analysis and remedial shoeing.

"A year ago, I felt he wasn't quite right, but vets said he wasn't lame," she said. "My saddler Mark Fisher put me in touch with Russell Guire at Centaur Biomechanics in Warwickshire. Russell videoed the horse's paces and established unevenness in the way he used his hindlegs, which suggested his back feet needed more support.

"I took him to Oakham Veterinary Hospital and their remedial farrier Martin Deacon has been shoeing him ever since, subtly changing the hoof shape and rebalancing the foot. Every time the horse is shod, you can feel the difference as he immediately has more power."

