

## **Jersey Horse Driving Society Outdoor Trials**

The second outdoor trials of the season were held on 10<sup>th</sup> July at Brampton Farm, the home of Ivor and Carole Barette. The dressage was judged by Phyllis Gouedart who gave "Best Dressage" place to David Gicquel who drove a very smooth test with his horse Taffy. Only two points behind him in second place was Julie Chalker driving Sparky. David went on to win the horse class from Margaret Robinson driving Gemma whilst Julie unfortunately gained time penalties for an error of course, so despite excellent times in the obstacles she could not make up the time difference. Laura Jeffreys was well ahead of all the competitors to win the well deserved "Best Marathon" rosette and was overall first in her class beating June Vibert driving Robin into second place by less than five points. Rachelle Bownes driving her hackney pony Pocket Rocket won the "Best Cones" and finished first in the Preliminary class. Second place went to Guernsey member Nicola Fallaize driving her new pony Orange Day. Third in the class was Mark Cobden driving Sonny very competitively in his first trials. Ivor Barette was the only competitor in the pairs class driving his horses Ben and King who was competing in his first trials as the horse who usually pairs with Ben was in a riding dressage competition.

A separate competition was held for competitors not wanting to drive the nine kilometer course.

Tom Robinson driving Hermes was the only entry. Although he had excellent scores these are not taken into account for the best placed in each phase. At the end of the day the grooms competed in a separate cones event resulting in a win for Sheila Vetier driving Charlie with new junior member Tom Marett driving Mark Cobden's Sonny into second place in his first event by less than a second behind.

Results: Horses: 1, David Gicquel (Taffy) 282.63; 2, Margaret Robinson (Gemma) 456.29;

Ponies ex. 12.2h.h. 1, Laura Jeffreys (Charlie) 203.17; 2, June Vibert (Robin) 207.99; 3, Julie Chalker (Sparky) 331.42;

Prelims: 1, Rachelle Bownes (Pocket Rocket) 181.35; 2, Nicola Fallaize (Orange Day) 197.06; 3, Mark Cobden (Sonny) 223.29; Pairs: 1, Ivor Barette (Ben & King) 410.02.

Grooms cones: 1, Sheila Vetier (Charlie) 27.21; 2, Tom Marett (Sonny) 27.83; 3, Kieran O'Connor (Pocket Rocket) 32.31; 4, John Vibert (Robin) 36.89; 5, Kim Gallichan (Gemma) 55.18;

6, Carole Barette (Ben & King) 127.29; Indoor/Outdoor: Tom Robinson (Hermes) 118.87.