

Jersey Horse Driving Society Third Outdoor Trials

The third outdoor carriage driving trials of the season were held at a new venue on 18th September. Charlie and Rose Ahier's farm at La Roulerie in Trinity provided competitors with a large flat base field giving plenty of room for the dressage arena, one of the six obstacles and parking. The other five obstacles were set up at intervals on the cross country course which was planned by David Gallichan. On the day twelve members competed and twenty helpers were required to judge and assist and also provide refreshments. Thanks go to them and the landowners who gave permission to drive in their fields resulting in a most enjoyable course which was mostly "off road".

At the club's annual dinner which this year marks forty years since the Jersey Horse Driving Society was founded, the driver in each class gaining the most points over the three trials during the year will win a trophy, so there was even more competition as those in the lead after the two events previously held aimed to keep their winning position. The winners of the three phases were

Best Dressage, Rachelle Bownes (Pocket Rocket)

Best Marathon, Julie Chalker (Sparky)

Best Cones Emma Le Marquand (Pip)

Results:

Ponies ex.12.2h.h. 1, Julie Chalker (Sparky) 187.81; 2, June Vibert (Robin) 245.32; 3, Margaret Robinson (Charlie) 334.58.

Ponies not ex. 12.2h.h. 1, Emma Le Marquand (Pip) 203.77; 2, Carl Gallichan (Homer) 218.66.

Preliminary. 1, Rachelle Bownes (Pocket Rocket) 199.34; 2, Lisa Fenlon (Fizz) 330.33; 3, Margaret Littlechild (Maddy) 375.58; 4, Vincent Obbard (Max) 590.70; Charlie Ahier (Maggie) also competed but his score could not be counted as he did not compete in the full three phases and Tom Robinson (Hermes) was the only competitor in the Indoor/outdoor competition.

Grooms cones: 1, Zoe Gallichan (Pip) 24.18; 2, Ellen Littlechild (Homer) 30.28; 3, John Vibert (Robin) 32.84; 4, Sheila Vetier (Charlie) 35.74; 5, Kieran O'Connor (Pocket Rocket) 46.30