Jersey Horse Driving Society

The first Outdoor Driving Trials of the season were held on 18th April at The Jersey Horse Driving Society field at St.Lawrence. It was only a week since the Indoor/Outdoor event which meant that a new dressage test had to be learnt within the week and performed in a larger arena.
The best dressage judged by Annabelle Godfrey was shared between Julie Chalker driving Sparky and Rachelle Bownes driving Hermes. The cross country course combining six obstacles all of which were timed as well as a set time being allowed for the course of seven kilometers, was also won by Rachelle with Hermes. The best obstacles of the day which is based on an optimum time went to Sheila Vetier driving Charlie in the ponies exceeding 12.2h.h, having upgraded this season from the Preliminary class. The grooms also had a chance to drive the cones course although a few chose not to. Ellen Littlechild placed first with Homer whilst Keiran O'Connor driving Hermes in his first J.H.D.H. event was praised for being closest to the optimum time but only placed fourth as he had penalties for knocking over cones.
Although there were eight competitors competing in the full event they were competing in four different classes and the only class to invite competition was the ponies exceeding 12.2h.h.class which provided a clear winner in Julie Chalker with Sparky. The winners of the other classes were Carl Gallichan driving Homer, Rachelle Bownes driving Hermes and Margaret Robinson with her hackney Gemma. The final placings are based on the lowest score of the day placing highest.

Results:		Final total
Preliminary class-----	Carl Gallichan / Homer	184.30
Ponies ex. 12.2h.h. –	Julie Chalker/ Sparky	165.20
	Sheila Vetier/ Charlie	181.10
	Margaret Littlechild/ Jack	181.70
	June Vibert/ Robin	186.60
Ponies not ex.12.2h.h.	Rachelle Bownes/ Hermes	139.60
Horses----------	Margaret Robinson/ Gemma	302.80

Grooms cones-------1. Ellen Littlechild/ Homer
2. David Gallichan/ Gemma
3. John Vibert/ Robin
4. Keiran O'Connor/ Hermes
5. Laura Vetier/ Charlie.