

### **Jersey Horse Driving Society Driving Trials 12/9/10**

The third Driving Trials were held in Trinity, Marcel Kermin kindly allowed the use of his field for the dressage and cones phases, this grass field is as smooth as a lawn and was much appreciated, consequentially the horses went much better as the dressage judge Gill Bonner Knights remarked, which ended in a tie for the best dressage rosette between Julie Chalker and Rachelle Bownes the latter also the winner of the small pony class.

The Marathon was quite a test of stamina with the undulations of the six and half kilometres course which included six obstacles, three of which were up to "E" gates. Rachelle driving Hermes also won the best marathon phase though Julie was faster till a mishap in obstacle six ruined her chances in her class which was won by June Vibert driving Robin though Julie made up for it to win the cones phase, third place went to Laura Vetier driving Charlie.

John Vibert driving Jester won the preliminary class, there were two pairs, Emma Le Marquand driving Bev Le Marquand's pair Pip and Minstrel won from Ivor Barette driving his pair of black Gelderlanders, who was always going to play catch up to the small ponies.

Obstacle five caused a few problems as only four competitors remembered the sequence of gates, one particular driver and groom competing in the In/Out competition which is separate to the main trials got in a real muddle and finally succeeded at the third attempt, with the clock still running penalties were mounting up fast, however neither taking it too seriously. Fleur White driving Zodiac went really well to clinch the obstacles rosette, whilst Phyllis Gouedart with Magic won the dressage and cones phases, the cones recorded only three clear rounds Phyllis having the closest to the optimum time.

The grooms always look forward to their cones Junior Kieran O'Conner driving Hermes took the top spot with a lovely clear round, from Zoë Gallichan driving the pony pair.

The Constable John Gallichan presented the awards and was thanked for the use of his field as a base.

#### **Results**

**Ponies not ex:** 12.2 1, Rachelle Bownes (Hermes) 160.

**Ponies not Ex:** 14.2 1, June Vibert (Robin) 216. 2, Laura Vetier (Charlie) 360.5 3, Julie Chalker (Sparky) 390.

**Pairs** 1, Emma Le Marquand (Pip & Minstrel) 227. 2, Ivor Barette (Rudy& Bill) 414.5.

**Preliminary** 1, John Vibert (Jester) 353.6.

**In/Out Open** 1, Phyllis Gouedart (Magic) 218.5.

**Preliminary** 1, Fleur White (Zodiac) 250.

**Grooms** 1, Kieran O'Conner (Hermes) 20. 2, Zoë Gallichan (Pip&Minstrel) 22. 3, Dave Gallichan (Charlie) 25. 4, Margaret Robinson (Robin) 31. 5, Jean Michel (Jester)32 6, Sophie Oliveria (Rudy& Bill) 93.