

Jersey Horse Driving Society

It has been two years since the Jersey Horse Driving Society had been invited to compete at the R.J.A. & H.S. Spring Fair due to work last year on the Jersey Milk Marketing Board premises. This year members and horses were back in force with six horses in the Best Decorated Harness and five in the Working Harness competition. With Winston Le Brun as compere, the public were given details about the breeds and ages of the horses as well as what the judge Ivor Barrett was looking for and how the harness should fit. The heavy horses were a crowd puller as it is a rare sight to see these magnificent animals adorned with brasses and plumes in Jersey.

Tara Hill dressed in her Jersey maid's outfit complete with bonnet and bloomers was the worthy winner of the Decorated Harness class with her Trait Breton horse Klebert du Boissy. A delighted Vincent Obbard not only came second but also won the Working Harness class with Samares Manor's skewbald Irish Cart horse Percy. The other breeds on show were Lisette de Cosnerie Charles Le Cornu's Normandy Cob, Robert a piebald Traditional Cob, Yorkshire Ben a Dales pony and Burnhead Jester a grey Fell pony who was rather excited in the ring and despite being led by David Gallichan who is 6'3" tall and very strong, Jester spent part of the display up on two legs!

Results:

Decorated Harness: 1, Tara Hill (Bertie) 2, Vincent Obbard (Percy) 3, John Vibert (Ben) 4, Lisette (Brian Raffray) 5, Jester (David Gallichan) 6, Robert (Charlie Ahier)

Working Harness: 1, Vincent Obbard (Percy) 2, John Vibert (Ben) 3, Lisette (Brian Raffray) 4, Bertie (Tara Hill) 5, David Gallichan (Jester)