

## **Jersey Horse Driving Society Le Trec 26.9.10**

The Popular Le Trec competition was held as usual in St Brelade, a later date was chosen after the hay season which meant a greater area for Phil Rondel to find a new course of ten kilometres and regarded by the competitors as the best yet.

The presentation took place in front of the Les Creux Bowling club, the competitors were judged by three independent judges, before going on the Routier during which competitors encountered six “skills” the first proved to be the most challenging though looked deceptively easy, it had to be driven one handed whilst the passenger wheel remained within the two lines of a semi circle.

Continuing along the route the next skill was to drive the horses through streamers which didn't seem to faze them at all! Then there was the run up the road to Corbiere where the judge awaited with a queen cake to be eaten by the driver or groom whilst the horse stood still on a floral carpet. This was the halfway mark, crossing the railway track at several points, each competitor were given an envelope at the start to post along the way, the JHDS post box was the other side of a shallow bank and was in an awkward place, but for good reason as it covered a rabbit hole which was unavoidable!

A couple of bumpy fields slowed the pace a little before hitting the road again into La Rue Sergente near to the finish, not before the fifth skill involving balloons and buckets into which the groom had to throw two balls, spooky horses made it that more difficult and finally the drinks stand, again groom or driver to take a drink and place the empty glass on a stand further along.

After a leisurely lunch the cones phase was driven, the eleven competitors having to gauge their pace to the optimum time, Guernsey driver Dave Fallaize with his new pony Billy won this phase and the pony class (90) from Phyllis Gouedart driving Magic who won the Presentation phase.(114.5) third place went to Fleur White with Zodiac (150.5) and fourth Lisa Fenlon with Buttons(170).

The Routier was won by Ivor Barette with his pair Benny and King (123) also in the pairs class was Emma Le Marquand driving Beverley Le Marquand's pair Pip and Minstrel in second(150.5) third in their first competition was Posy Biles with her Friesian pair Patsy and Penny(175).

The horse class was won by Robert Vautier driving Prince (132) second Sheila Vetier with Charlie (159) Third Margaret Robinson driving Gemma (172) and fourth John Vibert with Jester (183).

British Driving Society Rosettes trophies and “goody bags” were made at an evening meal at La Pulente restaurant everyone including the grooms.