

Caddington and District Riding Club 18th September 2011

Blessed with autumn sunshine and good ground, Caddington and District Riding Club's season finale saw a modest turn out on the 18th September. The recent rain and softer ground encouraged the show jumpers to the event at Dove House Farm, Kensworth, the show jumping classes were the place to be.

The quieter showing rings, gave late season new comers and beginners the chance to experience what showing is really about, and the standard did not disappoint. Many competitors really pulled out the stops in presentation of both horse and owner, raising the bar for further outings next year.

In the in-hand ring, Natalie Todd and her horse Dyfed Sorcha were placed in back to back classes winning first place in Novice Handler and Best Condition classes and placed fourth in Young Stock, qualifying them for the Championship, however Champion and Reserve Champion was swept up by Kristina Chaffe and Brooklyn Dancer, and showing beginner Sue Morris and Flint O'Malley.

In the packed jumping arenas both the Novice and Intermediate Pony class saw high placings for Miri Watkins and Kylie and Mia Saunders and Tango. The ever popular class with the more athletic among us, Casper's Ride and Run saw huge entrant numbers and was won by Ellie Saunders and her pony Blue.

The Working Hunter classes were well attended with many familiar faces but also some new faces giving the competition a bit of an edge, the anticipation mounted as the competitors waited for their time to shine. The judges were wowed with the standard that was presented before them. Working Hunter Champion Maisie Swain and her pony Harlaws Goldmine qualified after impressing the judges in the Working Hunter Pony class.

Well done to all those that took part, and thank you for your kind comments on leaving the ground. A good day was had by all and don't forget profits from the event goes to charity.

Make sure you put the following dates in your diary ready for the 2012 show season:

13th May
10th June
15th July
19th August
16th September

See you in 2012!