

Caddington and District Riding Club Show

14th August 2011

Caddington and District Riding Club were blessed with good weather for their show on Sunday 14th August. The competitors certainly appreciated this, turning up in large numbers.

The jumping rings were reasonably well supported, but the showing rings were the place to be, with 19 animals forward to compete in the ridden veteran class, 12 riding horses and many other hotly contested classes. The veteran horse class was won by the ever consistent Kingston with rider Vicki Theobald. This duo also won the Blemishes Don't Count class and went on to stand Reserve Champion to Jade Rossiter and Shivling, winners of the PC/RC horse class.

Many competitors came forward hoping to qualify for the Chiltern and Thames Rider finals in the Style and Performance class. The standard of turnout made judging a very difficult task. There were many strong performances, but the foot perfect display by the 4 year old skewbald, Fame and Glory, ridden by X. J. Ward emerged as the winner.

Sarah Crosta and Kilmore gained success both in the flat ring and over the working hunter course. The combination won the show hunter horse and then went on to win the working hunter horse class. The mountain and moorland working hunter pony section was won by Hannah Miller-Burton on Lowhouses Monarch, Hannah also had good results in the ridden mountain and moorland classes in the morning.

Frequent winners Jodie Howe and Perrie kept their reputation intact, heading the line-up in the junior handler (under 10) and family pony class. 7 year old Izzy Partridge had a good day with her pony Bunbury Best Man: having won the Mountain and Moorland small unregistered class in the morning they then went on to win the Arab/part bred ridden class in the afternoon and stand champion. Charlotte Bury and Basil, winners of the show pony class were reserve champions.

Another young rider enjoying the day was Maddie Bennet with her pony Bennoch Royal Gold. This combination gained 1st in the first ridden, R.C. pony and mini working hunter pony classes. The winner of the riding horse class, Jacqui Crew and Shangorra Max, had never before taken part in a championship and Jacqui was visibly shocked when she was called forward to take the honours. Sequels Solitaire brought success for Donna Aston. In hand

they took the best condition and riding horse classes and then went on to be reserve champion. They were also 2nd in the best turned out class. The new partnership of Sheila Daly and All that Jazz headed the mountain and moorland, large breeds (unregistered) in hand.

In the jumping rings Fiona Cameron had many wins and placings. Her ponies Braveheart, Flower of Scotland and Perry won, between them, two 1st places, two 2nd places and two 3rds.

A good day of competition resulted in tired and happy competitors leaving the showground, many with complimentary comments for the hard working organisers. With all profits going to charity it was a good day for all.

The next show will be on Sunday 18th September 2011 at Dovehouse Farm.