

FIFE SHOW – SATURDAY 20th MAY 2017

Fife Show is a lovely traditional agricultural show with many stands of all types, cattle, sheep, heavy horses as well as the light horse classes and driving classes. The driving classes take place in the large oval shaped main ring with a good crowd assembled to watch and listen to the very informative commentary from Simon Sanders again this year. The commentary makes it a far more enjoyable class for the public to watch as they are told about the different turnouts and carriages as the classes take place.

The judge this year was Mrs Annie Rushton-Green from Hawick in the Scottish Borders. Mrs Rushton-Green had six turnouts in front of her on this occasion, three private driving turnouts and three exercise turnouts. All six turnouts were called in to the ring together for the two classes. This gave the public the chance to see a wide variety of turnouts from a large pair of Gelderlanders, two single pony country turnouts, a Shetland pony in a two wheel exercise vehicle, a tandem of donkeys in a two wheel exercise vehicle and a Highland Pony to a four wheel exercise vehicle.

After an initial few laps of the ring on both reins the turnouts were gathered in the middle of the ring before being called out one at a time to perform their individual shows for Mrs Rushton-Green. Once all six turnouts had performed their shows they were all sent out again before Mrs Rushton-Green called in her winners of the two classes.

Richard Lanni with his pair of Gelderlanders, Symen and Vinny, driven to a Beaufort Phaeton by Chris Nicholson built in the 1960's was pulled into first position in the Private Driving Class. Called in next in second place to Richard in the Private Driving class was Caroline Watson with her Welsh Cob, Llanarth Tango driven to a Dogcart by Mulliners of Birmingham from 1890.

In the Exercise Vehicle Class, Heather Gow driving her Shetland Pony, Kinness Mentor, to a Bennington Two Wheel Exercise Vehicle was pulled in first place followed by Claire Armet driving her tandem of donkeys, Baxter and Jools, also to a Bennington Two Wheel Exercise Vehicle pulled in to second place.

Richard Lanni's pair of Gelderlanders, Symen and Vinny were then pulled forward as Champion and recipients of the "Scotbeef Challenge Trophy" and the Reserve Champion went to Caroline Watson's Welsh Cob, Llanarth Tango.

Class 129 = Private Driving

- 1 = Richard Lanni driving Symen and Vinny
- 2 = Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango
- 3 = Kim Pearson driving JD's El Dorado

Class 130 = Exercise Vehicle

- 1 = Heather Gow driving Kinness Mentor
- 2 = Claire Armet driving Baxter and Jools
- 3 = Rachel Stewart driving Ardnagaisk Amos

CHAMPION = Richard Lanni driving Symen and Vinny

RESERVE CHAMPION = Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango