

## BDS LOTHIAN & BORDERS AREA SHOW – SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017

The BDS Lothian & Borders Area Show Classes are held alongside the Horse Driving Trials at Hopetoun House, South Queensferry, in the lovely setting beside the water. The judge this year for the Private Driving and Exercise Vehicle classes was Mrs Joan Martin.

The classes started off with six turnouts forward for the Exercise Vehicle Class. There was a good selection of turnouts from single cobs, to a tandem of a Mule and a Dartmoor cross pony and two single donkey turnouts. Mrs Martin found her winner of the Exercise Vehicle class and recipient of the Osborne Refrigerators Championships, Four Wheel Exercise Vehicle Qualifier in Alistair Munro driving his cob, Robert's Gift, to a four wheel exercise vehicle with Wendy Scott driving her Welsh Cob, Llandderfael Penny Black, to a four wheel exercise vehicle in second place to Alistair.

Next in the ring was the Private Driving Class, with three turnouts forward, Mrs Martin found her winner of this class in Richard Lanni's pair of Chestnut Gelderlander's, two of his team, Simon and Vinny, driven to his Beaufort Phaeton by Chris Nicholson built in the 1960's. In second place to Richard in this class was Caroline Watson driving her Chestnut Roan Welsh Cob, Llanarth Tango to an original 1890, Dogcart by Mulliners of Birmingham, they also received the Osborne Refrigerators Championships, Country Turnout Qualifier for the final at Driving Addington in September.

The first and second place turnouts from both classes were then called back in for the Championship with Richard Lanni's pair of Gelderlander's, Simon & Vinny being called forward as Champion and Caroline Watson's Welsh Cob, Llanarth Tango called forward into Reserve Champion spot.

Once the showing classes were over all the turnouts then gathered for the Concours D'Elegance Class. They all did a couple of laps of the ring to let the judge, Ms Alexa Scott Plummer, see them moving before being led out on a drive by Richard Lanni and his pair round Hopetoun House grounds and along the side of the Forth and some fabulous views of the road and rail bridges and the new bridge being built before stopping in front of Hopetoun House for the presentation of rosettes.

Judge for the Concours D'Elegance Class, Ms Alexa Scott Plummer, selected her winner of the Best Traditional Turnout Concours D'Elegance as Richard Lanni's pair of Gelderlander's, Simon & Vinny and winner of the Best Exercise Vehicle Turnout Concours D'Elegance was Claire Armet driving her donkey Jools to a Bennington Two Wheel Exercise Vehicle. The winners then lead all the turnouts on the drive back to show field.

### Class 1= Exercise Vehicle

- 1 = Alistair Munro driving Robert's Gift
- 2 = Wendy Scott driving Llandderfael Penny Black
- 3 = Kendall Young driving Sophie & Small Person
- 4 = Abby Sclater driving Chief
- 5 = Sheena McConnell-Ferrie driving Sydney
- 6 = Claire Armet driving Jools

### Class 2 = Private Driving

- 1 = Richard Lanni driving Symen & Vinny
- 2 = Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango
- 3 = Kim Pearson driving JD's Eldorado

CHAMPION = Richard Lanni driving Symen and Vinny

RESERVE CHAMPION = Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango

OR Country Turnout Qualifier = Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango

OR Four Wheel Exercise Vehicle Qualifier = Alistair Munro driving Robert's Gift

### Class 3 = Concourse De Elegance (Judge = Ms Alexa Scott Plummer)

Best Traditional Turnout = Richard Lanni driving Symen & Vinny

Best Exercise Vehicle Turnout = Claire Armet driving Jools