

## Heriot Fun Day – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017

10 horses, ponies and donkeys and their drivers made their way to Heriot in the Borders for a Fun Event on Sunday 16th July. The emphasis was on having fun. I am saying that now as I didn't win any prizes!

We started off with a drive along a quiet road and then onto the private drives of Borthwick Hall before heading back to the field. My tandem of Baxter and Jools led the way with a brisk trot although that was possibly because they thought that they were heading home.

On returning to the field 7 turnouts took part in the Style & Performance, judged by Alex and Maureen Hogg. The donkeys opted out of this as the grass was a bit long for them but Laura Chaffe's Shetland Almondell Crusader and Ruth Martin's Dartmoor cross, Halspan Gypsy showed how mighty these wee ponies are. Gypsy even won and that was with a groom up. What a wee power house!

The skills and cones course were laid out over the lunch break and friends drafted in to help judge together with Alex & Maureen. Penalties from skills were added as additional time to the cones times with Wendy and Penny Black cantering round to win.

Kendall Young brought some fabulous cakes to our afternoon tea in the village hall where Sheila Fleming took a well-earned break from being bossed about by me and laid out the hall before serving tea & coffee.

The sun shone, eventually. We had fun and there was even cake! We'll have to do it again.

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