

Ashbourne Shire Horse Society

Members' Newsletter

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To all of you who supported the Show this year a great big thank you. Despite the weather forecasters trying to deter our visitors we still had over 9,000 people attend the Show.

Thank you to the heavy horse teams who put on such a wonderful parade and to JCB's Dancing Diggers who entertained the crowd in their usual fantastic way.

The Celebratory Ball held on 30 September at the Osmaston Manor Site was a fabulous evening of good food, dancing and an auction of amazing prizes. To all involved well done and to those who attended thank you and for the very generous donations to the auction - we raised over £1300.



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THANK YOU FOR 125 SHOWS HERE'S TO THE NEXT 125

RESULTS ROUND UP

LIVESTOCK & SHIRES Despite the gloomy weather forecast and recent events everyone pulled together and made a great success of the day.

Our overseas judge for the shires was very fair and thoroughly enjoyed himself – complimenting us on the quality and number of shires forward. To all those exhibitors who also brought extra animals for the heavy horse parade, a very big thank you. We may not have reached the magic number but the horses looked magnificent in the main ring.

The cattle, sheep and goat classes had very good entries and spectators were kept well informed by our knowledgeable commentators, Oliver and Ivor from Bagshaws to whom we also extend a very large thank you. A special mention here to the team run by Andrew Dutton who worked very hard to put down a concrete wash pad in the livestock lines and to Peter Edge for sorting the metalwork for us. The exhibitors were extremely pleased with it and passed many favourable comments.

This year being the 125th show for the Society, Mrs Delma Nulty, our wonderful shire commentator donated a 'Champion of Champions' salver to be won outright. Hon Andrew Shirley kindly agreed to judge between the champion from the Dairy, Beef, Shire, Goat and Sheep sections. Not an easy task! The salver was awarded to the Champion Dairy cow, a Holstein owned by TW Kent & Co, Yeaveley.

I am in danger of repeating myself but thank you to my very large team of volunteers who help make the day run smoothly - the show could not be without you.

Emma

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LIGHT HORSE

Entries for this year's show were up, the weather did put a few off coming forward for some classes, but this worked in favour of those who did compete as it made the going perfect in all rings.

In the Cob championship taking the converted Horse of the Year qualifier was an amateur rider Marisa Keena from Cannock with her own Boo aka Carbon Copy III; both judges commented how correct Boo was and a lovely example of a heavyweight cob.

Another local win came from the large hack qualifier with the prolific winner Pearly King owned and ridden by Sarah Carey. Competitors commented on how nice it was to show their lightly shown open horses in the light horse field rather than the main ring, enabling the horses to settle and perform without distractions.



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Moving the working hunter to a ring that was on a slight slope was a great plan and found the true working hunters top of the line. The starter stakes had very good entries, enabling riders to choose the size of fences they wanted to jump over the 4 classes on offer.

Thank you to all the judges, stewards and volunteers

Cheryl

BILL CARR As many of you will be aware despite all the celebrations of the 125th Show a dark shadow did hang over proceedings as we mourned the sad loss of our Vice-Chairman and Director Bill Carr who passed away the weekend prior to the Show.

Bill was an avid supporter of the Show and a major force behind the 125th celebrations and it is in his memory that the money raised at the Celebratory Ball will be used as prize fund for future shows.

HANDICRAFT & HORTICULTURE

The Competitions tent had over 300 entries this year. The John and Dawn Goodall cup was won by Linda Richmond.

The cookery section had good support. The classes for chocolate cake and ginger biscuits had strong competition, as did the classes for lemon curd, marmalade and soft fruit jam. The winner of this section was Kath Batley.

Handicraft classes included cushion making and a painting and this section's winner was Tessa Cope. The floral art section provided a lovely display of colour in the tent and this trophy was won by Lillian Nash.

This year's horticultural section had good support with the D Sellers Trophy for vegetables being won by Bill Jones. The plants and flower cup winner was Geoff Capener.

The children's classes had some new exhibitors, along with loyal exhibitors who are moving up through the classes with age. The junior section winner was Sam Baines who also won the F Harrison cup. This section of classes involved photography, cookery, card making and handicraft. The Jenifer Pearson cup was won by Lucy Baines and the recipient of the Lumbards Toy Shop cup was Sophie Duckmanton. The children's classes had a royal theme and celebrated the 125th Ashbourne Show, featuring classes for cookery, craft and art, in the different age groups.

The cup for the most points in the Competitions tent was presented to Geoff Capener.

Linda

POULTRY, DOGS & PETS

We had an exceptional busy show with 194 entries of birds and 86 plates of eggs. Everybody seemed pleased with how everything was set out and ran throughout the day. The judges were impressed with the number and quality of the birds and eggs.

By chance, a lady who writes reports and takes photos for 'Fancy Fowl' (a poultry magazine) had come along with her friend who was exhibiting with us and was so impressed, that she wrote a fabulous report for the magazine.

Best in Show and Best Large Fowl Hard Feather went to P & A Pennington and Reserve Best in Show D & P Wood. The Best Eggs prize was won by S Brinsley and best Pet Jessica Dean with a booted bantam.

The Dog Show was once again a great success with Best in Show going to Charis Allen with Flynn the Cockapoo.

Graham

Well done to the new team for all their hard work and they are busy making plans for 2017 all ready.

THANK YOU

FOR PAYING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION AND CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY