

Burghley Press Release

M&M ponies excel at Burghley

Once again an amazing day at Burghley; fantastic entries, although the weather was very unkind! Tremendous spirit and joy was shown by the competitors, officials and spectators alike.

Mini Burghley event pony was split into 2 sections, 60 overall entries. Section one was won by Brosna King, an 11 year old gelding ridden by Charlotte Barnes. Second to her was Isabella Stagg riding Orchids Careyan, with Lucy Frankham third on Ruskhill Morning Blues. Section two was won by Machno Countryman ridden by Megan Roberts – Superb jumping seen here giving her the highest mark from the 2 sections. It was worth the long journey from Flint & Denbigh Hunt Branch of the Pony Club as Machno Countryman went on to become the overall Mini Burghley Event Pony Champion. The second place in that class became reserve champion, Calcourt Red Bull and Imogen Hill from North Shropshire Hunt Pony Club.

Once again HOYS Racehorse to Riding Horse was very well supported. The judges from this class; David Ingle, Ian Smooth and Richard Ramsey all commented on the high standard of the class. Out of 17 entries the class was won by Deep Reflection, owned by Mr J Newbold and ridden by his daughter Helen Newbold.

For the first year P(UK) held an M&M Burghley Event pony final which featured a strong class of 35 entries, Won by Donys Hustler and Chester Sykes who lead from being third to go. Again a superb jumping mark helped him to remain in the lead from Rosenharley Sir Lawrence and Penny Lawn. Third place went to Isabella Regis and Trewithian Woodrough.

The final class of the day for horses/ponies was the not ex 153cms, again a strong class of 33 entries and won by Emily Proud Spot Awole who was second to go and again an excellent jumping mark to give her a clear head from Rose Nesbutt and Llanstinan Ivor. Sannon Valley Bounce with

Lucinda Parkes came third. Top 3 competitors from both classes competed for the Burghley Event Pony Championships, under blue sky and a shining sun the 5 judges assessed the top 6 ponies who were themselves in a class of their own, looking for the horse/pony showing the most potential to be an event horse/pony. The championship was awarded to Sannon Valley Bounce who gave a stunning performance in the championship to beat the other prize winners. Reserve went to Emily Proud and Spot Awole and first reserve went to Rose Nesbutt and Llanstinan Ivor