



### **Best Newcomer at CIAT Ashfields Peter Gibson and Sue Funnell**



Welcome to our fifth Newsletter after another two successful UK events. Beamish and Ashfields have attracted another super entry with more newcomers discovering the pleasure to be had from competing and exhibiting traditional carriages in beautiful surroundings with like minded enthusiasts.



### **CIAT Beamish by Gilly Chippendale**

BEAMISH 2024 saw my fabulous little Welsh sec B Bunbury Sandringham take the top honours winning supreme champion! So proud of my little rare breed Welsh prince who was the smallest pony competing. The weekend was a great success due to the meticulous planning by event director Richard Lanni and his family and Alan Ross as course designer using their skills from previous Glamis events to make this Beamish competition run so smoothly. The Friday evening Fish supper and Pimm's welcome reception followed by a private viewing in the newly opened cinema gave everyone a chance to become acquainted. The public were out in force with the change of date for this year's competition and once the horses were acclimatized to the milling crowds on the cobbled streets (we only had one child throw itself almost under our wheels)! together with the buses and trams it turned out to be an easier and more pleasant 12km routier than previous years. A black-tie dinner in the tea rooms followed the champagne reception by the bandstand so no fancy dress costumes this year! I rather liked the previous 1950's and 1960's attire. There was a wonderfully varied selection of 14 turnouts taking part this year and after the great success of the weekend I'm sure will increase next year. Grateful thanks must go to event director Richard Lanni



and his family, Alan Ross, Chris Thompson of Beamish, the Living Museum of the North and of course the judges and stewards who gave up their time to make this wonderful event happen. I for one am extremely grateful to them all and Zach and myself look forward immensely to next years CIAT Beamish.

## Full Results:

### CLASS A1 – SINGLE PONY

1st	GILLY CHIPPENDALE
2nd	PATRICIA WATSON

### CLASS A2 – SINGLE HORSE

1st	GORDON WATSON
2nd	CHRIS THOMPSON
3rd	JIMMY TATE
4th	NICOLA LOCKLIN

### CLASS A3 – PONY PAIRS

1st	ROSEMARY NEALE
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### CLASS A4 – HORSE PAIRS

1st	EWAN MACINNES
2nd	JIMMY JEFFERY
3rd	IAN GRAHAM
4th	GAWIN HOLMES

### CLASS A5 – TANDEMIS

1st	ALAN ROSS
2nd	RUSSELL HAND

### SPECIAL AWARDS:

BEST PRESENTATION	JIMMY JEFFERY
BEST SCOTTISH	EWAN MACINNES
BEST LADY WHIP	GILLY CHIPPENDALE
BEST GENTLEMEN WHIP	EWAN MACINNES
RESERVE CHAMPION	ROSEMARY NEALE
SUPREME CHAMPION	GILLY CHIPPENDALE



### Judges:

Lester Dagge  
Paul Mills  
Ad Van Der Pluijm





## CIAT Ashfields



**Perfect weather, superb new venue, a varied entry of all original carriages and no less than five newcomers set the scene for a lovely weekend of competition and fun. The organising team were pleased to welcome experienced BDS competitors to their first taste of traditional driving at the Ashfields Carriage and Polo Club. Members of the public were able to observe presentation, the champagne challenge and on Sunday, the cones in the ring adjacent to the Ashfields Country Kitchen patio. Along the entrance drive, soon after the start of the routier, the reverse, rail and carpet difficulties were giving competitors a challenge in the sunshine. Standards were high with half of the 22 competitors forward gaining under 10 penalties for presentation. The coveted Mike**



**Cooper Memorial Trophy for best presentation went to Sharon and Derek Wootton with the Laurie of Paisley Phaeton built in 1900.**

**For those that think CIAT events look easy, only 3 turnouts achieved a zero penalty routier which of course means the championship and reserve are likely to be among those three. Debbie Adams and her stunning Shetland, new to AIAT this year, put up another great performance to earn a super score. A clear cones would have given her the third best score of the day. But we could all say 'what if'!**

**Paul Mills' cones course gave just the right amount of challenge for the varied levels of experience and those new to the sport realised the amount of practice required to gain the double clear. Jay Archer and his beautiful KWPN entertained spectators with a running commentary and ended a splendid cones course with a creditable 4<sup>th</sup> place in the single horse class. Antonia Gallop, a seasoned supporter of 'attelage' with the gorgeous Hackney Brickell Black Supreme lived up to his name and won first place in the Single Horse.**

**Mark Juniper took part in his first ever CIAT event with a lovely tandem of grey cobs and completed his weekend with a brilliant double clear cones. He earned the year's subscription kindly donated by Carriage Commentator.**

**Lowest score for a newcomer went to the very experienced commercial driver, Peter Gibson who made it all look very easy with the Cribbs pair of grey Hungarian Warmbloods.**

**Regular perfectionist Sharon Wootton took the overall championship and another low presentation, clear routier and cones score for the Reserve Championship went to Jessie Boden and her lovely dun pony Barney put to a stunning 1890 Ralli Car. Overall a wonderful weekend with lots of smiles and laughter as**



well as a good old knees up on the Saturday night thanks to the hospitality of Mr and Mrs George Lock, owners of Ashfields and their team of Zoe Morgan and Wilf Bowman Ripley and the amazing staff of the Ashfields Kitchen. Jimmy Jeffery donated a very generous day at Ascot for lucky bidders at the auction for not one but two couples. Thanks to this and all the support of our lovely sponsors, helpers and competitors, the event looks set to run again in 2025. Happy Days!

## Full Results:

### Single Pony

- 1st - Sharon Wootton
- 2nd - Jessie Boden
- 3rd - Minta Winn
- 4th - Liz Harcombe
- 5th - Josie Randall
- 6th - Geraldine Pearson
- 7th - Susan Funnell

### Single Horse

- 1st - Antonia Gallop
- 2nd - Liz Jarman
- 3rd - James Titmus
- 4th - Jay Archer
- 5th - Elizabeth Cook
- 6th - Colin Varle

### Horse Pairs

- 1st - James Jeffery
- 2nd - Peter Gibson
- 3rd - Jimmy Tate
- 4th - George Lock

### Pony Pairs & Tandems

- 1st - Jessie Dudley
- 2nd - Rosemary Neale
- 3rd - Modris Kesans
- 4th - Mark Juniper

### Best Newcomer

- 1st - Peter Gibson

### Single Small Pony

- 1st - Debbie Adams

### Best Groom

- 1st - Master Spencer Tate

### Tabe Annema Memorial Best Harness

- 1st - Josie Randall

### Stewards Favourite

- 1st - Debbie Adams

### Supreme Champion

- Sharon Wootton

### Reserve Champion

- Jessie Boden

### Best Presentation

- Sharon Wootton





Judges, Organisers and Helpers at CIAT Ashfields

## Carriage Driving Awards

Great news is that all the Carriage Driving disciplines are coming together for a dinner dance in November and to celebrate achievements across the board. An awards evening where each society will nominate a winner in their category will be part of an evening of good food and dancing. For details and to book tickets for an event not to miss, follow this link:

[Book Tickets](#)

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## AIAT GB AGM

Next newsletter should see a 2025 Calendar of events for your diary. Chairman Rosemary Neale has already organised a meeting of all Events' Committees to discuss opportunities for next year and a full round up of this year's competitions.

As I type, Mostyn and New Forest Events are completed and full reports next time. What a brilliant year for AIAT GB!



Mark Juniper at CIAT Ashfields



Jay Archer



Debbie Adams