

Festival of the Horse 2011

On Saturday 4th June Rutland Riding club was represented at the Festival of the Horse by Sue Scott riding Ballintemple Myles, and Samantha Rodwell riding Mister Mistofffeles.

Both combinations were entered in the Novice Working Hunter, with Sue and Myles also competing in the Riding Club Horse, and Sam and Toff in the Non-native ridden coloured class. The working hunter track was a true test for a novice horse, and difficult, slippery ground conditions claimed multiple victims. Sam and Toff managed to jump a flowing clear to go through to the next round. Myles was forward and keen in his jumping, however, after slipping on the ground before jumping fence 6 Sue decided to retire the 4 year old. Toff went on to give a good show and ride for the judge. Despite giving a good buck in his gallop, he was eventually placed 5th – a very good result in a large field.

Myles put up an excellent performance in the Riding Club Horse, and gave a lovely show while displaying just the right sort of temperament for a riding club horse. The judge agreed and he was placed second in a very strong field. Toff put up another very good show in the ridden coloured class. However his 'well earned blemishes' could not be overlooked as they were in the hunter class, and he was placed 6th. Both horses were exceptional throughout the day and the riders were very pleased with the results!



Mr Mistofffeles



Ballintemple Myles

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