

Abbey Dressage Spring/Summer Championship 2011

1. The Abbey Dressage Spring/Summer Championships came to a conclusion on Sunday 7 August with three championships being completed, all with worthy winners.
2. The Open championship was won by Jennie Lawrey and her 14 year old Irish Sports Horse Boris. The pair maintained their lead over eventual Reserve Champions Alison Bennett and Kilvert who made a late bid for the title on the final day. The success was tinged with sadness because Boris sadly passed away recently and was unable to seal his victory on the day but his early season performances set up a lead that was good enough to win by a single point. Jennie had owned Boris for six years and after nervous and sharp beginnings patiently formed a partnership that took the pair to three Dressage championships. Boris will be sadly missed but fondly remembered.
3. Kilvert is an 8 year old 17 Hands warm blood cross by Rambertino, known to Alison since he was 6 months old and was backed by Alison herself. Alison was given Kilvert by her friends Bill & Wendy Wheeler four years ago and after overcoming leg & back problems has been brought on slowly to allow him time to grow & develop. The pair have been trained by Abbey's own Nick Lawson.
4. The Restricted Championship was won by George Wintle and his coloured Irish horse Baxter. 17 year old George and the 8 year old Baxter have been together for 2 years but this is their first full season of competition under the careful eye of trainer Maria Griffin.
5. The Reserve Champion was Come on Nellie, a Throughbred ex-racehorse who was rescued by Beckie. The pair were also winners of the Racehorse to Riding Horse Championships who finished ahead of another of Maria Griffin's pupils Gemma Todd on her ex-racehorse John Jorrocks. Kenny as he is known at home is 12 and had been racing for 6 years before Gemma bought him, the pair are also in their first full season of pure dressage.

Congratulations to all our champions and thank you to all competitors

Open Champions: Jennie Lawrey and Boris



Restricted Champions: George Wintle and Baxter

