



INDOOR TRAINING MEETING, HARTLEBURY PARISH HALL 6TH APRIL 2013

‘Sorry about the weather!’

An **indoor** training meeting was held at Hartlebury Village Hall on what seemed to be the first real, blue-sky day of spring!

The morning began with sessions led by Tony Bache, Claudia Bunn and Tony Gregory which focused on horse fitness training, driving a dressage arena, rein handling and cart maintenance. There were plenty of opportunities to ask questions and to share concerns along the way but, above all it was helpful to listen and learn from those with many years experience and to pick up some useful tips. The afternoon focused on the various elements of a driving trial with everyone getting involved with walking a cones course, familiarising themselves with a pre-novice driven dressage test, calculating marathon times and working out the best route around an obstacle course. All participants were presented with a certificate of attendance and comprehensive course notes at the end of the day. The red rosettes, however, belonged to Tony B., Claudia and Tony G. for their patience and encouragement and for giving of their time so selflessly.

The course provided a fitting balance of theory and practice as part of the WDDC’s overall training programme, which will culminate in a one-day Driving Trial to be held at Charlcombe Farm on 8th September.

A big ‘thank you’ as ever to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes to make it such a successful day; in particular, to Gill Bache for ensuring that everything ran to schedule, to Carol Gregory for the continuous refreshments and to Sandra Philips for organising the excellent venue.

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