

Lincolnshire Horse Trials

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MATTHEW WRIGHT FROM RETFORD WON THE FINAL OPEN INTERMEDIATE SECTION ON HUGGINSTOWN

GINA RUCK OF TEALBY CAME IN SIXTH IN THE OPEN INTERMEDIATE UNDER 21 SECTION



STUDENT EMILY PARKER FROM WALESBY TOOK THE UNDER 21 OPEN INTERMEDIATE SECTION ON TREFEERS



PIGGY FRENCH WAS LEADING THROUGHOUT THE OPEN INTERMEDIATE SECTION S ON CHICAGO II, PICTURED HERE GOING THROUGH ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR JUMPS OF THE CROSS COUNTRY COURSE

More than six hundred riders took part in this year's Lincolnshire Horse Trials held at the Showground, which attracted a record number of visitors – when the sun came out.

The weekend saw a return to eventing for international Olympic star Mark Todd who made a strong comeback on NZB Grass Valley to take second place in the Open Intermediate section, but the spotlight was on international rider Piggy French from Leicestershire, who made it two wins in the space of a week when she took the top spot ahead of Mark.

Local Walesby rider Emily Parker took the under 21 Open Intermediate section on Trefeers, her 2009 young rider team gold medal winner. She said "I think the bad winter did him a favour as he has come back fitter and stronger."

Amongst other local riders, Matthew Wright from Retford won the final Open Intermediate section on Hugginstown. He said "He is awesome, I thought we were really up against it on his first run of the season."

From Louth, Rosalind Canter had success with a win in one of the BE100 sections plus placings in other sections.

And seventeen-year-old Gina Ruck from Tealby, a previous gold medal winner for Britain at pony level, came in sixth in the Open Intermediate Under 21 sections.

Another BE100 section winner was Helen Scholl from near Grantham on Blackstairs King and in the local novice section, the winner was Deborah Foyle from Lincoln.



LINCOLN RIDER DEBORAH DOYLE WON THE LOCAL NOVICE SECTION



LAUREN WEST FROM LOUTH TOOK FIRST PLACE IN THE OPEN NOVICE SECTION M ON ROYAL HIGHNESS