

For horse lovers, all roads lead to Fenton - for the North Northumberland horse trials - the first of their kind to be held in the North. There's ^{one} Captain and Mrs Joicey - and gracing the occasion, the Duchess of Northumberland - at a meeting that has attracted riders from North and South of the Border.

Miss Molteno, on her horse, Carmena, has a word with Mr Readihough - before taking the jumps.

Keeping everyone in the picture with his running commentary is Dorian Williams - supported by Major Johnny Marshall.

Lt. Berryman of the 17/21st Lancers starts a faultless round on Majestic. The trials, a single-day event, devised by the British Horse Society, were organised by the Joint-Masters of the North Northumberland Hunt.

A competitor, Mr J.C. Fasson and his wife, watch Mrs J.C. Helps - mounted on Jester - complete a grand round without loss of points.

The Duchess of Northumberland is thoroughly enjoying the occasion - and, so too, is Alistair Paton - one of the judges.

There goes Winterset (No. 18) - the delight of Miss Patricia Sutcliffe - and he carries her on a faultless round.

Oh! Well Done, Winterset!

Each rider is timed with penalties incurred for lost seconds.

There's Miss Francis Landale on Mr Mack - owned by Miss Balfour-Kinnear - one of the judges.

A staunch Patron of the event - ^{is} ~~was~~ Sir Alfred Goodson.

An enthusiastic trio - Mr Barber - Mr John Rigley and Colonel Davidson.

So to the Cross-Country event. Quiz (No. 2) ridden by Mr A.P. Home, starts the two-mile course with its twenty tough obstacles, which must be completed in seven minutes to avoid loss of marks.

No. 3, Rapier, ~~starts the event~~ - with Mr Hegarty in the saddle. The horse is owned by Lord Joicey - another Patron of the Meeting.

Major Nicholson on his mount Garry (No. 4) reaches fence number six - and takes it in his stride.

Colonel Enderby on Springfield takes jumps number twelve and thirteen.

Majestic again - and his ~~graceful~~ Service rider, ~~Mr~~ Lt. Berryman.

Well known in point-to-point races - Stormbird, with his owner Miss Thomson in the saddle.

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And there's ~~the~~ Chieftain - with Major Blackett taking him over jump sixteen.

After a clear round in the show jumping - Jester and his owner, Mrs Helps take the cross-country course - full of confidence.

Miss Patricia Sutcliffe now - on Winterset.

~~Mr. Alan~~ Brigadier ~~xxxx~~ Bolton on his mount, Little Toff is going well.

At jump number twenty-one - there's Rowan - owned and ridden by Miss Garrett - going like a train.

The event was over - ~~all that remained was to be applied to the winners in~~ And the prizes were distributed by Lady Lambton.

In the showjumping, Mrs Jack Watherstone on the Lion, won first prize.

Second, No. 31 - Mr J. Hutchinson, on Murphy.

With the minor honours for Mr Fasson and Borthwick Cottage.

In the Cross-Country - First Prize Miss ~~Patricia~~ Sutcliffe and Winterset.

Second - Miss Molteno and Bandoola.

Third prize went to Lt. Berryman riding Majestic...

Northumberland Horse Trials

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Local Notes, 22nd April 1955

The North Northumberland Horse Trials, at Fenton, near Wooler, attracted many riders from both sides of the Border.

The trials - a one-day event devised by the British Horse Society - were organised by the Joint-Masters of the North Northumberland Hunt and the Duchess of Northumberland graced the occasion.

In the Show Jumping section - Miss Patricia Sutcliffe, on her mount, Winterset - took every jump in her stride for a faultless round. Each rider was timed, and penalties were incurred for lost seconds. The cross-country test was staged over a two-mile course - with twenty tough obstacles - which had to be completed in seven minutes to avoid loss of marks.

Since the 1948 Olympic Games - these equestrian events have steadily grown in ~~popularity~~ popularity.

This was the first trial of its kind to be held in the North of England - and it ~~was~~ proved ^{to be} one of the most enjoyable sporting and social events - ever staged in the Border Country.