

Wellington & Dummer RDA Fun Day

Wellington & Dummer RDA Group organised an RDA Fun Day on 21st June 2108 at Wellington Equestrian Centre for RDA Groups in the South Region to come and enjoy taking part in dressage and handy pony competitions and going for a short circular walk in the woods. Twenty five riders from four RDA groups; Lambourn, Warfield, Wellington & Dummer and Wyfold all came together for the day which started at 10.00 and ended with prize giving at 13.00.

This is a great opportunity for riders at all levels to experience taking part in a competition in a fun and friendly environment. Many riders come each year to this annual event, but for some it is the first time they will have left their own riding centre, and just taking part is an achievement. It isn't easy to find suitable competitions for our RDA riders, so this fun day is a very important outing which gives all the competitors a huge sense of success as everyone goes home with a rosette.

The Wellington & Dummer RDA Group are based at the Wellington Equestrian centre which is in 300 acres of the Duke of Wellington's beautiful Hampshire Estate. They put in a huge amount of work to plan and run the day with plenty of volunteers on hand to steward and judge in one dressage arena and two handy pony arenas, not to mention the marked route through the woods.

The day was summed up by one of the adult riders, Annie Collins, who received the Achievement Award for the day for her determination to succeed following a stroke 6 years ago which left her with left side weakness especially in her hand and fingers. "Today has given me the belief again that I can do it and riding is the one reason to get up in the morning. I am at my happiest sitting on a horse."

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