

Giddy up for annual donkey derby day



Caitlyn Alford, right, riding Rosie, and her friend Auria Peach, 11, is on Poppy at last year's Bampton Donkey Derby
Picture: Jon Lewis

THERE'LL be plenty of ha-has among the hee-haws when people gee up for the 46th donkey derby in Bampton this Bank Holiday Monday.

No doubt people will be braying with laughter as 14 donkeys from Weston-super-Mare face off in the races that have been delighting villagers since 1953.

Children will be able to ride their mules in a range of races that residents can bet on.

The proceeds will go to providing a day trip to the seaside for some of Bampton's 400 senior citizens.

Don Rouse MBE, who has been organising the event since 1969, said: "Bampton is steeped in tradition and the tradition surrounding this

event is that we make sure that we raise enough money from it to be able to send two coachloads of our senior citizens to the seaside on the Wednesday following.

"This year they are all going to Weston-super-Mare which by coincidence is where this year's derby donkeys are coming from, so it is a sort of social exchange.

"Fourteen donkeys from Weston will visit Bampton on the Monday and 106 Bamptonians will visit Weston on the Wednesday."

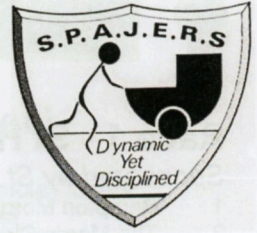
There will also be stalls selling bric-a-brac, skittles, Aunt Sally and crockery smashing.

The event takes place on Sandford's Field in Bampton, next to Church View, from 2-5pm.



Welcome to

The S.P.A.J.E.R.S.



2015

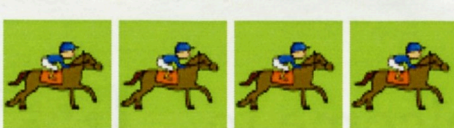
Donkey Derby & Fete



at Sandfords Field

August Bank Holiday Monday

2.00pm Start



2015 Donkey Derby - Race Card.



Race 1 - St Hugh's Carswell Dash

Sponsored by St Hughs School

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| 1 | Bampton Morrismen | Morris Dancer by Banbury Bill o/o Maid of the Mill |
| 2 | The Morris Clown | Clowning around by Golly o/o Beer ! At The Morris |
| 3 | The Talbot | White as a Sheet by Horace o/o The Talbot |
| 4 | The Romany Inn | Well-Fed-&-Watered by Glynis o/o The Romany |
| 5 | The Horseshoes | Beer and Big Screen o/o The Horseshoes |
| 6 | Tom Clarke | Time For Another o/o Hours and Money |

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Race 2 - The Nursery Stakes

Sponsored by Vicky & Nicky Childcare

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| 1 | Prestige Buildings | Straight and true by Prestige Buildings o/o I'm a level |
| 2 | Tommy Papworth | Newsboy by Papers o/o Emmies |
| 3 | Graeme Taylor | My Salvation by Ejector Seat o/o Meteor |
| 4 | Rosebank | Rosie by Jane o/o Rosebank. |
| 5 | Liz Tanner | Daisy Sixpence o/o Tanner |
| 6 | Mr. A E Walker | Woodburning Stove by Walkers o/o Burford |

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Race 3 - Calais Oak Donkey Dash

Sponsored by Animals at Home

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| 1 | Prestige Buildings | Good Job by Prestige Buildings o/o Bricks and Mortar |
| 2 | Don Rouse | Abandoned by Spajers o/o Must Get Home |
| 3 | Dixie Deane | Knot by Archers o/o True |
| 4 | Jeff Dando | Playing by Ear o/o Tune |
| 5 | Lord Donoughmore | Real by Anagram o/o Earl |
| 6 | Frank Hudson | Four Winds by Bungalow o/o Bampton |

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Race 4 - The Outwear Cesarawitch

Sponsored by Outwear of Bampton

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| 1 | Bampton Cricket Club | Slogged by Batsman o/o The Ground |
| 2 | Mr. R Saunders | Penelope by Pitstop o/o Fuel |
| 3 | Mrs. Smith | Blanket by Smith o/o Witney |
| 4 | Mr A E Walker - | Kiln-Dried Logs by F Walker o/o Compton Abdale |
| 5 | Steve Radband | Coffee Morning by Sarah o/o The Romany |
| 6 | Chris Collett | Landscapes by Hard Work o/o nothing. |

Race 5 - A K Timms & Sons. Stakes (Wooden)

Sponsored by A K Timms, Builders Merchants

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| 1 | T Tanner | Garage Door by Up & Over o/o Remote Control |
| 2 | Bampton Kennels | Pedigree by Choice o/o Kennel Maid |
| 3 | Liz & Dave Rose | Punters' Delight By Bet On Me o/o Dead Cert |
| 4 | Kate Walsh | Sparkles by Sequins o/o Wowprom |
| 5 | Biz Goody | Bon Appetit by Biztro o/o Wheelgate |
| 6 | Craig Godwin | Press-Ganged by Spajers o/o Sponsors |

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Race 6 - The Burford Garden Company Bucking Bronco

Sponsored by Burford Garden Company

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| 1 | Mat & Jacquie Green | Trombocino by the Beanstick out of Allotment. |
| 2 | Dave Gardner | More Jobs To Do by Me o/o time |
| 3 | Mike Connor | Donkey by Mike o/o Names |
| 4 | Josie Buckingham | Family by Buckingham o/o Palace |
| 5 | Pat Smith | Fine Hospitality by Pat o/o Upham House |
| 6 | Stuart Pearce | Navigator by Parachute o/o Aeroplane |

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Race 7 - The No Trauma, We're Not On Duty Stakes

Sponsored by Bampton Surgery

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| 1 | Nick & Jenny | Rocky by Bronwen o/o Pembroke |
| 2 | Geraint Chatwell | Pixie Ponty by Maeric o/o Cymru |
| 3 | Helen Grimwade | Hassled by Grumpy o/o The Old Nag |
| 4 | Reg Cooper | Dwellings by Coopers o/o Barns |
| 5 | Brian and Ann Ferguson | "The Glen" --- New home o/o Holly Tree |
| 6 | David Hawkins | Smokey by Bonfire o/o Mill Green |

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Race 8 - The Bampton Physio Donkey Diva Stakes

Sponsored by The Bampton Physio

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| 1 | Suzi & Ian Macpherson | Highland Jig by Fearsome Mac o/o Porridge Oats |
| 2 | T Hely-Hutchinson | Asterisk by Coronet o/o Nel |
| 3 | Rosie Gerrings | Sandfords by Little Water o/o Tap - Mat |
| 4 | Phil Walsgrove | Led astray by mischievous children o/o School |
| 5 | Mr. H Thomas | Fire View by Woodworm o/o Lew |
| 6 | Lynne Pointer | Patchwork by pieces out of Sew and Sew |

DONKEY DERBY 2015



On behalf of the Spajers, I would like to welcome you to our Donkey Derby. Many people are intrigued by our name, it stands for the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing ! It is an organisation devoted entirely to the Senior Citizens of Bampton, it provides all of them with a monetary Christmas present and usually, an outing in the Summer, this year to Poole in Dorset. As well as our annual events such as the Shirt Race, Quizzes, occasional day trips and the Donkey Derby, we also have Josie's Draw which is coming up soon so be sure to get there for a great night out.

Our Motto is "Dynamic Yet Disciplined" so I hope you will be suitably impressed by all our members and helpers that are manning the stalls and trying to help us raise lots of money for what we feel is a good cause.

We are in need of help at all our events, if you feel you could help please speak to one of our committee members. We are also in need of some more committee members, we meet once every 2 months or so in the Town Hall for about one hour.

It would be a great shame if this unique group was to fade away due to lack of support. I hope that you will enjoy your day with us and maybe win lots of prizes, if not a fortune on the Tote.

Best wishes to you all .

Mat

Chairman

S.P.A.J.E.R.S Committee Members

David Hawkins (President)

Mathew Green (Chairman)

Suzu Macpherson (Vice-Chair)

Roger Snow (Secretary)

Jeff Dando (Treasurer)

Mark Booty

Josie Buckingham

Peter Davis

Dave Gardner

Neil Gold

Lynne Pointer

Don Rouse

Jenny Walsgrove

Thank you for helping us support our village!