

# XTREMELY WELL DONE.

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RUTHIN N .WALES IS IN THE NEWS AGAIN

XTREME PARADISE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS GELDING

WHAT A COUP THAT WAS!!!! AND THAT'S NOT ALL READ ON.

THIS IS THE THIRD YEAR THAT THE CONSTANT APPALOOSA TRIBE [APHCUK REPRESENTATIVES] TIM AND JANETTE KEELEY, KATIE EVANS [YOUTH] ELLIE ROBERTS [GROOM] ALL FROM RUTHIN IN N WALES AND AND DEBBIE ROGERS [GUARDIAN ANGEL] [ FROM ABERGELE] ATTENDED THE EUROPEANS IN AACHEN.

TIM'S HORSE HAD ALREADY BEEN A CHAMPION IN PREVIOUS YEARS SO IT IS ALWAYS A GAMBLE TO GO BACK AND DO BETTER .HE HAD A REALLY BAD INJURY LAST SEPTEMBER SO WE WERE HOPING THAT THE 17 HOUR JOURNEY WOULD NOT BE TOO MUCH FOR HIM. MY MARE DAISY HAD ALSO BEEN A CHAMPION BUT SHE IS VERY CONTRARY SO ONE CAN ONLY HOPE , THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE EQUESTRIAN FAMILY WAS OUR FOUR YEAR OLD BABY ZYGY CHOSEN AS HE HAS A LOVELY DISPOSITION AND CAN DO IT ALL .[AND HE DID]

WE LEFT TUESDAY AT 6PM AND GOT INTO AACHEN AT 11.30 THE NEXT DAY THE ROADS WERE CLEAR THE FERRY CALM AND LORRIES SOUND SO FAR SO GOOD .XTREME PARADISE [INDY] WAS STIFF GETTING OFF SO WE HAD TO WALK HIM FOR A WHILE THEN WE GOT TO IT AND BEDDED DOWN HORSES AND CHILDREN, TITIVATED HORSES GOT NUMBERS AND PREPARED FOR THE BIG DAY.

THURSDAY WAS WINDY AND COLD OUR FIRST EVENTS WERE TRAIL AT 8.30AM MY HORSE LETS ROLE ZIP MMR [DAISY] DID HER USUAL AND PULLED OVER THE GATE [A DQ] NEVER MIND AT LEAST THEY REALISED AFTER A FEW MORE DID IT THEN CHANGED IT FOR TIMS' CLASS AND GAVE THEM MORE ROOM TIM GOT 7<sup>TH</sup> IN THAT CLASS .NEXT UP WAS THE MENS WESTERN PLEASURE WOULD THE FRENCH WIN AGAIN OH NO AFTER SOME VERY GOOD BUT CONTROVERSIAL

JUDGING THE SLOW HORSES WERE PLACED LAST AND THE HORSES MOVING FORWARD WERE IN THE TOP 3 INDY PLACED 2<sup>ND</sup> AN EXCELLENT RESULT.

FRIDAY WAS A SUPER BUSY DAY 10 CLASSES BETWEEN US ALL FOLLOWING ON

DAISY AND INDY BOTH GOT GOLD IN THEIR HALTER CLASSES WITH JANETTE DAISY PICKED UP 7<sup>TH</sup> IN SHOWMANSHIP AFTER JANETTE PUT A TURN IN BUT CORRECTED IT AND STILL PLACED. KATIE TOOK C.A. SYZGY INVITATION [ZYGY] TO A GOOD 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE IN HALTER GELDINGS AND 5<sup>TH</sup> IN SHOWMANSHIP ZYGY GOT 7<sup>TH</sup> IN JUNIOR TRAIL WITH TIM

NEXT UP SENIOR PLEASURE THIS WAS A TOP CLASS AND WE GOT 6<sup>TH</sup> [TIM] AND 7<sup>TH</sup> JANETTE GOING ON TO PLACE 3<sup>RD</sup> IN THE WESTERN RIDING EVEN THOUGH DAISY DID THE BACK UP VERY CROOKED

SATURDAY STARTED EARLY WITH THE OPEN CLASSES DAISY PLACED RESERVE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS MARE AFTER BLOWING ALL THE OTHER AGED MARES AWAY AND INDY WAS PLACED 1<sup>ST</sup> BY ALL THE 4 JUDGES IN ALL HIS CLASSES AND GOT A DESERVED CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TROPHY WE QUICK CHANGED INTO ENGLISH SHOWING ATTIRE AND ZYGY GORT A BRONZE MEDAL FOR HUNTER IN HAND IN HIS 2 CLASSES NON PRO AND OPEN

LATER DAISY GOT HER HERITAGE TITLE BACK AND ZYGY PLACED 3<sup>RD</sup> POOR KATIE FORGOT HER WORDS WE THOUGHT TIM MIGHT WIN SOME MONEY IN THE JACKPOT PLEASURE BUT JUST MISSED OUT IN 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

ALTOGETHER A MUCH BETTER SHOW THAN YOU COULD HOPE FOR .THERE WERE A 100 MORE HORSES AND THE STANDARD WAS AMAZING. EACH YEAR WE GO THE STANDARD IS HARDER. NEXT YEAR IT IS A BIT FURTHER AWAY BUT WELL WORTH THE EFFORT SO LETS SEE MORE OF YOU THERE. JANETTE KEELEY