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**Record Turnout for this year’s Eridge Horse Trials and Country Market**

This year’s Eridge Horse Trials and Country Market was declared a great success with attendance numbers being up on last year.

Well over five thousand walked through the entrance gates over the weekend to watch Olympic medallists and local riders compete in the stunning grounds of Eridge Park, near Tunbridge Wells, in cross country, show-jumping and dressage.

Wadhurst born, triple Olympic medallist Pippa Funnell MBE, riding Mirage D’Elle, was overall winner of the Harwood Land Rover Open Intermediate Section M1 One Day Event with Sarah Pickard winning Intermediate Section N on her horse Polo Striker.

Local riders winning sections included Sam Penn, Georgie Strang, Felicity Collins, Elizabeth Halliday Sharp USA who now lives at Chailey and Lauren McLusky.

Alongside the horses was a country market. Now in its third year, stalls catered for all interests and tastes selling crafts, equestrian goods, food, clothes, gifts and farmer’s produce.

Sunday saw the ever popular ‘Dogs in the Park’, with a schedule that included ‘Waggiest Tail’, ‘Best Fancy Dress’ and ‘Best Biscuit Catcher’. Jevington Terrier Racing organised the terrier racing that took place Sunday afternoon and ‘The Hawking Centre’ put on two falconry displays which included flying from a Barn Owl, Hawk, a Vulture and an Eagle.

Joint event organiser Jenny Nolan, commented: “We are thrilled with how the event went, helped by the weather which was glorious all weekend too. The country market is proving a real success, making the event appeal just as much to the non-horsey crowd as those that follow the sport. We have had great feedback over the variety of stall holders and what a wonderful day out it is for all generations and hope that it becomes a date for the diary for many more years to come.”

For more information, please visit [www.eridge-horsetrials.co.uk](http://www.eridge-horsetrials.co.uk).

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