

Banbury – Sunday 2nd July 2017 - Judge Claire Price Scribe Rachel Bradley

I would like to thank Karen [Kooky Kendall](#) & Banbury DTS for your invitation to Judge Level 4 at your warm and friendly show set in the delightful surroundings of the National Herb Centre. The sun shone down on us, further adding to the warm atmosphere you & your team worked so hard to create. It was lovely to see [Nikki Kirk](#) back as part of Team Banbury, in her role as CRS & I thank her for her advice. I would like to thank my super scribe [Rachel Bradley](#), for all her help and assistance – judging less than 2 weeks post knee surgery would have been a lot more painful experience without it. I would also like to thank [Ann Nash](#) for stepping in to the scribe role for a few dogs for me too, to enable the smooth running of the ring.

So to my class. Thank you all for the way you tackled the course & accepted my decisions – I hope that you enjoyed it. When designing this course, I wanted to offer as much space as I possibly could for the jump exercise to give teams the best chance at doing an exercise I know many struggle with & I'm absolutely delighted to say that most teams performed the exercise not only well but also with lots of enthusiasm – congratulations! I was fortunate enough to have some great teams to judge highlighting the teamwork that Rally is all about.

My placings were :

1st [Katy Girdler](#) – Gwynion Sinead for Dashamatts (Border Collie) – 203

Stunning enthusiastic round! This team gave me very little to mark – the main points losses came from some excessively exuberant barking that I could see was becoming irritating to the handler. However, they showcased perhaps the best Moving Down & Forward, I have been fortunate enough to judge – it was fast, enthusiastic and accurate! Congratulations.

2nd [Claire Stewart](#) – Prestek Caena's Carney (Border Collie) – 201

Another lovely display of great teamwork. A stylish round with the points losses coming from a few positional errors and some additional commands. Could easily have been an even higher score – Well done!

3rd [Marney Wells](#) – Dazmarnic Firefly at Copyhold (Staffordshire Bull Terrier) – 198

What a crackingly stylish team who make it look so effortless! An absolute delight to see a small dog work in such a motivated and happy way. The points losses here came down to some interesting handler 'interpretations' of signs! However, one of the few teams to do a perfect bonus – Well done!

4th [Julia Skipp](#) – Caramel Fudge of Skipaway (Pomeranian) – 195

This dog is an absolute delight to judge – a small dog that completely owns the ring, offering a stylish and enthusiastic performance. The main errors here came from handler mistakes doing a sign in the wrong place, stepping over the jump line and forgetting to change pace. Could easily have been an even higher score – Well done!

5th [Daryl Smith](#) – Bekway Bubbles & Bling (Border Collie) – 193

Another very good team who produced a lovely round. There were a few minor errors in position, additional commands, and a costly bonus but otherwise this was a very good round – Well done!

6th [Julia Skipp](#) – Zak of Skipaway (Border Collie) – 192

A lovely happy round with a few minor errors coming mainly from position to the signs and a costly handler error in knocking over a cone with her foot – Well done!

Congratulations to all my qualifiers. To those that didn't quite make it today, keep training & having fun with your dogs and I'm sure your time will come. I look forward to seeing you all around the Rally shows.

Banbury – 2nd July – Judge Julia Bodsworth Scribe Helen Chetwynd

Thank you to Karen [Kooky Kendall](#) and B&DDTS for the invitation to judge Level 6 yesterday (02/07/17). Thanks must also go to super scribe [Helen Chetwynd](#) and Chief Rally Steward [Nikki Kirk](#) for their part in keeping things moving and making sure everyone was happy. There were 23 entries, 10 teams gained Qualifying scores, 5 NQ's, 3 withdrew and 5 did not present. I was very pleased with the general standard of work from the teams that gained qualifying scores and the places were awarded as follows:- 1st Jackie Webster & Fireflight Jahla, 2nd [Ann Nash](#) & Pukermann Folly, 3rd [Jenny Morris](#) & Blackrobin Bob The Builder, 4th [Sonya Wright](#) & Fen Street Tiger, 5th [Joanne Syson](#) & Midnight Bullet and 6th [Karen Marek](#) & Mohnesee's Man On A Mission. Of those who didnt quite make it this time, for what ever reason, I want to give a special mention to [Alison Davidson](#) & My Lady Lulu and [Rachel Bradley](#) & Camusmor Shooting Star Over Ruddyduck for producing some super enthusiastic and much improved rounds. The 3 handlers that chose to withdraw did so for exactly the right reasons at exactly the right time with only their dogs best interests in mind, and for this I applaud you. WELL DONE EVERYONE.