

On Saturday 31st August the Wye Valley Retriever Club held a Field Trial Training Day. Despite the threat of rain we managed to stay dry until the last half hour. The event was run by Vicky Pritchard, ably assisted by Clare Raymond who acted as Chief Steward and support judge. 11 people took part and the day commenced with a theory session where everyone learnt about J-Regs, eliminating faults and etiquette. This was followed by a simulated trial using dummies and taking the format of both a walk-up and driven trial. At the end of the trial we went back to the barn where Vicky and Clare ran through the highs and lows of the morning. Unfortunately there wasn't an overall winner but there were some excellent dogs and handlers.

Everyone agreed that the day had been informative and a great success. Some people went away full of enthusiasm ready to enter a Field Trial while others realised that they perhaps need to do some more work before they are ready.

The Club would like to thank Roger and Clare Raymond for allowing us to use their lovely ground, and to thank Vicky for putting on an excellent training day. Thanks also to all the people who gave up their time to help with the running of the day. We couldn't have done it without you.

