

Shropshire Cat Club 7th February 2015

Show Report

This was the first time I had been to the Shropshire Show - back-to-back with the Gwynedd for the first time - since it moved to Stoke-on-Trent from Stafford a few years ago. It turned out to be an easy train journey and I liked the Fenton Sports Complex venue only a few minutes by taxi from the station. The show hall was large and well-lit, and well filled with 517 entries, and the spacious restaurant area served that show-day essential, a good full breakfast.

The Gwynedd Cat Club had introduced something new for all entries in the Olympian classes: a handsome laminated "Olympian Contender" cards depicting a photograph of Caernarvon Castle plus special rosettes - nice for those who were unlucky in those large classes.. Both shows rewarded their Best in Show winners with celebratory bottles among their prizes: Chardonnay from the Shropshire and champagne from the Gwynedd.

The award boards room was handily placed just off the show hall, but may have been a little small for purpose. I am sure this back to back experience was a little bit of a learning curve and am sure that the delivery of results slips will improve next year so that the Best in Show judging can start a little earlier.

To-ing and fro-ing to collect results for two sections in both shows left me much less time than usual for talking to exhibitors, admiring their cats and taking photographs of winners, and I am sorry that this is a rather small collection.

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