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### Chairman's Note

The season has started with well run events at Brighton, Farleigh and Hopetoun. Brighton and Farley were down on their entries but Hopetoun was up. Unfortunately Newnham was cancelled due to the lack of entries which complicated matters for the Single Horse class.

If we wish our sport to continue and prosper we must compete and enter National events and we must go out into the highways and byways to recruit new members.

That is my bossy-boots lecture for this newsletter but I will end with very satisfactory news that the re-run committee election produced not only an identical result but also an increased turnout.

*Onslow*

*Lord Michael Onslow, Chairman*



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**Cover pictures**, clockwise from top left: Royal Windsor - Mia Allo, Belgium, wins Pony Teams; Boyd Exell canters in FEI Test 9; Brighton - Helen Cruickshank; World Cup fever strikes Sue Botley; Royal Windsor - Carol Boswell's horse tandem wins dressage; Stephanie Richards (and new four-wheeler) flies round at EACDG's Blandings Farm; Mark Broadbent of Fenix Carriages drives Paul Rackham's park drag to victory at the Suffolk Show. Photos: Fiona Powell

## Editor's Introduction

As I write in mid-June the sport of horse driving trials is obviously evolving. While there seems to be growing interest and enthusiasm for well-run club events, with higher than ever entries, more people are choosing to stay nearer to home and foregoing the challenge of competing in National events.

Why? BHDTA Interactive on the website initiated a brave open forum for a short time in May and some pithier extracts are printed on page 4 for the benefit of those without internet access and as a reminder for anyone else.

Essentially, the reasons for the dearth of entries is the cost – of entry, of travel, of time off work – and a perceived lack of value and lack of being valued as a competitor. Don't dismiss the remarks about rosettes. If they aren't important to you, they still represent an enormous achievement, a special reward or a valued token of appreciation for others, including grooms.

But even if it's welcome, change is a nightmare for event organisers. They still have to provide top-quality judges throughout the event, put them up in decent B and B's, provide the right number of vets, paramedics, stewards, score collectors and scorers and other officials – and look after them well – and offer some form of entertainment. Entries aren't coming in so early – more people are entering nearer the closing date, and this means more uncertainty. Many sites have entry numbers restricted for one reason or another so they would find it hard to open their doors to a club event in parallel. It costs almost as much to take one horse or pony as it does to take two or

more to an event and Singles competitors in particular are put off financially: club singles classes are well supported.

What to do? Drivers want good quality competition at their level: to me this means classes of more than four. Classes of 25 can be daunting, however. At Nationals Novice drivers take a huge leap when they move into Open class and this is the point where many drivers feel they've achieved what they wanted, or what they are capable of, and go back to the clubs. There's been talk of an Intermediate class, but why not a Premier class? This would take the top set out of Open classes and give everyone a better chance of working their way upwards. Do people want National Club Championships, over two days? What about holding club events/classes at more National events?

The three-day format is another inhibitor which adds to the already significant cost of entry and travel as people take time off work and may need to pay for family and animal care while they are away. Two-day events would attract more club drivers and they'd be cheaper to run.

Perhaps a small discount for early entries – or a free barbecue ticket, say – and a smaller fine (£20?) for late entries would encourage the former yet not over-discourage the latter. £50 stops me from considering entering late. Greater flexibility, I think, might draw in a few more entries. It's hard to fit more than 100 competitors through a National-length marathon in a day, however.

I know everyone has their own ideas, that change usually has a cost attached – in time, effort or complexity – but we're used to challenges. Perhaps we need to get more used to talking to each other about them – and listening?

As always, I welcome your views.

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**Inside cover pictures**: clockwise from top right: Colin Allen enjoys Royal Windsor with passenger, Gary Power, photo Dan Power; Georgina Frith goes through the water at Royal Windsor, DP; Rowena Moyes at EACDG's "Ashfields Impromptu", FP; Dick Lane, mastermind of "Ashfields Impromptu", Mike Watts; an informal John Pickford, MW.



*I've no idea who this is at Royal Windsor, but they went through the water fast! Photo Dan Power.*

# Read this - Office News - No 3, 2006

## COUNCIL ELECTION RESULT

There are three vacancies on Council which will be filled by the three people named below who have gained the highest number of votes:

<b>Tony Bache</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>Sally Moreton</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>Philip Bateman</b>	<b>138</b>
Barry Hilditch	124
Edmund Goodwin	119
Nigel Dipple	100
Ian Douglas	59
	(879)

## OPEN SINGLE HORSE COMPETITORS

Horse Singles class is holding its Championships at Lowther. There is also to be a Horse Singles class at the National Championships at Windsor. Schedules for Windsor can be obtained from the BHDТА Office. JH

## WITHDRAWALS FROM EVENTS

Will competitors please take notice of the procedure for withdrawals as set out under Annex 22 (BHDТА rule book, page 199). There have been occasions this season when the correct procedure has not been followed. Specifically, it is incumbent on the competitor to notify the Organiser (not the PoJ/TD/Vet, etc.) that they intend to withdraw from their event. Failure to withdraw in the correct fashion may incur a fine of £50.

## 2006 ANNUAL BHDТА CONFERENCE AND DINNER DANCE – 21-22 October, 2006

Hilton Coventry, Paradise Way, Walsgrave Triangle, Coventry.

### TIMETABLE

Saturday, 21 October

10:00 Stewards Seminar (open to volunteers who have or wish to steward at events)

11:30 Affiliated Club Representatives Meeting (by invitation)

14:00 Open Meeting and presentations

19:30 for 20:00 Annual Dinner Dance

Sunday, 22 October

11:00 Event Organisers' Meeting (by invitation)

The Coventry Hilton is located at Junction 2 of M6 motorway and the M69 interchange, 20 minutes from the Birmingham NEC.

Do join us as this is YOUR conference when you have the chance to put your views and ideas forward at the Open Meeting.



Dinner Dance tickets are available at a cost of £35 per person from the BHDТА office. Accommodation can be booked direct with the hotel on 02476 603000, quote BHDТА for discount rate or visit their website at [www.hilton.co.uk](http://www.hilton.co.uk)

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## Newnham National Event Cancelled

The organisers have informed us that the event has been cancelled due to lack of entries.

The Single Horse selection event due to take place at Newnham will now take place at Sandringham.

The Newnham Novice Qualifier will now be run on 24-25 June at Newnham Park. The cost per entry will be £60.

Entries to Penny Bragg - 01822 840355 - as per the year book. Entries will now not close until 10am on Saturday, 17 June. The event will run over most of the National course and use six of the National obstacles.

*Send your photos for publication. Club and National events. Please label them clearly – where, who is the subject and who took the photograph. Thanks! FP*

## Letters Page

### Sponsors and company membership

*From Derrick Mayes, Chairman, Finance & General Purposes Committee*

Please may I use the Letters Page of Carriage Horse to remind competitors of the rule relating to sponsors and the requirement that business sponsors are company members of the BHDTA and personal sponsors are individual members of the Association.

The rule is contained in the "General Regulations for all BHDTA Driving Trials", Annex 25, page 212 of the 2005 edition of the rules and says:-

"All owners, joint owners, sponsors and drivers must be Full, Young or Company Members of the BHDTA."

It is the intention of the Council to enforce this rule which in recent years has in many cases been ignored and I thought it best to try and bring it to the attention of competitors as soon as possible so that they are not taken by surprise and have time to talk to their sponsors in order for the necessary membership process to be completed.

*Derrick Mayes*

### Seeking Judy Cooper?

*Can anyone reading this help Eric Stanger to trace and old friend?*

*From David Stanger on behalf of Eric Stanger*

Judy Cooper has sent my father a note for the first time in about 50 years. She lodged with my parents in Stockholm for three months after the war. They have lost communication since.

Reading an article in the local paper about my father, Judy responded with a note written on one of your cards featuring a photograph of two ponies. Perhaps Judy is a member of your organisation?

Judy did not leave a forwarding address.

Judy will be about 71 years old and lives in the Stockport area. Cooper is her maiden name but I do not know if she ever married.

Perhaps a long shot, but you may be able to help my father get in touch ?

Thanks in anticipation.

*David Stanger (son of Eric Stanger)*

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### National Championships – help wanted

Time slips away...the National Championships organising team still need your help!

Sponsors needed for obstacles, arenas, etc. - opportunities for all budgets.

Whilst the event will definitely go ahead, this obviously puts considerable financial strain on the BHDTA at a time it can least afford it.

After the last plea a few members came forward with some very useful contacts, thank you...but we need more contacts.

### COME ON FOLKS , GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT!

Please call Nigel Dipple on 07831 272397 or email him today at [sponsor@windsordriving.co.uk](mailto:sponsor@windsordriving.co.uk) with any ideas or contacts.

The flyers are out for this year's Championships. If any members can distribute these throughout the season to tack shops, feed merchants, veterinary practices, etc., please call the BHDTA office on 02476 419078. or pick some up from the supporters marquee.

## For a more personal approach to insurance

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## BHDTA Interactive

A cautious toe was dipped in the shark pool of interactivity when the website ran an open forum for a few days in May on the subject of event entries.

Brighton's entries were lower than usual – 70, down from 93 in 2005; Newnham has been cancelled owing to lack of entries and, as I write, two weeks before the closing date, entries so far for Henbury are lower than expected.

The forum is closed but remains for you to peruse in full if you have access to the internet: if you don't, here is a representative selection of peoples' comments:

### On cost...

National events have become far too expensive.

I ... have made a decision this year to do less Nationals and more good quality club events, at a third of the cost for entry fees and one hell of a difference in diesel costs. I feel that the sport has become a rich person's sport.

Driving Trials is the only equestrian sport in the UK where the difference between an "Advanced" National competitor and a "Novice" club-level competitor, is the state of their personal finances, rather than their ability as an equestrian.

We choose to do this sport but unless one is well heeled or have a private income the costs on time and the purse strings are prohibitive.

I believe that we need to reduce entry fees substantially.

...the sport at National level is pricing itself out of the market for "ordinary folk".



*Jill Wood is a keen Open class club competitor – and a full-time teacher. Dennis Wood grooming (Borde Hill, 2005)*

*Photo: Mike Watts*



*Janet Seaman's elegant three-phase carriage was designed and built by husband/groom Derek, here at Ashfields Impromptu: MW*



I know the National Events are over three days rather than two, but I find it difficult to see how they can justify an extra £85 charge especially when they have double the entries of a club event.

Some serious thought is going to have to be given to the escalating costs if the sport is going to survive.

We pay all this money in entries and our grooms don't even get a £2 rosette to take home at the end of it.

There are many reasons why entries are falling, but I'd say the biggest factor is the cost. Some people are just working class and save hard to attend Nationals and many stick with club events because they have families and commitments, they can't just take time off work and can't afford huge entry fees.

I don't understand how club events, with typically no more than 40 entries, can charge an entry fee of around £50, and National events will charge three times that amount to (usually) double the number of entries.

Are the entry fees too high, is the difference in cost for a National adding value for money over a club event?

### On value?

Why can't we have a rosette for each of the phases, Dressage, Cones, Marathon completion and overall. Events need to look at other added value, i.e. Farleigh's hog roast (*is*) included in the entry for driver and grooms.

Recognise those people who make the event happen that are not recognised at the moment. Grooms, family members, etc. If these people stop wanting to go, the drivers will stop.



*Sonny Hillier and his three-phase carriage, Ashfields. MW*

Ask yourself if the sport itself is the best it could be. Ask the difficult questions such as do you need the three days; do you need the road and tracks, are some marathons too big, is the judging fair, is it relevant, is it full of prejudice, is the presentation necessary. Don't just ask these questions from a purist perspective but does it encourage or discourage entries?

Perhaps the BHDTA management and National event organisers should turn their attention to finding cheaper venues and facilities? Perhaps then more working people/families would be able to take part in Nationals? Perhaps then the (wonderful) clubs would then be able to shift their focus on bringing through Novice drivers - and supporting existing drivers at grass roots level - increasing and retaining the number of competitors.

...the BHDTA need to decide what they are trying to achieve. Is it to grow the sport, run competitions, make a profit, provide opportunities for drivers to enjoy themselves? Whatever it is they should focus effort and stop all other peripheral activities.

Maybe at competitions go round and talk to everyone. Focus effort on those things that attract and are positive and cut out as much negative as possible even if you believe the opposite.

Why was the dressage arena so bad (*at Alnwick*)? Because our (*Novice*) dressage arena once again was out of the way at the bottom of the hill next to the river. ...Even the warm up area was just a bog.

### **On Novice drivers**

...why are the Novices shoved out the way and treated like they are nobodies?

Look after the new people, help them more than others, they are your future.

The Novices are ALWAYS in the shadows...

Do you really want people to dress up, will a special dressage carriage get you more points so you really need one?

...find out the experience of the ordinary competitor (say a single horse driver or pony driver) and what makes it difficult for them and what would make it easy.

*(What do you think? FP)*



*The stewards have a well-deserved sit-down at Brighton as Rene Schoop makes his entrance, Brighton. FP*

## **Stewards' Training Day**

*By Martin Holgate*

Following a request by me at the BHDTA Conference for a stewards' training day in the South East, I had a call from Tony Bache who had been asked to set one up.

We agreed a date and the venue. Letters were sent out to all the South East clubs and to those who had stewarded at Brighton and Normanhurst over the past few years. Over 30 people booked in and virtually all actually turned up on a cold but bright day. Tony Bache had prepared a pack of notes and Oaks Driving Club's course builders had erected an obstacle the previous day. During the day the morning seminar was devoted to the organisation of an event and the stewards' duties on marathon day, rounded off by a "multi-choice quiz" (test!) which tested those "little grey cells".

After lunch two guinea pigs – Ian and Frances Collings and myself with Katie Stewart backstepping – drove the obstacles to demonstrate the wrong way to do it. All a fun way to learn. Everyone felt it had been a worthwhile day and everyone learnt something.

We were all kept going by a constant supply of hot drinks and a terrific lunch provided by Oaks ladies Jessie

Hammett, Sue Vine and Pip Holgate. Our thanks go to Tony Bache for his time and effort in giving us such a worthwhile day.

*Martin Holgate, Chairman, Oaks Driving Club who, among many other things, organises the stewards for Brighton National Horse Driving Trials. (Apologies to Martin for me mislaying and delaying this report. FP)*

## Pony assessment at Catton Park

I can honestly say that the worst weather I have ever experienced at a driving event was at Catton Park throughout most of the pony selection and assessment "long weekend" in May. We arrived before the rain started in earnest and then showers alternated with lively bursts of hail and almost horizontal stair-rods of rain for the rest of Sunday and into Monday. Thunder and lightning provided the sideshow but the heroic concentration of the judges, vets and assessors and the stoic cheerfulness of the happy campers helped us to ignore the external discomforts.

(Amusingly, we'd brought a relative, a resident of sunny California, who decided to sleep in a new tent. Gamedly he tried to erect this inside-out, in a howling gale, during a ferocious downpour. As the sleet drove down my neck and turned into tepid slush, I coaxed him inside for a cup of tea, "until it clears". Miraculously, he's still speaking to us and claims he enjoyed the experience.)

About 30 turnouts on the long list came along to be vetted, assessed or have lessons: we're all being assessed for the Great Britain team who'll go to the Combined Pony World Championships Dorthealyst, Denmark, in 2007, in case you were wondering what it's all about.

We had been given times for our vetting, a lesson with one of the team trainers, Karen Bassett and Robert Buck, and a convoluted dressage test a few days earlier. Everyone who wanted feedback on the dressage assessments was given it on Monday evening. Our vets, Fran and Avice from Cambridge Veterinary College, were smiling and positive throughout, giving every pony a thorough prodding, looking at teeth and backs and feet and soundness, as you'd expect. Caroline Douglas with assistant Charlotte cheerfully kept us on the move to and from the vetting so we made best use of everyone's time.

On Monday evening we got together for talks about fund-raising, judging and future plans over a meal, which was held in one of the empty offices at the Hall. Rosemary Neale led a discussion on funding and told us about the visit to Dorthealyst where Julie Camm competed, with photos of the obstacles and some details about Conty, France, where she, Julie and Robert took part. Jill Holah, Sydney Smith, Liza Wood and our trainers also answered questions. Liza gave a spirited explanation of judges' integrity, "I mark what I see, not according to what you did last time or who you are" was the gist of her point, well made and heartening. She does not want judges to be remote from the drivers and would happily explain her marking to anyone who asks.

On Tuesday the weather was kinder, almost sunny, and more training went on with Robert and Karen with a great opportunity to whiz through some of the obstacles as

many times as you liked. The water obstacles were popular as you came out cleaner than when you went in.

I think everyone found the experience interesting and it was worthwhile getting together, meeting others and finding out what's being assessed and how. It's a big task and all the organising effort paid off, with some determined juggling (and delivery) of times carried out by Angela Flanagan, in the rain, with remarkable perseverance and good humour.

This event was just the start. Selection is an inclusive process and if you drive a pony and you'd like to join in the training - you don't have to want to represent Great Britain - please contact Julie Camm, 07778 931950, for information about future pony training opportunities.

Thank you to everyone involved and also, of course, to our hosts the Neilsons for the use of the beautiful park and world-class facilities. *FP*

## Training – STOP PRESS!

### BLANDINGS FARM TRAINING VACANCY

Louise Garget runs events for the BDS and EACDG at her family farm near Newmarket. There are superb level dressage arenas, areas for cones practice and six obstacles, some of which were Dounhurst favourites. She has top level trainers such as Karen Bassett, Georgina Frith and Heiner Merk. There is a vacancy on the next three-day clinic with Heiner, 10 – 12 July. If you are interested in coming to take part for the three days or for one or two days, please let her know - 01638 720664.



*Di Hayes above and Jacqui Clarke below in training with Heiner Merk in April at Blandings Farm. MW*



## The cost of competing

By Bo D'Seer (name and address supplied)

These are the personal views of one active and enthusiastic competitor.

Since the start of the season there has been a lot of chatter amongst competitors regarding the cost of competing. A lot of the bad feeling being directed towards the BHDTA. This was born out on the recent interactive pages on the BHDTA web site. Remember that the BHDTA provide the framework for events, they do not organise them. That is down to individual groups.

I decided to investigate what has happened to the cost of competing since the formation of the BHDTA in 1997. Because there is, in my opinion, a good deal of misinformation and personal perception bandied around as fact. I know there are other costs; fuel, horse registration, and membership - which has almost doubled to £130 - involved in competing, and these have a bearing on peoples' perception but for this exercise I have excluded them.

I analysed the BHDTA year books taking the following events: Brighton, Sandringham, Lowther, Normanhurst and Newnham, because these events are the only ones that have been going over the whole time that the BHDTA has been in place. There is one caveat with these figures in that Normanhurst is a two-day event where the others are three.

I then took as a standard the entry fees for the Open Single and Horse Teams as these are consistent classes across the events. The fees include the BHDTA levy which was £10 until 2005 when it was increased to £15

Then to develop a better understanding I built the spreadsheet taking the entry fee in 1997 and I worked out the percentage rise that has occurred to bring it up to today's fee.

I then went to the Office for National Statistics and found out the rate of increase in the Retail Price Index (RPI, inflation rate) for the years 1997 to 2005. This gave an inflation figure of 21.94%. This means that to spend the value of £1 in 1997 you have to spend £1.22 in 2006. Then I applied this to the 1997 fees (row "1997+RPI").

There are a number of interesting points to come out of this table (below):

- 1 Sandringham has had the smallest percentage rise in entry fees.
- 2 Lowther has increased the Open entry the most - by 120%.
- 3 Newnham has increased the Team entry the most - by 117%.
- 4 The bottom line shows what the entry should be if the 1997 entry fee rose by the rate of inflation.
- 5 In three of the events the Open classes have carried more of the increase.

If events had risen by the rate of inflation we'd be looking at an average entry of £100 for Opens and £120 for teams.

### Point 1

With this information available maybe the event organisers might like to comment on the background to these increases of generally £10 a year?

Now I know what you're going to say, "But it's the increase in insurance cost". No, I've checked and this is covered by the event's affiliation which is paid for out of the levy. They can take out additional cover but I have been told this is not taken up.

### Point 2

Maybe it's time the teams with their sponsorship should shoulder a bigger proportion of the entry fees. As they inevitably take up more resources than Singles both in support crew, water consumption, muck and obstacle damage, etc?

I can't see events coming down in price so I suppose the real question we need to answer is: "What do we want for our money?" The simple answer: "Value".

How can this be achieved?

Table showing the yearly costs of entering Open Single and Horse Team classes at five National events from 1997 to the present.

Costs £	Brighton		Sandringham		Lowther		Normanhurst		Newnham	
	Open	Teams	Open	Teams	Open	Teams	Open	Teams	Open	Teams
1997	85	100	100	135	75	110	65	65	80	85
1998	90	100	105	140	86	126	66	66	85	90
1999	100	110	110	145	90	130	75	75	95	100
2000	110	120	115	150	110	145	85	85	105	120
2001	100	130	125	160	120	155	90	90	115	130
2002	130	140	125	160	120	155	90	90	115	140
2003	140	150	130	165	130	165	95	95	140	150
2004	150	160	140	175	140	175	100	100	145	160
2005	165	175	155	190	155	190	115	115	155	175
<b>2006</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>185</b>
% rise	94.12%	75.0%	65.0%	48.15%	120%	81.82%	76.92%	76.92%	106.25%	117.65%
<b>1997+RPI</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>104</b>

### Some thoughts

Events are built on three distinct phases: dressage, marathon and cones. Why not have awards for each of these phases? A rosette doesn't cost that much and we might be able to get sponsorship for each class in each phase.

Do we need a disco?

Farleigh is seen as giving excellent value with its reception on Friday, and Hog Roast on Saturday night.

It could increase participation if classes were split into "National" and "International" giving prospective international candidates the option to drive the international dressage test and others taking part in a "National" class driving a less tough dressage test.

Reward us for entering early. Has anyone been fined £50 for a late entry this year?

Maybe a member could help the organisers of Nationals by and with the backing of council setting up "Call Off" contracts for things like toilets, marquees, radio's, first aid, etc.



*Should multiples pay more than singles? Slick Dick Lane at the Ashfields water obstacle. FP*

### More thoughts on the future of the BHDTA

*from an Avid Supporter (name and address supplied)*

What a shame the strong feeling about the FEI 8 test were not heeded. Instead the BHDTA chose to use a test (which was meant to be used at Premier Events) at every National in 2005. The bread and butter of the Horse Class were not considered and have now gone off to compete at club level (me included). How many Open Horse Drivers have gone away thinking they can't compete at National level?

We haven't all got International horses and without the lower ranks (I don't mean that to sound patronising as I am one!) continuing to compete, the horse driving trials can only become an elite sport where only the sponsored or well off can attend. What a shame that would be for all us drivers who like to go along and take part even if we never take the red ribbon.

Are the BHDTA listening? As another year goes past and still no sign of an intermediate class? Where do all the progressing Novices and Open Drivers with young horses go?

Could a club event be run alongside every National to encourage drivers and boost funs, I know a lot of events are doing this already.

I appreciate that the raised fuel cost has had a bearing on many drivers not being able to attend, but its far from being the only reason, the BHDTA must look within!

*Everyone I know has their own opinions. What do you think? Get in touch and let us know! FP*

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## Club Reports

**“Ashfields Impromptu”** or *“Let’s hold it right here in the barn!”* **17-18 June, Ashfields Carriage Driving and Polo Centre, Great Canfield, near Dunmow, Essex**

Goddarn it! No Newnham. No warm-up for Sandringham. Says Dick Lane to Wilf Bowman-Ripley, “Why don’t you run an event at Ashfields?”

“You find us enough competitors and we’ll do it,” replies Wilf. So Determined Dick did just that, and Zoe Morgan, Wilf’s partner, phoned around for more competitors, top-class judges, stewards, scorers, a Technical Delegate (EACDG’s Jean Lane) while Wilf laid out arenas, a one-section marathon course, and re-flagged six obstacles for teams. David Taylor designed the cones course. Nigel Dipple put a notice on the website... In about ten days we’d got an event up and running with over 40 competing on Saturday and a few more on Sunday – 44 in total.

The event was run under the East Anglian Carriage Driving Group’s banner, and the atmosphere was, if it’s possible, even friendlier than usual. National drivers and first-timers were all catered for in every sense with classes geared to their abilities. The National and many Club Open drivers drove FEI 7 and 8 dressage tests while other Open and Novice drivers were divided into horse and

pony classes, most driving BHDTA 1. One or two of the less experienced drivers had the odd blond(e)/senior moment remembering the unfamiliar dressage test and, on Sunday, some found the long obstacles hard to remember but all enjoyed the challenges and the sunshine.

There was room enough in the stable field and the magnificent new club house with its bar and terrace was the venue for a barbecue feast on Saturday night. Jacqui Clarke, EACDG Treasurer, was very impressed with people’s enthusiasm. “Normally it takes one person 40 minutes to put the cones away. Today loads of people helped and it was done in four minutes.”

On Saturday Amanda Wells’ pony tandem gave her a beautiful ten out of ten for one movement in the dressage test and she scored the lowest all day on 46.3. Georgina Frith’s horse team was second overall on 47.1.

Sunday’s competition finished at 13:40 and Mike Watts, scorer, set himself an almost unbeatable target by producing the scores for the whole event at 14:00. We resolved the inevitable queries and the prize-giving was well attended at 14:30.

Derrick Mayes sportingly pointed out that he hadn’t completed an obstacle in under three seconds and conceded first place in Open Horse and but Paul Sidwell only beat him by 5.05 penalties on 112.97.

Sonny Hiller was thrilled with his mare’s first-time-out

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win (123.14) in Club Horse Singles, beating Chris Smith (130), despite Chris's much-improved dressage (64.5) and fast marathon.

Julie Camm won Open Pony (107.58), but local star Janet Seaman won that class's dressage, 47.3 Mark Bell, one of the junior squad, ended second on 113.23 overall, finally just 0.3 ahead of a very pleased Janet.

Katie Bell (14 years old) won a strong Club Pony class (122.75) and Jenifer Barker-Simson ("70+") was only 11 points behind, herself 11 in front of newcomer Ann Davey (142.17) with another newbie, Gill Anslow a close fourth (148.98).

Gary Power's pony pair returned the fastest marathon of the day, 55.67, leaving Gary fourth, however. Jo Sore was surprised at her win on 125.28, but there was no room for slip-ups as Jo Rennison finished on 125.87. Rowena Moyes was third, 129.55.

Terry Selway won horse pairs, 144.92, and Claire Bourne's (still new) Gelderlanders were second, 150.12, despite Claire's winning cones round. John Pickford was third by less than five penalties from Claire, and Jacqui Clarke's handsome greys were fourth.

Dick Lane was pleased to win Horse Teams, 124.04, competing against Georgina Frith, 136.55, and Devil's Horseman, Daniel Naprous. Georgina drove the water obstacle with care and ease, however Dan's dedicated grooms had to persuade his horses to get their elegant hooves wet with a bit more drama, fortunately safely for all.

Hooray for Terry Chambers for allowing us to use his marvellous venue; for Wilf and Zoe rising to the challenge – for all the judges, stewards, helpers and bar staff and barbecuers who helped to make the event such a great success in a ridiculously short time – all for a £40 entry fee. Photos and results, see Ben Power's site, [www.powersphotos.co.uk](http://www.powersphotos.co.uk) and [www.mikewatts.com](http://www.mikewatts.com). FP

### **Blandings Farm, training and one-day event**

Louise Garget and her family did a superb job of laying out the dressage arenas, cones course, the marathon route and the six National class obstacles, said a thankful Jean Lane, East Anglian Carriage Driving Group's Technical Delegate.

"I just had to turn up and hardly had to change a thing", said Jean. I and 36 other drivers, plus grooms, spectators, stalwart stewards and supporters can endorse her thoughts. It was hot, very hot, all weekend, although those of us training with Karen Bassett and Georgina Frith on Saturday were lucky enough to be wafted by a cool breeze.

Starting at 9:30 on Sunday, 11 June, and running with two dressage arenas, a cones course with a U-box, and a challenging set of obstacles, the event proved very popular for club members new and old.

Caroline Musker's judging in arena two was sharp and fair: it must have been tough keeping one's concentration in the heat, but Caroline's as hawk-eyed at the end of the morning as she is at the finish, I can attest.

Trevor Mills ran the not-too-twisty cones course with his usual polite charm and a number of energetic helpers. Without a break, he was then stationed on the marathon course and continued cheerfully for the rest of the day. Jo Meech had collected a good number of enthusiastic helpers to cover the day's activities and, apart from the unavoidable heat, it was a grand day out.

Lynzi Bennett was only just piped to first place in the Open Pony class dressage (49)

by a determined Jill Wood (41). Lynzi was going well and did some good times in the obstacles. Janet Seaman took third place.

Unusually, Mark Bell, one of our frighteningly good junior drivers, missed gate E in tricky obstacle six in the wood and eliminated himself, but he took this in good humour. Sister Katie Bell, however, won Pre-Novice class convincingly.



*Sandra Cooke completes obstacle six at the first EACDG Blandings Farm one-day event. MW*



*The debut of Claire Bourne's new Gelderlander pair led to a gratifying second place, Wilf Bowman-Ripley backstepping. Photo MW.*

Claire Bourne's new chestnut Gelderlander pair made an impressive debut, coming second in the multiples class to Amanda Wells' tandem. Alma Webb was third.

Open Horse class was won by Zoe Morgan with a busy Wilf Bowman-Ripley on the back (who backstepped on the marathon four times), beating Chris Smith driving

Romeo, the black Gelderlander Zoe drove in the National Championships last year. Paul Mills is Chris's new backstepper.

Novice Horse class was won by Lyndsey Tyas, Diana Irwin, current Indoor Novice Horse Champion, was second. Janice Parker competed a very smart horse of Georgina Frith's, Sid King backstepping.

Perhaps a couple of drivers should have retired instead of pushing on to the finish in the heat – although no-one wants to stop anyone's enjoyment. It's easy to get carried away with excitement and adrenalin and you've paid your money so you are going to enjoy yourself, but it's no fun for the horse if it just isn't fit enough or capable. It's good horsemanship to be aware of your horse or pony's enthusiasm and physical shape and no-one will think the worse of you for retiring, said one of the senior stewards. *FP*



*Queen of the Castle! Brigitta Kronqvist of Terrington driving double clear in the cones at NEDTL's Ripley Castle event.*

### **Debut Driving Delight for Brigitta**

*Steve Kerry reports on the North Eastern Driving Trials Group's May event at Ripley Castle.*

The outdoor carriage driving season finally got under way in the North East on the weekend of 6-7 May. The magnificent park at Ripley Castle provided a spectacular backdrop to the event although heavy rain on Saturday night lead to heavy going in the marathon on Sunday. With the opening event at Escrick lost to the weather the newcomers to the sport were especially eager to find out if their wintertime indoor competitions would stand them in good stead when they faced the outdoor disciplines.

Having developed and encouraged competitors in a Pre-Novice class, the North East Driving Trials Group is really working hard to make it possible for beginners to become involved in this exhilarating but demanding equestrian sport. It was therefore very rewarding to see all the outdoor debutantes doing well, none more so than Brigitta Kronqvist of Terrington who achieved one of only four double clear rounds from the forty five entries. She also held off a strong challenge in the marathon from Sarah Clarkson of Pateley Bridge to win her class overall.

In the Open Horse Caroline Weiss of Blidworth had a triumphant weekend going double clear in the cones, driving the best marathon of the whole event and winning her class just 1.6 points ahead of Carol Johnson of Alnwick.

The best dressage score of the event was also in the Open Horse, a sizzling 32 put in by Susan Henry of Felton. The Novice Horse class saw Zena Pashley of Leeds take an early lead in the dressage which she extended in the cones, ending the first day over 26 points clear of her nearest rival, Christine Goodliffe of Bramham, but Christine had the drive of her life in the marathon and stormed past Zena's score to end up clear winner by 23 points over second placed Cathy Towle of York.

**Results:** Pre-Novice: Brigitta Kronqvist; Novice Pony: Tony Mould; Novice Horse: Christine Goodliffe; Open

Pony: Jackie Herd; Open Horse: Caroline Weiss; Pairs: Roger Godfrey; Teams and Tandems: Lesley Cox.

### **Club News**

#### **Movie Time**

Brockham Harness Club in association with Emma Burge ( producer of Channel 4's BAFTA award winning series "Shameless") is proud to present ' A year in the life....'

'A year in the life...' is a video film diary by Emma and her camera as she followed the carriage driving season in 2005. An avid pony driving fan (and National Champion in 2004) Emma toured the country with her camera attending winter and summer training sessions, BHDTA conference, selection trials, and the World Combined Pony Championships.

She condensed hundreds of hours of footage to enable the story to be told by the participants as they progress to the culmination of their efforts at the World Championships at Catton Hall. Many famous faces feature as do highlights of the 2006 South of England Carriage Driving Fair.

Brockham is very grateful to Emma for donating her time and expertise to produce an insight into carriage driving on many levels. We hope that you will be inspired to share this snap shot with others and encourage them to 'Get Involved...'

The dvd is now available for a limited period by mail order from Brockham Harness Club for £10+£1 p&p(UK) Send your cheque for £11 payable to Brockham Harness Club along with your name and address to: P O BOX 185, BILLINGSHURST, WEST SUSSEX , RH14 0WY

The club will donate £1 from every dvd sold to the Pony Training fund for the 2007 World Combined Pony Championships. See [www.brockhamharnessclub.co.uk](http://www.brockhamharnessclub.co.uk)

**The White Horse Harness Club** is holding a 'short-form' One-day Horse Driving Trials at 'Forest Farm' on Sunday, 16 July.

'The Brake', accommodation which sleeps two/three, is available. Stabling is available, too (£20 first night, £15 thereafter). If you want to book, ring Pippa Jarman or Debbie Butler at Forest Farm, 01590 644365, or email [driving@ffarm.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:driving@ffarm.fsnet.co.uk)

## Members News

Philippa Gammell was unable to attend Lady Hugh Russell's funeral service as she was coming back from Australia and couldn't change her plans.

"She was a good friend for many years after we competed together during the 1980's. In latter years she would visit us here with Lord Hugh, her dogs, quad, etc., and we would roam the hills after lunch which was always fun. We bought Lord Hugh's monkey bike after it had bucked him off once too often! I am very sad that I will meet neither of them again."

"Their daughter has seen this poem and has given her blessing for me sending it to you in case you want to put it into Carriage Horse."

## Verses for Rosemary

How can I write a few lines for a friend  
Who tried to phone me when nearing her end  
How can I write some lines that can touch  
A long life lived into which she put much

For her service in the hills that she loved, a small church,  
The country roads lined with beeches and birch  
Welsh voices singing and raising the rafters  
Some baking and no doubt some sloe gin for "afters"  
That sloe gin brewed with a kick like a mule,  
Take in moderation or you'd be like a fool!

First Wyllye a great home for teams and competing,  
For "Concentration" and facilities it really took some beating  
Olympic and International teams were hosted where  
Hugh and Rosemary's hospitality was legendary there

Then The Bell House in Wales built for comfort and ease  
With all things designed to delight and to please  
A farm and some sheep and some space for to roam  
A house that she loved, a place she called home.  
A letter writer of pages and pages  
Replying to same would take ages and ages!

A menagerie of animals for grandchildren's delight  
An authoritative voice if there was ever a fight!

A gentle person with a core of steel  
Who coped half her life with two limbs without feel  
A cross that she bore with acceptance and grace  
I wonder how we'd cope with that challenge to face?  
She stepped up to that challenge with Hugh at her side  
With energy and drive from no challenge she'd hide  
[www.horsedrivingtrials.co.uk](http://www.horsedrivingtrials.co.uk)

A pack of dogs the more the merrier,  
Ridgebacks and spaniels, whippets, not terriers

A lifelong love with Hugh her "bloke"  
Travels abroad with "Yes you've got it The Moke!"  
When The Moke died... Aahh ...she mourned not for long

Then the quad, a red one, they were both soon on song.  
Vehicles adapted with levers all manual  
Holidays in Scotland their trips became annual  
Tayside, Blair Atholl, Isla of Eriska or Mull  
A visit from the Russells would never be dull.

Come mist or rain or snowstorm or shine  
She'd be out in the weather whether stormy or fine  
Whatever the weather, those gum boots, those hats!  
And waterproof trousers if it rained dogs and cats

Mountains and hill tracks in fields and in valleys  
The quad would be there at driving events and at rallies  
Favourite spots at favourite events,  
Sandringham, Lowther (many colourful tents)

The hippy house and stabling all painted blue  
Adapted so cleverly for Rosemary and Hugh  
With great team back-up from helpers all willing  
The stables soon up and the buckets all filling  
She was never eliminated, never came last  
With ponies she loved, driven slowly and fast

Delicious things cooked for love and for laughter  
Lucky them all in the life everafter  
A wife, a mother, a grandmother and friend  
Rosemary lived life to the full to its end.

*Philippa Gammell*  
*April 2006*

## Horse passport madness

You can buy a horse without a passport, but you can't transport it. I suppose you could ride or drive it home. It's illegal to sell a horse without a passport, however.

You have to transport a horse with its passport, so anyone who wants to steal your horse can take the paperwork, too, because it's in your horsebox...

It's illegal to have more than one passport for a horse, however, anyone can still apply for one – for a stolen horse, perhaps? Some breed societies insist on your horse having a passport issued by them, however, horses competing abroad need international passports as well.

Having spoken to my local neighbourhood Trading Standards Officer, he's concerned that DEFRA is planning to tighten the screws on horse owners and their paperwork, with ideas like "all horses must be micro-chipped" being circulated recently in a consultation document. Watch this space! It'll be yours and my id cards next... *FP*

## Carriage Driving Sports Group for drivers with disabilities



The Unicorn  
centre,

Stow-on-the-Wold, was the venue for the recent training session organised by the Carriage Driving Sports Group for drivers with disabilities where fifteen drivers from all over Britain attended two days of intense training.

It was an opportunity for up and coming disabled drivers, able bodied whips and existing drivers to receive top level instruction from International pony team driver Anna Grayston and current Pony Pair's National Champion and Pony World Championship Team Bronze medallist, Rachel Stevens. Instruction was given in all areas of dressage, obstacle and cone driving as well as ground work.



*The Carriage Driving Sports Group for drivers with disabilities  
2006 Squad*



*CDSG's Margaret Lupton in training at The Unicorn*

The two days of training also provided selectors with the opportunity to work closely with drivers up for selection for the FEI Para Equestrian Single and Pairs World Championships which this year is being held in Hellendoorn, Holland in September.

Great Britain has remained at the top of its sport having retained Team Silver at the last three World Championships and individuals returning with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. All drivers are self funded and rely solely on the support of family and friends and training expenses and the cost of sending a team to the championships rely on fund raising and donations to the sports group.

If you feel you can help in any way or are interested in sponsoring the team, further information can be obtained from Margaret Brockie, chef d'equipe on 01204 531301 or Margaret@mbrockie.freeserve.co.uk.



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## British Drivers at Conty

Four British drivers competed at CAI-A Conty, France at the end of April. Angela Flanagan, Julie Camm, Rosemary Neale and Robert Buck were all in the Single Pony class.

After dressage the Brits were excellently placed in the 19-strong class, with Julie Camm lying in second, Rosemary Neale fifth, Angela Flanagan sixth and Robert Buck seventh.

Then the marathon when, as expected, one or two didn't fair as well due to inexperienced and young ponies. Despite this, Angela managed the third fastest time in Obstacle 8, which placed her tenth in the marathon. Julie Camm, meanwhile, was fifth fastest in Obstacle 1 and finished fourteenth. An unfortunate 34 time penalties in the marathon put Rosemary last.

However the end result was great and everyone that competed at Conty say they would love to go again and they can recommend it to all. The hospitality, facilities and welcome were all superb.

**Final result:** Angela Flanagan – fifth, Julie Camm (*right, at "Ashfields Impromptu"*) – sixth, Robert Buck – fifteenth, Rosemary Neale – nineteenth



Full results from Conty – see the BHDТА website.  
*Rosemary Neale*

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## Bramshill Forest Drive

Sunday, 24 September

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The route is about 12 miles with shortcuts for the less fit. All on forestry Commission tracks.

Entry forms from Sue, 0118 988 2668, SAE please.

## National and Club Events Diary 2006

National Events, Novice Qualifiers, Club events and Training Clinics listed here are mostly derived from the list on the website, where you'll also find National results.

### Reminder to Event Organisers

Would all organisers of National and Novice Qualifier events please send their results, preferably by email, as soon as possible after the event to:

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to allow us to keep the Points Leagues and Championships qualifiers up to date. Thank you.

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Please enter the details of your events on the website or send your dates – post or fax – to the Office as soon as you can to be included in this listing.

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11-14 May - Royal Windsor CAI-A (W)

27 August – 3 September World Equestrian Games

Aachen(GER) CH-M-A 4

21-24 September – Pratoni de Vivaro, Rome (ITA) World Singles Championships CH-M-A 1

*Club Secretaries – you can enter your event dates and details on the BHDTA website and they will automatically appear here. "More publicity equals more competitors." Club website addresses can be found on the BHDTA website and in the yearbook. NQ = Novice Qualifier classes. National events are in bold.*

*Date, Club, Event, Venue, Contact*

**30 June-2 July, Sandringham House, near Kings Lynn, Norfolk**

8-9 July, MDTG, Grangewood, Swadlincote, Derbys, two-day event, 01630 661314

9 July, Treuaddur Bay, Anglesey (Porth Y Post) event

[www.hosedrivingtrials.co.uk](http://www.hosedrivingtrials.co.uk)

9 July, WPEC Windsor Park Marathon Only (Members). 01276 472169

### 14-16 July, Henbury Hall, Cheshire

15-16 July, SCDA Barskimming, Mauchline, Ayrshire Scottish Points two-day event 0845 226 9498

16 July, WHHC, Milford on Sea, one-day event with short marathon at Forest Farm, 6 obstacles. 01264 336075

### 21-23 July, Catton Park, Derbyshire

22-23 July, WPEC Windsor Park Club Meet 4 (Members). Competitors are not required to enter all phases (Dressage, Cones and Marathon), each phase is judged independently, 01276 472169

29 July, SWSHDC, Courance House, Courance, Lockerbie, dressage, marathon and cones for disabled drivers, Pat Gillan 29-30 July, CHDTG, Erdigg near Wrexham, Erdigg two-day event, 0161 764 4525

29-30 July, WHHC Marlborough, Club Championships, two-day event, West Overton. Fantastic marathon. Pre-novice classes on Sunday, 01264 336075

29-30 July, MDTG, Great Ponton, Grantham, Lincs two-day event, 01630 661314

29-30 July, SCDA West Newton, Arbroath Scottish Points two-day event, 0845 226 9498

29-30 July, EACDG, two-day event + Inter-Club Challenge, BBQ, Ashfields Carriage Driving Centre, near Dunmow, Essex, Jacqui Clarke, 01702 510077

30 July, SWSHDC, Courance House, dressage, marathon and cones, Pat Gillan, 01988 403403

31 July-2 August, Junior Summer Camp, Ashfields Carriage Driving Centre as above. Apply to Jean Lane, c/o Haverhill Motaquip Ltd., Recreation Rd, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 8BH or email [jeannielanedriving@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jeannielanedriving@yahoo.co.uk)

### 4-6 August – Lowther, Cumbria

### 11-13 August - Alnwick Castle, Northumberland

11-12 August, CHDTG, Arley Hall, Northwich Cheshire, two-day event, 0161 764 4525

19-20 August, Brockham Harness Club, Borde Hill two-day event + NQ, Borde Hill, Haywards Heath, Sussex, Sara Simmons 01903 812885/ 07802 335705

19-20 August, SCDA Dalswinton, Dumfries Scottish Points two-day event, 0845 226 9498

19-20 August, Northern Ireland, Necarne. Two-day event + NQ

### 25-27 August - Castle Kennedy, Dumfries and Galloway

### 26-27 August, Normanhurst, near Battle, East Sussex

2-3 September, SCDA Blair, Dalry, Ayrshire Scottish Points two-day event, 0845 226 9498

2-3 September, WPEC Windsor Park Driving Championship (Members), 01276 472169

9-10 September, EACDG, Doggetts, Rochford, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, Club Championships, marathon with 6 obstacles + water. Prizes, Jacqui Clarke 01702 510077, 07860 822396

9-10 September, CHDTG Henbury Hall, Macclesfield Cheshire, Henbury Hall event, 0161 764 4525

10 September, SWSHDC, Dalmakerran, Tynron, Thornhill, dressage, marathon and cones, Pat Gillan, 01988 403403

10 September, W&DDC, One-day Trial at Shakenhurst House, Mamble, West of Kidderminster, Worcs. Entries close 25 August. Shortened course for Shetland ponies and for the less fit. Schedules and all enquiries Linda Sprosen 01562 824350 email [lindasprosen@hotmail.com](mailto:lindasprosen@hotmail.com)

### 15-17 September, National Carriage Driving Championships, Windsor

17 September, WPEC Windsor Park Club Classes at National Championships, 01276 472169

23-24 September, SCDA Thornton, Laurencekirk,

Aberdeenshire Scottish Points two-day event, 0845 226 9498

23-24 September, MDTG, Mythe Farm, Atherstone, Warwicks two-day event & End of Season Party, 01630 661314  
24 September, Bramshill Forest Drive. Off-road, way-marked charity drive/ride run for the Bramshill Riders and Drivers Association and BDS by Sue Bushell at Risley Farm, Swallowfield, RG7 1TE, near Reading, Berkshire. Entry forms from Sue, 0118 988 2668, SAE please.

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## THB British Equestrian Novice Points Leagues



THB British Equestrian Insurance Brokers Ltd are kindly continuing to sponsor the Novice Driver Points Leagues throughout the 2006 season.

Points are awarded in Novice Qualifier classes for single horse and single pony turnouts competing at National and Club events down to sixth place. Find out more about insurance from on 01732 771719.

### Points so far (13 June 2006):

**Novice Pony:** Tim Bailey 17, Cathy Willis/Tracey Fletcher 12, Sharon Redfern 10, Linda Twitchen/Dawn Emmerson 8, David Hewat/Ben Edmed/Nicola Jenn 6, Claire Helmer/David Smith/Susan Don/Claire Harper 5, Heather Clark 4, Ian Watt 2, Fay Pountney/ Carol Lamble/Wendy Ellis 1

**Novice Horse:** Julia Crockford 14, Jackie Ellis/Averina Snow 11, Rosie Owen 10, Andy Pilkington 8, Helen Hunter 6, Christine Goodlife/Lindsay Brown 5, J Blumire/Vicky Irwin 4, Steve Kerry/Lindsay Tyas 3, Jock McFarlane 2

## Fenix Carriages Points Leagues 2006

Fenix Carriages, based near Tiverton, Devon, are kindly sponsoring the Open and Multiples classes' Points Leagues. Points are awarded at National events down to tenth place, first place having ten points and tenth having one point. The best six of an individual driver's placings count towards the final result. The rules and latest results can be seen on the BHDTA website throughout the season.

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### Fenix Carriages Points Leagues – 13 June 2006.

**Single Pony:** Sue Corlett 20, Sue Denney 19, Judy Hilditch 16, Liz Rowe 15, Mary Kusin 10, Anna Grayston 10, James Broome 10, Audrey Barron 8, Sara Howe 8, Liz Melville 6, Sue Mart 6, Rosemary Neale 5, Barbara Nadin 5, Nigel Chandler 4, Sara Simmons 4, Jacqueline Niblock 4, Sue Mayes 3, Pippa Jarman 3  
**Pony Tandems:** Danielle Twitchen 20, Alan Clarke 18, Elizabeth Greensmith 10, Lady Brabourne 8, Fiona McOuat 7  
**Pony Pairs:** Rachel Stevens 20, Jo Rennison 17, Julie Hoskyns 16, Wendy Wadsworth 12, Anne Gilbert 11, Eddie Ingram 10, Jo Sore 9, Katie Eyres 8, Gary Power 8, Sebastian de Ferranti 8, Alan Rutledge 5, Minta Winn 4, Helen Cruickshank 3  
**Pony Teams:** HRH Duke of Edinburgh 27, Colin Allen 20, Julia Liles 15, Earl of Onslow/Helen Cruickshank 9, Faith Szczuka 8  
**Horse Singles:** Di Hayes 29, David Matthews Jr. 14, Christina Woollacott 13, Paul



Sidwel/Paul Chambers 10, James Binns 9, Mike Howard/Angela Flanagan/Sarah Clinghan 8, Ian Bertram 7, Caroline Weiss/Geoff Kirby 6, Pam Neill/Jane Lamb/Gael Newby/Frances Collings 5, Rachel Sargeant /Carol Johnstone 4, Patti Atkinson/Felicity Ruffe 3, Derrick Mayes 2  
**Horse Tandems:** James Robson 19, John Fowler 18, Rene Schoop/Pat Cooper 10, Carol Boswell 8, Alan Todd 7  
**Horse Pairs:** Fred Pendlebury 19, Barnaby Bowman 18, Louisa Menaged 15, Joanne Hartland 14, Barry Capstick/Sue Botley/Mick Peace 10, John Attenborough 8, Margi Hawkins/Libby Priest 7, Terry Selway 5  
**Horse Teams:** George Bowman 23, Karen Bassett 20, Pippa Bassett/Dick Lane 17, Peter Bennett 13, George Bowman IV 9, Robert Bowman 8, Georgina Frith 5, Geoff Woods 4, Robert Edwards 3

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