

Blandings Farm Inside-out Event - Sunday, 6 April

*by kind invitation of Louise Garget and family
Blandings Farm, Badlingham, Chippenham, Ely, Cambs CB7 5QQ*

This is a great warm-up event for everyone at one of our favourite venues. It takes the format of the indoor driving competitions using a larger 80m or 100m x 40m arena for dressage, depending on your class. Everyone drives the cones course, with up to 20 cones obstacles plus a one-section marathon of no more than 7kms with up to six obstacles you can pre-learn. The flat and fairly sandy ground is not too taxing for small ponies, but your pony or horse must be fit enough to complete the day comfortably. It's an ideal first event for newcomers, too.

All phases: dress is marathon kit, including hard hats or helmets; grooms may sit or stand; minimum track width is 125 cms. Everyone will have a harness inspection at the start of the marathon.

The stable field will be open from 12pm on Saturday for competitors. Please park in line, no closer than 5m to the next lorry or trailer. Water, toilets, horse waste facilities on site: please take your rubbish home. Please make sure your dog is under control at all times. The catering trailer will be on site all day serving hot and cold snacks and refreshments.

Bring your horse passports. Make sure you have a 1kg or larger fire extinguisher easily accessible. Please ensure that your site is left clean and tidy before you leave – thank you!

Competition A: Dressage

Pre-novice & novice classes: BHDTA dressage test pre-novice (2008) - arena 80 x 40m

Open classes, including multiples: BHDTA dressage test intermediate (2008) - arena 100 x 40m

Competition C: Cones

All classes will drive the same cones course of up to 20 cones obstacles, speeds as advised for each class.

Competition B: Marathon

One section, maximum 7kms with up to 6 obstacles, including one water obstacle.

Classes:

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| 1. Pre-novice horse/pony | 4. Open single pony | 8. Open pony tandems |
| 2. Novice single pony | 5. Open single horse | 9. Open horse tandems |
| 3. Novice single horse | 6. Open pony pairs | 10. Open pony four-in-hands |
| | 7. Open horse pairs | 11. Open horse four-in-hands |

Closing date: Friday, 21 March

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the event committee, on payment of an additional £10.

Entries by post to: Mike Watts, Ivy Cottage, Boot Street, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6PB

Entry fees, all classes: £45 (members); £59 (non-members)

Cheques payable to **EACDG Ltd** – or enter online now – www.eacdg.co.uk – with a secure payment using your credit card. *(This is much quicker, saves you postage and paper and is easier for us, too.)*

Classes may be combined or split at the event committee's discretion. Events are run under BHDTA rules for clubs with EACDG variations. Although we will make every endeavour to run the event as advertised, it may be affected by weather conditions and other events outside our control.

Event paperwork: start times and the event committee's letter to competitors will be posted on the EACDG website, www.eacdg.co.uk, as soon as possible after the closing date. Directions and a map are also to be found on the website. If you wish to have this information sent to you in the post, please enclose a sae with your entry.