

Ashfields Spring Event - Saturday-Sunday, 19-20 April

by kind invitation of Terry Chambers, Ashfields Carriage and Polo Centre, Great Canfield, Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1LD

Spring into action with our first East Anglia two-day event at our premier venue in Essex. All classes are represented and you can prepare for national events by requesting to use the national dressage tests, if you prefer. £5,000 prize money will be distributed among the top performers in all classes.

The stable field will be open from 12pm on Friday. Please park in line, at least 5m away from any lorry or trailer. Water, toilets, horse waste disposal facilities are on site: please take your rubbish home. Please make sure your dog is under control at all times.

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!

You are invited to the Ashfields Spring Ball, 19 April, 7pm-2am: “black tie and posh frocks”. Tickets are £60 per person. Changing facilities and showers will be provided for everyone attending the ball. You can book online and include your ticket payment with your entry fee. Please contact Lisa Jopson for more information, 07956 177015, jopsonl@aol.com (Alternative catering will be available on Saturday evening for those not dancing the night away. The ball’s marquee will be as far away from the new stable field as is practical!)

Competition A: Dressage - Saturday

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

Novice classes: BHDTA dressage test novice (2008) - arena 80 x 40m

Open singles classes: **FEI test 7a** (or BHDTA dressage test Novice (2008) or Intermediate (2008) or FEI 9 (2008)*) - arena 100 x 40m for all tests

Open pony multiples - **FEI test 6a** (or 10 (2008)*) - arena 100 x 40m

Open horse tandems - FEI test 6a - arena 100 x 40m

Open horse pairs - FEI test 8b - arena 100 x 40m

Open horse four-in-hands - FEI test 8a - arena 100 x 40m

Pre-novice and novice classes have standing presentation judging before your dressage.

**Please indicate on the entry form which dressage test you wish to use. 7a or 6a presumed otherwise.*

Competition C: Cones - Saturday

All classes will drive the same cones course of up to 20 cones obstacles, times adjusted according to class. Please go to the cones course immediately you have completed your dressage test.

Competition B: Marathon - Sunday

Three sections, maximum 15kms with up to 7 obstacles, including one water obstacle. The going on the marathon is fairly flat but it can get heavy when conditions are wet. Harness check for all at the start.

Classes:

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| 1. Pre-novice horse/pony | 4. Open & advanced single pony | 8. Open pony tandems |
| 2. Novice single pony | 5. Open & advanced 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, 4 April - Late entries may be accepted, £10 extra.

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

Entry fees, all classes: £59 (members); £75 (non-members). Cheques payable to **EACDG Ltd** – or enter online now, www.eacdg.co.uk, pay using your credit card (*this saves time and helps us, please try it!*)

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 letter to competitors will be posted on the 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 large sae with your entry.

If you wish to have a competence card signed, this must be brought to the event secretary before the start of the competition. Please write your name on the card and collect it at the end of the event or leave an sae.