

# Ashfields One-day Event – Sunday, 4 April

by kind invitation of Terry Chambers, Ashfields Carriage Driving Centre,  
Great Canfield, Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1LD [www.ashfieldscarriageandpoloclub.com](http://www.ashfieldscarriageandpoloclub.com)

*This is a great warm-up event to kick-start the season: all three phases are packed into one day and you use the same carriage and wear marathon kit throughout.*

The dressage arenas are full size. Everyone drives the same cones course, with up to 20 cones obstacles, immediately after dressage, and the one-section marathon is no more than 7k with three full-size obstacles driven twice. The ground is fairly flat and not too taxing for small ponies but your pony or horse must be fit enough to cope with the obstacles. It's an ideal first event for newcomers, especially if you come to the training on Friday and Saturday to help you get into the swing of things (see page 5.)

Those in pre-novice and novice classes have a safety inspection at the start of the marathon. There is no standing presentation. All phases: dress is "marathon kit". Dress according to the weather including hard hats or helmets; grooms may sit or stand; the minimum carriage track width is 125 cms for all phases.

The stable field will be open from 12pm on Saturday for competitors. Please park in line, no closer than 6m to the next lorry or trailer. Water, toilets - including for the disabled; horse waste facilities are on site. The clubhouse will be open all day serving hot and cold snacks and refreshments. Please clear your site or stable and take rubbish home.

Zoe Morgan has a limited number of stables available. Please contact her as soon as possible if you wish to hire one. Zoe can give advice on places to stay locally if you do not wish to camp overnight or travel to the event early in the morning.

## **Competition A: Dressage**

Pre-novice and novice classes: BHDTA  
pre-novice (2008) - arena 80 x 40m  
Open classes: BHDTA 1a - arena 100 x 40m

## **Competition C: Cones**

All classes 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 three obstacles driven twice; may include water.

## **Classes:**

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| 1. Pre-novice horse/pony | 5. Open single horse | 9. Open horse tandems        |
| 2. Novice single pony    | 6. Open pony pairs   | 10. Open pony four-in-hands  |
| 3. Novice single horse   | 7. Open horse pairs  | 11. Open horse four-in-hands |
| 4. Open single pony      | 8. Open pony tandems | 12. Small pony               |

Closing date: Wednesday, 24 March. Entry fees, all classes: £45 (members); £59 (non-members). If you want meals on Saturday evening, please book them with your entry, £10 per person, with a vegetarian choice, and dessert. Cheques payable to **EACDG Ltd**  
Entries online or by post to Mike Watts, Ivy Cottage, Boot Street, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6PB

If you wish to have pre-event information sent to you in the post, please send a first class sae to the event secretary.