

Ashfields Spring Event – 24-25 April

by kind invitation of Terry Chambers, Ashfields Carriage Driving Centre,
Great Canfield, Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1LD - www.ashfieldscarriageandpoloclub.com

Spring into action with our first East Anglia two-day event at this premier venue in Essex. Drivers in all classes are welcome. Prepare for national events or novice qualifiers by performing the national dressage tests, if you wish. This event typically attracts competitors from outside East Anglia so be prepared for some strong competition.

The stable field will be open from 12pm on Friday and we plan for the course to be open from 2pm. The bar will be open and catering is available all weekend. Why not book a hot meal on Saturday evening – just £10 per person, with a vegetarian option?

Dogs are welcome: please keep them under control, kindly clear up after them and note that they are not allowed in the arenas or obstacles at any time.

The Michelle Chambers trophy for the best dressage result will be awarded at the end of the event.

Note: if you want to compete in national novice qualifier classes, you must get a BHDTA qualification card completed at three club events and this event could be one of them. Please ask the secretary for a card before this event: call or email if you have any questions. Why not start your card now?

Competition A: Dressage - Saturday

Pre-novice, novices – arena 80 x 40m; open classes – 100 x 40m

Pre-novice: BHDTA dressage test pre-novice (2008)

Novice and small pony: BHDTA dressage test novice (2008)

Open singles classes: **BHDTA 1a (2009)** (or BHDTA Novice (2008), FEI 7a (2007) or FEI 9 (2008))*

Open tandems: BHDTA 1a (2009)

Open pony/horse pairs: **BHDTA 1a (2009)** (or FEI test 10/8b)*

Open horse four-in-hands: FEI test 8a

Open pony four-in-hands: FEI test 10

*Pre-novice and novice classes have standing presentation judging before their dressage. *Please indicate clearly on your entry form which dressage test you wish to use otherwise 1a is presumed.*

Competition C: Cones obstacles - Saturday

All classes will drive a 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 because the stewards will be expecting you.

Competition B: Marathon - Sunday

Three sections, maximum 15kms with up to seven obstacles, including one water obstacle. The going on the marathon is fairly flat but it can get heavy when conditions are wet. There may be some road work. There will be a harness check for all at the start. Small pony class drive only section E of the marathon and drivers in other classes may elect to drive only section E: please state this on your entry.

Closing date: Wednesday, 14 April.

Entry fees, all classes: £59 (members); £75 (non-members). Enter online or send your entry, cheques payable to **EACDG Ltd** to Mike Watts, Ivy Cottage, Boot Street, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6PB. If you wish to have pre-event information posted to you, please send a first class sae with your entry (and another sae for results).