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Get involved in our Spring Spectacular



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Wow, these are exciting times our horse trials is tomorrow! Who is ready for what promises to be a spectacular horse trials! For some it might be a first run of the season and for others it is a pre badminton run! We look forward to welcoming you all and of course good luck!

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Our fabulous BE cross country course will be available to hire from Tuesday 24th April to Sunday 6th May at £25 per horse.

A star-studded line up announced for The Istanbul BBQ Chester Advanced Intermediate

This year's Advanced Intermediate class looks set to be another exhilarating competition. There's a total prize pot of £3,000 up for grabs and we've received entries from some world-class riders.

Let the battle commence

In 2017, the battle for AI supremacy came down to the wire when our resident eventing dynamo Michael Owen managed to snatch the crown from 2-times Kelsall Hill AI champion Paul Sims. Michael and 'The Highland Prince' claimed the £1,000 winners cheque after an impressive performance which saw them finish just 0.4 penalties ahead of Sims and 'Last Secret'. The bronze medal was claimed by Louise Harwood and Whitson.

Michael's long-time campaigner 'The Highland Prince' has since been retired from top-level competition but, never fear, Owen plans to defend his title aboard the promising 'Jims Pal'. Meanwhile, Paul is returning with two entries in the AI including his 2015 winner 'Last Secret'.

With a stellar line-up of eventing stars all wanting a bite at the AI cherry, this is one class not to be missed!

MICHAEL SAID: 'Kelsall Hill's Advanced Intermediate is a class I've targeted to win again and Jim's Pal will give me a great chance of retaining my title and the £1000 first prize'



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Keep your eyes peeled!

Some of the best riders in the business will be heading to Kelsall Hill Horse Trials across three busy days of competition with many gearing up for the legendary Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials (2-6 May). Our venue offers brilliant viewing opportunities so you'll be able to follow all the action as it unfolds!

Keep your eyes peeled for the likes of Nicola Wilson, Rosalind Canter, Sarah Bullimore, Emilie Chandler, James Somerville, Caroline Powell (NZL), Dag Albert (SWE) and the reigning Burghley Champion himself- Mr Oliver Townend!

Entry is just £10 per car... and that's regardless of how many bottoms are filling your seats. BE members get in for free with a valid membership card.



'Kelsall Hill Horse Trials continues to attract larger crowds every year which has enabled our business to flourish due to the extra exposure and advertisement during the trials'

MIKE DONNISON,
ISTANBUL BBQ CHESTER.



Maria Wynne



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A sparkling reception guaranteed

Don't miss the sparkling prize-giving ceremony we arrange for our AI winners with a 'champagne shower' providing plenty of entertainment for spectators- even if the riders do get a bit soggy!

The lucky AI winner will take home £1,000, a rug kindly supplied by Equiport www.equiport.co.uk and the Winton Memorial Trophy. This year's top-three competitors will also be gifted with a bottle of 'Spirit of George English Dry Gin' courtesy of our friends at the Big Hill Distillery in Mobberley www.bighilldistillery.com



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ISTANBUL BBQ CHESTER

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Sponsorship Focus: Istanbul BBQ Chester

We're honoured that Istanbul BBQ Chester are returning as our principle event sponsors for the third year running.

Since 2012, Istanbul BBQ Chester has been serving award-winning Turkish cuisine and sourcing the finest fresh ingredients from trusted, local suppliers. This family-run business holds the prestigious 'Certificate of Excellence Award' from Trip Advisor and they are ranked the best Turkish restaurant in Chester by the comparison site. Istanbul BBQ Chester was also one of the nominees to be shortlisted by online food delivery service 'Just Eat' in this year's British Kebab Awards.

Joint-owner Mike Donnison commented: "We've seen Kelsall Hill Horse Trials go from strength to strength, just like our own business, and we had no hesitation in continuing our sponsorship."

The event organisers have done a fantastic job in promoting the trials with innovative course design and construction. This has attracted more of the UK's leading horses and riders, and provided further exposure for our business."

Good luck to Lesley Bradshaw from Istanbul BBQ Chester who owns two horses running at our spring event. Claire Deuten will pilot 'Dooney Rock' in the Open Novice, while Ami Penny takes up the reins on 'Serenade III' in Novice, Section W.

For menus and booking information see:

www.istanbulbbqchester.co.uk

NEW FENCES GALORE!

COURSE DEVELOPMENTS:

The day in the life of the Kelsall Hill team and Captain Mark Phillips with putting the fences into position!



'We put the course out in March when it was dry. It is a fair course giving horse and rider a good experience'

CAPTAIN MARK PHILLIPS, CROSS COUNTRY COURSE DESIGNER.



Win a pair of Grub's Iceline Boots in Heather!

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What's ON

With plenty of trade stands, food concessions and activities on offer there's even more reasons visit Kelsall Hill Horse Trials this spring.

ATTRACTIONS

FACE PAINTING FOR FREE!

Professional face painter Angie Hill from 'Colours Kids' (www.colourskids.co.uk) will once again be waiting to transform your little monsters with her stunning designs. Angie has a passion for art and making children of all ages happy!

Angie will be offering FREE face painting on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 April inside our kids marquee. Once your design is complete why not visit our 'picture board' for hilarious photo opportunities? We love seeing your pics so don't forget to tag and share on Facebook.

IT'S A FAIR COP

We're pleased to report that the Cheshire Constabulary Rural Crime Team will be paying us another visit this spring. The team were a very popular addition to our September event and they were accompanied by some of the beautiful birds from Stockley Birds of Prey. We're delighted that they are returning and highly recommend paying them a visit!

RETAIL THERAPY AND REFUELLING STATIONS

Remember to browse the mix of trade stands on offer at our event which are conveniently located just a stones-throw away from the Hampton Veterinary Centre show jumping arena.

If you're feeling peckish there'll be a delicious range of food and drink options available. From pies and Thai, to cappuccino and ice cream we're sure you'll find something to tickle those taste buds.

And let's not forget to mention the gin! Yes folks, The Drunken Pug Bar is back by popular demand to cater for those who fancy a little tipple.

HOT OFF THE PRESS...

We look forward to giving a warm Kelsall Hill welcome to new stall holders Joules and Nags Essential. Don't forget to check out their wares - we sure will be!



Cross country schooling on offer over our BE course

Would you love to ride at our autumn horse trials but want to test the water first? Well, you're in luck because our fabulous BE cross country course will once again be available to hire following our spring event.

We're open from Tuesday 24th April to Sunday 6th May at £25 per horse, and there's late night opening on Thursday's until 8pm.

Courses range from BE80 level upwards but please note, we do NOT allow schooling over the intermediate course, pinned fences, or fences that are deemed too much of a question once dressings are removed. We trust the judgement of our course builder David Evans in these matters and we won't

negotiate when it comes to your safety - even if you ask nicely and really want to school over a fence that's cross flagged!

NB. We reserve the right to close the course at short notice and without explanation should the need arise. | Group discounts are not applicable when hiring the BE course.

Please contact the office
in advance for bookings
and availability

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