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Get involved for this 'Spring Spectacular'



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*"Kelsall Hill is definitely one of the best one day events on the circuit, it's an outstanding horse trials venue."*

*The cross-country courses are fantastic in design and build whilst being spectator friendly which ensures the event is popular with owners too."*

*Piggy French  
International  
Event Rider*





## Love It: EXTRA!

"Our horse trials are upon us and there's so much to tell you that we needed an extra issue! What with world-class riders lining up for a chance to win the £1,000 winner's cheque in the Istanbul BBQ AI class, more sponsors onboard and a host of amazing prizes on offer in our competitions, there are loads more reasons why you're going to love it! We look forward to welcoming you from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd April at our Spring Spectacular.

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## Sue Matthews talks about her decision to sponsor a cross country fence at our spring horse trials

Saturday 24th September 2016 is a date that Sue Matthews will never forget. Her 10-year-old mare, Rapid Desire (Kimi) was running in our Novice class when a freak accident occurred during the cross country phase.

Kimi, who was being piloted by Gareth Warburton, was enjoying a good run and jumped the penultimate fence in fine form but she pulled up lame before completing the course. The vets diagnosed a fractured pastern bone and Kimi was sadly put to sleep.

# Sponsorship FOCUS



Sue explained: "I bought Kimi as an ex racehorse with some BS winnings but she had been out of work and winter had taken its toll on her condition and frame of mind. She could be quirky and wasn't the easiest horse to deal with but after plenty of training, patience and advice she came good. I hadn't intended for her to become an event horse but she was as brave as a lion and cross country became her favourite phase."

Sue, who lives near Bold Heath, stabled Kimi at Willow Park Equestrian which is the base of Gareth Warburton. In 2016, Gareth took over the ride and the combination made the move up to BE Novice level.

Said Sue: "Kimi exceeded all our expectations and no one could have predicted what occurred that day. I wanted to do something to commemorate her memory and it felt like a fitting tribute to sponsor the last fence that Kimi jumped."

Watch out for Rapid Desire Log Pile.



Sue bought Kimi in 2014 after seeing her advertised in Horse & Hound magazine and the duo became regular visitors to Kelsall Hill Equestrian Centre where they enjoyed using the farm ride and other facilities.





# Top riders line up for The Istanbul BBQ Chester, Advanced Intermediate class.

*This year's title class looks set to be another exhilarating competition. There's a total prize pot of £3,000 on offer and we've received entries from some world-class riders. We check out some of the runners and riders.*

## A top-class field

Don't miss the opportunity to watch some of the best riders in the business compete at our spring horse trials. The line-up for our AI class includes entries from eventing superstars such as Nicola Wilson, who was ranked 12th in the FEI World Eventing Rankings 2016, Ireland's Mark Kyle and we welcome the return of one of Britain's leading event riders, Piggy French. Piggy last visited Kelsall Hill in 2015, claiming both the OI and I classes.

## A sparkling reception guaranteed for winners

We are delighted that Scavi & Ray Prosecco will be gifting the top-three competitors in our AI class a bottle of 2-year vintage DOC extra dry Prosecco Millesimato; Scavi & Ray Momento D'Oro Scavi & Ray stands for the finest Prosecco, made from grapes harvested from top quality vines in the breath-taking and sun-drenched landscape of Veneto in Northern Italy and with an impressive and diverse range of products, Scavi & Ray has quickly become known as a Premium Prosecco brand globally. With Scavi & Ray

Spumante the figurehead of the brand and a rapidly growing collection, the winery continues to innovate, constantly offering customers new products following the latest trends with the Scavi & Ray quality guarantee.



'One Two Many' at Pau CCI 4\_ in 2016 where he finished fourth.  
Photo: Trevor Holt, Kingfisher Media Services.

“Last year was my first visit to Kelsall Hill and I was hugely impressed by the event, the cross country courses and the going. Amongst other horses, I am bringing 'One Two Many' who was part of the British team that won Team Silver at Blair European Championships 2015.

Nicola Wilson,  
International Event Rider”

# Our defending champions return . . .



**Rider: Paul Sims**  
2016 ranking:

AI Winner, 2016 (*Mystic Million*), AI Winner, 2015 (*Last Secret*). Paul reigned victorious in last year's AI class, pocketing the highly-coveted £1,000 winner's cheque with Jolyon Chamber's 'Mystic Million'. In 2015, Paul claimed victory with Fred and Roselle Willis's 'Last Secret' who is entered again this year. Can Sims score the hatrick?!



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Last Secret is in good form and we're hoping to make it a treble victory for our team and a double victory for the mare!”  
*Paul Sims, AI Winner 2016 & 2015*

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**Rider: Emma Silman**  
2016 ranking:

AI Runner up (*Sillogue Cailiocht*). In 2016, Emma took the runner's up prize with her own 'Sillogue Cailiocht', the duo return this year to see if they can go one place better.

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The climax to the AI is especially exciting due to the reverse order show jumping [...] the prize money is greatly appreciated and encourages riders from further afield to make the trip.”  
*Emma Silman, AI Runner up 2016*

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**Rider: Michael Owen**  
2016 ranking:

AI Third place (*The Highland Prince*). Kelsall Hill's resident event rider Michael Owen took the 'bronze medal' position last year with 'The Highland Prince' who, at 17-years-old, is showing no signs of slowing down and was crowned the winner of the CCI3\* at Ballindenisk Horse Trials in 2016.



# Extra reasons to

Did you enter our Facebook **LIKE & SHARE COMPETITION** for the chance to win a 3-course lunch for you and a guest in our hospitality marquee on Saturday 22nd April? The lucky winner will also receive a goody bag with vouchers from Kelsall Hill Equestrian Centre and other local businesses .



## Course walk magic with Michael Owen!

We'd like to congratulate **LAURA CATHIE**, the **WINNER** of our course walk competition!

We look forward to welcoming Laura on Thursday 20th April when she'll also receive a gift voucher for a pair of wellies courtesy of Tackshop4U up to the value of £80.

Based at the Wirral Riding Centre in Neston (CH64 8TA), Tackshop4U are an equestrian retailer for horse lovers everywhere and stock major brands including Kingsland Equestrian, Tredstep Ireland, Ariat and Pikeur. Please call in or shop online at [www.tackshop4u.co.uk](http://www.tackshop4u.co.uk) 07753368139



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# 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 25th April to Sunday 7th 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  
Telephone 07809 689972.





*For the last 6 years, the charismatic Jeremy has been a popular member of the Kelsall Hill team. Along with playing a vital role in the preparation and running of our competitions, he is also one of our farm workers.*

“Event days start for me at around 5.45am – that’s after I’ve consumed a bacon butty and when the first horse boxes of the day begin to arrive! I’m the first point of call for people on arrival and I’m usually the last person they see when leaving. My duties include organising the car parking areas and the lorry park, and I’m at the exit gate at the end of the day to wish everyone a safe journey.

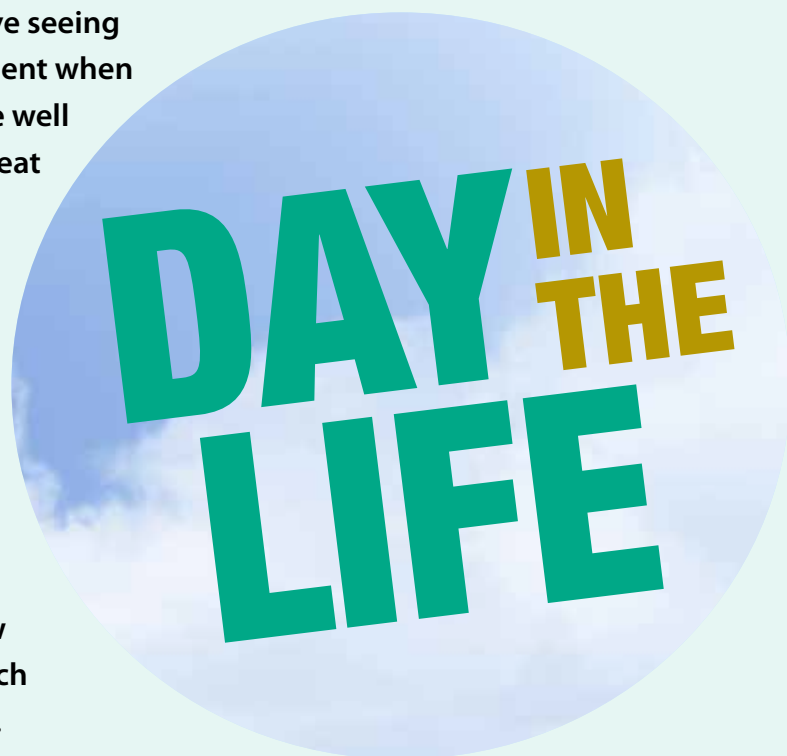
I enjoy everything about this job especially interacting with the competitors and their

families. I love seeing their enjoyment when they’ve done well and had a great event! Many visitors become regulars and it’s good to see them return but I also like the buzz of meeting new people at each competition.

Working with the lads and seeing the whole event come together after weeks of preparation is very rewarding. We work hard but we also have a good laugh – like when we enjoy a bit banter on the walkie talkies (which luckily no one else hears!) Another of my highlights are the bacon butties and we get well fed throughout the day.

However, I hate everything cheese – it’s my only hate - yet I always seem to end up with cheese sandwiches and cheese and onion crisps in my packed lunch. (I must remember to speak to the boss about that one!)

I’m hoping for a great



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turnout at our spring horse trials, it’s a lovely place to visit and our events have a great family atmosphere with the ‘heart of the event’ being around the show jumping arena. There’s also lots of eating options ranging from burgers to Thai food - I just hope there’s not too much cheese on offer this year!”



*Jeremy Summers*