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Kelsall Hill Horse Trials

27th, 28th & 29th
September 2019

"I always very much enjoy competing at Kelsall Hill. It is a great venue and I especially rate the Cross Country Courses designed by Mark Phillips, he certainly is one of the best Designers in the world and I always enjoy riding his courses."

Andrew Hoy

International Event Rider.
Previous Burghley, Badminton,
Kentucky and Luhmühlen
winner. Completing a total of 7
Olympics with 3 Gold Medals
and 1 Silver Medal

Well hello, fellow followers!

Dare we say it but only 7 weeks to go until the Protect My Income Kelsall Hill (2), how times flies when you're having fun! The preparations are well under way here with Captain Mark Phillips scheduled to come at the beginning of September to do our courses. We are delighted to welcome back the Airowear BE80(T) Championships again which will run on Sunday. We hope you find our newsletters an exciting insight into everything going on here at Kelsall Hill in the run up to BE!

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FOCUS:



Accidents Can Happen to Anyone!

By Rebecca Evans, Director and Founder of Right Horse Right Home

Horseriding, unlike other sports, can be enjoyed by both men and women well into their 60s and sometimes 70s. Nick Skelton, at 58yrs old, in 2016, became Britain's oldest Olympian for 108 years when he won individual gold for showjumping in Rio.

What Nick achieved was not only incredible given his age but 16 years earlier he had taken a crashing fall, landing on his head, and broke his neck in 2 places. The upper part of his spine was immobilised for 5 months and he was forced to retire. His passion, determination and talent saw him make a miraculous, courageous recovery and proceed to win gold at Rio.

Is horse riding safer than it used to be?

With the majority of riders in the UK being leisure riders and not world ranking 7ft jumping super Gods you may be quick to assume the risks for us really aren't that severe. Also, we have much improved riding hats and body protectors including ones that even inflate on landing. Health and safety at competitions and riding schools is arguably much improved and most of us know to avoid leaping on the "problem" horse that has already hospitalised other more experienced jockeys than ourselves, do we not?

Australian trauma specialist

Dr Bruce Paix claimed that eventing was more dangerous than motorcycle or car racing. We know a great deal has been done to improve safety and reduce falls in eventing but deaths and severe injury still occur every year. British Eventing even have a "how not to ride the cross country phase" video here choreographed by Yogi Breisner to help prevent riders coming a cropper at the fences through being unbalanced or approaching combinations at the wrong angle or too quickly. Frangible pins have also been implemented on cross country courses to reduce the likelihood of rotational falls which are understood to hold the greatest risk of severe injury to riders.



But what of the facts...

- 38 riders and 222 horses have died since 2010.
- Over 2000 riding accidents on the UK roads have been reported to the BHS in the past 5 years.
- In reality there are likely to be many additional accidents that go unreported.

What about other countries?

- In Australia, there are an estimated 20 deaths from horse-related injury every year.
- In America a survey found that;
 - 81% of riders were injured at some point in their career.
 - 21% required hospitalisation or surgery.



WHO IS MOST AT RISK - THE PROFESSIONAL OR THE NOVICE RIDER?

There is however little agreement over who is most at risk, the novice inexperienced, recreational rider or the experienced, professional rider. Whilst the less experienced may take unknown risks or make naive choices that result in accident or injury the experienced professional is likely to take on more challenging horses to ride, spend more hours in the saddle and pursue disciplines that pose a greater risk. The conclusion being that, in reality, ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE, horse riding is one of the most dangerous sports available to people of almost any age or ability. If injured and a hospital visit is required research suggests that the injury is likely to require hospitalisation or surgery.

DO WE READ HORSE BEHAVIOUR AS WELL AS WE SHOULD?

There is a school of thought that says in addition to making common sense decisions regarding what horses to ride, where to ride them, what safety equipment to wear and what disciplines to pursue we should be educating equestrians on how to better read horse's behaviour. We know horses are dangerous because they can be unpredictable but if we can improve rider's ability to interpret and predict horse's behaviour, particularly the warning signs of fear and flight, perhaps less serious accidents would occur or could be prevented. Whilst the risk of falling off will never be removed entirely whatever the competency of the rider or how in-tune they are with their horse what is available to riders is protection against the risk in the form of accident insurance and/or income protection insurance at very affordable rates for both individuals and their families.



CAN WE PROTECT OURSELVES BETTER?

Right Horse Right Home, has always put safety at the forefront of its policies. By having a robust matching process between horse and rider at the very outset

when acquiring a horse we reduce the risk of accident and injury by helping to ensure both horse and rider are a good match and that the information shared between buyer and seller is genuine, accountable and detailed. Not only is this good news for buyer and seller but it also vastly limits the risk of the horse being sold on from pillar to post.

Accident insurance in the equine industry has previously meant that unless you actually lost a limb, suffered permanent disablement or worse, died, it was very unlikely that a successful claim for any other injury could be made so riders on the whole are left with no cover for the injuries that most frequently occur.

Through Protect My Income you and your family can now receive appropriate cover in the event of an accident for broken bones, dislocations, hospital stays as well as the standard permanent disablement cover offered by the more traditional policies. Their Personal Accident policy with comprehensive benefits for both fractures and disability and death is from as little as just £2.06 a week. A simple breaks and fractures injury plan can be as little as £1.17 per week. They also offer income protection should you be unable to work due to injury or sickness.

For more info call: 0333 355 2468
www.protectmyincome.com

SAVE THE DATE

Kelsall Hill (2): Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September 2019

Entries Open: Friday 16th August 2019

Entries Close: Sunday 29th September 2019

Ballot Date: Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Ballot Period: September

Late Entry Surcharge Date: Wednesday 4th September 2019

A PACKED SCHEDULE

With our schedule offering classes from BE80(T) to Open Intermediate level, we're looking forward to 3 days of top-class eventing action. This year we are delighted to welcome back the BE80(T) Airowear Championships. Kelsall Hill is renowned for its superb going and the great viewing opportunities available for spectators and owners. Our beautifully presented cross country courses are designed by Captain Mark Phillips and we look forward to welcoming many elite riders.

Last year's Open Intermediate was claimed by none other than the Goldman Cup 2018 winner Yasmin Ingham. Joining our future stars of eventing, will Lucy Robinson be back again to defend her double Intermediate class wins last year!

Image courtesy of Mark Clayton Photography



British Eventing, after a successful pilot year, are excited to announce another Championship for competitors at BE80(T), sponsored by Airowear and to be hosted at Kelsall Hill (2) Horse Trials on 29th September this year. The Airowear BE80(T) Championships will run in accordance with the heights for BE80(T) classes at any one day event but will be of enhanced Championship technicality and includes a dressage test designed especially for the Championships in a laser-levelled 20m x 60m arena and a cross country course dressed by Mary Kennerley, whose work includes the London 2012 Olympics.

BE Accredited Coaches, sponsored by Virbac 3D Worming, will be on hand throughout the weekend to provide support to all Championships riders through cross country and show jumping course walks, help in the show jumping warm up along with guidance and advice for any questions that riders may have. Are you eligible?

Riders who finish in top 20% at any BE80(T) Regional Final during the 2019 season will qualify for the Championships as long as they meet the following criteria: Riders must not have completed an Intermediate or higher level competition during the current or preceding ten calendar seasons and must never have competed in a 4* competition. Combinations must not have gained Foundation Points at BE100/BE100 Open/BE100 Plus/BE105/BE100u18. Combinations must not have won more than 20 Foundation Points. Downgraded Horses, if otherwise eligible, may take part. At the Championships as the above and the following: Both horse and rider must still be eligible to compete in BE80(T) classes on the date of the Championship Final. No substitutions will be permitted for the Championship Final. The same rider who qualified the horse must ride at the Championship Final.

If you think you have qualified you can phone the office on **02476 698869** or email Samantha Ruck-Harris on Samantha.ruck@britisheventing.com

After a highly successful pilot year for the Airowear BE80(T) Championship at Kelsall Hill in 2018, we're excited for the Championship to return to Kelsall Hill for 2019. Riders were able to qualify for Regional Finals from 1 August 2018 to 30 April 2019, and the top 20% from each Regional Final have qualified for the Championship. We're looking forward to another fantastic weekend of competition at Kelsall Hill, cumulating in the Airowear BE80(T) championships on Sunday 29th September 2019.



JUDE MATTHEWS

Jude Matthews, Chief Executive at British Eventing commented, "It is fantastic to see our grassroots riders aspiring to compete at the Airowear BE80 (T) Championships. Kelsall Hill are fantastic hosts for both our competitors and our sponsors, Airowear, whom we are very grateful to for their continued support."

Airowear are pleased to be supporting the BE80 (T) Championship competitors again in 2019. Airowear is an international leader in the equestrian safety market.

Known for design expertise and constant innovation to improve safety technology, Airowear is proud to bring the highest quality body protectors to riders around the world. Experience the incredible fit, comfort and style of the Airowear range to see what sets their body protectors above the rest.



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Three Cheers for our Arena Party!

Reaseheath College's Equine department has been providing the arena party for the Kelsall Hill Spring and Autumn Horse Trials for several years, to assist with the smooth running of the events. Doing this also provides an opportunity for the students to further develop their practical skills and understanding of the sport, in an industry setting.

The team of students and equine staff, who also provide the arena party for premier events including the Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) and Bolesworth International Horse Show, work alongside Kelsall's National Level Course Designers, and also provide additional show support stewarding and scoring.

Programme Leader James Rayner commented:

"The opportunity for our equine students to support local and major competition is a unique experience. It not only develops their employability skills, but also allows them to gain further understanding of the wider equine industry and provides networking opportunities for additional work experience and employment. In 2016 we were invited to provide the arena party for HM the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations at the Royal Windsor Horse Show - a true testament to the strength and respectability of our arena parties."

Event Manager at Kelsall Hill, Meg Watson, supports this. She said:

"Reaseheath's arena party is extremely competent and professional. We really appreciate their hard work, use of initiative and teamwork, which helps us to run three days of competition efficiently and to time"

Reaseheath College provides opportunities for students to turn their passion for horses into a rewarding career. We offer a range of diploma and degree courses designed to develop practical skills and underpinning knowledge, in addition to developing industry skills through work placements and study tours in the UK and abroad.

Reaseheath's Equestrian Centre is an approved British Horse Society training and competition centre offering a full programme of competitions including British Dressage (BD), Combined Training, Team Quest and a number of part time training courses.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT
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AND COMPETITION CENTRE, VISIT
www.reaseheath.ac.uk/equine



Arena Eventing Summer Series

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DID YOU TAKE PART?

We were extremely delighted with how our new Arena Eventing summer series around the lakes went this summer. Held on the undulating grass surrounding our lakes, a new dimension was added for our runners and riders.

The competition was an instant hit, catering for the grass root competitors starting at 70cm up to 100cm. We've tried to cater for everyone to encourage any 'fledgling riders'. We aim to please, so the Arena Eventing summer series was born!

Meg Watson, Events Manager at Kelsall Hill: "The Arena Eventing Summer Series kindly sponsored by Equine 74 and Mad Mucker is the perfect stepping stone for riders wishing to try their hand at eventing or who aren't just quite ready to take the leap. Providing the opportunity to run over a course incorporating a water complex and

technical aspects expected out on course without the added pressure. We would like to thank everyone for their support."

The series was launched in May, but unfortunately due to bad weather (typical British weather) we were forced to cancel. However the series went from strength to strength throughout the following months of June to August.

Our beautifully decorated courses are again built and designed by Gilly Milner and there's plenty of new XC fences being added into the mix constantly to keep competitors on their toes.

We would also like to say a big thank you to our prize sponsors of the series for all the fabulous prizes for our competitors, everyone thought it was Christmas every time they came here! Thank you to Cavalor, Zebra Products, KBIS, Jo Latham Equine Sports Massage and IEC Equine Solutions.



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MAD MUCKER
Sponsors of the 70cm and 90cm class

- A new clothing brand based in Shropshire and their mission is to produce great value, excellent quality clothing for women who ride and work with horses. They describe it as 'Clothing for Women who like to get their hands dirty!'
- The range is a great mix of jackets, hoodies, tops and leg wear. Providing a smart, practical and quick wicking sports tops and t-shirts.

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VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS

We're recruiting!

Did you know that we need about 120 volunteers to run each day of our horse trials?

- THAT'S 240 BOOTS TO FILL
- 360 PACKED LUNCHES TO SERVE OVER 3 DAYS
- 1000'S OF BREWS AND COFFEES TO POUR
- FINALLY ENOUGH CAKE TO SINK A SHIP

And a whole lot of emailing for joint event organiser Jane Whitaker who's responsible for recruiting our army of volunteers.

We all lead busy lives and finding the time to give something back to the sport isn't always easy. But these wonderful people are an essential spoke in the wheel at any horse trials.

At Kelsall Hill, we try our very best to make sure that our volunteers are happy by providing a packed lunch, hot drinks, plenty of cake and a facility voucher or bottle of wine as a token of our appreciation.

If you're an event rider, it's also worth remembering that volunteers aren't balloted out of our horse trials. Very handy as our event is always full!

So if you would like to give something back to the sport and get involved below are some of the jobs we need to fill to run the horse trials:

- XC FENCE JUDGES ● COLLECTING RING STEWARDS
- SCORERS ● DRESSAGE WRITERS' ● SHEET COLLECTORS
- PROVISIONAL SCORING ● SHOW JUMPING POLE PICKERS
- START BOX ● BUN RUN

Don't worry any one is welcome and you don't need to of done any of the above before, training is available and everyone is here to help!

If you wish to help please contact us on 07809 689972 or email admin@kelsallhill.co.uk

STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH:

"My sister (Lindy Hibbert) and I have been fence judging for about 12 years now and we started helping in the hope that would reduce the chance of my daughter being balloted at events. We soon got hooked and now do about 12 BE events each year and a few unaffiliated."

Kelsall, in particular, is a great event to help at - everyone is very welcoming, you start the day with a bacon sarnie and a hot drink, have a really thorough briefing where the rules are covered in detail, you can ask any questions you're not sure of, then drive out to your fence where you are checked on and looked after all day. Lunch is provided and most of the fences give a super view of most of the course. We have seen local friends going round as well as some of the big international riders so it makes for a great day out. At the end of the day, as a further thank you, you are offered either a bottle of wine or a voucher to use any of the brilliant facilities at Kelsall Hill."

BARBARA ERSKINE, BE VOLUNTEER.

