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COMPETITOR INFORMATION

We are really looking forward to the Horse & Hound Festival of Eventing in association with KBIS this weekend. Ahead of the event we have put together some useful information and would encourage all competitors to take the time to read through this.

Welcome from the Sponsor KBIS

We are delighted to be the sponsors of this year's Horse and Hound Festival of Eventing and we would like to welcome you all whether as a rider, owner, spectator or volunteer.

As a company KBIS have been dedicated to sponsoring within eventing over the last 25 years and we are very happy to be part of this exciting event as it offers amateur riders the chance to compete in a three day event.

We are pleased to be able to offer exclusive discounts this weekend on our personal accident insurance. As well as quotes across our range of products including horse insurance, horsebox and trailer insurance and breakdown, specialist liability for individuals and equestrian businesses and property insurance.

We would like to invite you to join us for a demonstration by International Event rider Alice Pearson on Saturday evening as well as take part in her XC course walks (times will be posted at the organiser's office on Saturday morning) which we hope you will take advantage of.

We very much hope you all enjoy the event and would like to wish all competitors the very best of luck!

Times

Times for dressage and cross-country phase will be posted on the Keysoe website Thursday 24 May, along with a stable plan. Showjumping will run in reverse order of merit and times will be posted at the organiser's office at the end of the day Sunday, after the cross-country phase is complete. If you were eliminated or retired cross country you will be given the opportunity to showjump a consolation round and will be given a showjump time, if you do not wish to showjump please inform the organisers office.

Arrival

Competitors are invited to arrive at Keysoe from 14.00 to 18.00 on Friday 25 May. Directions to Keysoe can be found [here](#). Please note that Keysoe do not require you to declare your horse's passport upon arrival, however as it's a legal requirement to travel with it, we recommend that it accompanies your horse to the event.

Stabling

Upon arrival please park in the main car park. There will be a stable plan posted both at the stables and the organiser's office. For those not familiar with Keysoe the organiser's office is situated on the veranda between the indoor and outdoor school. The stable yard is just across the road from the main car park. There will be groundsmen at the stables on Friday afternoon, please see them if you have pre-purchased shavings and they will bring these to your stable when you arrive.

Additional shavings can be purchased at the organiser's office, but **no hay or hayledge is available to purchase**. You are welcome to bring your own bedding and make sure you bring hard feeds, feed bowls, water bucket, mucking out tools and hay or hayledge.

We would encourage all competitors to make up a card/sign with their horse's name, rider/owner name and emergency contact mobile number of someone onsite and fix it to their stable door on arrival.

The stables will be open from 06.00 – 22.00. Please can we ask that you do not make late night visits to the stables after 22.00, in order to allow the horses to rest.

Rider numbers

Once you have settled your horse please come over and collect your rider number and goody bag when you arrive. You will receive a paper number to use throughout the competition, which you can put in your own number bib. Don't worry if you do not have one – these can be hired from the organiser's office for a £10 deposit fee.

Commentary notes and the Horse & Hound team

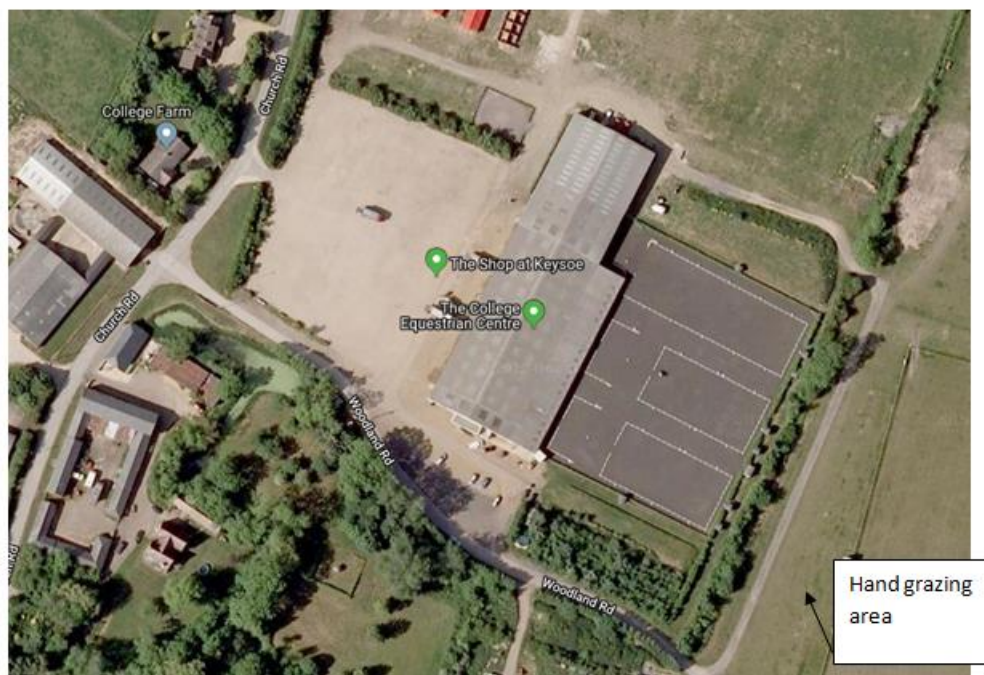
Within your goody bag will be a sheet for you to complete your commentary notes. This is your chance to let us know you and your horse's story. Interesting facts, overcoming adversity, what are you studying, where do you work etc. Please complete these as soon as possible and drop back into the organiser's office. The H&H team will be onsite throughout and looking for some good stories. So if you are happy for them to contact you regarding your story, please do leave your contact details on the commentary notes. The H&H team will be reporting for the magazine and website throughout the event so do make sure you come and say hi!

Exercising

If you wish to exercise your horse on the Friday evening or at other times during the event if you are competing later in the day etc., please check with staff in the organiser's office who will be able to advise of appropriate arenas to ride in or provide hacking maps/routes. **No horses are to be exercised on the cross-country course, at any time. Please wear your rider number at all times when mounted on Keysoe premises.**

Hand Grazing

There will be an area to hand graze if you wish behind the main arena. See map below



Arena Familiarisation

We hope to offer arena familiarisation from 16.00 – 18.00 on the Friday evening, this will allow you the chance to take your horse in the main arena mounted and walk around the edge of your arena. **Arena familiarisation is to take place in walk only.** If necessary we may require people to declare on the board outside the arena, but will only operate this if demand requires it.

If you wish to work your horse further before or after, the indoor arena will be available or ask the office for a hacking map if you prefer. As stated earlier please ensure you are wearing your rider number at all times when mounted at Keysoe.

Rider briefing

British Eventing and British Show Jumping UKCC accredited coach Milla Lanni will be giving a rider briefing on Friday evening at 20.00 during the welcome drinks on the veranda. We strongly encourage all riders to attend.

Cross country course walks

You will be able to walk the cross country course on Friday afternoon however, final fence dressing may not be complete and you will not be able to walk the two arena fences due to the dressage arenas being set up ready for Saturday.

We plan to have several course walks available with Milla Lanni and Alice Pearson. XC course walk times will be available on the organiser's office door.

Provisional course walk times for Saturday are as follows, meet at XC start box but please check on the office door in case of timing amends

Milla Lanni	Alice Pearson
70cm – 14.30	15.30 – 70cm & 80cm
80cm & 90cm – 12.00 & 15.00	16.30 – 90cm & 100cm
100cm – 11.00	

Weigh to go with SPILLERS®

SPILLERS® are proud sponsors of the *Horse & Hound Festival of Eventing* and we will be on site all weekend with our equine weighbridge giving free weigh-ins and nutrition consultations.

Our friendly team of nutrition experts will weigh and assess your horse and then put together the perfect personalised diet plan for peak health and performance. You can try before you buy by picking up some of our fabulous free feed samples and if that's not enough to tempt you to come and see us you can also pick up a £5.00 discount voucher for any SPILLERS® product!

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Bates

Bates saddles are here at the event to give you the chance to see and have a sit on their new Advanta saddle. Plus there is the chance for you to win one, so make sure you pick up a competition flyer and post it into the competition box in the organiser's office before the end of the event.

Entertainment

Friday – 19.30 Welcome drinks and rider briefing at 20.00

Saturday – 19.00 Alice Pearson demo in the indoor school followed by Hog roast and band on the veranda

Sunday – 18.30 Clare Howard from The Balanced Rider demo "How rider physio can improve your rider performance" and celebratory drinks

Food

The café will be open throughout the event to provide a variety of hot and cold meal options and beverages.

Keysoe Boutique

Keysoe's on-site shop will be open throughout the event, selling a range of equestrian products.

Cash machine

There is not an ATM at Keysoe, however the café and shop both accept cards.

Wifi

Wifi is available in the café area.

Showers

Shower facilities are available at Keysoe.

Dogs

Dogs are allowed but must always be kept on a lead.

Social Media

After the success of our SnapChat filter last year we have a new one for 2018 so make sure you look out for that and be sure to tag us in your social media posts @horseandhound and @KBISInsurance and use the hashtag #HHFOE18 we may have some spot prizes for any social media posts that particularly catch our eyes!

Trot up competition

This year Lister is offering a pair of Lister Star Clippers worth £250 for the best turned out horse at the trot up. There will also be a bottle of fizz and some chocolates for the best dressed rider too. Get planning your outfits and get ready to impress!

Prize giving

Prize giving will take place immediately after the conclusion of the showjumping phase of each class. **Those placed 1st – 10th will be required to be mounted in the arena.** Prizes 1st – 10th will need to be collected from the organiser's office after the prize giving.

Double clears

We have double clear rosettes for all combinations who achieve a clear jumping round XC and SJ. These can be collected from the organiser's office after the conclusion of your heights showjumping.

KBIS Prize

KBIS are offering a special prize to the highest place rider in each section with a current KBIS policy. Please let organisers know before the competition begins if you are eligible for this prize, if you haven't already.

Rules

This event is being run under British eventing rules. Please make time to read through the rules it is the rider's responsibility to know the rules. We have picked out some important rules to highlight ahead of the event.

Hats

Please ensure all hats meet the current British Eventing standards, as outlined below:

British & European

PAS 015*

VG1 01.040 2014-12*

*with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark

American

ASTM F1163: 2004a onwards with SEI mark

Snell 2001 or 2016 (No other mark is needed with Snell)

Australia & New Zealand

AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards with SAI Global mark

'Cross Country Protective Headwear' is a "Jockey Skull" of an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface, having no peak or peak type extensions. Noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front not greater than 5mm, smooth and rounded in nature are permitted. It must also comply with the 'Protective Headwear' criteria and be tagged as set out above. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used.

Body protectors

Please ensure these meet the current British Eventing standards, as outlined below:

A body protector is mandatory for cross country and wherever else a body protector is worn you must have a British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) approved and appropriately labelled Level 3 body protector, with the year 2009 shown on the label, manufactured in the year 2009 or after.

If a Competitor chooses to wear an airbag style body protector, it must be worn over a permitted body protector for the cross country phase. Inflatable/air jackets may be worn for the show jumping and dressage phases without a body protector.

Stopwatches

Stopwatches are permitted in all classes for the cross-country phase.

Dressage - whips and callers

Callers and whips are not permitted in the dressage phase of the competition.

Hat cams

Hat cams are not permitted.

We look forward to welcoming you to the event.