

# EQUESTRIAN LIFE

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## Driving force on show at the Easton College arena

Another fine start to the day marked the second visit of the Indoor Carriage Driving Group to Easton College.

There was a nice round number of 20 entries for this event competing in Novice Pony, Juniors, Novice Horse, Open Pony and Multiples sections. The sun was out to welcome the competitors and although a touch chilly, nevertheless quite pleasant.

It did, however, rain quite hard for a time, but luckily only during the time that the obstacles were being built, so the competition itself was not affected.

Continuing her domination of the Novice Pony section in the eastern area was Amanda Valderas and her chestnut bombshell of a Shetland pony Allen.

The partnership shot round the obstacles, notching up the fastest times in the class to take the top spot from dressage leader Alison Tyas.

The Open Single Pony Class was hotly-contested but seasoned campaigner Fiona Powell led from the front with a precision and paces score of 27.5.

Fiona took the fastest times of the day in obstacles one and two, and then amazingly matched her times almost to the millisecond on the rerun of the obstacles for three and four.

This event showed the growing popularity of this fast and furious sport amongst junior drivers, with four young whips competing for the red rosette.

First place went to Charlotte Clark and her striking chestnut cob, who was followed by Laura Priestley in second and Ellis Shelton in third.

The multiples provided a final spectacle, with Louise Green's pair of Shetlands battling against Brian Burton's much larger greys and Claire Bourne's stunning native pair. It was Cambridgeshire-based LHHI Claire that took the honours, with Brian not far behind and Louise nursing 84 cones penalties in third.

To find out more about this fast-growing sport visit [www.indoordriving.co.uk](http://www.indoordriving.co.uk).

■ Three members of the newly-



ON THE RUN: Claire Bourne heading for first place in the multiples class at Easton.

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formed Wymondham College Equestrian Team competed at the NSEA arena eventing competition held at The Jays in Bury St Edmunds.

Sacha Wace and Lottie Mountford competed in the individual 70cm class and Lottie also competed in the individual 80cm class and was placed third with her new horse Storm.

Sasha's older sister Tilly also had a

successful day being placed sixth in the individual 90cm class.

The team, which is organised by A-Level students Alison Beales and Sophie Fairhurst, has recently gained sponsorship from Equine Express, Ames Nissan, Birds in Dereham and Baileys Horse Feed.

They have also taken part in training sessions with John Bowen, Portia Howard and Hermano Marin.

## Festive treats on offer at Trust's Hollesley base

The Suffolk Punch Trust in Hollesley will be hosting its first Christmas bazaar at the new Visitor Centre in Hollesley tomorrow and Saturday, between 10am and 4pm.

The East of England Co-Operative Society is kindly supporting the event and their choir will be singing Christmas carols. The Trust's wonderful 200-acre farm is also open, where you can visit 30 Suffolk horses, large black pigs, Suffolk sheep and Red Poll cattle, as well as

a cinema, a wonderful exhibition charting the development of Suffolk's agricultural, social and environmental history and a collection of rare implements and vehicles all of which are in working order.

Entrance to the bazaar includes entrance to the visitor centre and farm and is reduced during the event to £3.50 per adult (children free of charge) (normally £6.50 per adult, £3 per child).

Also, make a note in your diary for the Christmas Ball on Saturday, December 4 where you can enjoy a welcome reception and four-course dinner followed by dancing to The Outlines.

On Saturday, February 19, 2011 the Trust is holding a Farmer's Market and celebrations to mark the first day of the new open season. For further information about the Suffolk Punch Trust, visit [www.suffolkpunchtrust.org](http://www.suffolkpunchtrust.org).



PLEASED AS PUNCH: A young Suffolk Punch Trust resident.

### IN BRIEF

Don't miss: New issue of EQ out now



The second issue of EQ is hot off the press. It includes a local story on riders who were on the up in 2010 and are going places in

2011. There's news and views from near and far as well as pages of show reports from around the region, hot picks for Christmas, a focus on fashion for the New Year, tried and tested reports on rugs, a pair of riders having a go at polo, a feature on worming, lots of horsey homes for sale and much more. If your local tack shop doesn't stock EQ send an email to [editor@eqlife.co.uk](mailto:editor@eqlife.co.uk)

■ EQ magazine's hunt for Norfolk's best tack shop, country store or feed merchant has certainly got readers responding. Shops will be shortlisted in 2011 and a winner chosen as the best EQ Life tack shop, feed merchant or country store in Norfolk. To get your nomination in now. Email [editor@eqlife.co.uk](mailto:editor@eqlife.co.uk)

### Showjumping at Forest Edge Arena

Forest Edge Arena, Swaffham is holding Christmas Evening Showjumping tomorrow with lots of prizes and fun classes. On Saturday and Sunday they also have the British Showjumping Pony Christmas show with unaffiliated evening classes on Saturday (start 7) including a fancy dress parade, horse and pony jumping and also a pony puiissance. Visit [www.forestedgearena.com](http://www.forestedgearena.com).

### HOYS gift package is available now

The Horse of the Year Show Christmas gift package has just gone on sale. For details visit [www.hoys.co.uk](http://www.hoys.co.uk) or call 0800 358 0058.