



CARRIAGES AT THE CASTLE
PICTON CASTLE, PEMBROKESHIRE



SCHEDULE

CARRIAGE DRIVING CHALLENGE
25-26 June 2016



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SHOW REGULATIONS

Dyfed Carriage Club would like to express their sincere gratitude to the Picton Castle Trust, the Philipps family, the staff of Picton Castle Gardens and Mrs Sue Warner for their gracious support of this event.

We extend a warm welcome members of the Equestrian fraternity to our very special event. Whilst we endeavour to make the event as safe and as enjoyable as possible for everyone, we would kindly request you observe our regulations:

- All participants have a duty of care to be safe as possible and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner for themselves and those around them at all times at this event.
- It is required that all competitors are protected with cover for third party insurance. This can be through Societies such as BDS, BHS etc or their own household insurance.
- Neither the organising committee of the event, nor the Dyfed Carriage Club, nor Picton Castle Trust, nor any Land Owner, Agent, Employee or representative of these bodies accept any Liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to any animal, person or property whatsoever however caused.
- The Dyfed Carriage Club will not be responsible for any entry made in the wrong class.
- Dogs must be on leads at all times. Children must be the responsibility of the accompanying adults.
- The Dyfed Carriage Club reserve the right to cancel any class, refunding any fees in respect thereof, otherwise fees will not be refunded.
- The Dyfed Carriage Club reserves the right to change the judge without warning and to amalgamate or divide any class.
- It is the responsibility of all owners and exhibitors to prevent the spread of any infectious diseases and take all necessary precautions. Owners of all equines are advised to vaccinate against equine influenza.
- The Show Committee cannot be held responsible for classes clashing
- The Dyfed Carriage Club reserve the right to reject or cancel any entry if they deem it fit to do. Any exhibitor making an entry shall deem to accept and shall abide by these rules. The decision of the organising committee shall be final.
- Winners of trophies shall return them by registered and compensated post or by hand to the Cup Secretary/Secretary at the monthly meeting one month before the date of the next show, in a clean and undamaged condition and if a shield with blank plates, shall be responsible for having it appropriately engraved. Loss or damage to trophies is the responsibility of the holder.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- Objections must be made in writing to the Secretary accompanied by £20 within half an hour of the occurrence, which may, at the discretion of the show committee, be forfeited to the funds of the Club if the objection is disallowed.
- Ridden and driven horses and ponies must be 4 years old or over, unless otherwise stated. In the interests of safety, any competing colts or stallions will only be accepted if the owner can assure their good behaviour. No child under the age of 14 can compete with/drive a stallion.
- All competitors will be expected to be smartly and appropriately attired. No competitor will be allowed in the ring for any showing class unless correctly dressed.
- Competitors must check the at the Show Secretary tent on the Show Day for alterations. Any changes will be broadcast. Any advance changes will be posted on the club website and facebook www.dyfedcarriageclub.co.uk and facebook 'CIAT Carriages at the Castle.
- All equines must proceed at walk in the horse park and any public or crowded area. Any schooling, working in, warming up, lunging must be done safely away from the rest of other participants. No cantering behind the back of horseboxes as this may unsettle other participants
- Anyone riding a pony/horse at anytime MUST wear protective headgear.
- The Referee or Secretary appointed for the day will act as Disciplinary Steward and will penalise any person guilty of dangerous riding or driving, misuse of the whip or ill treatment of a pony/horse, conducting themselves in a manner which is offensive to the public.
- **In the interest of public safety, no horses or ponies should be left tied unattended to the outside of a horsebox. Anyone found contravening this rule will be immediately asked to leave the showground.**

FIRST AID A trained first aider will be in attendance. Any emergencies will be referred to the local A&E at Withybush Hospital

FARRIER A registered farrier will be in attendance/on call Details will be available from the Stable Foreman. Exhibitors are responsible for cost of individual farrier services.

VET Arrangements have been made with the nearest veterinary surgeons who will be on standby for the event
Cotts Equine tel: 01834 860871 Exhibitors are responsible for cost of individual veterinary treatment.

LIVERY In addition to the onsite stabling, we can recommend local livery yards for overnight stabling. Advance booking is recommended

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Carriage Driving Challenge...

Competition Rules

The Carriage Driving Challenge is an introductory club level competition that will run in conjunction with the Attelage de Tradition that is restricted to traditional type vehicles. Like the Attelage de Tradition, the object of the Carriage Driving Challenge competition is to promote and encourage best practice traditional carriage driving whilst using modern carriages.

This competition follows the rules of the the Association Internationale d'Attelage de Tradition (AIAT). All driving competitors will be expected to undertake and complete the three phases of the competition: Presentation, Road Drive with difficulties and Cone driving. The event is popular for it's friendly nature and fair sportsmanship. The event is heavily scrutineered and supported with stewards and marshalls who are on hand to assist the smooth running of the competition.

REQUIREMENTS...

To take part in this competition, the driver and the groom must be at least 12 years old. Between 12 and 16, the driver must be accompanied by an adult. Each driver who takes part in such a competition must be in order with statutory requirements (either a member of Dyfed Carriage Club, British Driving Society, British Carriagedriving or equivalent or have proof of appropriate insurance).

To compete the driver must have evidence of comprehensive insurance (third party liability including cover for carriage driving.) Given the distance of a 15km routier on predominantly asphalt surface, all horses, ponies and donkeys will be expected to be suitably fit with appropriate shoeing. They will be expected to have an Equine passport. Failure to comply will result in not being able to take part in the competition.

JUDGING

The competition is based on the accumulation of a number of scores gained over the three stages of the event and include time keeping, performance, turnout and skills. On collation of all the scores at the end of the competition, the results are then calculated and the various category winners are revealed.

The jury is composed of a President, two Senior Presentation judges with individual scrutineers for the road drive, difficulties and cones. We also have an AIAT Technical Delegate for advice and dispute approvals. This level of technical support ensures that the rules are properly observed. Only the President of the jury has the authority to eliminate what they consider to be a potentially dangerous turnout (including stressed or badly behaved horses, inexperienced drivers, dangerous carriages, badly fitting harness, etc) If an equine is deemed unsuitable to compete or unfit due to illness/lameness etc, the competitor can be eliminated. If disputed, a Veterinary Surgeon can be requested at the competitors cost.

CARRIAGES

The principle aim of the Attelage de Tradition competition is to encourage the use of original traditional pre-1945 vehicles stemming their demise due to the trend for modern competition vehicles. To introduce competitors to this new competition format, the Carriage Driving Challenge has been created and open to smart 2 or 4 wheel modern vehicles. These vehicles must be of a stylish traditional type, of a suitable construction with traditional type or pneumatic carriage wheels (not car tyres) and the grooms will be required to sit alongside the driver. Single seat marathon type vehicles are excluded. Carriage lamps are optional.

COMPETING

The aim of the competition is to promote the principles of traditional driving and as such all competitors will be expected to retain the same appointment for all three stages including passengers, horse and attire. The complete turnout **CANNOT** be changed in any way (horse, carriage, driver, groom, harness) during the three phases. Any changing of the harness is penalised by 20 penalties.

EQUINE TURNOUT

Horses and ponies will be expected to be shown with their manes and tails in natural state and not plaited.

ATTIRE

Dress code for the Carriage Driving Challenge is smart traditional Stable Dress ie: tweed jackets, Felt hats/ bowlers, gloves and drivers apron must be worn. Children under the age of 14 must wear protective hard hats. The wearing of Hi Viz is not permitted within the estate, during the presentation or cones stages. Period costume or fancy dress is not permitted.

The driver and the grooms must wear the same clothes, except when it rains. The driver accompanied by his groom(s) must drive in all three phases or will be disqualified. The number of grooms (Dressed in grooms clothing or otherwise) are restricted to:

- single, pair, tandem or 3 horses: one groom,
- unicorn, pickaxe ,four in a hand or more: two grooms.

The drivers whip must be suitable for the turnout and is to be kept in the hand during the event. A whip that is not held in the hand, or that is not suitable for the turnout, will be penalised by 10 penalties. A horse or pony may only be driven once in each phase during the event.

It is preferred that competitors use coachman rein handling for the Presentation and Road Drive stages. You do not have to use coachman rein handling for the cones stage.

Timekeeping is an essential component of the competition and competitors are asked to carry two timepieces with them along the Routier. One timepiece is to record their duration, the second is to record any unscheduled stops en-route.

THE PRESENTATION

Each turnout is judged individually at a standing presentaion by our Presentation Judges in three separate locations. Competitors will be issued with their starting times in advance and it is a condition that they adhere to these times. The competition is marked in accordance with the official Presentation Score Sheet which includes judges comments. These will be available after the event. Each turnout will be judged on the following criteria:

Overall Impression...

- Compatibility of horse to carriage
- Impression of the movement of the turnout
- Suitability of colours between the vehicle, dress of the driver, groom(s) and passengers

Horse and ponies...

- Beauty, presence and harmony
- Lack of blemishes
- Grooming and cleanliness
- Quality of shoeing

Harness...

- Conforms to tradition
- fitting of harness
- Condition of harness including cleanliness
- Safety

Vehicle...

- Post 1945 vehicles will be restricted to a maximum mark of 20 points
- General state (paint, cleanliness etc)
- Balance
- Accessories (lamps, spares, whip etc)
- Suitability of the horse/ponies to the carriage

Driver/Groom/ Passengers...

- Harmony and style in modern dress
- Care for details, (Cleanliness)
- Hat, shoes, gloves, apron, accessories
- Holding and position of reins and whip

- Boots and bandages on the horses are forbidden. (10 point penalty)
- A competitor arriving **AFTER** their allocated time for the presentation receives a 5 point penalty.

THE ROAD DRIVE

The Road Drive is to test the skills and knowledge of the driver and the ability to drive at a steady pace in normal circumstances. The competitors will negotiate 5 planned Difficulties along the route. The route will be suitable for all type of carriages along asphalt roads, predominantly quiet single track country lanes. The Road Drive is predominantly level with a few slight inclines and declines. There is one short sharp hill descending down to a river but is easily manageable for even the smallest of ponies. The Road Drive will have cautionary road signs along the way warning oncoming traffic of carriages. The distance of the Road Drive will be 15km and 10km for donkeys.

Although the route is marked with cautionary traffic signs, the driver must respect the highway code at all times and he drives at his own risk.

The course will be timed from moment of departure to return. Competitors will be expected to time their journey and recorded on an official time sheet. They are also advised to have a second time piece to record any unscheduled halts en-route. This will need to be recorded as well. The maximum speed is:

- 6 km/3.7mph for donkeys;
- 9 km/5.6mph for small ponies (up to and including 1,32 m/13hh) and heavy horses and great donkeys;
- 11 km/6.7mph for ponies (over 1,32 m/13hh)
- 13 km/8mph for horses
- 11 km/6.7mph per hour for heavy carriages (coach)

The Technical Delegate can reduce the speed as a function of the topographic and prevailing conditions. They will inform the judges.

The time allowed will be + or - 1 minute.

For example: official time = 65 mins. Allowed time = between 64 and 66 min

Each second over or under the time allowed = 0.2 penalty point.

In accordance with the official list of Difficulties, there will be 5 natural or artificial Difficulties found along the Road Drive where the competitors will be marked on their ability to negotiate.

The following penalty points are awarded:

20 points failure to negotiate, 10 points for deviation, 0 penalties is successfully completed.

The last Difficulty must be at least 300 metres before the finish.

The following restrictions include:

- Using brakes is not allowed in a 'Difficulty' and is penalised by 10 penalties.
- There is a 5 point penalty for the driver who stops in the last 300 metres.
- All help in a 'Difficulty' is penalised by 10 penalties.
- A driver will be disqualified if he drives through a 'Difficulty' on the routier or through a gate of the cone driving before the competition.
- Any destruction of the 'Difficulty' before, during or after the execution of the figure will be punished with 10 penalties.
- Each 'Difficulty' must be executed directly and in one movement (except reining back) eg: One handed circle is executed in one circle, the drinking glass, straight on between A and B.

THE CONE DRIVING

The final stage is the Cone driving competition and is created to test the relaxed skill of the driver with the obedience and agility of the horses on a given course. This class is designed for traditional carriages and although the competition is timed, we are not looking for a fast and furious 'scurry' round. The course will be over 20 gates in a gently flowing manner suitable for a team of horses. (In the event of poor weather conditions, we reserve the right to relocate the course to a shortened course elsewhere)

- The speed is 180m/mn for heavy horses, tandems and four-in-hands. 200m/mn for the others.
- The use of disc-brakes is not allowed during this phase. If used a 10 point penalty will be applied.
- The competitor may not stay in the arena more than twice the time limit allowed for the course, after this they will be asked to leave.
- The course will have a maximum of 20 gates. No obstacle with bars is allowed. The distance between each gate of the zig zag is at least 12 meters.

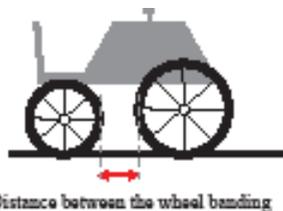
Cone Gates and Vehicle Widths

The cones competition allows for the various widths of individual traditional carriages. To accommodate this variety, the running order for competitors will be rearranged on the day. Smallest width carriages will start off, working up to the widest width. Competitors are asked to provide their vehicle widths and tracking information on entry form.

The width of the gates:

- for a 2 wheeled vehicles, the wheel track width + 30 cm;
- for a 4 wheeled vehicles, depends on the track of the rear wheels and of the distance between the front and the rear wheel banding :

Width between the wheel banding	Width of the gate
less than 40 cm	track width +30 cm
from 40 cm to 59 cm	track width +35 cm
from 60 cm to 89 cm	track width +40 cm
from 90 cm	track width +45 cm
Winchester	total width 230 cm
Winchester with heavy horses	total width 250 cm



- If competitors inspect the course within 1hour of the cone driving they must be dressed as for the competition. If not: 5 penalty points.
- The driver must salute the jury before the start of his round but not necessarily at the end.
- Exceeding the time limit: 0,2 point/second.
- Missing the starting gate: 10 penalty points, and must start again.
- Each ball knocked down : 5 penalty points, and on any one gate there is a maximum of 5 penalty points.
- The gates must be negotiated in numerical order and cannot be crossed again.
- If a gate is taken twice : 5 penalty points. (in either direction)
- If a driver misses a gate, he can retake the gate, before continuing on to the next gate, without penalty points.
- If the competitor has already taken the next gate:10 penalty points.
- Each gate, taken or not taken, if knocked down: 5 penalty points.
- The clock is stopped when the jury bell is rung until the gate is re-erected.
- A gate partially taken without any balls knocked down: 5 penalty points.
- If the driver forgets to go past the finish gate: 10 penalty points.
- As long as the driver has not gone through the finish or has not gone out of the arena, the clock continues.
- A refusal at a gate is not penalised.

Class R7 Carriage Driving Challenge - Open to horses or ponies 4 years old and over to a modern carriage

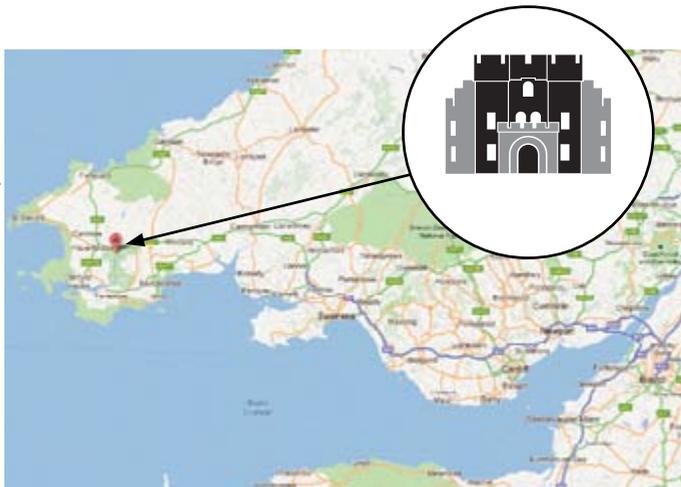
Please Note:

Entry to the Driving classes includes access to the Castle Gardens. Wristbands will be issued by the stable foreman and must be worn as proof.

LOCATION

Picton Castle is in the heart of rural Pembrokeshire and is easily accessible from the M4 and A40. It is approx 2 hours from Severn Bridge and clearly marked off the A40 with large road signs. Access is suitable for very large horseboxes.

Event address is Picton Castle, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA62 4AS



Programme...



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CLASSES WILL RUN TO TIME

FRIDAY 24th JUNE

- 6.00pm Road Drive Inspection motorcade, Competitors are invited to inspect the course
7.30pm Competitors welcome reception BBQ hosted by the members of Dyfed Carriage Club.

GRAND ARENA • SATURDAY 25th JUNE

- 10.00am Sidesaddle Open Equitation
10.40am Sidesaddle Classical Ladies
11.20am Sidesaddle Concours d'Elegance
11.40am In-Hand Coloured Horse and Pony
12.00pm Sidesaddle Costume Concours d'Elegance - Initial judging in the Grand Arena
12.30pm In-Hand World & Rare Breeds
1.00pm In Hand Native Breeds
1.30pm In-Hand Championship
2.00pm Ridden Concours d'Elegance with Iberian Parade
2.30pm Hobbyhorse challenge
3.00pm Ridden Coloured Horse and Pony
3.30pm Ridden World & Rare Breeds
4.00pm Ridden Native Breeds
4.30pm Ridden Championship

CASTLE ARENA • SATURDAY 25th JUNE

- 12.30pm Sidesaddle Costume Concours d'Elegance - Final judging in the Castle Arena
1.00pm Carriages Presentation commence

6.30pm Champagne Reception in the Castle Grand Hall (ticket event only)
7.30pm Gala Dinner in Castle Restaurant (ticket event only)

GRAND ARENA • SUNDAY 26th JUNE

- 10.00am Carriage Driving Road Drive Commences
10.00am In-Hand best child handler 6-10, 11-13, 13-16years old
10.30am In-Hand Veteran Horse and Pony
11.00am Best Rider: Junior, teenager, adult, veteran
11.30am Ridden Veteran Horse and Pony
12.00pm Fancy dress including Thelwell challenge
12.30pm The Wheelbarrow Scurry Challenge
2.00pm Driven Cones commences
4.00pm The Wheelbarrow Scurry Challenge
4.30pm Main ring entertainment
5.00pm Grand Finale and final awards for the individual driving categories.

Event Director: Lester Dagge
Hon Technical Delegates: Mr Richard James
Hon Judges:
Carriages: Mr Gordon Marks, Elizabeth Cartwright Hignett, Colin Henderson,
Ring Guard: Mr Robert Elliott

Entry Form

Entries close 1 June 2016

Name
Address

Contact Phone number email
BDS/BC/BHS or equivalent membership/insurers number

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Carriage turnout details:

Horse Pony Single Pair Team Tandem Winchester

Owner Driver

Type of Vehicle Name of manufacturer

Year of construction Year of last renovation

Stabling & Parking Requirements:

On site stables required £70 each(wknd) On site overnight parking with own side stabling £25(wknd)

Off site overnight stabling Day parking Lorry Day parking car & trailer Caravan/Camping £25 (wknd)

(On-site stabling, own side-stabling and camping costs include duration Thursday to Monday) Total Fees

Gala Dinner

The members of the Dyfed Carriage Club cordially invite competitors and participants to celebrate in style with a Champagne reception in the Grand Hall of the Castle followed by a Gala dinner in the Castle Restaurant. This is a formal black tie event with limited numbers to a maximum of 50 guests. Tickets are £35.00 each.

Number of tickets required: Total Fees

Cheques payable to 'Dyfed Carriage Club'

Please return entry form and payment to
Lester Dagge, Swyn yr Afon, Felindre, Gelliwen, Carmarthen SA33 6DU
Telephone 01994 484766, email info@dyfedcarriageclub.co.uk

Total Fees Payable

(Late entries are accepted but at double the rate)

Please note that entrance for all horse transport is free to the showground.
Members of the public will be subject to admission charges to the Castle and Castle Gardens.

Please check out the website for any late breaking information www.dyfedcarriageclub.co.uk
or Facebook "CIAT Carriages at the Castle"

Stabling costs does not include bedding but is available at cost from supplier.
Fresh water is available but no electric hook up. Toilets are available.

