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Welcome from Sue

Hopefully you are enjoying and getting the most out of your driving. The long summer evenings have proved invaluable for us training Steppers Viceroy (Zac) for Brighton, where we finished second in the Advanced Single Pony class. This also qualifies us for the National Carriage Driving Championships at Windsor on September 11-13th.

We've just returned from Hopetoun, which was an event of highs and lows. Zac performed wonderfully in the dressage event on Friday and performed a fantastic marathon on the Saturday. It was arguably the best marathon of my driving career and we were thrilled to get the fastest time of the event through the water obstacle. However, we noticed that Zac was very slightly lame on Sunday and chose to withdraw. Thankfully the vets report is very positive and we will hopefully be back to full readiness for Farleigh.

Our 'Try Driving' days remain enormously popular and have proved a great way to get all ages and abilities in a carriage and holding the reins!

Be safe and enjoy your driving.



Sue Mart

Try Driving



A newcomer to Try Driving

Continuing the success of 2008 Try Driving, the 2009 season proves to be enormously popular and has been met with great enthusiasm.

Whether a novice or looking to improve your general driving skills, Try Driving offers one to one tuition with Amanda Saville, one of Britain's leading carriage drivers. Amanda will be using her natural exuberance and skill to ensure that your session will be unforgettable.

Try Driving consists of Amanda using our renowned Fun Bug carriage and her highly talented ponies. You can be assured of a

highly rewarding session that will be a unique, fun way to increase your level of driving proficiency. A Try Driving session also makes an ideal gift!

Alternatively, bring your own pony for long reining, dressage, obstacle or cone driving tuition and use the purpose built facilities at Bennington.

Try Driving events are held regularly at Long Bennington. For further details, please contact us.

Try Driving Dates

June - 21st & 22nd

July - 15th & 16th

August - 22nd & 23rd

New Carriages for Miniature Horses



Bennington is delighted to announce the launch of 3 new carriages designed specifically for VSE (Very Small Equines) and Miniature Horses.

The **Mini Magnum** is a classically styled carriage that combines state of the art construction techniques and materials to achieve a weight of only 35kg / 77lbs. Combining legendary Bennington quality and comfort, the Mini Magnum is suitable for pleasure driving and for competitive use.

The **Mini Magnum GL** combines the styling of the Mini Magnum but adds a wealth of

luxury features. A black leather dashboard and mudguards, coach lined wheels and Bedford cord upholstery are just some of the features found as standard on the Mini Magnum GL.

The 4 wheel **Mini Magnum 4** has been designed purely for pleasure driving. Weighing only 45kg / 99lbs and combining Bennington quality with features such as an innovative turntable and pneumatic tyres, the Mini Magnum 4 is the perfect pleasure vehicle for VSE's and miniature horses.

Get Snapping!

With Summer here, why not take the opportunity to get snapping whilst you are out with your Bennington? We would love to see you in action with your Bennington Carriage and include them in our gallery section on our website. The best photo of 2009 will receive a prize and be published in our Winter edition of the newsletter.

Please send hi-res jpeg images to: sue@bennington.co.uk



Driving through the woods at Hopetoun

Key Dates and Events

Event at Bennington Carriages
18th/19th July. Includes a long distance drive, dressage and cones events. For details contact Liz Hourd on 01949 860332

Midland Driving Trails open up marathon courses for pleasure drivers. The next dates are:

Widmerpool-20th June
Offchurchbury-4th July
Catton Park - 26th September

For further details, contact Lesley West on 01630 661314



British Driving Society Long Distance Drive

Abbey Farm, East Walton, Norfolk
27th - 28th June

Classes include Newcomers, Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. This perfect setting will make for a superb driving weekend. For further details contact: Graham Parker on 01442 256754

Try Driving at Bennington

June 21st & 22nd

July 15th & 16th

August 22nd & 23rd

New Products & Accessories

At Bennington we stock an extensive range of quality accessories and spare parts for the discerning carriage driver. We offer a full range of products for all drivers and disciplines, including clothing, bits, whips, gloves, DVD's and FEI driving cones. In addition we are the largest authorized stockist of Zilco and Tedman harness in the UK.

Listed below are a small selection of popular products we find to be very useful. Our full product range can be found on our website and should there be anything specific you are after, please contact us by phone, e-mail or simply pay us a visit.



Driving Cone

British Made solid plastic red FEI driving cone. Ideal for training at home

Stack for ease of storage

Weigh 2kg each

Price: £15.00 each inc V.A.T



Gullet Strap

Prevents the bridle from being accidentally pulled off and also includes a D - ring to attach a lead rope.

Made of quality material in black.

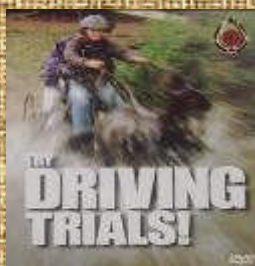
Price: £5.96 inc V.A.T



Try Driving Trials DVD

This informative DVD shows that driving trials is a fun and friendly sport. With interviews from the expert George Bowman to newcomers to the sport, it shows what is involved in the sport of Driving Trials.

Price: £5.00 inc V.A.T



Under Halters

Wipe clean, lightweight and slim. Designed to fit discreetly underneath a driving bridle.

Sizes:
Pony, Cob & Full

Price: £15.00 inc V.A.T



Harness Trolley

Store and transport your harness safely, no more dragging on the floor! Can be wheeled in and out of your tack room. Dismantles easily so can be taken to events. Includes hooks and brackets.

Price: £135.00 inc V.A.T



Bennington Bench

Designed and handcrafted at Bennington the Carriage Bench is the ultimate gift for driving enthusiasts, suitable for a stable yard, garden or entrance hall. Length 4ft

Price: £475.00 inc V.A.T



Empathy Collar

A curved breastplate to assist the pony or horse to achieve the best possible paces and freedom of movement, available in 4 sizes

Shetland / small pony - £115.96
Pony - £152.05
Cob - £167.07
Full - £167.07 (all inc V.A.T)



Harness Rack

A must for the tack room or lorry. 4 main brackets for saddle and breastplate, breeching and bridle. Additional hanging for reins and strapping.

Price: £16.65 inc V.A.T





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Combining innovative design and materials, the very finest craftsmanship and our renowned customer service, plus an extensive range of carriage driving accessories, Bennington Carriages offers a wealth of products and advice for all carriage driving enthusiasts.

Coast to Coast in a Bennington Buccaneer



Zoe Woods completed a trip from coast to coast of 110miles in 5 days with her pony Jimmy in a Bennington Buccaneer.

Places visited included Solway Firth, Kielder Water, Buteland Fell and Hadstone Country Park.

The trip was highly successful but several miles further than planned as the forestry commission failed to advise them that certain tracks were closed for logging! Further pictures are on our website.

If you are planning any special trips with your Bennington we would be delighted to hear from you.

Bennington Carriages Website

We have recently revamped our website and are very pleased with its new look.

The site includes all of the best elements of the previous site, including carriage details and specifications, harness, accessories and care instructions.

New features now include a dedicated section for pre owned Bennington Carriages that enables our customers to advertise their used carriage free of charge. We now also have an owners gallery that shows many of our carriages in action. If you would like a photo uploaded to the site, please send a hi-res jpeg file.

Try Driving has its own dedicated section to encourage newcomers to our wonderful sport of carriage driving and Latest News is THE online source for Bennington news!

As ever, if you have any feedback or ideas, please get in touch!



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