

# Bennington News



## Welcome from Team Bennington

Well - another hectic season over and time to reflect on a fantastic year. This year has seen many Try Driving weekends, giving people the opportunity to try out the wonderful sport of Carriage Driving in a safe environment. We've also had many visitors to Bennington - some driving, some spectating and others exploring our new showroom with its wide display of carriages, including the new Spirit and Fun Bug GL plus our huge range of accessories.

2009 was also a great year for Team Bennington. Representing Great Britain in the FEI World Pony

Championships in Germany was a fantastic honour. Finishing 7th (out of a class of 36) as the highest placed British competitor was the highlight of our competitive careers so far. Steppers Viceroy (Zac) performed exceptionally and loved the crowds and the atmosphere. We've now got to focus on our training for the next 2 years until the next World event! If you want to read more about our antics in Greven, lots of additional information is on our website.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and an enjoyable season for 2010.



Sue & Wendy

## Try Driving



A Try Driving newcomer with Sue & Dillon

2009 marked our most successful Try Driving season to date - holding at least one Try Driving weekend every month from March to September. We have an even more extensive set of dates for 2010 - please keep looking on the web site for 2010 dates.

Try Driving provides a unique opportunity for newcomers to try carriage driving "first hand" - with great trainers and of course, great carriages. We are pleased to report that many of our eager students have progressed - buying their first carriage and becoming hooked on the sport.

Many of this years students were given their lesson as a gift. Our convenient location provides an ideal opportunity

for a great day out - having some driving training, meeting other students and perhaps having lunch at the Reindeer - Long Bennington's best pub which is famed for its food.

If you can't wait until Try Driving begins again in March 2010, we offer bespoke tuition at the weekends with star pony Dillon and of course the Fun Bug. Alternatively, why not bring your own pony for long reining, dressage, obstacle or cone driving tuition and use our purpose built facilities.

Further details on our Try Driving weekends can be found on our website. However, if you have any questions or require further information, please contact us.

[www.benningtoncarriages.co.uk](http://www.benningtoncarriages.co.uk)

# Visit our new Showroom



Come and see the huge range of carriages and carriage driving accessories on display.

A warm welcome always awaits—as does a cup of tea!



## Bennington Gift Vouchers

Stuck for an idea for that perfect gift? Why not buy a Bennington Gift Voucher. Available in any value, Bennington Gift Vouchers are redeemable against products, services and tuition at Bennington.

So if unsure whether to buy a Try Driving lesson or a pair of driving gloves as a gift, the Bennington Gift Voucher is the ideal solution!



## New Bennington Spirit

The New Bennington Spirit is *the* high performance carriage designed for the small pony driver.

Innovative in design, the Bennington Spirit blends traditional carriage building skills with state of the art composite materials to create an incredibly light-

weight and agile carriage.

When fitted with the optional "Dual Purpose" pack, the Spirit is also fully suitable for all three phases of driving trials.

For further details, please visit our website, telephone or e-mail us.



## New Bennington Fun Bug GL



Bennington is delighted to introduce the Fun Bug GL - offering the ultimate in pleasure driving comfort for both driver and passenger.

With two individually adjustable padded seats, the Fun Bug GL offers maximum comfort by allowing each seat to be

positioned to suit individual leg lengths.

The Fun Bug GL also offers exceptional stability as a consequence of its innovative design, is safe, fun and of course, engineered to Bennington's renowned quality standards.

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# 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 stockist of Zilco and Tedman harness in the UK.

Stuck for a gift to buy a Carriage Driving enthusiast? Why not consider a Bennington Gift Voucher or simply pop along to our showroom for some inspiration!

**Stopwatch**

Suitable for all Equestrian disciplines, it has an oversized display and is essential for the carriage backstepper



**Price £31.50**

**Carriage Driving Mug**

"I'D RATHER BE CARRIAGE DRIVING" Mug  
The essential item for every carriage driving enthusiast!



**Price £6.50**

**Easi Dri Towel**


Synthetic, highly absorbent towel that is ideal for drying harness or carriages after use



**Price £7 (sml) £18 (lge)**

**Number Bib**

Worn by driver or backstepper to display competitor number for the marathon phase. Adjustable straps



**Price £11.94**

**SSG Driving Gloves**

SSG Deerskin Carriage Driving Gloves (pictured).  
Sizes: 6,7,8,9 & 10  
Wide range of others available



**Price £38.00**

**Driving Cone**

British Made solid plastic red FEI Driving Cone. Ideal for training at home. Stack for ease of storage.



**Price £15.00**

**Bennington Cap**

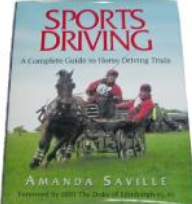
Navy with gold embroidered Bennington Logo. Suede peak and adjustable strap



**Price £9.50**

**Sports Driving Book**

An informative book about the sport of Carriage Driving - a must for Carriage Driving enthusiasts.



**Price £18.95**

**Harness Bags**

Harness bags to transport your harness easily. With velcro loops to keep harness secure



**Prices:** Tedex: £13.18  
Class Harness £15.09  
ZGB / Elite £29.17

**Gullet Strap**

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



**Price £5.96**

**Zilco 'Oscar' Helmet**


Lightweight, stylish and adjustable helmet.  
Small: 51 - 54cm  
Medium: 55 - 58cm  
Large: 59 - 61cm



**Price £62.50**

**Under Halters**

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



Pony, Cob, Full  
**Price £15.00**

**Dressage Markers**

Full set of Dressage Markers for the Carriage Driving arena, 12 letters. Unique, tread in ground anchor. Height 50cm Width 39cm



**Price £195.00**

**Driving Aprons**

A range of high quality Driving Aprons made at Bennington. Fleece lined & adorned with Bennington Logo. 95cm & 105cm sizes



**Price £55 - £65**

**Body Protectors**

Bennington has worked closely with Airowear to develop the Carriage Driving Body Protector Full details on our website



**Prices from £130**



Established for over 46 years, Bennington Carriages is Britain's foremost Carriage Manufacturer - designing, building and maintaining the very finest carriages for pleasure and competitive use.



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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.**

## Carriage Maintenance

Now is the time to think about servicing your carriage and there is no better way than to get Bennington to service it.

Regular servicing is critical to the safety, reliability and longevity of your vehicle. We only use the finest parts and lubricants to ensure that your carriage leaves in first class mechanical order. The whole vehicle, including brakes, bearings, turntables, tyres - all will be fully checked and can be done while you wait (booking is required).

Alternatively, why not leave your vehicle with us for a few hours and have a spot of lunch at the Reindeer - Long Bennington's best pub with its award winning food.

We also offer a range of additional services, including wheel refurbishing and tyre replacement - please contact the Bennington Team for further details.

Also, don't forget to check out our maintenance tips and checklists on our website.



## Photo Competition - 2009 Winner



Congratulations to Susie Pace for submitting this fantastic photo. The photo was taken on the Lincolnshire Coast just north of Skegness, driving Bear and her Fun Bug. It just shows you can take your fun bug anywhere!

We will be running another photo competition next year so please send your entries (as hi-res jpeg images) to [carriages@bennington.co.uk](mailto:carriages@bennington.co.uk)

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