



Carriage driving is fun for everyone!



Carriage driving is fun for everyone – whether you want to just drive round the lanes, display your skills in the show ring or enjoy the adrenaline rush of driving trials – there's a carriage to suit you and your horse or pony at Bennington's.

Do you think carriage driving is just for people who can't ride anymore? Do you think it's a bit staid and not nearly as much fun as show jumping or riding cross-country? Well – think again!

Voted the 2010 Carriage Driving Supplier of the Year by members of the British Horse Driving Trials Association, family-owned and run Bennington Carriages has a fabulous new showroom and extensive Driving Academy facilities at its venue just



off the A1 at Long Bennington, near Grantham in Lincolnshire.

Supreme Champion

Carriage drivers come from all over the country to see the vast range of show, competition and leisure carriages which are British-made to the highest standards by skilled craftsmen. One such customer is Nicola Blandin who lives in Jersey. Nicola has just been crowned 2011 Supreme Champion at the Indoor Driving Trials Championships, held at Keysoe in Bedfordshire. Nicola drives her pony to a Bennington Spirit one of the newest and most technically advanced carriages on the market.

Also driving a Spirit – although she borrowed it from fellow competitor Carl Warrilow - Dawn Tebbitt was Reserve Champion at the same event. Other winners driving Bennington carriages at Keysoe were Charlotte Snow (Intermediate Pony) and Michael Hodgson who claimed both the Tandem and Small Pony Pair finals.

Indoor driving trials demand the ultimate in carriage versatility as the same one is used for precision and paces (dressage), cones and racing through the four obstacles. To win at this level you need the best and in Bennington Carriage's case, the results speak for themselves!

Somewhere safe to start

Whether or not you allude to becoming Indoor Supreme Champion, budding carriage drivers need somewhere safe to start their career on the box seat with confidence. That is why Bennington Carriages run a series of 'Try Driving' days. From the complete novice to those who want to improve their skills, 'Try Driving' is an ideal way to learn. Sue Mart, part of the Bennington family team, is a UKCC qualified coach and she, along with Amanda Saville, will provide one-to-one teaching using their tried and trusted ponies and, of course, a Bennington carriage.

If the weather is bad, don't worry; Bennington's have a covered fibre-sand arena to drive in so you won't get distracted by rain running down your neck. Outside, when the weather is fine, 'Try Driving' students can make the most of the Academy's other facilities; big open fields, a dressage arena and cones course. Once you have gained more experience you can take a drive round the quiet lanes that surround the venue.

The next 'Try Driving' Days are on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 May, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 June, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 August and, to round off the year, Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 September.



Give Carriage Driving a try!

Come along to one of our 'Try Driving' days at Bennington Carriage Driving Academy, Try Driving days are suitable for all. We also provide training for all levels of driver at our purpose built facility nr Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Try Driving Dates 2011

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th May
 Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th June
 Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th August
 Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September

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