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Royal Festival of the Horse Showing Class Entries Now Open Online



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The Royal Agricultural Society of England's Showing Classes, including Horse Of The Year Show (HOYS) qualifiers, previously held at The Royal Show, will be a key element of the Royal Festival of the Horse, an exciting, new event to be held at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, from Friday 9 to Sunday 11 July.

A re-vamped schedule includes over 181 section classes across the three days. The full schedule is available to view on the website and entries are now open via a new online system.

Log onto www.royalfestivalofthehorse.co.uk and click on the *Showing Classes* tab to view the Schedule, complete an Online Entry Form and to view the Showing Programme.

"The Society is delighted to continue 160 years of Royal Show showing tradition, running the classes and awarding our silverware as part of the Festival," says the Society's Brian Warren. "We are committed to re-establishing a top class equestrian event at Stoneleigh and look forward to three days of outstanding competition in July".



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Royal Festival of the Horse - a horse-lover's heaven

Centred around the main arena, where top-class riders will demonstrate exceptional skills in dressage, show jumping and Express Eventing – the stadium format of 3-day eventing, the Royal Festival of the Horse offers a host of additional attractions.



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Pat and Linda Parelli, in their only European visit of 2010, will be at the Festival to share their knowledge of Natural Horsemanship. HorseBox World will provide information on the latest legislation and developments in horse transport, while Heavy Horse Village provides the opportunity to get up close and personal with these magnificent animals. Avenues of stands will be selling everything horsey from saddles to sweatshirts, photos to feed and jackets to jumps.

To book tickets visit: www.royalfestivalofthehorse.co.uk or call 0844 581 1400.

Which day to visit?

Friday is dressage day (9 July). In addition to the Edward Gal demonstration, the audience will also see the UK's top riders compete in a spectacular freestyle dressage to music and demonstrations on their schooling and training methods in the main arena.

Show Jumping (Saturday 10 July) Britain's elite show jumpers, including Tim Stockdale, Ellen Whitaker and Ben Maher, will compete in a testing 1.60m jump off competition and supporting speed class – which is sure to thrill the crowd.

Express Eventing (Sunday 11 July) The compact stadium format of 3-day eventing. Young stars of the future will compete in dressage to music, thrilling cross country and the final test - show jumping.



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Easy to get to and with ample free parking and excellent camping facilities, if you love horses, horse sport or simply enjoy shopping or a day out in the country, the Royal Festival of the Horse is for you!



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Note to Editors

Royal Festival of the Horse is a premium equestrian event taking place at Stoneleigh Park on 9th, 10th, 11th July 2010. The Festival will showcase dressage, show jumping and Express Eventing - the stadium format of 3-day eventing. The Festival is organised by E3 (Express Equine Events) and the Royal Agricultural Society of England. The event, with its combination of competition, demonstrations, trade stands and special features is expected to attract 50,000 ABC1 equestrian-minded visitors over the three days.