

Open Dressage and Combined Training 28th August

Otterden Place was the venue for this event and all agreed it was the perfect surroundings for Dressage and Combined Training. The area was massive enabling us to have an enormous show jumping arena; one could have done with sat nav to negotiate!

Permanent pasture provided lovely going and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

We had enough entries to ensure reasonable competition and financial viability and we will certainly be hoping to use Otterden Place again in the future.

We only suffered minor traumas such as a lost judge who arrived just in the nick of time and the very late arrival of the burger van. Our burger man firstly got the date wrong, moved heaven and earth to get to Otterden and then got hopelessly lost! He was forgiven as he was so apologetic and didn't charge us for our tab.

Thank you to all those who helped set up the day before and to those who helped on the day. We had plenty of help and it did make such a difference to the smooth running of the event.

I must thank one person in particular who negotiated the hiring of Otterden Place and provided us with a magnificent set of show jumps, probably the spookiest in the land judging by the lack of clear rounds! Thank you therefore to Kate Connell for the above.

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