

EMDG TRAINING CAMP 2026 - FRIDAY 1 MAY TO SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026

Aylesford Equine (LE14 3PF) (what3words: ///friday.endulgent.pool)

Name: _____ Contact No. _____ Emergency Contact No. _____

Email: _____ Riding Club _____

Please send proof of Public Liability Insurance if you are a non BRC Member Horse: _____ hh Mare / Gelding

Minimum Horse Age is 4. Passports must be available for inspection and be up to date with flu injections (see BRC website for rules)

Places are strictly limited and will be filled in order of receipt of applications along with a minimum payment of £50 to secure the booking.

100% Payment must be received in full prior to the closing date of 13/4/26 otherwise your stable will be offered to someone else.

All cancellations are subject to a £50 non-refundable/transferrable deposit. Regrettably there will be no refunds for cancellations after the 13th April 2026 unless your place can be filled.

PRICING

2 Nights Stabling, 3 Days Training receiving two lessons per day from any of the instructors shown. No choice in lessons or instructors. You will receive 2 Dressage, 2 Show Jumping and 2 Cross Country lessons. Lessons will be on both grass and a surface, please remember your studs and check which area you will be working in beforehand.

Tea, Coffee and Squash available throughout your stay provided by EMDG. Marquee, showers and toilets on site.

Additional lessons may be purchased if available (see Jan at camp)

To attend this Training Camp you must be capable of jumping 80cm or above confidently. What level are you currently jumping at (please circle): 80 90 1m+

Stables: Temporary stables are on grass they each come with one bale of shavings. Additional shavings can be purchased from the venue.

Food: Whilst no food is included we are proposing to order in a takeaway Friday and Saturday evening.

Electric Hookup: None available

PAYMENT TO EMDG:

DEPOSIT: £50	£50 minimum payable immediately on booking. Remaining balance by 13th April. Please reference your bank payments as 'Aylesford'.	£50.00
BALANCE PAYABLE PRIOR TO 13/4/26:		£270.00

Payment via bank transfer to: East Midlands Dressage Group, Sort Code: 20-50-21, Account Number: 00201103.	£320.00
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Applications to be returned by 13th April 2026 to Jan Pollard, Firs Farm House, Bilby, Retford, Notts DN22 8JB or emailed to emdg@hotmail.co.uk
A list of attendees will be advertised on our website following the closing date. Lesson times will be notified to you on arrival.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Can anyone under 18 enter the Training Camp?

A. *Only if participating and aged 15 and over and must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and capable of jumping 80cm.*

Q. What happens if I cancel camp; do I get my money back?

A. *All cancellations are subject to a £50 non-refundable deposit.*

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Q. Can I swap stables with friends if I don't like where the Committee has placed me?

A. *No, you have been allocated a stable based on information you have given the organisers.*

Q. Can I bring my caravan and set-up on the Thursday prior to arriving Friday?

A. *No, Aylesford Equine have advised attendees can arrive from 9am on Friday 1st May 2026.*

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The organisers reserve the right to cancel or change any class or training session. When mounted, riders must wear a hat that meets the specification acceptable under the BRC Hat Rules 2026. BETA Body Protector must be to BRC Standard for cross country sessions. Air jackets are not a replacement for a body protector and should only be worn in addition. Cars, trailers and horse boxes must be parked in designated areas only.

Legal Liability: The Organisers or any person acting on their behalf, will not accept liability for loss, damage, accident or injury to horses, ponies, competitors or any person or property whatsoever.

Health & Safety: The organisers of this training camp have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health & safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organisers and all Officials.

For safety reasons there is a **no smoking** policy around the stables, in communal areas and whilst on horseback.

General: You are required to bring your horses hay, bedding and mucking out equipment. Shavings can be ordered from Aylesford ahead of your arrival and payment is made directly to them.



BRC Body Protector Guidelines 2025v1

Only body protectors to the following specification are acceptable at any BRC competition where the use of body protectors is mandatory:

A BETA Level 3 displaying a <u>Blue 2018 Label</u>		
2000	2009	2018

Any other levels / dates are **NOT** acceptable* and will not be allowed at any BRC competition. If a label containing a correct date is not present, the body protector will not be accepted.



Please Note; these pictures are only intended for illustrating where the BETA label can often be found. A full list of BETA Level 3 body protectors can be obtained from www.beta-uk.org

- Where the use of a body protector is mandatory, air Jackets are permitted but **MUST** be worn over a permitted Level 3 body protector.
- Air jackets may be worn without another body protector underneath only where the use of a body protector is not mandatory for that phase.
- Hybrid Air-Jackets (a manufactured Level 3 Body Protector with an Air Jacket all-in-one) are permitted.
- Blouson jacket type air jackets are permitted in accordance with point 1 above.
- *Exo Body Cage body protectors continue to be permitted (see below) but the competitor **MUST** inform the Secretary at the event, who must then inform the paramedics and XC Control.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*The **ONLY** exception to the requirement for a BETA Level 3 2018 label is that Exo Body Cages will continue to be accepted, provided they have a BETA Level 3 2000 purple label.



BRC Hat Rules 2026

Only hats to the following specification are acceptable at ANY BRC activity. At all BRC Area Qualifiers and Championships, hats must show a visible PINK 'hat tag'. This can be a BRC, BE or PC pink tag. Any other standards / dates are **NOT** acceptable and will not be tagged. Hats must meet **ALL** of the requirements of one of the following rows:

	Standard and Date	Quality Assurance Mark	Examples
1	PAS 015 2011	AND MUST HAVE BSI Kitemark Or Inspec IC Mark	
2	VG1 01.040 (2014-12)	AND MUST HAVE BSI Kitemark Or Inspec IC Mark	
3	ASTM F1163 (2015 or 2023)	AND MUST HAVE SEI mark	
4	SNELL (E2016 or 2021)	AND MUST HAVE Official SNELL label and number	
5	AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards)	AND MUST HAVE SAI Global mark	
6	EN1384: 2023	AND MUST HAVE BSI Kitemark Or Inspec IC Mark	

IMPORTANT INFO FOR THE CROSS-COUNTRY PHASE: Only a "Jockey Skull" of an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface, having no peak or peak type extensions may be worn for any XC phase. Noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front, not greater than 5mm, smooth and rounded in nature are permitted. It must also comply with the "Protective Headwear" criteria and be tagged as set out above. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used. The use of **HEAD CAMS** are strictly prohibited at any BRC affiliated competition. This includes use on the head, chest, bridle or any other part of the horse or rider.

EMDG TRAINING CAMP RULES

In the interest of Health & Safety to horse, rider and property, and with courtesy to Aylesford Equine, we ask you to read and abide by the following rules.

- 1 No smoking in or around the stable area.
- 2 No smoking in the marque / gazebos including all covered areas.
- 3 No corrals.
- 4 Dogs welcome however must be on leads at all times and please 'poo pick'
- 5 All vehicles to park in designated areas and clear of the stable area.
- 6 No tying horses to the outside of your stable or to lorries or trailers in camp areas.
- 7 Please keep the outside of your stable as clean and tidy as the inside. Store wheelbarrows and tools safely.
- 8 Please ensure the muckheap is kept within the designated area – muck only, no bailer twine or rubbish.
- 9 Late night checks on horses no later than 10.30pm. A committee member will carry out a further check after this time and will inform the owner of any concerns.
- 10 Hard hats to be worn at all times when mounted – back protectors' mandatory for x/c.
- 11 Please be considerate to others and ensure all generators are switched off at 11.00pm. Please also keep the noise down after this time.
- 12 In the event of any problems or queries please contact a committee member.
- 13 Please ensure all rubbish is placed in the bins provided.
- 14 Please remove all your rubbish from the marque each night.
- 15 Lunging in a lunge pen might be available if booked in advance.

NB

Failure to comply with any of the above may result in you being asked to leave.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Committee Members Contact Numbers:

Offical Booking and Lessons	Jan Pollard	07732 530 090
Payments to EMDG	Mark Cunningham	07970 131 464
General Queries and Stabling	Jan Pollard	07732 530 090
Committee Member on site	Annabel Eades	07913 028 869
Committee Member on site	Alison Johnson	07525 707 137
Health & Safety Officer in attendance	Sharon Stones	07989 436 685

Please use our email address where possible for queries: emdq@hotmail.co.uk

Food:

Whilst no food is included we are proposing to order in a takeaway Friday and Saturday evening, please see Jan, Annabel, Alison or Sharon to place an order. Please make your own arrangement for breakfast, lunch and evening meal if a takeaway is not to your liking.

Tea, coffee and squash will be available throughout your stay provided by EMDG.

Lessons:

Commence at 10am on Friday and 9am on Saturday and Sunday.

Hacking:

Plenty onsite

Lessons will be on both grass and a surface. Please remember your studs. Check which arena you will be working in for each lesson.

To attend this Training Camp you must be capable of jumping 80cm or above confidently. Everyone will be allocated 2 lessons of each discipline, Dressage, SJ and XC lesson over the course of the 3 Days

Andrew Day

Andrew is one of England's most experienced dressage coaches.

Starting his adult riding career in the world of eventing, Andrew had successes in the 1970s riding at Badminton, Burghley and events abroad.

In the 1980s Andrew ran an eventing yard in Surrey, producing six badminton and Burghley runners and one World Championship runner. In the 1980's, through a charitable organisation of which Andrew was a founder member, he received a classical dressage education from some of the worlds great coaches including Arthur Kottas (chief rider Spanish riding school), Charles de Kunffy an Hungarian FEI Judge, Christine Stuckelburger a multiple Olympic medallist from Switzerland and Christian Stampfel from Warendorf in Germany.

Setting up a family home and stables in Nottinghamshire, Andrew built up a freelance coaching practice and over the years has taught hundreds of riders competing through the levels up to and including international Grand Prix.

Andrew presents the classical dressage ideals in a way that is in line with FEI competition standards, always encouraging and approachable he likes to help his riders enjoy themselves as they progress with their horses.



Matt Heath

Hi all my name is Matt Heath, I am a 42 yr old event rider. Having grown up in racing with dad as a jockey I switched to eventing in my early teens. I went to work for Ann and Nigel Taylor at Aston Le Walls where I was fortunate enough to have masses of competition experience under their expert guidance.

In my early 20's I set up on my own and since then I have competed a large amount of horses for lots of people at all levels up to Badminton, Burghley, Pau and Luhmuhlen 5*'s, I have also represented GB with pride twice at senior 3* championships and 2 Nations cups.

I feel incredibly lucky to have travelled the world doing what I enjoy and really enjoy passing on my experience to others.

Look forward to meeting you all, Matt.



Antonia Brown

Antonia has a busy Competition yard with her husband Tim in Brigstock Northants. Originally an International Event rider including successfully competing at both Burghley and Badminton - in more recent years Antonia has turned to pure Dressage - having competed up to Inter 2 level. Antonia spends a lot of time coaching both Event and Dressage riders, and her qualifications include being an accredited Eventing Coach and a UKCC level 3 Dressage Coach.



Ginny Turnbull

2nd Medium Nationals BD 2025. Double Clear Badminton, Burghley, Boekelo, Blenheim, Bramham (oh so long ago!). BYEH 4 year old champion/national 4 year old champion. Produced 16 horses over 37 years to advanced eventing. Still breaking in and producing youngsters and loving helping others not to make too many of the mistakes that I have! I was the academy coach at Bishop Burton for 10 years, and love my teaching. I have a great time trying to find smiles and laughter, helping riders either who are competing at international level and/or just as importantly, popping a cross pole. Having made many "bloomers" over the years, I love encouraging and coaching so that the fun is always present at whatever you are trying to achieve. Thankyou for asking me to help x



Laura Woodcock

Level 3 (Advanced Medium) Dressage Coach. 7 Times Regional Champion. Reserve National Champion. U25 National Champion. Previously part of the GB Young Rider Squad. Team Coach for the Team Quest National Champions. Coached many riders to placing at National Championships. BD Youth Coach and Assessor. Qualifications in Sports Psychology and Sport Science. Trainee Judge. Happy to help from grass routes to advanced riders.



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