

Chiltern League Match 5

11th February 2023

The College Equestrian Centre, Church Road, Keysoe, Beds, MK44 2JP

Directions:

Please note that the B660 is currently closed north of Keysoe at Pertenhall.

From East

A428 to St Neots, carry on past St Neots on A428, you will go under road & railway bridges, past a crane storage on left, then over a roundabout by Tesco. At next roundabout turn Right on to B1428 (Great North Road), over at least 3 mini roundabouts then at mini roundabout immediately after pedestrian lights turn left on to Bushmead Road. Follow that for about 3.5 miles, then straight over crossroads, and after 1.5 miles you come to a T junction, turn Right. Church Road in Keysoe is 2 miles on the left

From South M1

J13 A421, and stay on that road for 13 miles until the last Bedford exit (A428 Bedford & Great Barford). First exit on roundabout at top of slip, then at next Roundabout (by "Go Outdoors" store on Right) Turn Right, carry straight over roundabouts for 2 miles, then at Roundabout for Kimbolton Road (it has trees in the middle and a pub called The Pheasant on other side) Turn Right, past Golf Course and carry on for 8 miles to Keysoe. Church Road is one mile into the village on the left.

From the South A1

After Tempsford bridge, take the A421 for Bedford at the Black Cat Roundabout (sign Milton Keynes A421) after 4 miles take the Bedford A428 exit (signed Bedford A428 Great Barford) Right at roundabout at top of slip, over other slip roundabout then at next Roundabout (by "Go Outdoors" store on Right) Turn Right, carry straight over roundabouts for 2 miles, then at Roundabout for Kimbolton Road (it has trees in the middle and a pub called The Pheasant on other side) Turn Right, past Golf Course and carry on for 8 miles to Keysoe. Church Road is one mile into the village on the left.

Timetable:

As in previous years, the timetable for match 5 is slightly different to that for matches 1 to 4.

11:30 U11 girls
11:45 U11 boys
12:00 U13 girls
12:15 U13 boys
12:30 U15 girls
12:45 U15 boys
13:00 U20 / U17 ladies
13:30 senior men
14:30 U17 men
14:35 senior ladies

Parking: this is all on the main site, and should all be on hardstanding. Please follow marshals' directions when you arrive on site. Note there is a separate entry and exit to the centre.

Toilets: There will be 8 portable toilets located near to the start/finish, but we are also free to use the toilets in the main buildings, plus the toilet block just beyond the opposite end of the main building to the start & finish.

Changing: There are no changing facilities provided.

Marshals from other clubs: As always, a number of member clubs are designated to supply a marshal for this meeting. These marshals should report to Hayley Vinnicombe at 11am to the bar area at the end of the main building nearest the course.

Refreshments: Teas, coffees and hot and cold snacks will be served in bar area which is at the end of the main building nearest the course, where there is also some seating. We are also welcome to use the cafeteria in the main block by the show-jumping arena (now substantially refurbished, but in the same location as before) which has a more comprehensive menu.

Please do not wear spikes or muddy footwear in the bar, café or surrounding area. There will be clear signs in place to this effect.

Please Note: Whilst there are no equestrian events on at the centre on the day, there will probably be limited use of the indoor facilities for riding. When using the toilets and cafe facilities in the main block, please be aware that horses may be crossing from the indoor area into the main arena, and that sudden movements and loud noises can upset a horse - they are very big and powerful animals! Crossing areas where caution is required will be clearly marked.

Course notes: Please note that **all age groups are routed through the watersplash feature, but there is a “dry route” option for all** (which is slightly further).

The field previously used for the start/finish is now inaccessible. The new ‘start’ is slightly narrower due to small trees etc, so as at the last fixture at Campbell Park, the senior men’s race start is in a different location (clearly marked on maps and by course signage).

Registration/Results: In the bar area (see ‘refreshments’). For guest entries to pick up numbers. **Please note that if you are likely to win an individual series award (first three in each age group in each division),** you should use the Chiltern League number shown at

- Under 11s: <http://www.chilterncl.co.uk/cl2022u11.htm>
- Division 1: <http://www.chilterncl.co.uk/cl2022d1.htm>
- Division 2: <http://www.chilterncl.co.uk/cl2022d2.htm>

If you can’t use that number, you or your team manager must let the Results Secretary, Mick Bromilow, know in advance of your race. Failure to do so may well mean your Keysoe result is not recognised for awards.

Presentations: These will be held in the bar area (see ‘refreshments’) at the following times:

- 1:15pm U11s and U13s
- 2:15pm U15s and U17/20 Women
- 4:15pm seniors and U17 Men

Please ensure that every club likely to be in receipt of a prize (either team or individual) sends at least a representative to each of these presentations.

Promotion and Relegation: At last year’s Chiltern League AGM, relegations were suspended due to the problems encountered at the last fixture at Shuttleworth College. Three teams were promoted, none relegated, and Windsor, Slough, Eton and Hounslow withdrew from the League, so that Division 1 this season consisted of 17 teams, compared to 15 the previous season.

It has been noticeable that around 70% of the performances this season have come from teams in Division 1.

To address this imbalance, the Chiltern League Management Committee has decided (subject to ratification at this year’s AGM), that two teams should be promoted (in the normal way) and three teams relegated.