

British Open Show Jumping Championships 2007

Thursday 12th April – Sunday 15th April
NEC Arena, Birmingham

A MINI SHOW GUIDE TO THE BIGGEST BRITISH OPEN EVER



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The British Open Show Jumping Championships has been heralded as the most exciting development in British show jumping for over 30 years, immediately becoming one of the most prestigious Championships in the International show jumping calendar. Following four years at Sheffield's Hallam FM Arena, the British Open is continuing to evolve and has announced that this year's Championships will be staged at the NEC Arena, Birmingham. With prize funds exceeding £150,000, the four day event will take place from Thursday the 12th till Sunday the 15th of April 2007. The move follows the organiser's Grandstand Group successful relocation of Horse of the Year Show to the NEC in 2002.



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This four day equestrian feast is action-packed with awe-inspiring displays and equestrian entertainment combined with sensational competition of the very highest calibre interwoven into each performance. This unique event is the only Show in the UK where you can witness such a broad range of equestrian disciplines. The top British riders take on some of the best in the world for the prestigious British Open title whilst an action-packed entertainment programmes includes the highest goal Arena Polo staged in the UK, the world-famous Jean François Pignon, high speed Scurry Driving, the world's top eventers challenging for the British Indoor Cross Country title, a unique Pony Club display, harmony with the horse by the English Vaulting Squad, exquisite Dressage to Music, Barrel Racing and superb shopping at over 100 stands in the new Shopping Forum. If there was ever a year to visit the British Open then it is certainly this year. Added to which, what better way to kick off the Easter holidays than with a treat for the whole family to enjoy!

The ten top British Riders on the latest BSJA ranking list (as at 31st December 2006) who will receive automatic invitations are:

1. Michael Whitaker (Nottingham)
2. Nick Skelton (Warwickshire)
3. John Whitaker MBE (Yorkshire)
4. Robert Smith (Warwickshire)
5. Robert Whitaker (Yorkshire)
6. William Funnell (Surrey)
7. David McPherson (Kent)
8. Ellen Whitaker (Yorkshire)
9. Paul Barker (Yorkshire)
10. Ben Maher (Essex)

In addition to the top ten riders, two other British riders will have the opportunity to qualify for this year's British Open at the Addington Manor Equestrian Centre (29th March -1st April). **HT**