

Weather eases off in time for eventing show

Action happened inside and outside the eventing arena as thousands of people headed to north-west Norfolk to see some of the top names in the equestrian world. Times photographer Matthew Usher captured these images from the weekend's Burnham Market International Trials at Sussex Farm. Those taking part included top international stars Oliver Townend and Pippa Funnell. Norfolk riders Piggy French and young Amy Martin, 22, who is studying at Bath University, also competed during the three-day equestrian spectacle. About 8,000

spectators turned out over the Easter weekend. Away from the thundering of hooves and showcase of skill, there was plenty for families to enjoy, including trade stands for shoppers to browse and children's entertainment. Organiser Alec Lochore said he was pleased the weather improved in time for the sporting showpiece. "We've had some challenges with the weather, more so in the preparation rather than on the day," he said. "The wind has been more destructive than the rain, making us almost lose a marquee in the process." To read the more from the action, turn to our report on page 69.



SHOWPIECE: Action from the Burnham Market International Horse Trials. Left, Simon Grieve on The Loudest Whisper, below, James Sommerville on Mission Man II and Richard Skelt on By The Way, above, Right is Michelle Hindmarsh on Carnival Sprite.

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SPLASH: Simon Grieve on Traveller Royale and Britta Esser on Escorial146, above.

