

BADMINGTON HORSE TRIALS:

To Badmington in Gloucestershire for the British Horse Society's Trials - one of the biggest events of the riding year. The Queen is President of the Society and she never misses the Badmington Trials if she can help it. With her this year is the Queen Mother. A depleted Royal Party - for the Duke has a cold, and Princess Margaret is preparing for her West Indies trip. But otherwise the programme is as brilliant as ever - including the graceful Dressage events.

The jumping event for novice lightweight working hunters - and the description "working" includes the right to strike, this being Britain. The complaint? Back seat driving.