

# The Herts Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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HHPC

Short Newsletter

April 2009

## Membership News

Welcome to Georgia Day, Freya Wynne & the return of Fern Surman

We now have a total of 95 members.

## Awards Evening

This was held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at Pitstone Hall. The middle hall was full up with 70 members & parents. Susanna Fraser bought along all the HHPC clothing for members to try on, buy or order, including: red polo shirts, black sweatshirts, XC black & red rugby shirts, black coats, black emblem saddle cloths & new red swimming caps.

This year 3 families kindly donated new challenge trophies for this award evenings: . Mr & Mrs O'Brien gave the Young Rider Cup for the 10 yrs & under group. Anthony Parry Catering – for the 11 yrs – 16yrs age group. Mr & Mrs Swinburn gave the Shergar trophy – the seniors age group 17 yrs & over. The Pike family donated The Kestral Show Jumping Trophy. See Website for list of Award winners.

## Easter Event Planner

Cross country instruction at Hill House, Carlton on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April. This is a hilly course with a wide variety of jumps including; a run through water, ditches, steps, drop fences, a gate to open, jumping up hill & down hill fences.

Janeen Shepherd will be the instructor.

## Good Friday Easter Egg Ride

**Good Friday** Easter egg hunt ride for our younger riders with walking parents. Jacquie Wilson kindly organises this event each year. It is a slow walk round Ashridge woods, usually in small groups. lorry & trailer parking is on



the Ling Ride car park, an area up a short drive off the Beacon road.

From the Ringshall road turn into Beacon Rd. Parking entrance is on left just opposite some houses on the right. Please pay on the day £2.50 each. Can you text Jacquie to let her know you are coming:

07771 974254. 10.30am start.

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April Warehill EQ

**Handy pony competition** will start at 10am & finish at 12 noon, this will be held in the indoor school & is open to ponies & horses. The course will be timed. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners will receive Easter Eggs ! Cost £2 per round, you enter as many times as you like.

**Clear round Jumping** will start at 11.00am – height of course will start at 1 ft, so all the younger riders can enjoy jumping a mini course. The fences will go up during the day each ½ - ¾ hour depending on entries. 2'6" will not start before 1.00pm each round will cost £3. All clear rounds will receive a small chocolate egg.

## Dressage & Prix Caprilli Instruction

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Instructor is a local lady – Suzie Player BHS AI . We hoping to put riders into test groups, so that they can learn how to ride & understand each test, improve their marks & hopefully ride the test for practice. The tests are: Herts Hunt Walk & Trot test 2009, Prix Caprilli test No 10 – with low & standard jumps, Pony Club Novice Eventing test 2006, the new Pony Club Novice Dressage test 2009 plus any one wanting help with the dressage to music class Please let me know which test you would like to practice. Organiser: Diane:

[hhpcdc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hhpcdc@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Dressage to Music**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April.** Dressage & dressage to music instruction with Carol Bennitt at Ashridge Farm. This is open to all senior members & riders at "C" standard & above. Groups are made up of 2 – 3 riders.

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April Showjumping**

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Patchetts EQ, Nr Watford. Show jumping instruction over a full course in groups. Course heights start at 1'6" & upwards – 3'3" plus depending on riders. Please let Amanda know what height you would like to practice over.

### **Warehill Rally 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Warehill instruction rally open to all levels & abilities.

### **Ride & Road Safety Training**

Karen Potten has organised 2 dates for those riders working towards their PC "C" test. This is a 5 hour course for the ride & road safety achievement badge. First session of 3 hours is done on foot & includes watching the PC ride safety video. Second session is 2 hours ridden on own ponies & includes the test at the end .



### **Ferret Race Night - Sat April 25th**

#### **FERRET RACE NIGHT At Northchurch Social Hall.**

This is the first time we have organised this type of event. What about an evening worth of fun & laughter, meeting other PC families, getting to know new ones too?. Bring the whole family along, no baby sitters needed, bring all the children.

No need to cook, fish & chip supper included in the price. Licence bar & soft drinks available all night. No ferrets running free - all enclosed, so no scary moments.

Really hoping lots of you will support this event & bring your families, friends & neighbours along too. See ticket application form included. Spares are on [www.hertshunt.com](http://www.hertshunt.com) This is going to be a great night out.

### **Members Dressage & Prix Caprilli Competition**

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Judges booked, schedule printed & on the website along with the New HHPC Walk & Trot test 2009, Prix Caprilli test no 10. The other test can be found & printed from [www.pcuk.org](http://www.pcuk.org).

We have been granted special permission for class 7: the dressage to music. No BD music licence of £15 is need. This means it's an idea opportunity for you all to have a go & enter this class.



I have put together a sheet explaining about the class & how to set about putting the music together with the test. Hope this helps.

Schedules on [www.hertshunt.com](http://www.hertshunt.com)

Helpers will be needed at this competition as writers, scorers and stewards.

### **Diary Dates**

Karen Coppen has put together an extensive list of other PC shows & competitions in our Area 12 & other areas near by. This list can be found on the Senior web page under the heading: Diary of Events.

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All dates for rally instruction, training etc are on the Easter Planner on website.  
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**May – June Event planner will be out on the website very soon.**

