

The Herts Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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HHPC

Short Newsletter

May 2009

Membership News

Welcome to 4 year old Grace Kearvell who has just joined us.

Ferret Race Night

This was held on Saturday 25th April and was a very successful evening, we sold 130 tickets !! Thank you to all the members, their families, & friends from local schools in Tring & Cheddington who came to this event.



Thanks to the Sponsors who supported our pony club:

T.C. Feeds & Tack Haven of Kensworth donated the prizes for the owners of 1st & 2nd winning ferrets.

Race 1: Ashlyns Farm 2nd Hand Tack shop
07531 543 859

Race 2: Hase Osborne – Asset Management,
Wendover. 01296 620950

Race 3: Blains Trailer & Tyres, agents for Ivor
Williams horse trailers. 01442 842419

Race 4: Gade Valley Game – Venison
speciality: 01442 842802

Race 5: APS Skip Provider. Mr Lupson 0800
298 0952

Race 6: Icknield Veterinary Group.

www.icknieldvets.co.uk

Race 7: Bellingdon End Farm – feed &
saddlery. 0845 370 1700

Race 8: The Garlick Family

Dressage & Prix Caprilli Competition

This Sunday 17th May at Warehill EQ,
Totternhoe.

There are classes for nearly all riders, some tests are designed to encourage riders to have-a-go, these include the new HHPC walk & trot test 2009 & prix caprilli test. We have managed to get special permission from the Pony Club

to hold the dressage to music class without members having to pay £15 to register their music tape / CD for a licence with the British dressage. So hopefully members will enter this class & enjoy the experience. Entries close on Monday 11th May. Schedules have been posted out & can be printed from the website, all the tests are there too.

Ride & Road Safety

5 hour achievement badge passes.

Karen Potten organised the first set of training sessions for the R & R S badge over Easter. Members watched a video & discussed what they had seen. They spent several hours walking round a simulated road course learning the importance of how to approach junctions, using hand signals, looking back. Second session was mounted practicing round the course & then taking the test.

Congratulations to those members who completed the 5 hours & passed: Charlee Jales, Amber New -Barr, Megan Robson, Victoria Nicholls, Sarah –Jane Lee, Hannah Mustoe, Vicky & Lauren Smith.

There will be more training for those members who need to take this test before their C test exam. This will be organised at the field within the summer rallies.

Members & Parents help needed at rallies & Competitions

The committee try & organise lots of rallies, activities & members competitions throughout the year, but in order to keep costs & entry fees down we do need extra assistance from members & their families.

Therefore we will nominate parents & older members in rotation to help at the various dates. Please be prepared to get involved as this will make all the difference to the smooth running of events & greatly help the committee who also have daughters & sons riding & would like to watch them if possible!!.

We need writers for the dressage judges & scorers all day for the dressage competition on 17th May. Please could you email me if you can help either in the morning, lunch time or afternoon of that day

hhpcdc@yahoo.co.uk

Summer Rallies

The first summer evening rally was on Friday 1st May at the field in Ringshall. From now onwards all rallies both on Friday evenings & Saturdays will be held there from May – September.

Friday evenings take the format of: flatwork, jump grid work, course practice, dressage & mounted games. There will be two time slots each 1 hour instruction groups: 6pm – 7pm / 7pm – 8pm. Please can I ask that all riders arrive in plenty of time to get tacked up & be ready to ride 10mins before your allocated group time, so the change over can be quick. All groups & times will be on website 2 days before the rally. Each rally has a different organiser - If you can't come on the day / evening please contact the organiser of that rally & let them know. Thank you.

Please see May – June event planner for details, dates, costs etc.

Free rallies: See dress code on website. There will be a tack & turnout inspection before each group starts.

** Please can you all follow the dress code rules for rallies, free rallies & XC instructions. See website for details www.hertshunt.com

Cross country Instruction

Please note that the date for XC at Primrose Farm, Gawcott has been changed from the 30th May as in May – June event planner – to Monday 25th May from 10am onwards. The course is all on grass, with a good water

complex, steps, ditches, sunken road, hedges. Some fences are set on the hills.

Rose Cottage Farm XC on 28th May. This course is mostly laid out in hedged enclosed



fields. Making it relatively safe for younger riders & their ponies who are not yet ready to ride in wide open spaces. The fences range from

a 1ft course to jumps at 2ft & some at 2'3". These include small steps, logs, pencil jump, tyres, roll tops etc. Photos on web pages for mini camp & ODE in September 2008.

Combined Training Rally

This is always a popular day, members are grouped depending on levels of ability & received 1 hour instruction on flat & 1 hour on jumping grid work & course practice. In between each hours instruction there is a break for a picnic lunch & rest for your mount. This is open to ages & abilities, younger riders who are not jumping will do mounted games instead.

Members Summer Show

Sunday 21st June in the field at Ringshall. For those members new to Herts Hunt this is always a great day out & an opportunity for all members to come together & compete in a variety of classes from a mini jumping – open jumping, showing & this year Debbie Fogden has offered to organise a handy pony competition.

There are challenge trophies or give away cup for every class & lovely rosettes.

The schedule will be out on the website very soon.

Important Info about Rallies

Please can we remind you all to send in your ticked EP & cheque well ahead of the rallies you want to go to. This booking form must be returned to Branch Secretary Claire Alderson at least 5 days before the instruction rally. Janeen has to book all our instructors well in advance of the dates. This mean we are not normally able to offer refunds or credit notes on cancellations within 5 days of the rally date. If for some reason you need to cancel, please let the organiser know at once please.

Event Planners

Recently we have offered shorter two month event planners, hopefully this is helping to reduce the number of large scary rally payment cheques !! & making it easier to remember the rallies that you have booked in for.

Area 12 Q competitions

Every year there are qualifying team & individual competitions in dressage, show jumping & horse trials for teams of 4 & some individuals. These take place in July & early August. The different levels are novice, intermediate & open.

The full Eligibility & rules for 2009 can be found on www.pcuk.org discipline heading – SJ, dressage & Eventing.

Heights of courses for Area show jumping competition on Sunday 19th July are :

Novice 1st round – 90cms & 2nd – 95cms

Intermediate: 1st round – 1m,
2nd round – 1.05cms

Open : 1st round - 1.10cms,
2nd round – 1.15cms

Heights of courses at the Area Horse Trials on Sunday 2nd August are:

Novice level 3: SJ round – max 95cms.

XC - 90cms

Intermediate level 4: SJ round – 1.05cm.

XC – 1m

Open level 5: SJ round – 1.15cm .

XC – 1.10cm

All jumping course are substantial & only the 1st & 2nd placed teams qualify for the PC Championships in August, competition is always strong.

Area Dressage competition on Friday 24th July includes a non qualifying class, this is the Prix Caprilli test team competition Area 12 is the only Area that holds this type of class . This is an unusual test as it has 2 jumps & the judge mainly marks the rider & some are given at the end for the way the H / P went.

Last year we entered 2 teams & they did really well.

Other PC Team Classes

Area 12 is a very active Area, lots of the other PC's hold shows, One Day Events, & dressage competitions during the year. Some times they include team sections with the classes. This is opportunity to ride as part of a team & support each other at the shows.

Janeen Shepherd has put together tick boxes at the bottom of the May – June EP. Any member who is interested in joining a team in dressage, SJ / ODE / Eventing please tick the boxes & send back to Claire Alderson. There will be special team training instruction dates working towards these competitions.

VAH pony club hold a annual inter branch team show jumping competition in early July. This is always a big day out with 3 classes: intro 1st round approx 2' & 2nd round 2'3" / Novice 1st round approx 70cm (2'6") & 2nd round 85cm (2'11") / Open 1st round 90cm (3') & 2nd round 1m (3'3") . Lots of pony clubs send teams.

Local PC competitions schedules can either be found on our website or by going to www.pcuk.org . Either look at the calendar list or clicking on branch websites, map – section – London marked. This is Area 12.

Most pony clubs will have printable schedules on their sites.

Website

New pages for our website: horses & ponies for sale & wanted. Please send in your adverts with small photos 1MB or less please to hhpcdc@yahoo.co.uk. If you sell your horse or pony via this page please make a donation to the Club.



Profiles of all our instructors are now being added to the Profile page.

NEWS of members successes at competitions & team events.

If you have done well recently, please send in a short report & any photos (max 1MB) for this page.

News up dates, competitions & results on the tetrathlon / triathlon page.

Up- to date information about what's on for our older members is on the **Senior page**.

July – August event planner will be out in mid June