

The Herts Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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Short Newsletter

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Membership News

Welcome to new members: India, Jessica Ho, Isabella Hoar.

Just a reminder that all memberships must be renewed by Friday 30th January.

Those wanting to compete at any Area competitions in 2009 also need to renew their membership by the 30th Jan.

Review of Xmas Activities

Show Jumping practice & instruction at Patchetts EQ, Watford on Monday 22nd Dec. This was well attended with 5 hours of instruction by Janeen. There was a full course of fences set out giving everyone a chance of getting their horses / ponies familiar with jumping in indoor arenas.

Christmas Fancy Dress Fun Rally

Riders & on foot members joined in the games together. All who came had great fun. Chocolate



box selections were given out to every one. Fancy dress out fits included 2 elves, a knight, a dragon, a tiger, 1 or 2 fairies, footballer, princess plus more. All groups

played musical statues on horseback & team relay jumping.

Unmounted games afternoon- Dec 29th

Debbie Potten & Kirsty Newbury-Barr kindly offered to organise the games. 18 members joined in, with help from team leaders Vicky Smith, Louise Hunt & Ellie Mitchell. Games included: football dribbling round cones, bending, pegging the paper fish on the line, a tray, cups & water game!! Lastly, an obstacle race with parents joining the teams. Great fun was had by all.

New Year Ride

We had a very good turnout for this annual New Year's ride in Ashridge Park.

Diane & Jacquie led 11 riders on a longer ride through the woods on the newly laid all weather tracks out



towards Cold Harbour & back along Thunder Dell Walk this was about 1¼ hours. A shorter route was sorted for the walking parents with mounted riders. Every one

managed to return safely to the car park.

Ashridge is notorious place for getting lost!!

We are really lucky to have this park within our area.

Bowling Evening

Diane organised a social evening for members 14 yrs – 17yrs old on Friday evening 2nd January at Go bowling centre in Dunstable. 16



members came & enjoyed 2 hours of bowling with a supper. Senior member Debbie Potten kindly came along to help. This was her

last call of duty before leaving us for Derbyshire where Debbie is taking a job working for Jeanette Brakewell who is a top event rider. We wish her luck & hope she keeps in touch.

Christmas Show Results

Grafton PC show at MKEC on 28th Dec.

We had quite a few riders competing here, including Jess & Holly Fraser, Vicky Smith, Lucy Alderson, Jenny & Debbie Potten, Izzie Fernandes & Louise Hunt (1st show for 6 months !!) Despite the freezing wind chill there we had some frustrating rounds, some clear rounds & a few successes. Louise & Wotti were 3rd in the Novice & 7th in the intermediate . Izzie & Ollie were 7th Novice & 8th Intermediate. Lucinda & Paddy were 1st in the intermediate & 4th in the Dengie class.

Flamstead PC show at Patchetts EQ on 30th Dec.

We had a good turnout of members competing through out the day.

Thank you to Janeen who came early & stayed all day to support & advise with course walks & warming riders up before they jumped. Also thank you to Amanda Price for sorting out all the team entries. Never an easy job.

Class 1 Cecelia Price, Beth Try & Liberty rode good rounds but were not quite fast enough to be placed.



Liberty & Drummer Boy

Class 2 Novice (60 entries) . We had 2 teams:

Blue team Isabel Price, Zoe Thursz, Jenny Potten Annabel Coppen, & Red team: Liberty Fogden, Rebecca Reeves, Beth Try.

Isabel was very brave as she fell off twice in the practice arena before going into jump. She managed to ride Flash Gordon all the way round course even though this was their 1st real competition together.

Class 3 Dengie Q (63 entries) had some big jump off fences & rider frighteners. All our riders tried hard. Those who jumped were Becky Reeves, Jenny Potten, Kayla Bryant, Annabel Coppen, Debbie Daniels, Zoe Thursz,

Tsarin Pike, Stephanie Gibbins Sarah Ridger-Taylor. Lucinda Alderson & Paddy Wack came a credible 2nd place which was brilliant as the jump off course was twisty. Well done everyone.

Class 4 fences 3' -3'3" (40 entries) Janeen managed to make up 3 teams of riders in this class. Giving everyone an opportunity to be part of a team. **Red team : Debbie P, Oliver, Lucinda. Black team: Debbie D, Harriet, Stephanie G, Kayla. &**

Blue team: Anastasia, Sarah R-T, Tsarin who all jumped double clears in fast time to win the teams section. Brilliant result. The course did cause quite a few problems for many riders through out the day. The double was alongside the spectators gallery always scary , there was a white narrow spread which caused some stops.

Many riders & horses / ponies don't get to compete as much in the winter & so are not as well practiced before these big competitions.

Well done to all Herts Hunt PC members who competed at both PC competitions over Christmas, I am always proud to see you out competing & flying the flag for our brilliant Club.

Diane Hunt.

Jan – April Event Planner

There is printable version on our website www.hertshunt.com First general rally in 2009 is on Saturday 17th Jan at Warehill. There is a special section during the day's instruction when Nick Turner will be teaching for 3 groups. Places for Nick are limited. On Saturday 31st January Jane Oeppen will be teaching Jumping on the outside arena. For all members wanting to go to summer camps this year, please remember you must start attending these winter rallies as Camps are for those who are active members of Herts Hunt PC & attend general rallies. These are open to all ages.

Other PC Show Dates

Dressage at Bury Farm on Saturday 31st January Dengie Q & Dressage class to music. Organisers : OBH North

Half Term: Indoor show jumping at Addington on Monday 16th February Organisers: Bicester & Warden PC.

Both Schedules will be on our website page.