

# The Herts Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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**HGPC**

**Short Newsletter**

**June 2009**

## ***Summer half term rallies***

Were very popular will lots of members coming to the XC training at Primrose Hill farm, Gawcott & the course at Rose Cottage farm. For some riders this was their first attempts at jumping solid rustic fences &



riding in open spaces. There was plenty of chances to do SJ practices & brush up on the

dressage skills. The first free rally was very well attended.

## ***New Arena Setup for PC Field***

This year we have bought stronger fencing posts to hopefully stop the sheep pushing them loose. To prevent the deer getting caught in the rope in between rallies. All the rope for arenas has to be reeled out & hooked on the posts & then wind back onto the reels at the end of each rally. Please can parents help both at the beginning & at the end of rallies with this job.

## ***Members Summer Show June 21st***

All the schedules has been posted out to every member as a hard copy, more schedules & entry forms can be printed off from the website.

**Michael Atkins of Harrowell & Atkins Solicitors** has kindly offered to sponsor a number of classes, all the tail printing for this year's rosettes & donate a new challenge trophy for class 10: Mini Open Jumping.  
**Tim Summers of TMS Chauffeur Service** has also offered to donate a new challenge trophy for Class 8: Ride & run jumping.

Two New challenge trophies for Class 1 : Pre Novice jumping sec A: donated by **Ashridge interiors** & Sec B donated by **Rod & Jacquie Wilson** of Lower Gade Farm.

Thank you to all our sponsors this year for supporting Herts Hunt pony club, it means we can have luxury rosettes & trophies or prizes for every class or section.

We have some new classes including Handy Horse / Pony & novelty showing. Hopefully there are lots of classes suitable for everyone to enter. This is always a great show not to be missed.

We do need help though, there is a section on the entry form, if everyone offered ½ - 1 hour of their time during day, I would be very grateful. Just makes the day more fun for the committee too.



Challenge trophies for Show

## ***Weekday Rider Sharer***

Julia Try is looking for a person to ride her daughter's pony Buster during the week. There is good hacking from their yard.. Contact Julia: [juliatry@googlemail.com](mailto:juliatry@googlemail.com)

## **Debbie Potten's News from Staffordshire**

Debbie started working for Olympic Silver Medallist Event rider : Jeanette Brakewell in February. Jeanette has a yard in Staffordshire.



Debbie was able to take her lovely horse Socks with her, which has meant that they have had expert training with Jeanette & have been able to compete in several British Eventing Horse Trials competitions over the last few months.

The pair were 27<sup>th</sup> at Milton Keynes, 24<sup>th</sup> at Rodbaston, Northamptonshire & 11<sup>th</sup> at Eland Lodge, Derbyshire.

This has been such a great chance to work & learn from one of the top British Event rider. Debbie would like to thanks to all the mums & members who have been asking how she has been getting on over the last few months. She is hoping to make a trip down to see everyone at our Summer Show on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

## **Diary Dates Local Shows June & July**

14<sup>th</sup> June SOHS PC Dressage & SJ ( C&T Q ) show at Tetworth. See web for schedule

14<sup>th</sup> June: Stony Stratford RC open show at Plum Park, A5, south of Towcester SJ classes, working hunters & showing classes.

[www.plumparkfarm.co.uk](http://www.plumparkfarm.co.uk)

21<sup>st</sup> June HHPC members Summer Show  
[www.hertshunt.com](http://www.hertshunt.com)

21<sup>st</sup> June Bicester & Warden PC ODE at Gawcott. [www.pcuk.org](http://www.pcuk.org)

28<sup>th</sup> June: OBH North PC open show at Great Westwood. SJ, Showing & handy pony. SJ entries will be limited, enter early. Teams in 2'3" & 3'3" classes see HHPC web

28<sup>th</sup> June: Leighton Buzzard & district open show at Stanbridge. sh & SJ C&T Q

[www.lbsdrc.org.uk](http://www.lbsdrc.org.uk)

4<sup>th</sup> July interbranch team SJ. Contact Janeen Shepherd more info.

5<sup>th</sup> July: VAH PC open Junior show Jumping, mini's SJ classes & clear round at Middlegrove Farm, Gt Missenden [www.vahpc.co.uk](http://www.vahpc.co.uk)

11<sup>th</sup> July: VAH PC open combined training & dressage competition at Middlegrove Fm, Gt Missenden. [www.vahpc.co.uk](http://www.vahpc.co.uk)

12<sup>th</sup> July: Grafton PC junior show 16yrs & under. Plum Park Fm, Paulersbury. See web

## **Dress Code for Rallies**

Herts Hunt has a set of dress code rules , see [www.hertshunt.com](http://www.hertshunt.com) side panel for the more information.

Now the weather is a bit warmer, please remember to wear HHPC red polo T shirts & black HHPC sweat shirts. Dark coloured breeches / jodhpurs. ( No pink colours) Black / navy / brown chaps no fringes.

**Footwear:** Standard riding or Jodhpur boots with fairly smooth, thin soles and well defined square cut heels should be worn. No other footwear will be allowed. Standard jodhpur boots with smooth soles or Ariat boots are allowed.

**Parent please be careful when looking for new riding boots** for your daughter or son, that you don't buy footwear with heavy ridged or ruff tread on the soles. This can cause problems if the rider falls off as the boot might grip the stirrup tread & not slip out quicker.

**Riding Hats :** All hats must have the BSI kite mark or the SAI Global symbol or the official Snell label with number inside. The PAS 015: 1998 & the Snell E2001 meets a higher impact criteria & more protection. **For cross country** riding , eventing, tetrathlon, horse trials, tests & training fences 80cms & above it is compulsory to wear a skull cap / hat with no fixed peak. It is strongly recommended that a skull cap is worn for any XC riding even over lower fences. It is also compulsory to wear a body protector.

### **Wanted – New Rider**

**A new rider for our 11.2hh pony Derry**  
( Fudge Brownie) 17 yrs Welsh Sec A.



He has been part of HHPC for 8yrs. Been to main camp 7 yrs running. Winner of the walk & trot tests at the Caddington Dressage

Championship in April Jumps up to 2', will do games, XC , very successful in the showing classes.

He is not a first pony, as he has a strong Welsh character! Needs a rider with a sense of humour, determination & can ride a good buck!! Needs to stay at home with us. If you know of a confident rider who can't afford to own their pony & would like to join HHPC. please contact Diane Hunt : 07836 608921.

### **Members recent Successes**

Lily Good & her new pony Honour have been competing in First ridden classes this spring. They have recently qualified for the Royal International Horse Show which is held at Hickstead in July. This is fantastic chance to ride at one of the top horse show in Britain we wish them both lots of luck & hope mum can stand the pressure at the ring side !!



Tsarin Pike jumped at the **Herts Show** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May .

May 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup> weekend - 3 members competed at the **Milton Keynes EC 3 day** event which includes dressage on day 1, roads & tracks, steeple chase track, R&R & then a XC course, on day 2, one round of SJ on day 3. Sophie Gibbs & Lucinda Alderson entered the new intro class. XC & SJ courses were 2'3". Lucinda came 7<sup>th</sup> in her section. Louise competed in the 2'9" – 3' class.

There were two other PC dressage competitions over the half term week.

**Whaddon chase** held a competition at Addington Manor on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Their entries were low this year which is a shame as Addington is a lovely place to compete & all the tests are ridden on surfaces. We had 3 members representing HHPC at this show. Annabel Coppen was 2<sup>nd</sup> with Jasper in the Pony Club intro 2007 class & 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Novice 2009 test. Georgia Garlick & her coloured horse Coombe Fox were 8<sup>th</sup> in the Novice 2009 & 4<sup>th</sup> in the intermediate dressage test 2009. Stephanie Gibbins & her horse Apollo were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Open Area test.

**Old Berkely Hunt North** had a dressage, combined training & Prix Caprilli competition at Great Westwood on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. We had 4 members competing.

Lauren Smith & Suzie came 8<sup>th</sup> in the 11yrs & under Mini class. Vicky Smith & Foley Gypsy Boy came 6<sup>th</sup> in the Novice 2009 test.

Stephanie Gibbins & Apollo won both Intermediate Event and Open Area test 2008. We had a team of 3 riders in the Prix Caprilli test, this was a very big class : Vicky Smith & Foley Gypsy Boy, Lauren Smith & Suzie & Jessica Ho & Taffy. Our team came 2<sup>nd</sup>., which was very good as most of the other teams had 4 riders. This was Jessica's first attempt at the prix caprilli test.

**Leighton Buzzard & Stanbridge RC** open show 31<sup>st</sup> May. We had quite a few members competing in the jumping classes: Complete novice horse: 3<sup>rd</sup> Abi Ruff . Ponies: 1<sup>st</sup> India Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sadie Lupson, Novice: 4<sup>th</sup> Sadie Lupson. Intermediate: 4<sup>th</sup> Louise Hunt. Open: 2<sup>nd</sup> Debbie Daniels & 3<sup>rd</sup> Kat Daniels.

**Aston-le-Walls Horse Trials** on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Despite heavy rain all day Debbie Daniels & Del Boy came 6<sup>th</sup> in their section of the Pre Novice class . Sarah Ridger- Taylor just had one mistake on the XC. In the Pre Novice .

**Woodlands PC Rosehill Farm ODE** on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Over night rain didn't deter Liberty Fogden & Zoe Thrusz from travelling down to Henly on Thames to compete. Liberty had a clear in SJ & XC & was just out of the placings. Zoe also got a clear in the SJ & Xc came =8<sup>th</sup> overall. This is a nice inviting XC course with many fences in the woods & some long gallops in between groups of jumps.