

# The Herts Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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**HHPC**

**Newsletter**

**March 2011**

## **Membership News**

Welcome to Phoebe Lynskey, Sebastian Weston, Isabel Johnson & Chloe Ahern. Our membership stands at 65.

## **Birthday Wishes**

Our president Mr Howitt recently celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday which is amazing. We are always very grateful to Mr & Mrs Howitt for allowing the HHPC to use their field at Ringshall.

## **HHPC Secretary Change**

Claire Alderson has been the Branch Secretary for 3 yrs & has done a brilliant job, coping with all the correspondence, event planners, credits, debits, lists for rally times & helping parents understand the in & outs of booking forms!

Claire is passing this important job on to Cathy Chambers who will be the Branch Secretary from March onwards. Her address, email & mobile number is on the new March – April EP. To help Cathy there are new rules on payments & attendance of rallies. **Please read the important information on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of Event Planner.**

## **Ferret Race Night**

This was last Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, we managed to sell about 130 tickets – thanks to the children & parents at Little Gaddesden school & friends around the village plus friends at Emma Killin's school.

Thanks to the few families & children from Herts Hunt that did support this fun evening.

The committee worked really hard to put on a fun event. Jo, Susanna, Caroline A & Caroline K prepared & cooked a chilli con-carni supper, Claire A cooked 100 baked potatoes, Cathy & Diane made cakes. This provided a tasty 2 course meal.

Emma Chamber's Teddy Bear tombola was very successful & provided interest in between the races.



**Thanks to the sponsors who supported our pony club at the Ferret Race Night.**

**Adverts for sponsors will be on [www.hertshunt.com](http://www.hertshunt.com) link page**

T.C. Feeds & Tack Haven donated the vouchers for the Ferret owners.

Race 1: Wendover Heights Vets

– 01296 623439

Race 2: Harrowell & Atkins Solicitors

– 01442 865671

Race 3: Equine Wellbeing - Shiatsu

– 07840 200092

Race 4: Blains Trailers & tyres

– 01442 842419

Race 5: D Manning – blacksmith

– 07769 856541

Race 6: Autobase accident & repair service. - -

- 01442 874926

Race 7: Berkhamsted Chiropractic

– 01442 863800

Race 8: Haresfoot Farm Livery

– 07886 729407

### **Members Award Evening**

This will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Pitstone Memorial Hall, Vicarage Road., Pitstone. 6.30pm start. All members & parents are encouraged to come along.

This is a celebration of members successes & achievements during 2010 – early 2011. This year there will be more Awards, keeper's Cups, badge strips, lovely rosettes & Annual Trophies to be given out.



Susanna Fraser will have all HHPC clothing on sale & to try on for sizing.

There will also be a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand sales table for outgrown HHPC clothes, Jodphurs, boots etc. If you have any thing you

would like to sell, please name & price.

There is a large car park at the back of the main hall. See website for flyer and more information.

### **Venue Hire Charges have risen**

Most of the venues that we hire have put their costs up – where possible we are trying to subsidise the fees for members to help make it possible for everyone to attend. MKEC XC is now £20 per rider + instructors fees up to 15 riders. In the hope that more than 15 riders want to go, we are keeping the cost down to £15 per rider + instructors fees.

Patchetts Equestrian centre has gone up from £50 to £70 per hour! But it is an excellent place to train. We feel it's worth booking sessions there when possible.

### **March – April Event Planner**

There are lots of instructions & activities going on in the next couple of months.

We have organised two XC instructions one at Great Westwood Park is on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March this will help any members wanting to compete in various competitions that are organised over this course during the spring.

Good course to practice over at the beginning of the season as it is mainly flat, with some jumps in the woods. There is a long walk from the car park to the course so allow plenty of time.

XC at MKEC in the Easter holidays – for more information of type of jumps, heights & terrain **See XC courses on our website.**

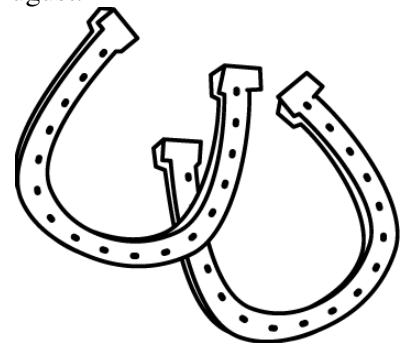
There are two general instruction dates which are open to all riding & jumping abilities.

### **Prix Caprilli Training with Marie Keen**

General rally on April 16<sup>th</sup> will include the first Prix Caprilli training session for all riders who would like to train towards the Area competition on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Prix Caprilli is a dressage test with two jumps, one jumped at trot & one at canter. The whole test is judged on the rider & marks are given throughout the test.

Each team has to comprise of 4 riders & we can enter two teams. Last year we had the youngest team ever at HHPC.



### **Area Dressage Training**

Ann Bostock will help HHPC members to

work towards the Area Dressage competition on 7<sup>th</sup> August. We are hoping to arrange regular training clinics through spring & summer. Starting with Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Those members

keen to compete at Areas should try & attend these clinics. This is also open to other members wanting to improve their flatwork.

Ann is really good & helps with problems, gives excellent advice & home work to practice.



### **Patchetts EQ SJ Training**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April was the only date available in the Easter holiday. The Show Jumping course will be outside in the big arena. There is usually a full SJ course layout with all the fillers etc. This is great opportunity to have instruction & practice course jumping before the season really gets under way.



### **Achievement Badge Outing**

Caroline Killin has arranged a really interesting day out at the Tring Natural History Museum on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April to learn about



Butterflies. Everyone who comes can bring a picnic for after the Badge session. There is a picnic

area outside near the car park. All those ticket holders can then go back & look round the rest on the museum.

### **Camps 2011**

On Event planner there is a tick box section for both Mini Camp & Main Camp.

Mini Camp is a 3 day camp for riders up to 11 yrs old.

Main Camp is for riders 10 yrs & upwards – this residential camp, although riders can go home at night if they want.

Please can you give us an idea of numbers by filling in names & ticking to box for which ever camp you want to go to.

Deposit forms will be sent out in late March.



### **Endurance Camp Weekend**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> & BH Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Liscombe Park EQ, Wing, Nr Leighton Buzzard. Pony club now has a Endurance Championships in September at Keysoe. Whaddon Chase organise most of the competitions in our area. For anyone wanting to know more about endurance, this would be an idea weekend for you especially as it is close to us. Liscombe Park has areas & riding tracks round the estate which will be used during the weekend.

There will be 2 days of training, learning the ins & outs of endurance riding & rules for competitions.

There is also a talk on Sunday evening open anyone wanting to learn about feeding, getting horses & ponies fit for competition & experiences on competing at the WEG in Kentucky, USA. See posters on website. Cost for weekend's training, camping, corralling & meals is £75. Contact Nikki Parsler on 01908 677791 or [nikki@nspresources.co.uk](mailto:nikki@nspresources.co.uk) for more information.

### **Show Dates and Schedules**



Other PC shows, ODE, hunter trials, dressage triathlon & tetrathlon competitions will continue to be added to list of diary dates & printable schedules

on our website as they become available.

### **Members Successes**

Well done to our **Winter Novice Dengie qualifying riders.**

Jessica Ho & Taffy have qualified for the Novice Dressage at the OBH North dressage competition at Bury Farm in January.

Zoe Thursz & Jack qualified for the Novice Show Jumping at Patchesham EQ in November.

Area 12 regional finals competition is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at Addington. There are other SJ classes too. Open SJ Dengie qualifier for PC Championships is at this show too. See Whaddon Chase schedule on our website.



### **Chiltern & Thames Qualifiers**

**Show Jumping members** are Sophie Gibbs & Sparkle, Lily Hubbard & Cash, Lauren Smith & Wotti – Good luck to them all at the finals at Patchetts on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Dressage members:**

Louise Hunt & Zamira qualified for the Prelim & Novice Championship in April . Sarah Taylor also qualified for Novice & Elementary.

**Fogden Family have been very busy recently:** Liberty won the 80cm & came 2<sup>nd</sup> in 90cm Arena XC at Addington. Amerlia won 3 working hunter trophies & Teddy won the Lead Rein Trophy at the Tring & District AGM.

**Caddington Dressage competition at Warehill EQ** on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb was very wet & cold but our brave members did really well in the junior class sections. Amerlia came 2<sup>nd</sup> & Liberty 6<sup>th</sup> in the Walk & Trot test. Lauren Smith & What's up Wotsit won the Prelim 12, Amerlia & Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> & Liberty & Jack was 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Half Term PC shows**

**OBH Hugenden** indoor SJ at Patchetts on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Our Junior team jumped brilliantly & were 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the 70cm class. **Team members:** Teagan Summers, Rosie Atkins, Emma Killin & Lauren Smith.

**Bicester PC** show at Addington was on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Amerlia, Liberty & Holly jumped in 70cm & 80cm classes & just have 4 faults each.

Bex Reeves jumped her first Open class of 1.05 – 1.10cm with just 4 faults - she came 6<sup>th</sup>, which was very good. Sarah R-T also had 4 faults & came 5<sup>th</sup>.

**VAH PC SJ** was on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> . Lauren Smith & Wotti were 6<sup>th</sup> in the 70cm class & had 4 faults in the 80cm.

## **More Photos from Ferret Race Night**

