

The Herts Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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HHPC

Newsletter

May 2012

Membership Update

Welcome to our newest members: Sasha Wilkinson & Kristian Lindsay.

Senior Camp at Waresley Park

Cathy Chambers & Debbie Reeves organised a brilliant two day camp for our older members. Waresley Park is just outside St Neots, the facilities are lovely with a large indoor school & outdoor SJ arena plus circular gallops & a good XC course. Everyone arrived early on Tuesday morning: All the riders started with a



flatwork lesson with Angela Ridger, followed by a jumping lesson with Janeen. Quick stop for lunch & then both groups

went on the XC course in the afternoon. The girls walked down to the local pub for evening meal with Janeen.

Wednesday – flatwork with Jane Hussell & over lunch Jane gave a talk on fitness training & correct speeds for XC riding. Afternoon started with each rider on the gallops, followed by some extra XC practice.

Achievement Badge - Flags

This was an afternoon learning about Equestrian Nations & their flags. Lou-Lou, Mae, Chessie, Sasha, Isabelle, Grace & Georgia all attended & passed the test. Well done to everyone & thank you to Jo Fernandes for hosting the afternoon & to our new Achievement badge organiser: Jo Smith.

Good Friday Ride - Ashridge

Nice sunny day for a ride in Ashridge – lots of members supported this Treasure hunt that Jacquie Wilson organised. Jane Engerstrom has written a report & added some photos – See the members page on website.

Big Jump Move – April 7th

Thank you very much to all the members & their parents who came along & loaded up all the equipment & jumps at Jacquie's farm & then unloaded them in the PC field. Jo Fernandes organised a Easter Egg Hunt in the field for the children, it was great fun.

Great Westwood Park

XC instruction at Great Westwood Park was well supported with 8 riders. This is our nearest XC course & quite a few PC's hold competitions there during the Spring, Summer & Autumn.

D.C. News

On May 1st it will be my 10th Anniversary as DC of the Herts Hunt Pony Club which is amazing! I have really enjoyed my time in Pony Club and am so pleased that HHPC has grown into a successful and friendly Club. Over the years I have met and worked with some great parents and loved watching the members grow up, improve and succeed at all aspects of riding including competing at shows, Areas and the PC Championships. I have decided to retire from the role at the end of the year. The committee know about my decision and are in the process of appointing a new DC to take on the role in early 2013. More info will be communicated in due course. I am hoping to have more time to spend competing in my favourite pastime – Dressage!
Diane Hunt

Course Building and Course Walking Instruction

Thursday 12th April: Lots of members turn up at the PC field to assist Janeen build the 2 x SJ courses which will be used for rallies. Then some instruction was given on how to walk a course correctly. This was followed by several hours of clear round jumping in 3 rings, including a very low course for our younger riders. Members enjoyed the SJ practice in between the heavy showers!. Thank you to the older members who helped at the clear round: Jess Ho, Becky Reeves, Zoe Thursz & Emma Chambers. Also thank you to Janeen for being there to assist and ensuring First Aid cover for the day.

Summer Rallies

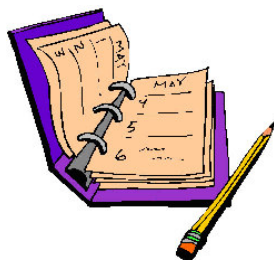
Most rallies will be at the Pony Club field - see event planner on the website for more details. www.hertshunt.com

Flatwork Training with Anne Bostock

This was fully booked with 6 riders receiving individual training from Ann. More training dates will be booked soon.

Camp Dates

Mini Day Camp Change of date



Due to the Olympics this summer – Mini camp dates have been moved to **Friday 31st August , Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd September.**

Main Camp dates are Monday 23rd – Friday 27th July at MKEC. There are still places available for members who would like to go. Just contact Diane Hunt hhpdc@yahoo.co.uk for more information & deposit form.

Members Awards Evening

Members & family social evening will be in September this year and will include presentation of members awards & annual trophies.

Easter Competition Round Up

OBH Hughenden PC held a dressage competition at Quainton Stud, Aylesbury on Friday 13th April There were classes for all levels. Herts Hunt PC was well represented with 4 members in the Walk & Trot class: Chessie Fernandes came 12th, Grace Kearvell came 11th, Seb Weston won the non LR section & Teddy Fogden won the LR section. Both boys won "highest placed best boys Awards". Prix Caprilli class saw very high scores, Seb was 11th, Jasmine Gutsell 14th & Amelia Fogden was placed 5th in the class. Mixed test team members: Amelia, Seb, Teddy & Grace got 2nd place overall.

Jessica Ho & her new horse One in a million entered the PC Novice & intermediate tests, sadly didn't get placed. Looking forward to seeing the pair in action again very soon.

All our riders were very smartly turned out. See full report on Members page on website. There is another dressage competition on **May 26th at Bury Farm, Slapton** organised by Whaddon Chase PC, schedule is on our website. Lots of classes from Walk & trot – Area tests.

Pony of the Year show was held at Bury Farm recently.

Rosie Atkins, India Wilson & Sophie Gibbs were competing there.

Area 12 Prix Caprilli Competition

HHPC are hosting the Prix Caprilli team competition at the Area Dressage at Bellingdon End on Sunday 1st July. It would be really nice if we could enter two teams of 4 riders to represent Herts Hunt PC at this competition. There have already been two training sessions & more sessions will be held

at the PC field for any members are interested. Prix Caprilli is a combination of a ridden dressage test with 2 jumps incorporated within the test. The test is judged on the rider, rather than the horse or pony. Look out for more

training dates in the event planner. Any members who are interested in being part of a team & would like to get involved in the training please contact Debbie Fogden: fogdens@goolemail.com



Other PC Events – on Website

Please check website for details of other Pony Club shows, schedules, entry forms and competition dates.

Area 12 Instructor Training at MKEC and Waresley Park

Each year Area 12 offer training for all the PC instructors. This year two of our members were put forward as guinea pig riders at the training days. See reports & photos on the Members News on website from Becky Reeves & Zoe Thursz.

Reports on Successes at Competitions



Please email short reports & photos, if you do well at any of the competitions during the next few months. These reports can go the website Members News. I do try & check through competition results from various known shows to find out about our members, but often miss some of you.

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Important Team Competitions

If you are interested in being part of a team for any of the competitions below please email senior instructor: Janeen Shepherd;
zimjay@fsmail.net

VAH PC interbranch team Show Jumping competition at Hyde Heath, Gt Missenden is now on Saturday 23rd June.

intro teams; 1st round: 2ft. 2nd round: 2'3".

Novice teams: 1st round: 2'6". 2nd round: 2'10"

Open teams: 1st round: 3'. 2nd round; 3'3".

Area 12 Dressage is on Sunday 1st July at Bellingdon End Farm, Nr Chesham. HP5 2UR.

Levels: PC Novice test 2009, intermediate dressage test 2009, Open dressage test 2008.

Prix Caprilli non qualifier team & individual competition. Test no 11 (new version 2012) see HHPC website for test to print.

Area 12 Show Jumping on Sunday 8th July at Wood End, Flamstead, AL1 4BW. All classes will be on grass. Levels: Novice 1st round: 90cms, 2nd round: 95cms. Intermediate: 1st round: 1.00m, 2nd round: 1.05m
Open 1st round: 1.10m, 2nd round:1.15m.



Area 12 Eventing on Sunday 15th July at The College, Keysoe, Bedford, MK44 2JP.

Novice Levels:

Dressage: Novice
Eventing test 2006.
SJ course height; 95cms. XC fence heights: 90cms.

Intermediate level:

Dressage test: intermediate Eventing test 2009.

SJ course; 1.00m. XC fences: 1.05m.

Open level:

Dressage test: Open Eventing test 2010.

SJ course: 1.15m. XC fences: 1.10m



Area 12 Tetrathlon on Sat 21st / Sun 22nd July at Great Westwood Park. Sections: Running, Swimming, Shooting & XC course. Area PC intermediate level: XC fences 1.00m
PC open XC fences level: 1.10m
Extra classes Tadpoles, Minis and Juniors.

Dressage tests for Area 12 Q competitions -

Dressage & Eventing can be found on www.pcuk.org with the exception of the Prix Caprilli test which is on www.hertshunt.com .

All entries for Area Competitions and Prix Caprilli are made through Diane Hunt DC. Training and selections for Area SJ and Eventing contact Janeen Shepherd. Tetrathlon contact Caroline Killin.