

The Herts Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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HHPC

Newsletter

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Membership News

Welcome to our new members who have joined HHPC recently; Connie O'Donnell, Jade Bacchetta, Pheobe & Trixie Heath, Joe Hodges, Sophie Howes & 4 yr old Georgia Kearvell.

Committee Changes

Claire Alderson & Susanna Fraser have decided to step down from the committee. We are very sad to see them go as both ladies have been on the committee for about 6 years. Claire has been the event planner & branch Secretary for 3 ½ years. She has also been the secretary for HHPC shows over the years.

Susanna has been the Camp co-ordinator for 5 years & also been in charge of HHPC clothing sales.

Both ladies have been great supporters & helpers at the rallies, camps, shows & our fundraisers throughout the years.

We are hoping that Claire & Susanna will stay in touch & we can call on them when in need of help in the future.

New Committee members. We would like to welcome Debbie Reeves & Jo Smith onto the committee. Debbie Reeves will be co-ordinator for Dressage, XC & horse trials instructions & events. Jo Smith will be co-ordinator for the Achievement badges & work with Caroline Killin to provide interesting instructions & activities for the 10 yrs – 12 yrs old age group.

Autumn Jump Moving

It's always sad when we move out of the PC field in October, I hope you will agree that we are so lucky that Mr & Mrs Howitt allow HHPC members to use their field through the spring & summer months each year.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the Parents & members who turned up on Saturday 8th October, to load up the jumps & equipment that all the members have enjoyed during the summer at the PC field. This job always needs lots trailers & plenty of people to get the job done quickly. Thank you to Rod & Jacquie Wilson for allowing us to have winter storage for the jumps.

Thank you goes to Linda & Jess Ho, Debbie, Andy, liberty, Amelia Fogden, Jo & Mae Smith, Jane Sewell, Connie & Lynne O'Donnell, Caroline, Rosie & Henry Atkins, Trevor Fernandes, Steve Smith, Sharon, Ellie & Jimmy Mitchell, Cathy & John Chambers, Debbie, Nick & Isabelle Hoar, Alison Garlick, Anna Mullock. Everyone who helped received a £10 rally voucher.

Christmas SJ Show December 11th

Liz Wallace has put together a schedule with SJ classes to suit our members & it would be great if you could try & support this Christmas show.

HHPC will provide rosette specials for the highest placed HHPC member in each class. There will be a mobile tack shop with new & 2nd hand tack. A catering Van on site for refreshments. See schedule on

www.hertshunt.com



October Half Term Rallies

We organised a variety of events over the October half term.

There was the last **XC training at MKEC**, while the ground was still dry. Two groups went to this.

The Halloween Fun Rally was very well supported with some very scary riders & ponies in fancy dress.



Achievement Badges morning took place at Kirsty Janes yard on Tuesday 25th Oct. 18 members turned up on the day! . Our instructors Katharine Gardener & Marie Keen split the children into two groups, so the children had the chance to learn about Pony behaviour & the Perfect paddock. All the children passed both badges.

A Big Thank You to Kirsty & Lewis for allowing Herts Hunt PC members to invade her yard.

Show jumping course instruction happened at Patchetts EQ indoor school on Thursday 27th where a full course was laid out after the recent PC shows. This gave members the chance to solve any problems their horses & ponies might have jumping indoors, before the winter indoor season really gets going.

Ann Bostock dressage & Flatwork Clinic was also popular with 6 members attending the clinic at Ashridge Farm. Ann gives everyone a really good lesson & most riders & horses / ponies come out very hot! have worked really hard & hopefully improved !.

Our first **Winter Rally at Warehill Eq** was on Saturday 29th Oct, this was fully booked by Wednesday evening. We have been going to Warehill for our winter rallies for five years!

Membership Renewals for 2012

The main body of The Pony Club has decided to raise the membership fees for 2012 as the insurance company that they use requires more revenue. Sadly the branches don't get any extra money. So it is important when you are filling in the Renewal membership form that the parent who pays tax in the family fills in & signs the cheque & also signs the Gift Aid section. The pony club does give our branch a percentage of the money gained from the Gift Aid. So each Gift Aid form that is sent back helps the HHPC funds.

Many thanks, Sarah Raja-Brown – Branch Treasurer

Membership 2012 per member £58.

Family members for 3 members more is £145.

Renewals are due from December 31st - January 31st. After which your membership ceases. You can join your sons & daughters from now onwards for 2012 if that helps. It makes a good Christmas present too.

Caroline Atkins is the new HHPC membership secretary. Please return forms to Caroline **only**. Her address is on the form, which can be found on www.hertshunt.com under the heading **how to join**.

November – December Event Planner

There are a few tick boxes on the event planner on the 3rd page. If you are interested in coming to camp or getting involved in the First Aid course or Horse & pony Care competition – please tick the boxes, before sending your planner back to Cathy Chambers.

Please make sure you check the website before or in the morning of your chosen rally. If the weather is bad, ie; heavy rain means the outdoor arenas can flood, heavy frosts mean the frozen arenas. So we put the instructions back an hour or so. Ice or snow means cancellation. If we have to cancel or change times etc, all this information will be on the front page of the www.hertshunt.com website.

Ashridge Farm indoor school will be the venue for the Fun rallies, & the popular flatwork training clinics with Ann Bostock Next clinic is on the evening of Friday 25th November.

Warehill Eq, Totternhoe is are main base the winter rallies. Thanks to proprietor: Liz Wallace.

There is large parking area with indoor & the outdoor arena in 20m x 60m.

Please can I remind everyone **not** to hang haynets outside trailers or lorries at Ashridge Farm or Warehill Eq, they make such mess.

We are visitors to someone else's property.

Pony Club Tests Training

Stable management dates are on the Nov – Dec planner for all those members working towards C & C+ tests. More dates will be booked to follow on during January – March 2012.

Road & Road Safety Achievement Badges

Training for this important badge will continue through the winter months for those members who want to take the test.



There are two badges – mini & main R & R S Badge. The main badge includes watching the PC DVD, on foot & ridden training, before the test can be taken.

Dates for Other PC Competitions 2011

Sunday 4th December – South Herts PC have a SJ competition at Bury Farm, Slapton.

Thursday 29th December – Flamstead PC: annual SJ show at Patchetts EQ, Watford.

Friday 30th Dec – Grafton PC SJ show MKEC.

14th Feb VAH SJ Patchetts

15th Feb Bicester SJ Addington

25th February 2012 – OBH North PC dressage comp (dengie dress) at Bury Farm

26th February 2012 – OBH South SJ comp at BCA Agri College, nr Maidenhead.

Show & competition centres in our Area.

www.mkec.co.uk – at Milton Keynes. They have lots of competitions during the winter, including SJ classes from 1' – 3'. Dressage & showing all indoors.

www.patchetts.co.uk – SJ, dressage, showing.

www.addingtonmanor.co.uk – Winslow, Aff SJ, dressage, indoor XC comps.

www.buryfarmestates.com – SJ & dressage.

www.wingjdc.co.uk dressage and arena XC

www.warehillequestrian.com SJ & dressage

Dengie SJ & Dressage Winter Qualifiers

At short summary on the rules for The Dengie competition is a winter series of qualifiers for SJ & dressage. there are two level for both . More info on PC website.

SJ – Novice Preliminary rounds are open to riders & horse or pony combinations who have **not** represented their branches at Open Area qualifiers or the PC Championships for Show Jumping or the PC show jumping finals at Hickstead. JA ponies or Grade A & B horses registered with BSJA in the current year or previous year are not eligible.

The course heights are max 90cms.

The Open dengie SJ qualifiers : open to all members & associates of the pony club.

Course heights are max 1.10m

Dressage Novice qualifiers rules; open to riders & pony or horse combinations that have not represented their branches at intermediate or Open Area dressage competitions or have competed at the PC championships at intermediate or Open dressage. riders must not have won any BD points or competed at BD Novice level or above. Horses or ponies maybe graded British dressage Novice level or below.

Preliminary rounds: PC Novice dressage test 2009.

Dressage Open qualifiers; open to all members & associates. Horses or ponies which have competed at Advanced Medium level or above during the current year are not eligible.

Including Hors Concours.

Preliminary rounds: PC intermediate dressage test 2009. Both tests can be found on

Competition dates for both dressage & SJ , plus the dressage tests can be found on The Pony Club website: www.pcuk.org under disciplines. Look for winter League Dengie competitions .

MKEC is holding some Novice SJ classes at their indoor shows during the winter.

Otherwise you will find dates in the different Areas. We are Area 12.

Areas around Area 12 are: **Area 6** to N, **Area 7** to NW, **Area 9** to W , **Area 13** to S & **Area 8** to E.

The dressage competitions are much harder to find. The next one in our Area is OBH North PC in February half term at Bury Farm.

Recent Members Successes

Shire Lane Hunter Trials September 18th –
Ellie Mitchell 2nd Club Hunter class

Flamstead PC Hunter Trials 25th Sept – Lily
Hubbard & Will Griffin (OBHC) won the
pairs. Ellie & Jimmy Mitchell came 3rd.

VAH PC ODE at Milesfield. Emma Killin
came 2nd & Isabelle Hoar 5th in the mini novice
class. Nick Hoar was 8th in the novice class.
HHPC members won the team competition:
Jess R-B, Isabelle Hoar, Emma Killin & Rosie
Atkins

Bury Farm EQ - Jessica Ho & Taffy won the
dressage to music Championship.

Northampton PC Jumping Derby at Delepre
Park - Lauren Smith & Wotti won the 2'3"
class.

Flamstead PC HT on 8th Oct. Cecilia Price
came 7th in intermediate class, this is 1st time
Cecilia had jumped this height on her sisters
pony.

OBH South PC show at Patchetts 24th Oct;
Oliver R-B & Po won class 1.

Lauren Smith & Millie Dickinson came 2nd in
the pairs.



OBHC PC show on 25th Oct: Amber
Newbury-Barr was 5th in Class 1,
Lauren was 5th Class 2. Lily Hubbard & Cash
were 2nd in open class.

Whaddon Chase PC show at Addington on
27th Oct: Oliver R-B 1st Class 1 & was 7th in
class 2. Rosie Atkins was 8th in Class 2.

Jessica Ho & Taffy came 2nd in the Novice
Dengie dressage test & have qualified for the
Area Regional finals on 4th March at
Addington.

**Chiltern & Thames XC points league
winners** : Emma Killin & Dougal won the 2'
& 2'6" championships. Rosie Atkins was
runner on points in the 2' class. The two riders
went to Patchetts on Saturday 29th Oct to
receive their awards & prizes at the Chiltern &
Thames Dressage Championships.



If any members have been out about
competing & would like a mention on the
newsletters, just send me a short report or your
news.

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HHPC Clothing

Cathy Chambers now hold all the stock of
Poloshirts, HHPC sweatshirts, zipped black or
red fleeces which are great for riding in during
the winter. Plus HHPC black saddle cloths can
be ordered in small or large sizes. All info on
prices & photos are on website.

