

The Herts Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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Newsletter

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B test Exam Passes

Congratulations to Olivia Swinburn & Debbie Daniels for passing the full B test & the Sarah Ridger-Taylor for passing the Horse & Pony Care part of the B test on Saturday 19th



September. The test took all day as 2 members of the Bicester & Warden PC were invited to join in too. It was held at Rose Cottage Farm. With the excellent facilities of a dressage

arena, full course of show jumps & XC fences & a big field to gallop in.

Polocrosse News

Amanda Price has organised a couple of Polocrosse specials & training sessions. **Saturday 17th Oct** 2.30pm at the PC field. This is a mixture of Polocrosse skills & mounted games for all members interested. Cost £5 date on Event Planner. For more info email Amanda on Amanda@julianprice.com & look at the polocrosse page on the www.hertshunt.com

for info on how to play the game.

Saturday 26th Oct - Manor Farm, Westoning.

Training with the South Beds PC - Trainer: Deirdre. This starts at 2pm & cost is £5. All newcomers are to go along.



Instruction Rallies

The October – December event planner is now on the website & ready to print off, there are over 20 different rallies & activities to choose from for all ages & riding abilities.

Janeen Shepherd has secured 2 dates for those interested to go to Mandy Day & Edward Brook yard at Caldecote Farm, Bushey for a Flatwork / jumping clinics. They have outdoor & indoor schools. If you go down the M1 it only takes about 40 mins from Dagnall, not too far away.

Saturday 28th November Mandy & Edward have invited us to a lecture & demonstration afternoon. All families are welcome. Tickets will be on sale at the Warehill rallies in mid October.

All the general rallies at Warehill EQ have a list of the instructors who will be teaching on that date. Hopefully this will encourage you all to come.

Carol Bennitt has offered to give dressage clinics on 4 dates before Christmas. Spaces will be limited, so book early if you want to go.

Half Term is looking very Busy!!!

OBH Chilterns have a indoor show jumping on Tuesday 27th Oct at Patchetts EQ, Watford. This includes a Dengie SJ Q.



Whaddon Chase PC has an open show at Addington on Wednesday 28th Oct. There are SJ & dressage classes for most levels including dengie Q, in both the SJ & dressage.

Both shows will get very full quickly, so it's worth entering early – both schedules are on www.hertshunt.com.

Anyone wanting to go to either competition & would like to be part of a team in the classes which have team sections, please text / email Janeen to let her know you have entered.

Cross Country instruction on Thursday 29th Oct for the 11yrs & under riders is at Plum Park Farm. This is a nice course with fences in a field & then there is a wide stream with a slope into & out. This is a good introduction to water for ponies & riders. It is worth taking a set of clothes & a towel – just in case water is too appealing !!

Shire Lane Farm cross country course is just outside Cholesbury. This is another nice course not too hilly, with jumps in & out of the woods, a combination in a dip & a small water jump which always causes a lot of problems at competitions ! We haven't hired this course for many years. So we thought it would be good to go again. Linda Rogers who owns Shire lane farm will be the instructor.

Knots Achievement Badge on Friday 30th Oct is for members 8 yrs old & over, please bring a head collar lead rope & a tie, to practice with.

Also on Friday 30th Oct Janeen has organised 3 hours of indoor jumping instruction at Patchetts EQ, Watford. There will be limited spaces & depending who goes will depend on heights jumped.

Stable Management Evenings

Event Planner: There is a list of dates for the various test levels on the Event Planner. There is also a list of names of the test groups.



Please try & go to the training as it is always beneficial to learn about horse & pony care.

Pony Club Efficiency Tests

The pony club training structure encourages members to take tests which enables them to learn progressively about horse & pony care & improve their riding abilities.

E standard: Voluntary test for younger riders. Objective is to improve & enjoy learning about ponies. To know basic points of the pony. Riding: sit on a pony in halt & walk. Hold the reins correctly. Ride at trot on a lead rein & stop.

D Standard: Learning the basic understanding of ponies, achieving confidence when handling & riding. Recommended age 8 -9yrs

D+ standard: Objectives is to work towards improving a balanced seat independent of the reins, so understanding the basic aids. Recommended age 10yrs.

C standard: Objectives are to understand the importance of a secure seat,

(C standard) independent of the reins & apply simple aids correctly. To know how to care & work a pony off grass. To have a regard for the country lore. Minimum age 11 – 12 yrs.

C+ standard: To become an educated & practical horse rider, to ride over fences at all paces. To be capable of riding a pony out hunting and at all types of rallies. To have practical experience & knowledge of the care both for stabled & grass kept ponies. Minimum age 14 yrs.

B standard: To have in depth knowledge of horse & pony care.

B standard – Riding: To become an effective rider who knows the reasons for what he/she is doing. Able to ride in a double bridle. Different horses. To ride over fences at all paces. Be capable of riding out hunting, in competitions ie: show jumping, horse trials etc. Recommended age 15 /16 yrs & above.

Important Message from Branch Secretary

The committee have to plan & book our rallies & activities about 3 months in advance to get venue dates & the instructors of our choice. To help parents plan their diary dates, we now



issue the Event Planner in 3 month blocks. Also this should help on the financial side as payments required cover a shorter

periods. We can accept post dated cheques. This helps those families with more than one member. This option is also available to everyone.

Please can I ask all parents to book their daughters / sons on to events via the event planner only & not directly with organiser. Printable copies are always on www.hertshunt.com

The more notice you can give the better the groups can be planned with instructors & venues. If you want to attend at short notice – please contact me as well as the organiser. Your name must be on my list before any rally / activity for insurance & safety reasons. A cheque needs to be sent preferably before attending, or immediately afterwards. Otherwise you accumulate scary debts.

We would like to keep everything simple for both parents & the committee.

Many thanks in advance.

Claire Alderson 01442 870631

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Important info on Bookings

It is very important that **ALL** bookings and payments are sent to Claire Alderson for Rallies, training, activities etc. Please **do not** pay instructors or organisers on the day. If we do not use this system and therefore do not have your name recorded centrally then this can cause problems with our organisation.

Area Competition Success

Herts Hunt PC members have really excelled this year at Area competitions, all that training through the winter & spring must have paid off!!

We had 14 members qualify for both PC Championships this summer. Having had so many members going forward to the Championships, meant headache trying to keep all the horses / ponies fit & well before the big day. .



Intermediate & Open PC Championships at Draycott Manor, just outside Derby: Katie Bennitt & Roo did very well in the Open dressage with a 2nd place in her arena & finishing with a 7th place in the final ride off test. Steph Gibbins & Apollo jumped clear in the 1st round & only had 8 faults in the second round of the intermediate class.

Olivia's horse – Moggie suddenly got an abscess on one of his back teeth, which mean the whole side of his face swelled up. Sadly they weren't able to go to the horse Trials Championship. The course was like a mini Badminton with lots of decorations on or around the fences, including park benches with a teddy bear's picnic & indian tepee tents & covered wagon fence!.

We also had a **polocrosse team** competing at these Championships for the second year running. They did very well & won the Malden Cup, our Team was Harriet Price, Debbie Daniels, Abbie Ward, Pheobe Ward, Ellie Mitchell & who was a centre member.

Novice Championship at Kelsall EQ, Cheshire

We had a bit of a fraught week leading up to the Novice horse trials Champs with Sarah's horse Alfie getting kicked badly in the field on the Tuesday before. Harriet Price kindly lent Sarah her horse (Sam) Batchelor Boy for the horse trials, who had luckily done his 3 working rallies. Sam have been competing at the polocrosse championships the week before. The journey up to Cheshire took 7 hours! When we got there it was like a lorry city on the side of a hill. All the SJ courses were on steep slopes. Ana Sewell - Jack & Lucy - Paddy both jumped in the individual SJ on the Saturday. Ana unfortunately had faults in both rounds. Lucy got a clear in the 1st round & 4fts in the 2nd round & came 11th overall.

The horse Trial team did really well with some good dressage scores, 3 double clears in the SJ & XC sections & finished 11th overall. Zoe &



Ana finished in 7th place in their arenas.

The girls did have some fun too as Janeen & Ashley came up to coach them

& support us - parents over the weekend. On the Saturday afternoon everyone went into Chester for a spot of sightseeing & paddle boating in the river. We all managed to survive on Helen excellent spaghetti meal on Saturday evening & Jane's lunches & bacon & egg breakfasts. It was great experience if not a bit far away. We all got home about midnight on Sunday evening.

Jump Moving Date – Sun Oct 18th

Annual Winter Jump Moving. Rod and Jacqui Wilson have kindly allowed us to store the jumps and equipment in one of their barns again this winter.

Due to all the Rally's etc we will be moving the jumps on **Sunday 18th October at 10am PC Field.**

Please come and help and bring your trailer.

We need a good gang!!

Please contact Diane. 07836 608921.



Private Nick Turner Clinics



Nick Turner Clinics are being held at Highbury Farm, Dagnall on:

31st October,
7th November &
19th December.

For more details & booking form contact:
Karen Coppen: 01442

842028 / 07779740117 or
k.coppen@btconnect.com

Diary Dates from other PC's

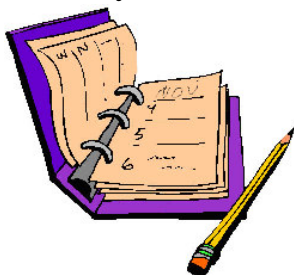
Sunday 18th Oct Flamstead PC Open Hunter trials at Wood End Farm,

Sunday 25th Oct Addington indoor XC competition www.addingtonmanor.com

Tuesday 27th Oct OBH Chiltern PC – SJ show at Patchetts EQ

Wednesday 28th Oct Whaddon Chase PC

Open SJ & dressage at Addington EQ
www.pcuk.org – calendar for more PC competition dates in all areas.



Winter SJ & Dressage Competitions

There are lots of winter SJ & dressage competitions around our area. Schedules can find found from website addresses below:

Bury Farm, Slapton : Anna Ross-Davies – “Improving your marks “ on **Friday 16th October** . Spectators: £12. see website.

Liscombe EC, Nr Wing : Beverley Brightman on **Saturday 14th November**. See website for details .

www.addingtonmanor.co.uk

www.warehill.co.uk

www.patchetts.co.uk

www.mkec.co.uk

www.caddingtonridingclub.co.uk dressage comps at Warehill

www.lbsdrc.org.uk dressage with C & T Q classes

www.buryfarmestates.co.uk

www.liscombe.ec.co.uk

Dress Code Rules for Rallies & Activities

Please make sure you all follow the dress rules for mounted & unmounted instructions. The rules are on the left hand side panel on www.hertshunt.com If you have grown out of or lost your poloshirt / sweatshirt etc. Susanna Fraser can help.

HHPC Clothing & saddle cloths

Susanna Fraser keeps stocks of HHPC Red polo shirts, black PC emblem Sweatshirts, black jackets & black shire saddle cloths with HHPC embroidered emblem

Just give her a ring on 01442 842754 or email: frasersusanna@yahoo.co.uk

For Sale & Wanted on Website

You can put an advert on the website for free.

Sections are: horses & ponies for Sale, wanted, to loan or for loan.

Just email Diane your advert with a photo.

hhpcdc@yahoo.co.uk