

The Herts Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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Newsletter

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Blenheim Palace Pony Club Event Trial Challenge

Friday 10th September - 50 PC teams came together from all over the Eastern area to compete in a competition which includes a mixture of show jumps & portable XC fences in an undulating grass arena. This year the course was very technical twisty with fences between 1m – 1.05m - starting with 9 show jumps including the scary chess board filler, doubling back round a big tree to a parallel with water tray & a double up the hill with a long stride, two more SJ fences before going straight on to the XC fences. There was a double of big hedges at 1.05m which made the horses & ponies jump big & riders then needed quick control before a very skinny hedge spread round the tree, turning back to a narrow house & finishing with the joker fence – union jack wavy planks under the tree. Although there was an optimum time for the course, the time was very tight causing lots of riders to get faults & the Cotswold PC were the only team with 3 clear rounds without time faults.



Our team of riders were Rebecca Reeves, Sarah Ridger-Taylor, Zoe Thursz & Louise Hunt. Although they all had faults on the course, it was a brilliant experience to have the opportunity to compete at Blenheim Palace Horse Trials.

Thank you to Janeen for coming along & walking the course with girls & supporting the team.

Clear Round Jumping Afternoon

This was held on Saturday 11th September, the rain held off & 20 members came along & had a great time. The mini ring was very busy with Archie, Isabelle & friends on the lead rein. Grace & Chessie making their 1st attempts at jumping off LR with mum's on the side ready to catch ponies!! Lily Good & her sister came along to jump, which was nice to see them again.

The bigger ring also saw first attempts with Mae jumping a 2ft course. Laura & Petal a new combination did some good rounds despite Petal not having jumped for a long time.

We had a competition at the end over 80 – 85 cm course; 1st was Liberty with her new pony Henry, 2nd – Vicky Smith & Eric, 3rd – Izzie Fernandes & Billie, 4th Lauren Smith & Wotti, 5th Pheobe Ward & her polocrosse horse Hero who tried really hard.

Thank you to all riders who supported this event & to Janeen, Jo, Claire, Lorna & Louise for helping.

We have another clear round jumping afternoon booked for Saturday 9th October – hopefully more members can come along & have some fun.



PC Field Rallies

We are going try & hold a couple more rallies at the PC field before the weather turns. Saturday 2nd October & hopefully a second clear round jumping afternoon on Saturday 9th October.

Winter Rallies

We will return to Warehill Eq, Doolittle Lane, Totterhoe by kind permission of Liz Wallace for our winter programme.

For those members new to HHPC – Warehill has a nice large outdoor arena 60m x 20m & a small arena 20m x 30m . There is plenty of hard standing parking.

The Fun rallies return to Ashridge Farm – by kind permission of Margi Craib. The indoor school is 40m x 20m with a nice hard running surface idea for mums who's children are on the lead rein! . The parking is restricted here – please park carefully.

Rules for Winter Venues

Please can every family make sure that they do not hang haynets outside trailers or lorries or let hay / shaving / straw drift out of trailers / lorries. And pick up all dropping that your horse / pony does either on the car park or in the arenas.

Please come prepared to clean up with shovel, dust pan & brush a bag or bucket. Don't forget to take this home with you. Make sure you shut the entrance gate on the way in & out at Warehill, this is very important if a horse / pony get loose. Plus it's a livery yard.



Do not leave horses or ponies tied up outside trailers or boxes unattended at Ashridge or Patchetts Equestrian centre while you go & watch.

Please can parents with non riding children supervise them at all times while at the rallies.

Dress Code

Please can all everyone remember to wear the correct clothing at rallies. HHPC red polo shirt, HHPC black sweat shirt, black hoodie (except for XC) dark or beige jodhpurs – No pink.

Black or brown long boots or short boots with matching chaps. No fringes or pink colours on chaps please.

Boots must not have chunky soles.

Hair tied back & in a hairnet.

See dress code chart on www.hertshunt.com for more help.

Susanna Fraser holds stocks of HHPC clothing, jackets, saddle cloths. Contact: 01442 845724

Cross Country Instruction

We have booked 3 XC courses to offer training at all levels.

Plum Park Farm is a great course ideal starter for younger riders and riders with very novice ponies. The field is surrounded by a hedge with small solid XC fences & a nice running stream with sloping ground into & out the water.

Parking is in the field if it's dry on left of the drive towards the yard at the end just after the road entrance. (if wet restricted parking at yard end of drive).

The entrance is just before the petrol station on left hand side as you enter Paulerspury village on the A5 road.

Primrose Hill Farm, Gawcott. This course has been built in a valley with a good mixture of fences, including new steps & a good water complex . Parking is in the field at the top of the drive. The entrance to the farm is on the right just after the bend on the other side of the Village of Gawcott .

MKEC, Hanslope has 2 courses; mini course all in one area & the main course which is spread over 5 fields & has lots of different types of jumps & a good water complex.

Parking: Please go to the main entrance by the house – drive up past the indoor school – there is parking on left, or through gateway again on left or if you drive on there is another area on the right .

Double Weekend



Fredrick Bergendorf is coming from Banbury to give Show Jumping instruction on the weekend of 16th / 17th Oct. We had Fred as a specialist trainer at Main camp this year. He

is a Swedish show jumper & excellent trainer. Date to be confirmed.

Annual Jump moving will also happen on this weekend, as all the jump stands, poles, fillers & equipment needs to be moved to winter dry storage.

This means I need at least 8 – 9 horse trailers & plenty of helpers please. The more families & members that come on the day the quicker it



can be done. We are offering a Credit voucher to every family that helps. Please try & spare just an hour or two. We will be starting at 10am at the field.

October Half Term

As you can see from the Sept – Oct event planner there is plenty going on.

Achievement Badge session at Caroline Killin's house for members 4 yrs & upwards to C test level. A chance to learn about grooming your pony, naming the grooming kit & how to lead a pony.

Polocrosse training starts with the first winter practice at Westoning, Nr Toddington. New & regular riders are welcome to go along to this practice. Polocrosse is great fun & teaches the rider hand & eye skills while riding one handed, catching & throwing a ball with a netted stick. (Like a lacrosse stick) see event planner.

Mandy Day is our specialist dressage trainer she is coming to do two clinics at Warehill EQ. Friday 29th October & Sunday 21st November .

Indoor jumping instruction at Patchetts EQ with Janeen is on Wednesday 27th October. This is always a good opportunity to get some practice in jumping courses that have been built in the indoor school at Patchetts EQ before the winter jumping season gets under way. There are quite a few other pony clubs that hold shows during winter.

Members & Friends Fun Show at Warehill

Due to bad weather last December we had to cancel both attempts at holding this show, so we are trying it again on Saturday 6th November. We will have a handy pony competition in the indoor school in the morning. Clear round & jumping classes in the outdoor arena. There will also be a fancy dress competition, riders can jump in fancy dress as long as their clothes are sensible & safe.

The schedule will be on the website soon, so put the date in your diary

Fundraising for the Club

Herts Hunt PC needs to do some fundraising events to help subsidise specialist trainers, entries for Area & local team competitions at shows & to buy more equipment, jump fillers & portable XC jumps for the field. For eventer trials competitions like the one at mini camp next year.

We will be organising a Ferret Race Night next March / April . But in mean time we would be interested in hearing from any one who has a good idea for fundraising , which easy to organise?

Please contact Diane; hhpdc@yahoo.co.uk with ideas.

To start the fundraising campaign

WE NEED YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES



Each mobile phone is worth £2.50 to the HHPDC fundraising 'Pot' Please bring your old mobile phones to the rallies & give them to Diane Hunt or if you have a few email phones Diane & someone from the Committee will call round and collect them.

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