

FITZWILLIAM HUNT

News and Information

(January-end of March 2025)

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DIARY DATES 2025

Fitzwilliam Branch - Competition Dates

25 January – Triathlon

26 April – Mini Hunter/Eventer trial

4 May - Team SJ and Milton Show

14 June – Mini ODE

15 June – Senior ODE

Camp dates 2025

28-31 July Mini Camp

8-11 August – Competition Camp

17-21 August Junior Camp

Full details and booking forms out in the New Year

Area 6 Dates

29 December - Spring Festival Dressage Qualifier

4 January – Spring Festival SJ Qualifier

8-9 February – Spring Festival Arena Eventing Qualifier

1-2 March SPRING FESTIVAL FINAL

26 June – Area Dressage (Blankney)

5-6 July – Area Tetrathlon

13 July – Area SJ (Quorn)

19/20 July – Area Eventing (Belvoir)

Full details of these and Branch competitions are on the Area 6 webpage

8-16 August – PONY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thursday 4 September – Burghley Lemieux Pony Club Team Jumping Competition

Drill Ride/Musical Ride

Exciting new opportunity for Members to represent the Branch at the Championships in August.

This year the Branch is going to put together a Drill/Musical Ride.

Sarah Anderson will be organising training for a group of riders which will be ongoing through to August. There will also be an opportunity to ride at our summer celebration in May.

In the New Year more details of the training and how to join the group will be put on the WhatsApp groups.

TEST TRAINING 2025

Training for the new syllabus Pony Club Tests will be offered for all levels during 2025. Below are training dates and booking details for **D+ and C Tests**.

C+, D and E Test Training will take place later in the year and will be advertised in future newsletters.

Although it is no longer necessary for members to pass Riding & Road Safety Achievement Badge and Mini Badge at appropriate levels before being able to complete Tests. As a Branch we think all members should work towards the R&RS badges and we will be offering members an opportunity to take part in training for these badges.

In this newsletter we are offering training for Achievement Badge /Advanced Achievement Badge (8 January and 12 February). These badges are now linked into test training for D+ and above so it is recommended that members taking part in test training also attend these badge training sessions if possible with Anna Koch. Likewise the Mini Achievement badge training (Friday evenings with Lizzie) are linked to the lower test levels.

D+ Test Training

The D Test must be achieved before taking the D+ Test. Recommended Minimum age: 10 years
Syllabus can be downloaded from PC Resource Hub.

Training Dates

1 February – 10.00 am – 12.00 at Moats Way Equestrian - Mounted session and Horse & Pony Care

5 February – 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm at Moats Way Equestrian - Unmounted Horse & Pony Care

12 February – 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm at Moats Way Equestrian – Unmounted Horse & Pony Care

Test will be arranged during February half term

Price : £60

Block sessions to be booked on Horse Events.

If you are unable to attend any of the above sessions please speak to Claire/Karen to arrange a catch up session (this will be at extra cost)

C Test Training

The D and D+ Tests must be achieved before taking the C Test. Recommended Minimum age: 11 years. Syllabus can be downloaded from PC Resource Hub

Training Dates:

1 March – 10.00 am – 12.30 pm at Moats Way Equestrian – Mounted session and Horse & Pony Care

12 March – 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm at Moats Way Equestrian – Unmounted Horse & Pony Care

A final 2.5 mounted session and Horse & Pony Care to be confirmed

Test will be arranged during Easter School holidays

Price : £80

Block sessions to be booked on Horse Events.

If you are unable to attend any of the above sessions please speak to Claire/Karen to arrange a catch up session (this will be at extra cost)

If you have any queries on regarding the above tests please contact Claire Dodson

Rallies, Training and Activities

All Rally bookings now on-line only – for more details contact for event organisers shown on on-line booking.

| Date | Activity | Venue | | Cost | How to Book/Cut off Date |
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| 2 January 2025 | New Year - Show Jumping Rally for all ages and abilities including lead rein – poles upwards with Pip /Anna | Halefield Stud , Woodnewton, Peterborough, PE8 5EG | State height combination jumping confidently Please adhere to early cut off date so we can get times out before Xmas break | £20 | 18 December |
| 3 January | Spurs Training (please read note across carefully to see if you need to undertake this training and test) Part 1 - 11.00 am – 12.30 pm Part Riden/part theory Maximum of 6 riders | All Weather Arena, Home Farm, Alconbury | Please note taking part in the Spurs Training/Test is not a progression test. It is only to be undertaken by Members who are unable to ride their pony without the use spurs. | £35 (2 sessions and test) | 18 December – early cut off to get times out before Xmas break |
| 5 January | Spurs Training Part 2- 1.30 – 3.00 pm TEST at end of session with external assessor | | | | |
| 8 January | Unmounted JUNIOR BADGE training – 6.00 pm – 7.15pm Open to all Members moving on from Mini Badge training. Care of the Foot Achievement Badge for those working towards D+/C level or Wellbeing (Advanced) Achievement Badge for those working towards C+ level | Moats Way Equestrian, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9HH | It is recommended any members working towards D+ upwards attend the relevant badge training Please state which badge you wish to take | £10 | 2 January |
| 10 January | Unmounted MINI BADGE rally for younger members working towards E and D tests – Plaiting badge | Hall Farm, Abbots Ripton PE28 2PG | 5.00 – 6.15 pm Bring mug for hot chocolate. | £10 | 5 January |
| 15 January | Juniors and Minis - Flatwork With Pip | New Pasture StablesMiddle East Farm, The Causeway, Thorney PE6 0QH | Please state earliest you can be at venue. If a Mini please state if lead rein | £20 | 8 January |

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| 18 January | AWARDS NIGHT Flyer to follow with information | Great Gidding VH | | | |
| 23 January | Show Jumping Training Rally with Pip for those jumping 40 cm plus | Flegg House Turningtree Road Whittlesey Cambs PE7 2HB | State height wanting to jump Please state earliest available at venue | £20 | 16 January |
| 25 January | Fitzwilliam PC - Triathlon | Oundle School | See schedule | | |
| 2 February | Mini Training for younger members including lead rein with Lizzie/Karen and Anna. Session to include flatwork and jumping | Barnwell Wold, PE8 5RE | First sessions 10.15 am | £15 | 26 January |
| 2 February | Spurs Training (please read note across carefully to see if you need to undertake this training and test) Time to be confirmed. Part 1 –Part Ridden/part theory Maximum of 6 riders | Barnwell Wold, PE8 5RE | Please note taking part in the Spurs Training/Test is not a progression test. It is only to be undertaken by Members who are unable to ride their pony without the use spurs. | £35 (2 sessions and test) | 23 January |
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| 7 February | Unmounted MINI BADGE rally for younger members working towards E and D tests – Grooming PART 1 (ideally best to attend both sessions but if can only do one session Lizzie/Karen can arrange a catch up to achieve the badge) Participants to bring hat and wear suitable shoes for working around ponies | Hall Farm, Abbots Ripton PE28 2PG | 5.00 – 6.15 pm Bring mug for hot chocolate. | £10 | 2 February |

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| 9 February | Combined Training Rally with Pip and Anna 30 Mins Flatwork followed by 30 Mins Jumping (40 cm upwards). (Jumping will be accuracy of jumping lines/skinnies/grids)) | All weather arena, Home Farm, Alconbury, | State height jumping | £20 | 2 February |
| 12 February | Unmounted JUNIOR BADGE training – 6.00 pm – 7.15pm Open to all Members moving on from Mini Badge training. Bandages and Rugs (Part 1) Achievement Badge for those working towards D+/C level or Grooming (Advanced) Achievement Badge for those working towards C+ | Moats Way Equestrian, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9HH | It is recommended any members working towards D+ upwards attend the relevant badge training Please state which badge you wish to take | £10 | 5 February |
| Monday 17 February | XC Arena Training with Tricia Price. Aimed at combinations jumping 80 cm plus. 4 members per 1 hour session. | Keysoe International | Maximum 8 riders Please state height combination jumping | £53 | 8 February |
| 20 February | Flatwork and Jumping - Rally for all ages and abilities including lead rein | Grange Farm Equestrian Centre, Wittering Grange, Wansford PE8 6NR | State height wanting to jump Poles on ground up to 90cm-1.10cm | £20 | 10 February |
| 20 February | Valentine Themed Mini Rally for younger members including leadrein. A mixture of fun themed games and polework/jumping | Grange Farm Equestrian Centre, Wittering Grange, Wansford PE8 6NR | Groups from 10.00 am (session last up to 1.25 hours) | £15 | 10 February |
| 2 March | Arena XC Training with Tricia Price Combinations jumping 70cm plus | Lodge Farm Little Staughton MK44 2TA | Please state height combination jumping | £20 | 23 February |
| 8 March | Mini World book day themed Rally for younger members including lead rein with Lizzie. To include some polework/jumpin alongside fun games based on children's books. Come dressed as favourite book character (no flappy bits as riding in costume) | Barnwell Wold PE8 5RE | Groups from 10.00 am (session last up to 1.25 hours) | £15 | 1 March |

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| 23 March | Show Jump rally for all ages and abilities (from poles on the ground upwards) | Flegg House Turningtree Road Whittlesey PE7 2HB | State height combination jumping when booking | £20 | 16 March |
| 26 March | Unmounted JUNIOR BADGE training – 6.00 pm – 7.15pm Open to all Members moving on from Mini Badge training. Bandages and Rugs (Part 2) Achievement Badge for those working towards D+/C level or Mucking Out (Advanced) Achievement Badge for those working towards C+ | Moats Way Equestrian, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9HH | It is recommended any members working towards D+ upwards attend the relevant badge training Please state which badge you wish to take | £10 | 19 March |
| 29 March TBC | Mini Training –XC training including leadrein at Brigstock with Lizzie/Karen/Anna. Ground and weather permitting – this will be confirmed nearer the date | Brigstock | | | |
| TBC | XC Training Rally – more details to be published once date is confirmed. Suitable for combinations jumping 70 cm+ | Ely Eventing Centre | Tricia to book | | |