

# FITZWILLIAM HUNT

## News and Information

### (July – into October)

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## DIARY DATES 2026

### Fitzwilliam Branch - Competition Dates

Team Show Jumping 18 October

### Camp dates

Residential Camp (Vale View) – 26-29 July - (Members 9+)

Non-Residential Camp (Barnwell Wold) – 3-5 August - (Members up to 10)

### Area Qualifier Dates

5 July – Area SJ

11/12 July Area Eventing

18/19 July – Area Tetrathlon

Pony Club JCB Championships 2026 – 14 – 22 August (Offchurch,  
Warwickshire)

Eastern Regional Champs – 29/30 August (Aston le Walls)

Full details of these and Branch competitions are on the [Area 6 webpage](#)  
And also shown on the Newsletter

**Burghley Horse Trials 2026 – 3 – 6 September**

## MESSAGE FROM BRANCH COMMITTEE

Thank you to those who replied to the recent parent survey and attended the AGM. We've listened to the comments that were put forward and following a recent Committee meeting have made a start to address some of the points raised

- Lizzie is already the Branch's Mini Manager. Going forward Fi Baylis has now taken on the role of Junior Manager/Co-ordinator for the Branch. This is a position we didn't previously have, but listening to your comments the position was clearly needed. Fi will now be there to support and guide our Junior members in a similar way to how Lizzie does for our Minis. Fi has already held several meetings with Junior parents. Fi will also be taking on the role of Team Co-ordinator to advise our Junior Members regarding competitions and to help with any entry queries and general questions – so please ask her. Her contact details are above.
- The Committee has also agreed that we will appoint a Coach to accompany Teams going in the first instance to our Area competitions and Champs. This will be extended to Branch Competitions if sufficient numbers are booked. We will be asking parents to contribute towards the cost of the coach's pay for this
- It was noted that previous wording in the programme had led to confusion when booking for training and rallies, so we have focussed on hopefully making it easier for parents to know which activities are relevant to them to attend in the programme by hopefully clearly wording Mini or Junior or Senior and also colour coding these, i.e

**MINI - Lead Rein, Assisted/Unassisted/Unmounted**  
**JUNIOR/SENIOR – Assisted/Unassisted/Unmounted**  
RALLY for all ages and abilities  
**SENIOR (by Jumping Height)**  
**COMPETITIONS – Area and Branch**

- It is difficult to stipulate ages for members moving through Minis and onto Juniors as abilities vary. As a rough rule the age for members in Minis is up to and including 10 but the more able members can progress through to Juniors when ready. The Mini training will be grouped Leadrein, Assisted and Unassisted when transitioning to Juniors the grouping then becomes Assisted and Unassisted.
- Training for our Senior and more advanced members will be worded on heights a combination is expected to be able to jump. All Junior Training is open to Seniors. We are hoping to add in some advanced training sessions with guest coaches for our Seniors from the Autumn
- Holiday rallies may vary from the above rules and may well cater for all abilities at one venue
- We are looking into purchasing or finding a website offering inexpensive kit that we can use for our Teams.
- Ideas for different rallies, rides, training, activities are always welcome and we will try to incorporate into our programmes – new ideas always welcomed so please let us have your thoughts
- You will have seen the request on the WhatsApp groups that new Committee Members are needed. If interested please speak to Philippa or email [fitzwilliam@pcuk.org](mailto:fitzwilliam@pcuk.org)

Going forward we welcome any constructive feedback and as a Committee are committed to working together with you, our members, for the future of our Branch.

## TEST TRAINING

### **E Training and Test**

**5 July – Training followed by Test**

**Details below – book via Horse Events**

### **C Plus Training and Test**

Training ongoing

**Test – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at Home Farm Alconbury**

Riding - £80

Theory - £40

Riding and Theory - £110

This is only open to member who have attended regular training and been invited to take part in the test. Book on Horse Events

### **C Plus Test preparation**

Aimed at members taking the test in July but open to anyone working toward C plus

18 June - 6.00 -7.30 pm – UNMOUNTED - Moats Way

29 June - 6.00 -7.30 pm – MOUNTED - Home Farm, Alconbury

6 July - 6.00-7.30 pm – UNMOUNTED - Moats Way

13 July - 6.00 -7.30 pm – UNMOUNTED - Moats Way

All bookings via Horse Events

**C Test Training** – this will commence in September. Dates to be confirmed soon

TRAINING FOR OTHER TESTS WILL COMMENCE IN THE AUTUMN

**Activities are colour coded throughout the newsletter as follows:-**

**MINI - Lead Rein, Assisted/Unassisted/Unmounted**  
**JUNIOR/SENIOR – Assisted/Unassisted/Unmounted**  
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**COMPETITIONS – Area and Branch**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Details – Information regarding timings/ dress code / activities</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>How to Book/Cut off Date</b>
<b>Sunday 5 July</b>	<b>E Test – Training and Test – suitable for ages 4 and over. Can be on leadrein</b>	Groups will start from 10.00 & last for 1 1/4 hours. Please be Unmounted at the start of your session Dress code: Tweed jackets, (PC badge on left lapel) white or pale blue shirt with PC tie, beige/cream jodhpurs.	Top Arena, Home Farm, Alconbury	£20	30 June
<b>Sunday 5 July</b>	<b>Area SJ</b>				
<b>Wednesday 8 July</b>	<b>Unmounted JUNIOR/SENIOR BADGE training</b>	6.00 pm – 7.15pm Open to all Members moving on from Mini Badge training. Achievement Badge – Field Safety Advanced – Field Safety RECOMMENDED anyone doing test training or considering test training will benefit from attending Badge Training	Moats Way Equestrian, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9HH Please observe speed limits when approaching yard	£10	1 July
<b>Thursday 9 July</b>	<b>JUNIOR/SENIOR Combined Training – for Assisted and Unassisted</b>	4.30 onwards Dressage - Ride a Test followed by Show Jumping State test to be ridden and height jumping and earliest can be at venue	Bottom Fields, Home Farm, Alconbury	£20	2 July
<b>Friday 10 July</b>	<b>UNMOUNTED MINI Badge Rally /Social get together</b>	Time : 5.00-7.30pm <b>Fun Unmounted quiz</b> around the bottom field in teams answering questions at the various stations as you go round- how much have you remembered from the previous badge rallies?! Which team will win?! There is a BBQ at the end together with unmounted fun games. Please state food required and pay when booking : Pulled pork burger - £6.50 8 oz beef burger- £6.50 Jumbo hot dog- £5.50 Drinks - £1.20 each Please state on booking form any allergies & if vegetarian	Bottom fields, Home Farm	£10	7 July

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<b>11/12 July</b>	<b>Area Eventing</b>				
<b>Sunday 12 July</b>	<b>XC MINI Training (Leadrein, Assisted and Unassisted)</b>	Groups will start from 10.00am & last 11/4 hours Fences start with logs on ground, little sleepers to 50/60 fences Please wear long sleeves or if hot shoulders covered, back protectors to current standard, no fixed peaks on hats. Parents might be advised to bring wellies as there's a water jump!	Bottom fields, Home Farm	£25	9 July
<b>Wednesday 15 July</b>	<b>Show Jumping Practice - Combination jumping 90cm plus</b>	Training for those wishing to be considered for Burghley Team SJ on 3 September but open to all members jumping 90 cm+. State earliest can be at Venue	Lodge Farm, Little Staughton, MK44 2TA	£20	8 July
<b>Sunday 19 July</b>	<b>SPURS TEST</b>	The test will take place at 4pm. Members need a minimum of 3 hours training (dates to be confirmed with members wishing to take part). 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.	Home Farm, Alconbury	£45	12 July
<b>18/19 July</b>	<b>Area Tetrathlon</b>				
<b>18 July</b>	<b>Belvoir ODE</b>				
<b>Thursday 23 July</b>	<b>Show Jumping Practice – Combination jumping 90cm plus</b>	Training for those wishing to be considered for Burghley Team SJ on 3 September but open to all members jumping 90 cm From 3.00 pm	Keysoe International, Church Raod, MK344 2JP	£25	16 July
<b>Saturday 25 July</b>	<b>MINI Fun Ride (Leadrein, Assisted and Unassisted)</b>	Ready to ride at 10.30 am. Come and join your PC mini friends for a fun ride around Gidding . Please bring a picnic to have together when we finish riding. Please wear high viz if you have it. If unassisted please have a lead rope attached to your saddle.	Gidding Grove by kind permission of Roughton family PE28 5PD W3w – imagined.dinner.tentacles	£10	22 July

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<b>26-29 July</b>	<b>Residential Camp</b>				
<b>Wednesday 5 August</b>	<b>Show Jumping Practice - Combination jumping 90cm plus</b>	10.00 am start for groups Training for those wishing to be considered for Burghley Team SJ on 3 September but open to all members jumping 90 cm+. Opportunity for those qualified for Champs	Lodge Farm, Little Staughton, MK44 2TA	£20	29 July
<b>3-5 August</b>	<b>Non-Residential Camp</b>				
<b>Friday 14 August</b>	<b>MINI/JUNIOR/SENIOR All Day Rally – Leadrein/ Assisted and Unassisted</b>	Groups from 10.00 am Choice of 2 sessions. Bring picnic lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hack round XC (Junior)</li> <li>- XC (Junior/Senior)</li> <li>- SJ (Mini/Junior/Senior)</li> <li>- Dressage (Junior/Senior)</li> <li>• Fun activities (Minis)</li> <li>• Working Hunter jumps (Minis)</li> </ul> State Leadrein/Assisted or Unassisted and height wanting to jump – poles on floor upwards	Home Farm, Alconbury	£35 for 2 sessions	7 August – please ensure booked by this date – no late bookings
<b>14-22 August</b>	<b>PC Champs</b>				
<b>Thursday 20 August</b>	<b>Show Jumping Practice - Combination jumping 90cm plus</b>	Training for those wishing to be considered for Burghley Team SJ on 3 September but open to all members jumping 90 cm From 3.00 pm	Keysoe International, Church Raod, MK344 2JP	£20	13 August
<b>Sunday 23 August</b>	<b>MINI Gymkhana Rally (Lead rein, Assisted and Unassisted)</b>	Meet at 12.45 for a picnic & fun together followed by mounted gymkhana games - finish 3.15/30pm Opportunity to do Mini Mounted Games Badge for those who do not already have the badge	Bottom fields, Home Farm, Alconbury	£15	19 August
<b>Monday 24 August and Wednesday 26 August</b>	<b>Road Rider Achievement badge</b>	<a href="#">Syllabus</a> 24.8.26 Training 10.30 – 12.30 26.8.26 Training 1.00 – 3.00 followed by Test. Member will need to attend both sessions. Please bring Hi-Viz to both sessions	Moats Way Equestrian, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9HH Please observe speed limits when approaching yard	£45	17 August

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<b>Friday 21st August</b>	<b>Social evening</b>	TBC – Possible trip to Water Park at Wyboston			
<b>Saturday 29 August</b>	<b>MINI Training (Lead Rein, Assisted and Unassisted)</b>	Groups will start at 10.15 am & last 1 hour Focus will be flat work to warm up , followed by pole work exercises & SJ	Top Arena, Home Farm, Alconbury	£20	25 August
<b>29/30 August</b>	<b>Eastern Regional Champs</b>				
<b>3-6 September</b>	<b>Burghley Horse Trials</b>				
<b>Friday 11 September</b>	<b>MINI Unmounted Badge Rally</b>	Social Licence Mini Achievement Badge (suitable for all Minis). Start time 5.00 finish 6.15 Bring mug for hot chocolate	Hall Farm, Abbots Ripton PE28 2PG	£10	8 September
<b>12 September</b>	<b>S Notts Dressage and SJ</b>				
<b>13 September</b>	<b>Burghley Mini ODE/Eventer Trial</b>				
<b>Wednesday 16 September</b>	<b>JUNIORS/SENIORS and MINIS – Flatwork Sessions (Lead rein, Assisted and Unassisted)</b>	Groups from 5.30 pm. Please state earliest time available after 5.30 If a Mini please state is leadrein, assisted or unassisted	New Pasture Stables, Middle East Farm, The Causeway, Thorney PE6 0QH	£20	9 September
<b>Friday 18 September</b>	<b>MINI SJ Training (Lead Rein, Assisted and Unassisted)</b>	Series of SJ training sessions working towards the Fitz Team Show Jumping Competition (18 October) You would need to be jumping 35cm with confidence (both lead rein & assisted) upwards for team selection (do have a word with Lizzie if unsure) however these sessions are open to all and will be adjusted to suit all abilities to include fun flat & polework accordingly Please indicate which class you are thinking of entering and the earliest time from 4.30 you are available to attend	Bottom fields, Home Farm, Alconbury	£15	15 September
<b>Saturday 19 September</b>	<b>JUNIOR/SENIOR SJ Training – practice for TSJ (Assisted and Unassisted)</b>	Times from 1.00 pm	Bottom fields, Home Farm, Alconbury	<b>£15</b>	12 September

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<b>Sunday 20 September</b>	<b>Blenheim International Horse Trials</b>	TEAM Inter-branch PC100 & PC90 Show Jumping competition			
<b>Wednesday 23 September</b>	<b>Unmounted JUNIOR /SENIOR BADGE training</b>	6.00 pm – 7.15pm Open to all Members moving on from Mini Badge training. Achievement Badge – Mucking out Advanced – Bandages and Rugs Part I RECOMMENDED anyone doing test training or considering test training will benefit from attending Badge Training	Moats Way Equestrian, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9HH Please observe speed limits when approaching yard	£10	16 September
<b>Friday 25 September</b>	<b>MINI SJ Training – practice for TSJ</b>	See details for 18 September above	Bottom fields, Home Farm, Alconbury	£15	22 September
<b>Sunday 27 September</b>	<b>FHSC Pleasure Ride</b>	Approx 9 miles with a few optional jumps. Shorter/LR route available. 9.30am - 1pm.  To enter email <a href="mailto:fbaylis@outlook.com">fbaylis@outlook.com</a>	Milton Park, Peterborough by kind permission of Sir Philip and Lady Isabella Naylor (Leyland)	Adults - £25, Children under 12 – £15 Donations to the Air Ambulance	
<b>Saturday 10 October</b>	<b>MINI SJ Training – practice for TSJ</b>	See details for 18 September above.	Bottom fields, Home Farm, Alconbury	£15	7 October
<b>Saturday 10 October</b>	<b>JUNIOR/SENIOR SJ Training – practice for TSJ (Assisted and Unassisted)</b>	Times from 1.00 pm These sessions will run on from end of Mini Sessions.	Bottom fields, Home Farm, Alconbury	£15	3 October
<b>11 October</b>	<b>Burghley Hunter Trial</b>				
<b>Wednesday 14 October</b>	<b>JUNIORS/SENIOR and MINIS – Flatwork Sessions (Lead Rein, Assisted and Unassisted)</b>	Groups from 5.30 pm. Please state earliest time available after 5.30 If a Mini please state is leadrein, assisted or unassisted	New Pasture Stables, Middle East Farm, The Causeway, Thorney PE6 0QH	£20	7 October

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<b>Friday 16 October</b>	<b>MINI Unmounted Badge Rally</b>	Well being Mini Achievement Badge – Part 1 Start time 5.00 finish 6.15 Bring mug for hot chocolate (Part II – 13 November – must attend both sessions)	Hall Farm, Abbots Ripton PE28 2PG	£10	
<b>Sunday 18 October</b>	<b>Fitzwilliam Team SJ</b>	Classes for all ages and abilities. Schedule out soon. All Entries via Horse Events			
<b>25 October</b>	<b>Rufford Dressage</b>				