



DC NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY

Excitement for spring and the season ahead is building! We have lots on offer for the Easter holidays, so please get your diaries out and fill them up with fun horse & pony activities! In this month's newsletter:

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Key Dates – please add them to your diary!

| Key Dates | Date |
|------------------------|------------|
| A9 Quiz | 05/03/2023 |
| Areas - HPC | 15/04/2023 |
| A9 show | 16/04/2023 |
| OBHPC Junior Show | 28/05/2023 |
| OBHPC SJ Competition | 30/05/2023 |
| Areas - SJ | 04/06/2023 |
| Regional - SJ | 04/06/2023 |
| Regional - Eventing | 02/07/2023 |
| Areas - Dr | 09/07/2023 |
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| Areas - Eventing | 15/07/2023 |
| Areas - Tet | 22-23/7/23 |
| Senior Camp | 28-31/7/23 |
| Junior Camp | 3-6/8/23 |
| Trotters & Mini Camp | 7-9/8/23 |
| Area Championships | 11-19/8/23 |
| Regional Championships | 26-28/8/23 |
| A9 show | 10/09/2023 |



Teams

We would love you to represent our pony club in a team. Please do get in touch with [Lisa Powell](#) to find out all about Regional and Area teams and **let her know that you would like to take part**. There are opportunities in so many different disciplines and at different levels. *Information on team selection is attached.*

The Regional & Area Show Jumping is around the corner (4 June) and training dates are on the website. Please do book in early. Area training is with Mark Finn (BS level 3 instructor). Regional training is with the brilliant Aaron Nobbs.

We also have a SJ training competition for some last-minute practice at the Unicorn on 30 May. **Save the date!** Entries via Horse Events. Schedule attached.

Tests

The Pony Club test system is a progressive system designed to develop both ridden and horse & pony care skills. The syllabus is in the process of being updated, and has an increased focus on how horses learn, and on the Five Domains, or Five Freedoms. We encourage all our members to join in the training and try to make the “test” day as friendly and welcoming as possible.

Vic Ruffy is organising series of rallies plus a **D/D+** test day on 3/4/23.

Tussel Humphrey will be teaching children how to stay safe on the roads on 24/3/23 with mounted training and the assessment for **Road Rider** on 1/4/23.

Katherine Villiers is organising a series of training rallies in preparation for **C Test** on 16/4/23.

There will be more opportunities to train for tests later in the year, but if your child has got a little left behind with tests and would like to catch up, please do get in touch with [Katherine Taylor](#) as soon as possible.

Tetrathlon & Triathlon

Do you have a son or daughter who isn't keen to ride but would like to learn to shoot? Have you considered a non-riding PC membership? Many of our members enjoy Triathlon as well as Tetrathlon. We have weekly pistol training with Fred Church. For more information about what's involved, contact [Emma Huepfl](#) or check out the email from 15/2/23.

Area 9 Quiz

Good luck to your OBHPC Mini and Junior Teams today at the Area 9 quiz. We know you will be brilliant and hope you have lots of fun. Thank you to Joanna Lambert for organising so much training at her lovely Friday night HPC rallies at Stainswick.

Pony Racing

Good luck to our members entered for the Area 9 Pony Race Day at Cheltenham Racecourse on 7 April 2023. Why not go along to support them and find out more about it? This could be you next year!



Many of our members have been learning about fitness and control at our gallop rallies over the last few weeks, under the watchful eye of John Reid. Would you like to join in? Contact [Do Curtis](#) for more information.

Camps

Forms will be live for camp applications by the end of March. Please make sure you have saved the dates!

- Trotter and Mini Camp – 7th – 9th August 2023 ***New Venue – Lyford Stud***
- Junior Camp – 3rd – 6th August 2023 - Boomerang
- Senior Camp – 28th – 31st July 2023 – Rectory Farm

For more information on camps, visit the [website](#)

OBHPC Junior Show – Sunday 28 May 2023

Please save the date for our annual Junior Show at Sower Hill, Nr Uffington. This is a really lovely day out, aimed at children aged 12 and under.

OBHPC Show Jumping Competition – Tuesday 30 May 2023 - Unicorn

Save the date! A great opportunity to put the finishing touches to your training for Show Jumping teams. The competition takes place at The Unicorn in a beautiful, large indoor school. Classes from 60cm-110cm.

Facebook & Instagram Links

A quick reminder, if you don't already follow us, you can here:

Facebook:

- [OBHPC Facebook](#) (our main FB page)
- [OBHPC Swap & Sell](#) (OBHPC members only)
- [OBHPC Chat](#) (OBHPC members only)

[Instagram](#)

Please do WhatsApp your videos and photos to Katherine so that we can share them on FB & Instagram, or share them on the OBHPC Chat

Website

We have had a big push at refreshing the pages on our [Website](#). Thank you to so many people for all their enormous efforts. We are always looking for fun pictures that truly tell the story of what Pony Club is all about. Please do forward any photos you are happy to share to [Lisa Powell](#), [Helen Keen](#) or [Katherine Taylor](#)



Badminton

There are still a couple of pitches available for Badminton. Pitches can be booked [here](#).

Welcome

A warm welcome to [Anna Hubbard](#) (Poppy's mum), who will be looking after our new members, answering any questions they have and helping them meet new friends.

Alumni

Congratulations to Lucy Perring, an OBHPC member, who joined the Household Cavalry to combine her love of music with her love of horses. Lucy is now a fully qualified musician in the band and will be taking part in the Household Cavalry musical ride at Windsor Horse Show.

Happy Riding
Katherine