



DCs' Newsletter – Jun 23

Dear All

Summer is officially here, and the holidays are just around the corner. We have lots planned for the next few months – read on to find out more! It's another meaty newsletter, so grab yourself a drink and a comfy chair!

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1. Camps – enter today to benefit from the early bird discount

Prices increase by £30 from Monday!

The highlight of the year is nearly here for our lovely members. Camp plans are ramping up and we have lots of fun activities lined up for our children.

For more information about camps and who to contact if you have questions, please visit [the camps web page](#).

Trotters - £110

Minis - £160

Juniors - £270

Seniors - £395

If you need some OBHPC kit for camp – check out the details [below](#).





Times are hard for so many, and we have worked hard to try and keep the cost of camp as low as possible whilst still providing great teaching and facilities. We plan to use some of our cash reserves to supplement the cost of camp for everyone this year. We have a limited budget for bursaries, so if you need some additional help with the cost of camp, or need to pay by instalments, then please email [Katherine](mailto:katherine@obhpc.org).



2. Team competitions & recent successes

SJ Results – 4th June 2023

OBHPC members had a fabulous day at the Regional & Area Team Competition at Rectory Farm. Thank you to all our members, parents, and volunteers for helping make it such a special day.

Congratulations to:

- Sophia V for WINNING the 80cm and qualifying for the Regional Championship!
- Evie O'M (7th) and Evie G (9th) for qualifying for the 70cm Regional Championship.
- Evie P & Nell G for lovely rounds and qualifying for the 80cm Regional Championship
- Patrick B who finished 8th in the 90cm and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the Area Championships.
- Annabel K, Poppy I, Patrick B and Evie J for finishing Team 8th in the 90cm



Regional Eventing – 2nd July 2023

Good luck to all our members competing at Swalcliffe this weekend in classes from 60cm – 80cm.

Area Eventing – 15th July 2023 – Upton House (90/100/105cm including the Chairman's Cup Qualifier)

We would love you to represent the OBHPC at the Area Eventing qualifier on 15 July.

Entries close on 4th July so there is still time to get your entry in – but you need to hurry! [Enter here](#). If you plan on entering or have any questions, please contact our Team Manager [Lisa Powell](#).

Dressage Regional & Area Competition – Badminton – 9th July 2023

Good luck to our members who will be representing the OBHPC at Badminton in the Regional & Area Competition on Sunday 9 July!

3. Kit

We have lots of lovely branded OBHPC kit for sale, including numnahs (ideal for teams), t-shirts, sweatshirts & skins (ideal for camps), belts, summer & winter jackets, and gilets, all at surprisingly low prices. If you are a new member, or your child is simply growing like a weed



and you need new gear, please contact [Clare Pill](#) by [email](#) or phone 07557 994 544 who will be happy to help you.

4. Polo

On 27th July the OBHPC teams will be playing at the Black Bears tournament in Henley.

Why not come along to this beautiful venue for a fantastic day out, bring a picnic and plenty of suncream and come and cheer on our team members! Entry is free. For more info or to book in contact [Sarah Evans](#).

OBHPC Polo is going from strength to strength, thanks to the brilliant support and enthusiasm of the Pejkoic family. This year we hope to have 4 teams heading to the Championships!

Last month, at Beaufort Polo Club, OBHPC team members came home with a win in the Loriner and Surtees 2 sections, and third in the Handley Cross with our 100% OBHPC team of Manav P, Joss M, Gigi R & Lucas P.

We recently invested in some new polo shirts – thank you to Marcos for modelling them so well!



You don't need a polo pony to join in this fantastic fun and friendly sport! Contact [Mel P](#) for more info on how to get involved!

5. OBHPC Big 80th Birthday Bash (incorporating the Awards)

Friday 8th September. Please ****SAVE THE DATE**!**

Come and join us to celebrate the OBHPC's 80th Birthday.

We have booked a bucking bronco, and plans are underway for a fantastic and fun evening.

6. Awards & Nominations

This year we will incorporate the Awards into the OBHPC Big 80th Birthday Bash on **Friday 8th September. Please **SAVE THE DATE**!**

We are delighted to announce a new process for this year's award nominations. The aim is to ensure we recognise all levels of achievement across all ages and disciplines including the opportunity to also praise the outstanding contributions made by parents, volunteers & coaches.

ANYONE can make a nomination from a phone or computer using this [link](#). It's super easy and should only take 5 mins to complete. There are no limitations on how many awards you can nominate for.



Once we receive the final lists for each category the committee / discipline managers will shortlist the top 3. Nominations will then be announced in the run up to the Awards night with all nominees being recognized along with the winner on the 8th September.

For more information, visit the [Awards page on our website](#).

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS: FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST.

7. Last Hurrah Rally

Save the date – 23 September 2023 – Last Hurrah All Day Rally at Lyford Stud. We are planning a big rally with lots of fun activities on offer. Get your date in the diary – it's going to be a blast!

8. London International Horse Show – Monday 18th December

London's Calling! Christmas seems a long way off, but our annual pilgrimage to the London International Horse Show at ExCel in London is beckoning. We have secured heavily discounted tickets for OBHPC families for the matinee and evening performances on the final day – Monday 18th December – offering you a whopping 20% discount!

It is a brilliant family day out, with opportunities to watch some of the world's top show jumpers, incredible displays, Shetland grand national racing (look out for OBHPC jockeys!) all interspersed with chances to shop until you drop.

Tickets are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Book your tickets or find out more [here](#).

9. Committee changes – Who's Who?

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Joy Wilson, Claire Lisi, Joanna Lambert and Katie Finch as long-standing committee members.

Joy recently received her Cubitt Bar Award for 30 years of volunteering for the OBHPC and Claire recently received her Cubitt Award for 20 years. They have been phenomenal in their love, energy, support and enthusiasm in running & looking after camps, competitions, rallies, membership applications, safeguarding, health & safety and other activities for 1000's of members, and we will forever be indebted to them. We would like to thank them properly at our 80th Birthday party and hope that you will join us.

We are very excited to be welcoming several new committee members to the team:

Helen Keen: Secretary
Richard Starkey: Treasurer
Clare Mangan: Health & Safety Officer
Verity Green: Safeguarding Officer
Minis' Rep: Lucy O'Meara
Juniors' Rep: Holly Dunham-Shortt
Seniors' Rep – 13-17: Jill De Quincey Adams



Seniors' Rep – 18+: Phoebe Hobby
Minutes Secretary: Katherine Sanders

We are also excited to announce that Lisa Heneghan has stepped into the role as Joint DC, and Lisa Powell has stepped into the role of Assistant DC.

We have had a fantastic response to all the offers of help – thank you all – we simply can't do it without you!

Contact details and the full structure is available on the [website](#).

10. First Aid Course

OBHPC will be hosting a one day first aid certification course in September, either Monday 11th, or Tuesday, 12th. Venue to be confirmed. If you would like a place, please [fill in the form](#) and/or get in touch with [Helen Keen](#) 07785 718571.

11. Feedback button

We have now launched our 'Feedback Button' which you will find as a link on the front page of our website. This is designed for you to let us have any feedback relating to Rallies, Instructors, Communication etc. Please feel free to share your

Feedback

Here is your chance to tell us what you think about your Pony Club.
We LOVE to hear the good things but equally we LOVE to have constructive feedback on things that haven't gone so well.

[Just click here to open the form](#)

thoughts (ideally some positive ones as well as the 'constructive feedback' ones!) - which can remain confidential or named - your choice. Helen Keen will pick up all feedback and we will respond accordingly.

Whatever you are up to with your horse or pony, enjoy every minute – the holidays are nearly here, and we can't wait for them to start!

Katherine & Lisa xx