



Dear All

At last, the weather is warming up, and summer might just be on its way!

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## 1. Welcome to our new members

A very warm welcome to our 20 new members who have joined over the last couple of months. We have a wonderful branch which offers a wide range of activities, but it can feel a bit daunting when you first join. We were all newbies once, so please do ask for help and guidance from parents, rally organisers and the committee. [Anna Hubbard](#) will be delighted to point you in the right direction.

## 2. OBHPC Junior Show – Sower Hill – 28 May 2023

A gorgeous, friendly show for children 12 and under, with lots of classes to choose from, including lead rein, fancy dress, clear round, show jumping and working hunter. There is still time to enter in advance and benefit from discounted entry fees. **Enter [here](#)**. Entries close Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Entries will be taken on the day.

Second hand and new OBHPC branded kit will be available to buy on the day. Need a hat tagged? Bring it along!

*Huge thanks to Lucy O'Meara & Angela Ryan, our show organisers 😊.*



### 3. OBHPC Unicorn Show Jumping – Training Show – 30 May 2023

An opportunity for some final practice in this beautiful indoor school before the PC Regional (70-80cm) and Area Show Jumping (90-110cm) competitions. Classes from 60-110cm **[Enter here.](#)**

*Huge thanks to Lisa Powell & Claire Lisi, our organisers*

Our OBHPC competitions are not only great fun, and super friendly but 100% of any profit is fed back into subsidising OBHPC activities for all our members. Everyone's a winner!

### 4. Camp application forms are now live!

The event that our children have been longing for is getting closer! Please complete your camp application form as soon as possible to help our brilliant organisers plan fun activities and instructors. We will always try to accommodate as many children as possible, but numbers are limited at each venue, so please book in early to avoid disappointment.



Camp	Venue	Date		£*	Enter Here:
Trotters Camp (3-7)	Lyford Stud	7-9 Aug		£110	<a href="#">Trotters</a>
Mini Camp (5-10)	Lyford Stud	7-9 Aug		£160	<a href="#">Mini</a>
Junior Camp (9-13)	Boomerang	3-6 Aug		£270	<a href="#">Junior</a>
Senior Camp (12-18)	Rectory Farm	28-31 Jul		£395	<a href="#">Senior</a>

\*Basic fee

If you have questions, please contact the camp organiser in the first instance. More details are on our [website](#).



## 5. Pre-camp rallies – Mini, Junior & Senior Camp – 3 rally rule.

For our instructors to be able to ensure your child and pony are in an appropriate ride at camp, they need to have been to 3 rallies in the last year, preferably on the pony they are bringing to camp. Please list these rallies on the camp application form to help us gain a picture of the right instructor/ride for them. If you are short of a few rallies, we have lots going on, so please check the [website](#) and **book into a rally as soon as possible.**

## 6. Flu Vaccinations

At camps and competitions ponies need to have an up-to-date vaccination record. Trying to understand the rules can be like wading through mud! Broadly, ponies need the correct initial course of vaccinations, the correct time apart, followed by a minimum of 12 monthly boosters. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE **check that your pony has the correct vaccinations this**



**week!** There is plenty of time to get them restarted if an annual booster has been missed or is late.

Very latest vaccination restart dates for camps (first 2 vaccinations, 21 days apart, plus 7 clear days prior to camp):

Trotters/Mini Camp: 10 July

Junior Camp: 6 July

Senior Camp: 30 June

We have created a flu checker tool for you to use [here](#).

If you are not sure, please do ask! We really don't want anyone to have the last-minute panic or heartache of a pony being unable to attend camp.

## 7. Regional & Area Teams

Are you competing at 70cm+? We would love as many of our members as possible to represent the OBHPC as an individual or in a team this summer. Please get your entries in! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Powell or the relevant team manager.

**SJ: 4 June – Regional (70-80cm) & Area competition (90-110):** Rectory Farm. Time is running out! Please get your entries in for the Regional & Area SJ teams as soon as possible and let Claire Lisi know that you have entered. **Entries close Sunday 28 May. Enter [here](#).**

**Dressage: 9 July – Regionals & Areas:** Badminton (yes, you'll be able to say you have ridden at Badminton!). Please let Ann Addington know you have entered. **Entries close 25 June. Enter [here](#).**

**Eventing: 2 July - Regionals (70-80cm):** Swalcliffe. Please let Lisa Powell know you have entered. **Entries close Fri 23 June. Enter [here](#).**

**Eventing: 15 July - Areas (90-105cm):** Swalcliffe. Please let Lisa Powell know you have entered. **Entries close Fri 9 July. Enter [here](#).**

We also have a fabulous group of younger children enjoying representing the OBHPC in teams at the lower levels. It is lots of fun, so please do contact Holly DS or Carol Starkey for more info.

## 8. Achievement Tests



The Pony Club test system builds on progressive learning, and we encourage all our members to benefit from the knowledge gained in caring for and riding their horse or pony, along with the lovely friendships made along the way.

Many OBHPC members have got off to a flying start this year, with a total of 67 passes at D, D+, C, C+ & B+ this year already, with Hannah Richardson achieving her B+ test last month. Well done, Hannah! Congratulations to all our brilliant jockeys and thank you to our team of rally organisers and instructors for making this possible!

At camps this year, we will focus on fun and teaching, with opportunities to sit tests later in the summer or in the October half term.

**To help us plan our Test timetable for the rest of the year, we would very much appreciate you completing the form on this [link](#). If you are not sure which Tests are for you, please do read more about it on the PC [main website](#).**



## 9. Emergency First Aid Course

The next one day first aid course will take place in early September (either 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, venue to be confirmed but within our branch area). [If you are interested in attending, please register by filling in and sending this form](#). Helen will be in touch in the coming weeks with all active volunteers whose current certificates expire by the end of October.



## 10. Kit

Very many thanks to Emma von Michel for helping kit us out over the past couple of years! [Clare Pill](#) has kindly offered take over the stock of new kit. We have lots of OHBPC branded kit for sale, including polo shirts, sweatshirts, coats and numnahs. For more details, check out the website [here](#).

## 11. Parents Evening

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Parent's Evening on Wednesday. Wine o'clock is 6pm, with time for a chat and something to eat before introductions, roles and a review of the year which will start at 7pm. Please do come along with your questions and exciting ideas 😊.

Happy Riding!

Katherine & Lisa