



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear Members and Parents

We enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Annual Party and Prize Giving in October and to celebrate your achievements during the year – thank you again to Lindsay Kelly for allowing us to use her great venue for this event.

Thank you also to Suzy Harrison, both for her ongoing work running the Dressage League but also her efforts in organising the recent Combined Training at Priory Equestrian. Those who attended really enjoyed the opportunity of a really informal training/competition which included the chance to ride a dressage test and jump a showjumping round at a height of your choice, supported by individual coaching. This is a fantastic opportunity if you are new to competing or want to brush up on your skills and something we are planning to repeat in March. Please contact Suzy if you have any questions about how it works.

There is lots of important information in this newsletter as we are trying to get dates in your diary for many of our activities next year. Booking info is enclosed with this Newsletter for our Lead Rein, Mini, Novice and Intermediate Easter Clinics and online booking for those will open shortly on Entry Master.

Information and dates for Junior and Senior Camp are also

included but we are not yet opening booking for either of those. We know that with booking comes a deposit and that this is an expensive time of year! So please put the dates in your diary for Junior and Senior Camp and do contact the organisers if you have any questions about either Camp. We will send out further information when booking opens later in the Spring.

We will also over the coming months be sending out by email Google forms asking for help with our events during 2024. Please complete these when you receive them as your help is essential to the successful running of our events, which raise vital funds for the branch. The first two where we will need help in 2024 are our Dressage Show at Priory Equestrian on Sunday 25 February and our Hunter Trials at Fair Oak Cross Country on Sunday 21 April.

We have more Multi Activity Days and Showjumping, Arena Eventing, Dressage and Mounted Games Rallies on offer as well as Stable Management over the winter. Please try to attend these rallies and trainings even when the weather doesn't feel that inviting. We continue to frequently lose money on venue hire by just not having the numbers.

The Dressage Show in February also has something to cater for most abilities including a Walk &

Trot only Test to encourage our younger members to take part. We also hope to see all those members who have been honing their skills through the Dressage League! It is also an Open Show so entries from PC Mums/Dads welcome and do please spread the word to non-Pony Club friends and family.

Depending on the weather we hope that Cross Country training will start again in March, giving you time for a bit of practise before our popular Hunter Trials in April at Fair Oak, with classes starting from 60cm.

Remember to keep a close eye on your pony or horse over the winter to make sure they don't lose too much condition. The combination of wet and cold is the worst possible combination for them to cope with.

Thank you to all of you for your support of Petersfield Pony Club over the year. We end the year with 100 members making us one of the bigger branches in our Pony Club Area.

And finally . . . although membership is now on a rolling basis, for many of our longer standing members your renewal will be due at the end of January at a cost of £85.00 individual membership with family membership at £210.00 (the majority of which goes to Head Office to pay for the overall Pony Club operation rather than the Branch). Please remember to fill

in the Gift Aid details to increase the income to Pony Club at no extra cost to you. We hope that all of you will be re-joining but if you are not, please let us know so that we don't keep reminding you!

Happy Christmas and New Year!
Hoping very much that 2024 will be a happy, healthy and horsey year!



SAFETY AT RALLIES

Please can you all make sure that unless you are riding in a lesson, that you only walk (mounted/dismounted), especially when going from your trailer to the lesson. The car park is a potentially dangerous situation with a lot of ponies, children, dogs etc milling around. It is the responsibility of everyone present to ensure that all measures are taken to safeguard both ponies and people at all times. Please be aware of safety.

Air jackets: When an air jacket inflates the sudden noise startles horses in the immediate vicinity thereby causing difficulties for the other members of a ride if used in a group ride in a confined area, e.g., an indoor school or outdoor manège. Air jackets are therefore not encouraged for group rides.

Also, it is your responsibility to pick up any horse droppings and hay in the parking area and in the school - if that is where the lesson is taking place.

Welcome to the following new members:

*Erin Gunstensen,
Margot Rice,
Livvy Puddick*

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS 10 and UNDER

If your pony does not have a martingale, make sure you always come to rallies, events etc with a stirrup leather around the pony's neck.

This is for you to hold onto when things do not go right to avoid pulling on your pony's mouth and perhaps to save you from falling off.

TURNOUT

Would you please all pay careful attention to turnout of yourselves and your pony/horse when attending all Rallies and Training. Please make sure your boots are polished, odhpurs, tack etc are clean.

Your hair must be tied back securely, in a safe manner to reduce the risk of hair being caught and to prevent scalp injuries. A hairnet is therefore recommended.

The wearing of any sort of jewellery when handling or riding a horse/pony is not recommended and if done at any Pony Club activity, is done at the risk of the member/their parent/guardian. However, to stop any risk of injury, necklaces and bracelets (other than medical bracelets) must be removed, as must larger and more pendulous pieces of jewellery (including those attached to piercings) which create a risk of injury to the body part through which they are secured. For the avoidance of doubt a wristwatch, wedding ring, stock pin worn horizontally and/or a tie clip are permitted. It is recommended that stock pins are removed for cross country.



EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please ensure you have a current, working email address recorded with us that you also check regularly.

We use email to notify members of rallies/training, times and upcoming events, as well as the **Facebook Group**.

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Ensure that your stirrups and boots fit correctly. For very good safety reasons, Pony Club rules require the following: **“Standard riding or jodhpur boots with a fairly thin, smooth sole and a well-defined square cut heel”** and **“Stirrups should be of the correct size to suit the rider’s boots. There must be 7mm (¼”) clearance on either side of the boot”**.

These rules together with the requirement not to wear other unsuitable footwear including boots and stirrups with interlocking treads, are there to minimise the risk of the foot becoming caught in the stirrup in a fall which can cause very serious injuries. If you are buying new boots check the size of stirrups with the new boots.

At competitions this is probably the most common problem picked up by tack checkers. We will be checking this at our MADs over the winter and will advise you if your stirrups are the wrong size, but please also check yourself.

BADGES/TIES/SWEATSHIRTS/JACKETS

These are always kept in stock; please contact me. If you need The Pony Club Manual of Horsemanship these can be purchased from Amazon – a must if you are taking Tests. Medical Arm Bands are no longer compulsory wear, but it is still recommended that one is worn.

All other Pony Club merchandise can now be purchased direct from Wainwright Screenprint:
[Pony Club Essentials](#)

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WEBSITE

[Petersfield Pony Club](#)

Do make use of our website. We put up schedules, our programme and your successes and results plus photos. We shall also be putting up times prior to events and results after them. It is also useful for advertising horses/ponies for loan and sale and buying and selling horse boxes/trailers etc. Other branches run their websites in a similar fashion.

If an event is cancelled for any reason, it will say so on Petersfield Pony Club’s Home Page of the website as well as on our Facebook Group.

[The Pony Club](#) This is the home page of the Pony Club.

Petersfield Branch is with [Area 13](#). Here you will find the Area Calendar which shows schedules for all Area 13 events along with Area Results, Courses, Tests etc.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MULTI ACTIVITY DAYS 2024

- Thurs 15 Feb Merrist Wood Arena, Worplesdon
- Sat 2 Mar Priory Equestrian, Frensham

BRANCH COMPETITION DATES 2024

- Sun 25 Feb Open Dressage Show, Priory Equestrian
- Sun 21 Apr Open Hunter Trials, Fair Oak Cross Country, Rogate
- Sun 19 May Area 13 Prince Philip Cup Qualifiers, Chase Farm
- Sun 2 Jun Open Horse Trials, Coombelands Equestrian, Pulborough
- Sun 8 Sept Open Annual Show, Chase Farm



EASTER CLINICS 2024

- Mon 8 – Tues 9 Apr Mini and Lead Rein Clinics, Stockbridge Farm
- Wed 10 – Thurs 11 Apr Novice and Intermediate Clinics, Stockbridge Farm

CAMPS 2024

- Mon 5 – Fri 9 Aug Junior Camp, Fair Oak Cross Country, Rogate
- Mon 26 – Fri 30 Aug Senior Camp, Boomerang Stables

ANNUAL PARTY & PRIZE GIVING 2024

- Fri 18 Oct Forest Community Centre, Bordon



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BETA 2009 Level 3 (purple label) body protectors will continue to be accepted at Pony Club competitions until **31 December 2023**.



TEST & ACHIEVEMENT BADGES OBTAINED THROUGH THE AUTUMN

'Gold' Achievement Badge & Certificate

Willow Barry, Freya Hood

'Gold' Mini Achievement Badge & Certificate

Alice Chant

Main Achievement Badges:

'Bandages & Rugs'

Willow Barry, Livvy Puddick, Margot Rice, Imogen Tives, Isla Wilson, Harvey Wilson, Dilly Wilson



Mini Achievement Badges:

'Basic Needs of a Pony in Summer & Winter'

Margot Rice, Imogen Tivers, Harvey Wilson, Dilly Wilson

'Colours & Markings'

Erin Gunstensen, Livvy Puddick, Margot Rice, Imogen Tivers, Harvey Wilson, Dilly Wilson

'Feeding A Pony'

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Our popular Stable Management Rallies re-commence following the winter break. These are held monthly with Becky Cruickshank at Jenny Wilson's yard near Farnham from 6.15 pm - 7.45 pm on the following dates:

- Mon 8 Jan
- Mon 5 Feb
- Mon 4 Mar

Jenny's address: Whiteways End Cottage, Hogs Back, Seale, Surrey GU10 1JX

They are open to all abilities, from the youngest members just starting out, to 'C' Test level with the older members.



Bookings for Stable Management Rallies are on [Entry Master](#). Becky will message you on the WhatsApp Group to let you know timings and the Badges to be covered on the evening.

There is a small charge to contribute to the cost of the Rallies. Achievement Badges are free.

If there are any members who have their 'C+' Test and are willing to help, please can they contact us?

Any questions please just ask!

If you are not yet on the WhatsApp Group and wish to be included, please message Becky directly: becky_cruickshank@hotmail.co.uk or 07910 776070 and she will add you to the Group.

WINTER DRESSAGE LEAGUE 2023

Suzy Harrison: 01420 538443 | suzy21790@gmail.com

The Dressage League started in the October half-term.

This is a small friendly League to help those who haven't competed before to gain confidence and to offer practice opportunities for those who regularly compete.

All abilities welcome * All Tests may be called

There were 6 dates to choose from, with three remaining. You need at least 3 results to qualify for final League placings. If you can't come to three dates, just come along to one or two and have a go!

Friday 22 December * Thursday 28 December * Saturday 13 January



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MEMBERS ONLINE ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES

These pages are the member only area of the Pony Club website, where you can get direct access to many of the Activities and Resources shared by Branches and Centres on the Pony Club Google Drive.

To view the content, you will need to enter your password.

- Activities: <https://pages.pcuk.org/training/>
- Resources: <https://pages.pcuk.org/activities/>

Current members should have received the password via email, but if you are unable to login, please email enquiries@pcuk.org (please include the member's name and their current branch/centre).

HUNTING – WINTER 2023/24

We are lucky enough to be surrounded by several different hunts. Meet cards are held by the secretaries and you are usually able to hunt for two – three days a year without needing a subscription.

Look at the websites for further information. You will find out what to wear and what to expect.

Always contact the Hunt Secretary if you are planning to attend. Pony Club members pay a reduced cap of approx £25.00.

- The Surrey Union: <http://www.surreyunion.com>
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- Hursley Hambledon Hunt: www.hursleyhambledonhunt.com
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TROPHIES AWARDED AT ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING - 2023

TROPHY	PONY CLUB MEMBER
<u>MINI AWARDS</u>	
The Davies Cup: Mini Achievement	Ellie Wilson
The O'Hare Cup: Most Consistent Mini Member	Rosa Hood
The Briggs Cup: Most Improved Mini Member	Alivia Palmer
Chase Cup: Lead Rein Member	Wolfie Bennett
Tiddles Trophy: Mini member having most fun	Livy Puddick
<u>JUNIOR AWARDS</u>	
Cindy Cup: Pony approx 13.2hh & rider under 14 having most fun together	Amelia & Chloe Connolly Jack
Keeley Shield: Most supportive Junior in teams and general PC activities	Francesca Bracci
Stable Management Trophy	Sienna Scholes
<u>NOVICE AWARDS</u>	
Dream Cup: Member having fun and success at Novice Level	Lottie Inkin
Bushey Cup: Most improved Novice	Romeo Marengo
Priory Trophy: Novice level member taking part and competing across the disciplines	Oli Chant
Bluey Trophy: Most versatile pony approx 14.2hh	Hattie Biles Foxy
<u>SENIOR AWARDS</u>	
Jasper Cup: Horse (over 14.2hh) and rider making best progress through hard work, perseverance, and determination	Amelia Mitchell Jessie
Cockshott Cup: Most improved Senior	Freya Hood
Kemp Salver: Improvement on new horse/pony	Sofia Bracci Flora
Rolo Cup: Consistent and successful member rep Branch at high level	Alice Robinson
<u>DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC AWARDS</u>	
<u>MOUNTED GAMES</u>	
Sparrow Cup: Mounted Games Mini member	Ellie Wilson
Turner Cup: Mounted Games Senior Team Member	Isla Wilson
Sweet Sue Cup: Deserving member of Mounted Games Team	Silka Jones
<u>DRESSAGE</u>	
Mini Dressage Cup: Improvement and Achievement	Charlotte Haynes
Junior Dressage Trophy	Emma Chant Nando
Novice Dressage Cup: Improvement and achievement	Sofia Monk Bertie
Senior Dressage Cup: Improvement and achievement	Trinity Clement Charlie
<u>SHOWJUMPING</u>	
'Zola' Junior Showjumping Trophy	Alice Chant Bumble
Novice Showjumping Trophy	Orla McDonnell Dudley
Senior Showjumping Cup: Successfully rep Branch at a higher level	Elodie Ashby Rudd Elvis
<u>EVENTING</u>	
'Polo' Junior Eventing Trophy	Mia Daw Misty
'Condie Nelson' Novice Eventing Trophy	Hattie Biles Foxy
Cross Country Cup: Successfully rep Branch at a higher level	Alice Robinson Dougie
<u>TETRATHLON</u>	
Munchkin Tetrathlon Salver	Alec Legge
Tadpole Tetrathon Salver	Isla Wilson
Tetrathlon Trophy	Trinity Clement

PONY RACING	
Mrs Hurricane Cup: Racing	Bella Forster
GENERAL AWARDS - awarded to members at any level	
Smiley Cup: Always cheerful	Ottillie Brown
Doughty Cup: Good Pony Club Member	Finn Wildman
Hunting Cup	Flo Hood
Turnout Trophy	Rose & Kate Wildman
Ladybird Cup: Someone showing resilience	Izzy Cook
The Blackie Cup: horse/pony giving confidence	Emma Chant Dillon
Doyme Ditmus Cup: most committed new member	Niamh Lenane
Jefferey Cup: Consistent member	Poppy Turl
Shepherd Shield: Most versatile horse	Elodie Ashby Rudd Elvis
Horsemanship Trophy	Lola Daw
Bugsy Cup: Most supportive family	Gill & Trevor Plumbley
Secretary's Trophy: For support of Branch generally	Rosie Giraudet
DCs Cup: Always good member, joining in all activities; willing to help	Lindsay Kelly

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TEAM COLOURS - 2023

DRESSAGE	HORSE TRIALS	SHOWJUMPING	TETRATHLON
Ellie Carter	Amelia Connolly	Sophia Monk	Alice Chant
Emma Chant	Sophia Monk	Poppy Parkes	Charlotte Haynes
Alice Chant	Orla McDonnell	Ellie Tusz	Alec Legge
Charlotte Haynes			Sophia Monk
Alec Legge			Amelie Syred
Niamh Lenane			Isla Wilson
Sophia Monk			
Poppy Parkes			
Isla Wilson			

THE DOBSON & HORRELL PONY CLUB NATIONAL QUIZ 2024

The Pony Club Quiz is a chance for members to test their equestrian knowledge in a fun and friendly team environment.

In 2024 the Pony Club Quiz will be back to being in person and will be having a Mini Section and a Junior/Senior section.



Centres and Branches can enter teams into both sections at Area Qualifiers which will take place on Sunday 3 March 2024 – venue to be confirmed.

- Mini Section: Teams of four. Ages to be 10 years and under on 1 January of competition year, with one member to be 8 years and under.
- Junior/Senior Section: Teams of four. Must have two junior members (ages to be 13 years and under) and then two of any age up to 25.
- The competition comprises of a Mini and Junior/Senior competition. All teams can be made up with one member only who has also competed at another level in this year's competition provided they are eligible. Complete teams may not compete at more than one level.
- Mini questions to be based on the 'E', 'D' and easier parts of the 'D+' Efficiency Tests and Mini Badges.
- Junior/Senior questions to be based on the 'C', 'C+' and 'B' Efficiency Tests and Achievement Badges.
- Questions will be based on the new syllabuses.
- Format of questions will be mixed of activity rounds such as memory games/pictionary, guess what's in the bag, question/answer rounds and many more!
- Teams will move around the venue, each round will be on a different section of the quiz.

Highest place Centre and Branch teams from each section at Area Qualifiers will be invited to the Quiz Final.

If you would like to have a go, please contact Gill Ibbott. We will arrange some practice sessions.

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BLUE CROSS HORSE & PONY CARE COMPETITION

VOLUNTEERS FOR BLUE CROSS COMPETITION NEEDED



Are there any members who enjoy testing their knowledge? We need volunteers for this practical Quiz (unmounted) to pit their wits against other Area 13 teams.

Minis: Questions to be based on the Care section of the 'E', 'D' and easier parts of the 'D+' Efficiency Test cards and Mini Horsemanship Achievement Badges. At the Championships a small number of questions will cover all of the 'D+' syllabus.

Juniors: Questions to be based on the Care section of the 'D', 'D+', 'C' and easier parts of the 'C+' Efficiency Test cards and Horsemanship Achievement Badges. At the Championships a small number of questions will cover Advances Achievement Badges and all of the 'C+' syllabus.

Seniors: Questions to be based on the Care section of the 'C+', 'B' and 'AH' Efficiency Test cards. Questions at AH Test level should be used sparingly as not all Branches/Centres will have 'AH' Test level competitors.

Teams make their way around different 'stations', each of which will comprise of a different theory or practical based topic. Ten minutes are spent at each 'station', during which time Members are asked a series of questions to be marked by the Assessor.

Points will be allocated per section, as well as for the manner in which Teams approach the competition. One round will be chosen, at random, as the 'tie-breaker'. In the event of a tie, the Team with the highest score in that particular round will be declared the winners.

The Area 13 Qualifiers are on Tuesday 28 May – venue to be confirmed. The winners compete at the final at The Pony Club Championships in August.

If you need any further information, give me a ring or email, you can look up sample questions on the Pony Club Website: <https://pcuk.org/members/non-ridden-competitions/blue-cross-horse-pony-care/>

We will arrange some practice sessions for anyone interested.

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'D' and 'D+' TESTS | MINI ROAD RIDER & ROAD RIDER ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

The Pony Club Training structure encourages members to take Tests which enable them to learn progressively about horse and pony care and riding. The Tests are taken at recommended ages and begin with 'E' Test, Mini Road Rider Achievement Badge and 'D' Test. We feel these Tests are an important step on your horse owning ladder and can ultimately qualify you for a career in horses. We subsidise the costs of training and Tests with monies raised from competitions as part of encouraging all members to learn about horsemanship.

These are suitable for all members who have not yet taken any Tests, it would also be useful for you to attend the Stable Management Rallies to prepare you for the care questions. The Tests are all oral and practical and take place in small groups.

The Mini Road Rider Achievement Badge will be held via Zoom for both parts with Alex Van Randwyck on **Tuesday 23 January**.

The Road Rider Achievement Badge **Theory** part will also be held via Zoom with Alex on **Thursday 25 January**. The riding part will be held at the Multi Activity Day on **Saturday 2 March** at Priory Equestrian.

The Mini Road Rider Achievement Badge is a pre-requisite before taking 'D' Test and the Road Rider Achievement Badge is a pre-requisite before taking 'C' Test.

'D' and 'D+' training and Tests will also be held on **Saturday 2 March** at the Multi Activity Day at Priory Equestrian. You will need to be 8 years old to take 'D' Test and 10 years old to take 'D+'.

[New 'D' Test syllabus 2023](#)

[New 'D+' syllabus 2023](#)

The Tests are ridden, and you will need your pony. The cost will be £15.00 to include all training and the Tests.

All bookings to be made online.

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PREPARATION FOR 'C' TEST - UNMOUNTED

This is for those of you who are thinking of taking your 'C' Test this April. The 'C' Test follows 'D+' and covers basic care of a pony at grass, tack care and fitting, rugs, correct grooming, travelling and loading, shoeing and first aid. Please note there is a new syllabus for this Test: [New 'C' Test 2023](#)

We are planning to have a 'C' Test ride at Easter Clinics; further details will be emailed early January.

You need to have your 'D+' and Road Rider Achievement Badge or be planning to take them in the spring. You will need to be 11 years minimum.

These are unmounted sessions to go over the pony care requirements of the Test. They are designed to help you feel more comfortable answering questions and practice your knowledge.

They will take place at Whispering Pines, Winchester Road, Rushmoor, Farnham, GU10 2EG – bookings to be made online.

5.30 pm – 7.00 pm

- Friday 19 January
- Friday 16 February
- Friday 23 February
- Friday 8 March
- Friday 29 March



Cost: £5.00 per session which has been subsidised by Petersfield Pony Club.

Please contact **Gill Ibbott** | 07930 545450 | petersfielddc@gmail.com for any further information.



PREPARATION FOR 'C+' TEST - UNMOUNTED

This is for those of you who are thinking of taking your 'C+' Test this April. The 'C+' Test follows 'C' and covers care, feeding and work of a pony stabled and at grass, tack care, bits and fitting, rugs, correct grooming, travelling and loading, shoeing, health and first aid.

Link to 'C+' syllabus ['C+' Test](#)

We are planning to have a 'C+' Test ride at Easter Clinics; further details will be emailed early January.

You need to have your 'C' and Road Rider Achievement Badge. You will need to be 13 years minimum.

These are unmounted sessions to go over the pony care requirements of the Test. They are designed to help you feel more comfortable answering questions and practice your knowledge.

The 'C+' Care and Riding Tests allow direct entry to the British Horse Society Stage 2 Qualifications

They will take place at Honeysuckle Cottage, Winchester Road, Rushmoor, Farnham, GU10 2EG – bookings to be made online.

5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

- Thursday 25 January
- Thursday 29 February
- Thursday 28 March



Cost: £5.00 per session which has been subsidised by Petersfield Pony Club.

Please contact **Gill Ibbott** | 07930 545450 | petersfielddc@gmail.com for any further information.

JUNIOR CAMP 2024

SAVE THE DATE

We are excited to confirm that **Junior Camp 2024** will be held at Fair Oak Cross Country in Rogate from **Monday 5 - Friday 9 August 2024**.

Junior Camp is aimed at riders up to 13 years, but it is very much open to all and will cater for any ability. Riders will have 4 days of age and capability appropriate flatwork, showjumping and cross country tuition alongside stable management and other fun activities. A friendly competition is held on the last day where our riders and ponies can show off what they have learnt and improved on during the week. The week will culminate in a musical ride display from each ride for parents, families and supporters to enjoy.

So, with our venue and brilliant instructors booked, please save the dates in your diary and we will let you know as soon as we open the bookings.

Rebecca Chant & Natasha Palmer



SENIOR CAMP 2024

SAVE THE DATE

Senior Camp 2024 | Monday 26 – Friday 30 August 2024
Boomerang Stables, Chilton Foliat, nr Hungerford, Berkshire
<http://boomerangstables.co.uk/>

We are delighted to be returning to Boomerang again in 2024 for our residential Senior Camp. It is a wonderful venue which is regularly used by the world's top event riders but equally has jumps to cater for everyone.

Senior Camp is suitable for those happy and competent to ride in open spaces and in company and able to look after their pony, although we do have Troop leaders and Yard Managers on hand to help. There is no minimum jumping requirement for Senior Camp. Members also need to be happy to stay away from home.

For these reasons the recommended age group is 12 years and over (with no upper age limit) and you should ideally have attended a number of Pony Club Rallies or Trainings so that we are aware of your level and experience. (We will consider 11 year olds who have been to Junior Camp a number of times, on individual merit, depending on space – please get in touch to discuss)

Booking information will be in the Spring Newsletter so this is just to give you advance information while details are being finalised. Prices for 2024 are not yet finalised but for budgeting purposes we would expect the costs of Senior Camp to be around £400.00.

If you have any queries or would like a chat about what Camp involves, please don't hesitate to contact one of the team.

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Jan Witherington

MY FIRST JUNIOR CAMP . . .

. . . LUCY ADAMS

This was my first summer at Junior Camp, on my first ever horse who I'd only owned for just over a year, so I was totally new to the whole concept, including the Pony Club itself.

Yet I couldn't have been more welcomed, the week was definitely one to remember. I had so much fun with my friends, as well as a cross country, showjumping and flatwork lesson every day. Each lesson was taken by the same amazing instructor who gets to know you and your horse individually over the week. I learnt so much from these lessons with more knowledge than ever to take away.

As well as the riding lessons there were different activities throughout the week such as a saddle fitter, equine physio and vet coming to demonstrate how they work and the amazing work they do. A highlight of the week was when hound puppies came for a visit, as everyone got plenty of puppy cuddles.

At the end of the week there was a relaxed competition in showjumping and cross country, of which you would have already discussed and planned with your group, followed by a dress up musical ride where I went as 'Jasmine' and I dressed my horse (Meg) up as her tiger.

We ended the week with a prize giving where I joint won Best Turned out in my group and was awarded the most Improved Rider of my group, given with goodie bags full of surprises it was certainly the cherry on top to an amazing week.



MY FIRST JUNIOR CAMP . . .

. . . LUCIE GOODE

My first time at Pony Club was super fun. I enjoyed doing everything and made lots of friends.

I also learnt new things and made me feel more confident while riding.



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MY FIRST JUNIOR CAMP . . .

. . . HONOR PORTER

This year was my first year doing Junior Camp; it was actually my first time doing any kind of Camp or Rally on my pony Polly.

When my Mum told me I was going to do Junior Camp I was very excited. I couldn't wait to do the cross country and wanted to meet some new horsey friends.

We got up really early on the first day to get Polly ready. I was really nervous but also super excited. Polly had no idea what she was going to be getting up to in the week and nor did I. We arrived in plenty of time to finish plaiting up and to get ready. My Mum and I did not know what we were meant to do or where we were meant to go but Natasha and Rebecca were really helpful introducing us to everyone, showing us where everything was and where we needed to go.

I was still a little bit scared about meeting my instructor and the other children in my group, but I did not need to be. Kate was the absolute best and Wolfie on Princess made us all giggle and became like our group mascot. Lunch times with my new friends were also really fun, picnicking with Clemmie, Xanthe and Lucy and jumping the cross country jumps on foot when we had finished.

One day we got to meet the hound puppies - they were crazy cute, we also saw a demonstration of horseball which I never knew was an actual international sport a bit like netball x hockey on horseback, it was really impressive.

I learnt so much that week. I still have Kate shouting "Honor remember your straight line" running through my head when I canter Polly into a jump - the musical ride was hilarious.

I now love, love, love cross country and I cannot wait for Junior Camp next year.



MY FIRST SENIOR CAMP . . .

. . . OTTILIE BROWN

This year was my first time going to Senior Camp with my new pony Mai; it was an amazing week and I can't wait to go again!

We arrived at Boomerang and settled into our new home for the week. It was so nice for the ponies having lots of company, and a nearby grazing area for after rides, which Mai loved!

We spent the afternoon getting to know our instructor and group; in the evening we finished with a troop quiz.

Each morning, we got up early to feed all the ponies at the same time, and make the yard look super clean for inspection by mucking out and sweeping the ponies stables.

During the showjumping sessions we had loads of fun practising square turns and straightness over the very spooky fillers. Mai and I definitely improved over the course of the week, and I learnt loads to practise on after Camp.

Cross country sessions were definitely one of our highlights with loads of different types of jumps to try out and put together in a course. Mai flew over them all.

I had loads of fun during the riding sessions and also afterwards with friends in the evenings and I would definitely recommend Camp to anyone who is thinking about going next year.



MY FIRST SENIOR CAMP . . .

. . . OLI CHANT

This year was my first time going to Senior Camp and I was very nervous, not so much about the riding but about having to tack up and look after Bumble by myself and what we would do when we weren't riding.

But as soon as I got there, I knew that it was going to be a great week. I had a brilliant stable troupe with 5 other members. It felt like being part of a team and we all helped each other out during the week, especially when I needed to plait Bumble!

I had Shelly as my instructor who I really liked and each day we did dressage, showjumping and cross country sessions. I loved the cross country sessions most because Bumble and I hadn't done much cross country before and the jumps at Boomerang are quite different and varied so it was a great experience for us. I also enjoyed our flatwork sessions - in one we used balls and bands to improve our balance, it was really interesting and very funny!

Although I had expected to have fun riding during the week, I hadn't realised how much other fun I would have. I made a lot of new friends and really enjoyed the time we had hanging out together in the evenings and during our breaks.

I loved my first Senior Camp; I learnt a lot but had loads of fun at the same time. I am really looking forward to going again next year.



MY FIRST SENIOR CAMP . . .

. . . AMELIA CONNOLLY

When I arrived at Senior Camp, I saw all my friends. We all caught up with each other and had a laugh whilst getting our horses settled down into their stables and getting ourselves into our tents. I already knew I was going to have an incredible week!

In the afternoon, we had our first lesson as a group. I was in a great group with all my friends, which was great! I had a great instructor who really helped me throughout the week.

That evening we had dinner and did a Quiz in our Troupes, which was lots of fun.

Over the next few days, we all had so much fun, doing lots of riding on the incredible cross country course, which was amazing, and did lots of showjumping and Pole-work in the two outdoor arenas.

We got to experience loads of new jumps in the showjumping, and on the cross country course.

My group was great, and we had a lot of fun in our lessons with our instructor - Shelly.

On the last day - the competition day - we all had lots of fun! There was no pressure which was really nice. We had such a fun time getting our horses ready for the competition, and all helped clean the greys, and help plait each other's horses!

Overall, Senior Camp was an incredible experience where I made so many memories with my friends, learnt a lot and I can't wait to go again next year!



This year I attended my first Senior Camp at Boomerang and it did not disappoint!

I was a little apprehensive at first having never done a stay away before. I was worried Eddie wouldn't settle but he took to it really well. Everyone was so friendly and supportive.

I was with Laura for the week, and we were straight out on the cross country course on the first day which had its ups and downs but gave me something to improve on through the week.

The routine works really well with the ponies, and it reassured me to see Eddie so settled in his stable. The evenings were super fun hanging out with all my friends. There was lots to do to entertain us and the food was great.

The facilities at Boomerang are impressive and there are some amazing jumps on the cross country which you don't normally come across – bananas, dynamite, dragons etc! The week builds up to the final competition day which was fun.

Overall, the week was super fun but very tiring – I slept all the way home in the car! Eddie enjoyed a few days rest in his field too.



DRESSAGE REPORT

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PPC were proud to have a team to put forward for the Walk and Trot Test 2022 at the Chiddingfold Pony Club Winter Dressage and Area 13 Winter Dressage League event on Sunday 19 November 2023.

The team was made up of Alivia Palmer on Trefriw Golden Flute, Charlotte Haynes on Aggie A La Folie, Isla Wilson on Chocolate Bon Bon and Alice Chant on Bumble.

What was most notable about this event was how the team was so very supportive of each other. The team secured 6th place after riding some lovely tests in what was a very close competition with a large entry. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Dressage Rally Dates:

- Tues 19 Dec | Oakhanger Farm
- Sat 27 Jan | Oakhanger Farm

So, whether you are keen to get involved and be part of a team or are an experienced dressage rider please do try and attend these rallies and support the PPC at events such as this!



ARENA EVENTING

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The Arena Eventing season is just kicking off!

We have already had an Arena Eventing Rally at Wellington Riding in November. Unfortunately, the one at Castle Copse on 2 December was cancelled due to weather conditions.

Future dates:

- Sat 20 Jan Brendon Pyecombe, Pyecombe
- Sun 4 Feb All England Jumping Courses, Hickstead

Competitions are also held at Coombelands Equestrian, Pulborough, Brendon Pyecombe, Pyecombe and GW Equine, Liss.

HORSE TRIALS

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The Horse Trial season starts in March 2024, so make the most of all the dressage and showjumping rallies we have arranged to brush up your skills.

The Area and Grassroots Qualifiers will be in July for PC70, PC80, PC90, PC100 and PC110; let me know if you would like to be considered for the teams.

Pony Club Events

- **Sun 21 Apr** **PPC Open Hunter Trials Fair Oak Cross Country**
- Sun 28 Apr ODE Bisley and Sandown Chase
- **Sun 2 Jun** **PPC Open ODE, Coomelands Equestrian**
- Sun 9 June ODE Chiddingfold



MOUNTED GAMES

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Mounted Games Rallies will continue at the MAD's this winter.

Additional Rally sessions may be added according to demand and hopefully so we can have teams at the **Area 13 Prince Philip Cup Qualifiers on Sunday 19 May 2024.**

Mounted Games is a team sport that combines a love of ponies and friends with various races. Teams of four or five riders and ponies take part in a series of exciting and exhilarating races at all levels.

Often run on grass or all-weather surfaces. Mounted Games is an adaptation of Gymkhana and is great fun for you, your pony and your team. You can develop skills such as improving accuracy, agility, concentration, speed, hand to eye coordination, teamwork and sportsmanship whilst having lots of fun playing some imaginative games.

All ponies and riders are welcome to have a go from beginner to more experienced, there is room for everyone. It's a lot of fun and there are many friendly competitions to practice your skills.

If you would like to be notified of these additional rallies, please contact Penny Ibbott on penny.ibbott.15@gmail.com she will add you to the WhatsApp group.



POLOCROSSE

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Check out the website: www.pcuk.org/index.php/disciplines/polocrosse/
Polocrosse provides the Pony Club with a team competition requiring courage, determination and all-round riding ability on the part of the rider and careful and systematic training of the pony.



It encourages a higher standard of riding through the Pony Club and to stimulate among the future generation a greater interest in riding as a sport and as a recreation. It is suitable for ordinary children on ordinary ponies and encourages a strong and unselfish team spirit.



PONY RACING

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All fixtures, entry details and results can be found: www.pcuk.org/index.php/disciplines/racing/

Why Pony Racing?

Pony racing mirrors the Horse Racing you see on the television. Held on licenced racecourses across the UK (such as Ascot and Cheltenham), pony racing allows Pony Club members to experience the thrill and experience of racing - but on ponies!

Members wishing to give Pony Racing a go must be aged 9 years on 1 January (in the current calendar year) and can race up until the day of their 17th birthday.

The ponies taking part must be aged between 5 and 20 years old and be fit and sound to race. They must also measure no more than 148cm.

The Pony Club works closely with The Pony Racing Authority (PRA), pony racing's governing body, to provide young people with opportunities to race in point-to-point and the Racecourse Series.

It's great fun for the children and adults.

Again, please contact Nicola as above if you would like to know anything and she would be more than happy to help.



SHOWJUMPING REPORT

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Mini Championships | Sunday 24 September | Dunstall Green

This year we had Alivia Palmer on Trefriw Golden Flute, Emma Chant on Dillon and Alice Chant on Skye compete as a PPC team in the 60cm class at the Southern Mini Championships held at Dunstall Green on Sunday 24 September 2023.

It was a very large and tough competition, and everyone rode brilliantly. With only 3 members in the team, everyone's score counted, and it was a real accomplishment for the team to secure 4th place. A special mention to Alivia Palmer who jumped two beautiful clears and placed 5th individually too. Well done girls!

In the 50cm Verity Hall and Joey were placed 1st and Emma Chant on Dillon 8th - well done both!



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Meon Riding Club | Saturday 18 November | Crofton Manor Equestrian Centre

We had a couple of teams and some individuals representing PPC at Meon Riding Club's Showjumping Event at Crofton Manor Equestrian Centre in November.

Our team in the 60cm was made up of Alivia Palmer | Trefriw Golden Flute, Silka Jones | Jula Tippy Toes, Emma Chant | Dillon and Alice Chant | Bryngwennol Festival. As we all know, even the best can have a bad day and with Goldie and Tippy deciding not to play ball they were sadly eliminated. Alice also had a sat nav error and incurred 4 faults with Emma and Dillon jumping a lovely clear to end up being placed **2nd** individually. Everyone rode brilliantly, and it was great to see a real team spirit among the riders and I am sure we will have better luck next time!

PPC also had a team in the 70cm. Oliver Chant | Rio jumped double clear placing **3rd** individually. Although he then went on to have one pole down on Dillon, Alice Chant | Bryngwennol Festival went on very confidently to **WIN** the class securing the PPC team **2nd** place! And yes, for those that have noticed Alice was very happy to have finally beaten her brother!!!!

Although they were one member down and not able to make a team, Oliver Chant | Ashwey Patchwork put in a great performance to be placed **1st** in the 90cm. In the last event of the day, Oliver and Patch retained their 1.05m title from last year. Well done!



Chiddingfold Pony Club | Sunday 15 October | Churcher's College, Petersfield

Class 2B: Junior Girls Triathlon

1st Trinity Clement

The Area 13 Triathlon Qualifiers will be held on Sunday 18 February at Brockhurst School, Hermitage.

If you would like any more information about tetrathlon and shooting practices in particular, please contact Lorraine Robinson.

