

PROFILE ON PAST PETERSFIELD PONY CLUB MEMBER

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I joined Petersfield Pony Club on 14 October 2011 with my 11.2hh Welsh A pony called Monty. I knew straight away that showjumping was what I wanted to do, and when I could jump big enough to join an Elaine Wilson Rally, I became obsessed!

A few ponies later and I started getting more serious with a 13hh Welsh C called Archie. He was a great all-rounder, and we were lucky enough to represent Petersfield in eventing, showjumping, dressage, tetrathlon and even mounted games! Archie was happiest showjumping and as a partnership we qualified for Regional and National Pony Club Championships, as individuals and as part of the team. Together we started NSEA showjumping and arena eventing, and British Showjumping.

I returned to Pony Club Champs a few years later on my first horse called Commitment (stable name Nibbles). Nibs taught me quickly and whilst riding him at a BS Academy lesson I was offered a place on a Training Pathway with British Showjumping. Things moved quite quickly, and I was training up to three times a week with the academy coach. Nibbles gave me a taste for jumping bigger, however he was more comfortable at 120cm so a second horse and quickly a third horse were purchased. Buddy and Indigo joined Nibs and we started jumping at international shows and abroad. Unfortunately, a freak accident meant Buddy had to have a year off and Indigo stepped up to be my main horse.



Indigo and I were selected to jump for GB in 2022 in Austria. This was an incredible experience, and she jumped her socks off for me. The team placed 5th, and I was in the top 25 in the final Grand Prix.

Sadly, more bad luck and Indi sustained a career-ending soft tissue injury. She is now living her best life as a mummy, with her first foal due any day now! Buddy came back to fitness and has jumped some super tracks. We have qualified for BS Nationals at 130cm, and I am reluctant to jump him any bigger than this due to old injury.



I now also have Milly to jump the bigger tracks on and we have just finished a few weeks at the Sunshine Tour in Vejer de la Frontera, Spain. We have competed up to 145cm and will aim for a Nations Cup Team in future years.

I now have 6 horses in total! Buddy, Milly, Indigo, Nibbles, plus Billy who I backed last year as a 4-year-old, and Bella who is older to gain ring experience on.

PPC introduced me to all the disciplines and taught me how to look after my pony properly. I made the best friends, and camps were always the highlight of my year. We had excellent instructors who shared their passion and enthusiasm.

Now is a good time to thank everyone involved – all the volunteers, parents and Committee Members who made it all possible, and made Pony Club days the best!

