

GOOD BYE TO PETERSFIELD BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB

I joined Petersfield Branch of the Pony Club in February 1997 on my now 20 year old pony Condie Nelson, aged 10.

During this time I took my Pony Club D Test through to B Test and BHS Riding & Road Safety.

Nelson took me through Mini Horse Trials to British Eventing Intro level competing in many successful Pony Club Horse Trials teams. We were also on many successful dressage teams, culminating while he was on loan to Sophie Hopkins with them taking part in the Intermediate Dressage teams at the Pony Club Championships in 2007.

Petersfield Pony Club gave me the initiative to enable me to compete with British Eventing on my horse Bantry Parks Ransom to Novice level, but also again in many horse trials and dressage teams; at the Pony Club Championships in 2007 in the Open Dressage Teams where the team came 9th, but particularly in the past 2 years where we have qualified for the Dengie Winter Dressage Championships coming 5th in 2010 and 10th in 2011 in my arenas.

I have had an amazing 14 years with Petersfield Pony Club - sadly this is my final year! A huge thank you must be given to the District Commissioners over those years, but particularly a BIG THANK to you Sandie and Annette over the past 3 years.

I will miss their support and also the camaraderie of Petersfield Pony Club; I am very sorry not to be able to say my 'good byes' in person tonight.

Laura Gordon, Nelson and Ransom

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAURA GORDON

Laura Gordon, daughter of Julie, was a member of Petersfield Pony Club for many years until she reached the age of 25. She is now a member of Horsham and District Riding Club and she and Julie spend many weekends out at competitions. (although I don't really know how Julie finds time given everything she does for Petersfield Pony Club!)

Laura and her two horses (Condie Nelson and Bantry Parks Ransom) travelled to the British Riding Clubs National Championships at the Lincoln Show Ground held on Saturday and Sunday 7/8 September, having qualified at the Area Qualifiers in July at Rackham.

Horsham & District Riding Club won 1st place in the Senior Riding Test Teams :
Laura & Nelson 3rd individually in their arena, 1st place Open Dressage Teams :

Nelson

Laura & Ransom 3rd individual in Elementary and FINALLY, in the Medium Test Laura & Ransom were 3rd individual. Laura won two beautiful NAF Thermatex rugs, Two sashes and loads of NAF vouchers and rosettes, PLUS two lovely trophies.

Congratulations Laura!

(and thanks to Julie and Laura who made the 5½ hour journey back from Lincoln on Saturday evening in order to be back to judge the Working Hunter classes at our Annual Show!)

Kate Inskip

