



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2026

Dear Members and Parents

We are sure that you and your ponies are enjoying the slightly cooler weather after such a baking hot summer. We also hope that you managed to get out and about over the summer in spite of the hard ground.

It has been a busy spring and summer for Petersfield Pony Club, all our organisers and helpers, and our members who have been out and about gaining experience and having successes.

In April we ran our Hunter Trials at Fair Oak Cross Country ably organised by Gill Ibbott and Rosie Giraudet – this event is always a lovely start to the Spring season and enables members to show off all the skills that they have practised at the Easter Clinics at Stockbridge Farm, which were this year very well organised by Jenny Wilson.

The summer holidays began with Junior Camp running at Fair Oak Cross Country for the fourth time but run by an excellent new team of Karen Halsey, Cassie Puddick and Jennifer Thomas. Last year's Junior Camp team of Natasha Palmer and Rebecca Chant, whose children were moving up, were joined by Jenny Wilson and Beth Hood to run Senior Camp. It moved to an excellent new venue, Wheatlands Farm. Thank you to both Junior and Senior Camp organisers for the huge amount of work that goes into providing this highlight of the year for so

many members. Dates for both Junior and Senior Camp 2027 are now booked and in this Newsletter – so get these in your calendar before you book your summer holidays!

The traditional end of our summer season is always the Annual Show at Chase Farm. This ended up being a great success, in spite of initial low entries. Thank you to Rosie Giraudet, Julie Gordon and Lindsay Kelly for organising the Show and to all those who helped.

Without our Sponsors we wouldn't be able to run some of our events and it is their support that enables us to raise vital funds for the Branch through our events to help subsidise Training, Tests and other activities. Huge thanks to our sponsors who are all recognised through ads in the Newsletters. Please use these businesses when you can and please mention PPC so that they see the value of their continued sponsorship in raising awareness.

Over the summer we were proud to have members attending Regional and National Championships – we know how much hard work this involves to qualify and then for members and parents to get to the Championships and compete in such a 'big' atmosphere and we are delighted that you made that big effort. We also got a wild ticket to Zones Mounted Games and a mixed team of

Chiddingfold and Petersfield travelled to Wiltshire to represent us and enjoy a fun day out. More on this in individual discipline reports inside the Newsletter.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Rallies, Trainings and Multi Activity Days over the autumn and winter. Please try to attend as we have already committed to venue costs which become very expensive it not enough members come along.

We are also looking forward very much to our Annual Party and Prize Giving on Friday 13 November at The Forest Community Centre (details with the Newsletter). As usual please let Julie know if you are attending via EntryMaster so we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes and please bring raffle prizes and any second-hand kit you would like to sell. As in recent years this is a free event, and a light supper is provided. A pay bar is available throughout the evening.

Gill and Kate



***Welcome to the following
new members:***

***Lara Fox
Renesmai Keet
Ruth McArthur
Esmé Wheeler***

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.

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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.

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ENTRYMASTER

<https://petersfieldpc.entrymaster.online/>

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, jodhpurs, 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.

PARENTS & MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:
STIRRUPS

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.

If you go to a Pony Club competition with incorrect size stirrups, you may not be allowed to take part.



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Hosted by 'Dressage Anywhere', The Pony Club Dressage Championship gives the opportunity to all Branch or Centre members to compete from home or from their own yard or field by videoing their test. Please visit the 'Dressage Anywhere' website for more information:

<http://www.dressageanywhere.com/>



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.

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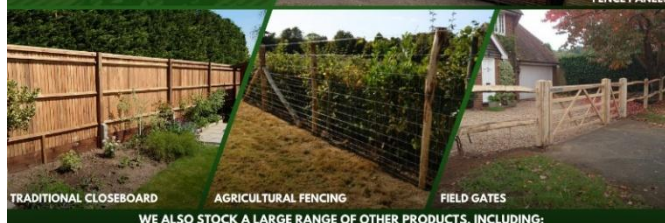
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If an event is cancelled for any reason, it will say so on Petersfield Pony Club's Home Page of the website as well as on our Facebook Group.

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

BRANCH COMPETITION DATES 2027

- Sun 21 Feb Open Dressage Show, Priory Equestrian, Frensham
- Sun 18 Apr Open Hunter Trials, Fair Oak Cross Country, Rogate
- Sun 4 July Open Horse Trials, inc Area Quals, Sparright Equestrian, Rackham
- Sun 5 Sept Open Annual Show, Chase Farm

MULTI ACTIVITY DAYS 2026/2027

- Mon 26 Oct Merrist Wood Arena, Worplesdon
- Sun 22 Nov Priory Equestrian, Frensham
- Tues 22 Dec Priory Equestrian, Frensham
- Sun 31 Jan Priory Equestrian, Frensham
- Mon 15 Feb Parwood Equestrian, Normandy
- Sat 20 Mar Priory Equestrian, Frensham

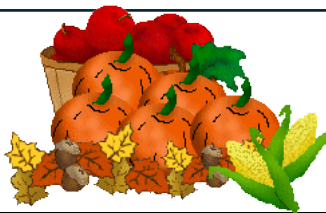


EASTER CLINICS 2027

- Mon 5-Tues 6 Apr Stockbridge Farm, Tilford

CAMPS 2027

- Mon 26 – Thurs 29 Jul Senior Camp, Wheatlands Farm, Finchampstead
- Mon 2 – Fri 6 Aug Junior Camp, Fair Oak Cross Country, Rogate



TEST & ACHIEVEMENT BADGES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

'C' Test

Mariella Gutsell-Lacey, Martha Ogden, Xanthe Thomas

Spurs Test

Alice Chant, Alivia Palmer, Rebecca Puddick

MAIN ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

'Care & Working of a Pony at Grass'

Sophie Baldwin, Millie Fox, Lara Fox, Honor Frisby, Helena Halsey, Rosa Hood, Renesmai Keet, Peaches Moorhouse, Martha Ogden, Liv Puddick, Georgia Scholes, Evie Scorer, Immy Tivers, Xanthe Thomas, Clemmie Thomas, Ellie Wilson

'Field Safety'

Lara Fox, Honor Frisby, Helena Halsey, Renesmai Keet, Liv Puddick, Georgia Scholes, Immy Tivers, Clemmie Thomas, Ellie Wilson, Cordelia Wilson



MINI ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

'Equipment Safety'

Wolfie Bennett, Winnie Bennett, Sophia Evans, Max Evans, Elsie Fletcher, Fred Fletcher, Ettie Flett, Dottie Flett, Raya Harris-Manro, Esmé Wheeler

'Plaiting'

Sophia Evans, Renesmai Keet

'Rider Safety'

Winnie Bennett, Sophia Evans, Max Evans, Elsie Fletcher, Fred Fletcher, Raya Harris-Manro, Esmé Wheeler





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MEMBERS ONLINE ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES

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

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HUNTING | 2026/27

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.

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STABLE MANAGEMENT RALLIES

Jenny Wilson: 07810 434488 | equinephysio@live.com

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Come along and join us for Unmounted Rallies held 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm on Mondays once a month at Whiteways End Cottage, Seale GU10 1JX with Lottie Flett.

Lottie covers two Achievement Badges every session. Mini Badges for younger members. Main Badges for the older members. Lots of fun had by all!

Do get in touch with Jenny Wilson 07810 434488 or email Julie petersfield@pcuk.org to be added to the Stable Management WhatsApp group.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- Monday 5 Oct
- Monday 2 Nov
- Monday 7 Dec

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- Tuesday 13 Oct
- Tuesday 10 Nov
- Tuesday 15 Dec

Any questions please contact Gill Ibbott | 07930 545450 or petersfielddc@gmail.com

HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW 2026

Horse of the Year Show at NEC, Birmingham | Wed 7 – Sun 11 October

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MINI & LEAD REIN RALLIES DRESSAGE LEAGUE

Suzy Harrison: 01420 538443 | suzy21790@gmail.com

For Petersfield members who are on or just off the lead rein, about 9 years old or under.

We have 5 dates booked for the autumn and winter. They are all on the same dates as the main Dressage League. They will be fun Flatwork Rallies of about 45 mins with either Lottie Flett or Penny Ibbott.

After the Rally everyone will have the chance to ride a Mini Dressage Test.

There are two new Mini Tests, one is Walk and Trot (with some extra challenges 😊) and the other includes canter.

Carrots 🥕 and chocolate for all the ponies and riders who have a go at the Test.

Rosettes will be awarded after the five dates. Your best three results will count towards the final placings and rosettes.

The first Rally date is Saturday 17 October. Enter on Entrymaster.

The schedules and Mini Dressage Tests have been emailed are on Entrymaster too.

See you all there!

Suzy

PETERSFIELD PONY CLUB AUTUMN/WINTER DRESSAGE LEAGUE 2026/2027

Suzy Harrison: 01420 538443 | suzy21790@gmail.com

It's almost Dressage League time again! 🎉

After the hot dry summer this year it's looking likely to be a wet winter, so the indoor school at Priory Equestrian will be a perfect spot to head to escape the rain!

We have five League dates booked at Priory. The dates and the schedule can be found on Entrymaster.

All the Tests are new 2026 Tests. They are available to see on the Pony Club website. Let me know if you need help finding them.

The League is open to all ages and abilities. All Tests can be called, and you can have support in the arena if you need it.

No need to plait ponies (unless you'd like to). All ponies get a carrot after their Test and there will be treats for the riders.

This League is only open to Petersfield members. It's perfect to build confidence in riders and ponies new to Dressage. It's also a good practice opportunity for the more experienced to prepare for the spring season.

We have a lovely judge booked, everyone is friendly and there's no pressure. Come and join in 😊

Rosettes will be awarded after the five dates are completed. Your best three results will be combined to decide the final League placings and rosettes.

Enter either date in October to be automatically entered into the Halloween Hocus Pocus as well.

Details are on the schedule.

See you on Saturday 17 October!

Suzy

REPORT ON JUNIOR CAMP 2026

Junior Camp 2026 was held at Fair Oak Cross Country in Rogate, we are so fortunate to be able to utilise this wonderful venue.



We were all mindful of the lack of rainfall this year, but our instructors took great care of both the ponies and their riders.

There were five fabulous groups where new friendships were formed, existing ones strengthened and true teamwork exhibited.

During the week there were sessions of flatwork, showjumping and cross country mixed up with some mounted games, and not forgetting the children

had lots of fun taking their ponies through the river to cool off.

Stable management badges were achieved, and the instructor games afternoon where limbo records were broken, was a lot of fun!

It was also wonderful to see several older members (who not so long ago were at Junior Camp), turn up and slot into 'helper roles'.

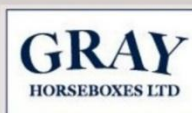
We are already looking forward to another week of making memories in 2027.



Save the date | Junior Camp 2027 will run from Monday 2 – Friday 6 August at Fair Oak Cross Country, Rogate.

Cassie Puddick, Jennifer Thomas, Karen Halsey





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MY FIRST JUNIOR CAMP . . .

. . . HONOR FRISBY

I was so excited when I got told the news that I was going to Junior Camp.

I had already met some of my friends at Pony Club Easter Clinic which was so fun as well, and I was excited to spend the week with them and other new friends.

Everyone was so welcoming and my pony and I had so much fun, we loved Fair Oak and Riley jumped his first cross country jumps ever and we even got first place in cross country! I was so happy.

Our instructor for the week was really supportive and encouraging and I loved all the lessons especially cross country and learnt so much.

Another highlight was the ice cream van on the last day!

I will definitely be coming again next year!



MY FIRST JUNIOR CAMP . . .

. . . LARA FOX

This year was my first time at Pony Club Camp; it was so fun!

We did so many activities and everyone was so welcoming. I thought I would make no friends and be lonely all Camp little did I know everyone in my group became my friend.

My instructor was called Annie, and she was the most welcoming of all, she was also amazingly fit, and she ran round the cross country and showjumping courses to help us all get round without ever getting out of breath. We did so much riding, it was awesome!

Here is what we did: cross country (which I was nervous for because I had only done two sessions before but I ended up super confident), showjumping (which was my favourite because it was super fun and my pony Nando was being really good at it), musical ride (which was also fun choosing a theme, choosing music, and making up a dance on my pony) and grid work (which was super fun and good for your balance because we were mostly doing a triple with NO HANDS!).

One of the most memorable activities was the hounds they were cute. We went round on a walk while the master of the hounds told us their names, where they were kept and so on. We asked lots of questions.

Of course, we can't forget the unmounted games they were so fun, competitive and made me laugh especially on the apple bobbing.

Another highlight I have not mentioned yet was actually lunch, sitting in a friend's horse box, chatting, laughing and trading snacks was a good time to bond.

Last but not least, was the competition but it was not a serious one, just practice and a laugh; the best part was dressing up Nando to the theme of Trolls for my musical ride.

Of course, it was followed by Prize Giving no one went home without a rosette (unless you lost it) and I got Most Improved Rider in my group, everyone loved the ice cream van after.



Lara age 10

Senior Camp 2026 – New Faces, a New Venue and Very Clean Plates!

This year's Senior Camp brought plenty of change, with a new organising team, a new venue at Wheatlands Farm and lots of new faces joining us from Junior Camp.

It was wonderful to welcome so many members to their first Senior Camp – as well as some old hands and hooves who knew the form and had been to Camp many times before. It was great to see everyone quickly settling in, making new friends and throwing themselves into Camp life. Wheatlands Farm proved to be a fantastic setting, giving riders and ponies the opportunity to learn, develop their confidence and – most importantly – have a great deal of fun together.



The facilities at Wheatlands were a real highlight. After such a dry summer, having access to two surfaced arenas was a huge advantage, while the back cross-country fields rode remarkably well because they sit on water meadows. The beautiful stables gave all our ponies a wonderful home for the week, and the brand-new clubhouse was a fantastic base for meals, meetings and the many other elements of camp life.

Of course, Camp is about far more than riding. The Troops embraced every aspect of communal living, with some particularly spirited competition over which could claim the title of best at washing up! Standards were high, opinions were strongly held and we may have

discovered one or two future leaders of professional kitchen teams along the way!

We were incredibly fortunate to have our wonderful coaches, Julia Sehgal, Emma Newman and Hannah Lejasmeiers, who brought such enthusiasm, expertise and encouragement to the week. A huge thank you also goes to our brilliant yard manager, Elodie Ashby-Rudd, who kept horses, riders and the rest of the organising team on track throughout.



For a Camp with so many new elements, it was fantastic to see how quickly everything came together. The members approached the experience with energy, good humour and a real willingness to support one another. There was plenty of learning and friendly competition, but also lots of laughter and the sort of friendships and memories that make Pony Club Camp so special.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Senior Camp such a success – our coaches, volunteers, organisers, parents and, of course, our members and their ponies. We are already looking forward to next year . . . although the debate about which Troop really was the best at washing up may continue for some time yet! 🤔🤔🤔🤔

**** Save the date for Petersfield Pony Club's Senior Camp 2027: Monday 26 July – Thursday 29 July 2027 ****

Rebecca Chant, Beth Hood, Tash Palmer and Jenny Wilson



MY FIRST SENIOR CAMP . . .

. . . ALICE CHANT

This year I went to my first Senior Camp. I was quite nervous because I didn't really know what to expect, but I was also excited because lots of my friends were going.

The Camp was at Wheatlands Farm. I'd only been there for a couple of competitions before, so there were lots of new cross-country jumps for Fly and me to try. I thought it would be similar to Junior Camp, but there was so much more to do.



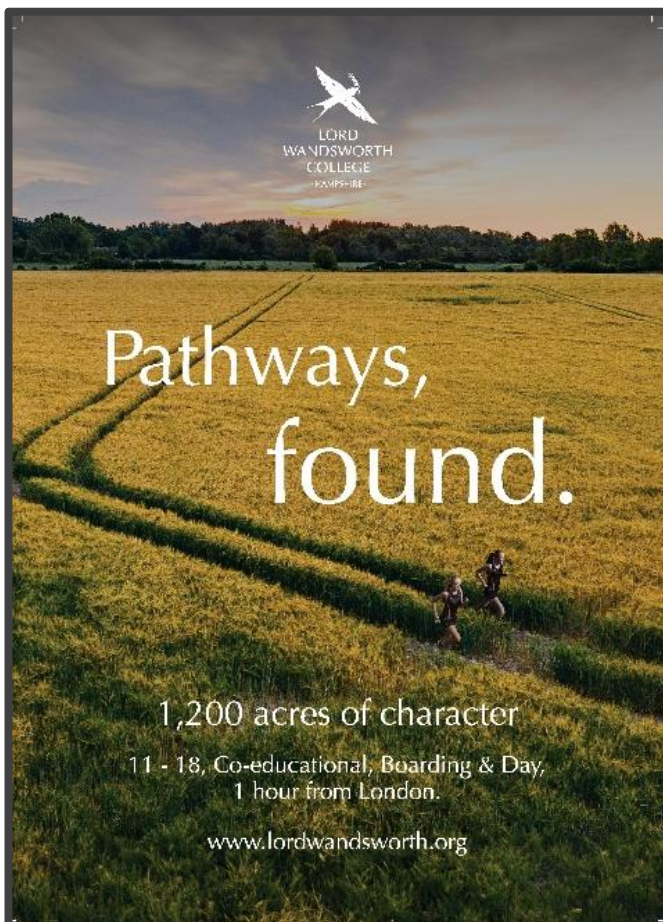
We had to feed the ponies, muck out, tack up, clean our tack and keep our sleeping areas tidy. It sounds like a lot of work, but being part of a Troop made it really fun because everyone helped each other.

We did loads of riding during the week and I really enjoyed the gridwork without reins, trying to keep a tennis ball balanced on a racket while trotting, and riding bareback. Fly was really good all week.

I loved spending time with my friends and Fly. Every evening we would chat, laugh and enjoy hot chocolate at 9.00 pm before bed.

I learned a lot and had so much fun. I can't wait to go back next year!

Alice, aged 11




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MY FIRST SENIOR CAMP . . .

. . . LIVY PALMER

I enjoyed my first ever Senior Camp.

I liked that we would have Troop competitions and practiced a dance each day to add to our Troop points.



Livy Palmer, Age 11

The venue was amazing and couldn't be better.

I also thought my instructor was very good and I learnt a lot.

Finally, the competition at the end of the week was a great idea and made me put everything I learnt into practice.

I thought the club house was great because it meant everyone could sit together when eating. The food was incredible, and I can't wait to go again.



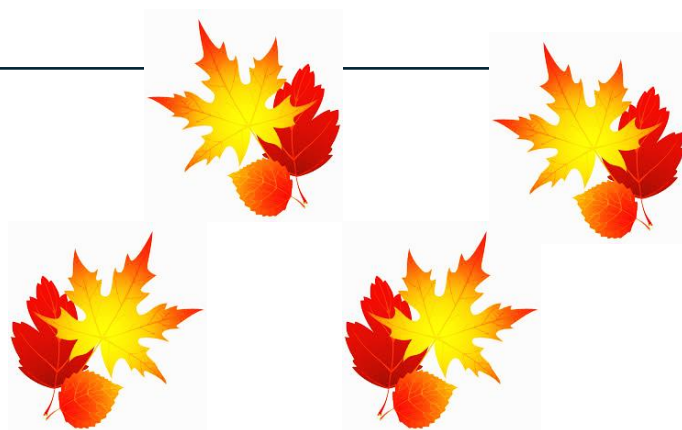
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My First Pony Club Senior Camp

This was my first Pony Club Senior Camp, and I was really excited!

I have been going to Junior Camp since I was small, but this year I was looking forward to experiencing a new venue and staying away from home with my pony, Zeus.

When we arrived at Wheatlands Farm on Sunday evening, there was lots of activity as everyone got their stables ready for their ponies. Zeus was quite excited and a little unsettled at first, but he soon relaxed when he realised he had lots of pony friends in the stables around him. We were in Badminton Troop.

On our first evening, we enjoyed a delicious chicken salad made by one of the mums for dinner before relaxing and getting ready for our first busy day of Camp.



Monday morning started with showjumping with our instructor, Emma. Zeus was very spooky and over-excited to begin with, which made things a little tricky, but he soon settled down. He was a very good boy for the rest of Camp.

The camping at Wheatlands was really enjoyable, and the facilities were amazing. Each morning, we got up early to give the ponies their feeds before having our own breakfast. We then got the ponies ready, mucked out and tacked up for the day's activities.

Each day we had three riding sessions, which included showjumping, cross country and flatwork. After our morning riding, it was time for a well-earned lunch. In the afternoon, we had a stable management session followed by another riding session.

Once we had finished riding for the day, we skipped out the stables again, gave the ponies their dinner and made sure they had plenty of hay and water ready for the night.

After another delicious dinner, the Troop Leaders carried out their final evening checks. We then enjoyed a variety of activities, including rounders, a games night and a quiz. It was great fun spending time with everyone and getting to know the other Pony Club members.

The final day was competition day, which consisted of dressage, cross country and showjumping. Zeus was a really good boy, and I was so pleased with how he performed.

After the competition, everyone packed up their belongings and got everything ready to go home. Then it was time for Prize Giving — and I was absolutely thrilled when Zeus and I were announced as **first in our group!**



I had an amazing time at my first Senior Camp and can't wait to come back next year. A huge thank you to all the instructors, Troop Leaders, volunteers and mums and dads who helped make it such a fantastic few days!

Martha Ogden, aged 13



MY FIRST SENIOR CAMP . . .

. . . XANTHE THOMAS

At the end of August, I took my pony Roo to Senior Camp at Wheatlands for the first time. It was for 4 days, and we camped there for the whole week. It was a great experience and gave me the opportunity to spend lots of time with Roo while developing my riding and horse-care skills.

During Camp, I had lessons with an instructor, Emma who is a 4* eventer. We had lessons in dressage, showjumping and cross country. Emma also ran our stable management lessons, where we did lungeing and in hand leading.

During the week, Roo was also weighed and was found to be the perfect weight!

We were responsible for our ponies and helping those in our troupes throughout the week, including mucking out their stables, grooming them and making sure they were well cared for.

One of the highlights was the competition on Thursday, which included Dressage, Showjumping and Cross Country. It was exciting to put everything I had learnt during the week into practice and compete with Roo in all three disciplines.

I really enjoyed my first Senior Camp at Wheatlands. It helped me become more confident and independent with Roo and I really enjoyed having the responsibility of caring for him and being with my friends throughout the week.

I can't wait for next year!

Xanthe (aged 13)



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In the lead up to Areas and Zones we would attend weekly Mounted Games practices to get us prepared for the competition. Unfortunately, at our last practice before Areas, one of our teammates had a fall and suffered a concussion so sadly Liv could not ride at the Area 13 Pony Club competition, which was held on Sunday 31 May near Reading. Thankfully Alice stepped in and rode in the Seniors and did a really great job, also a massive thank you to the Wilson family for lending the lovely Bonnie for one of our riders when her pony went lame, but despite having a last-minute rider and also different pony who the rider had never ridden before we came **THIRD** and managed to get a wild card for Zones!

Senior Team | Alice Chant, Silka Jones, Lily Robinson, Immy Swann and Penny Swann.

The Juniors also did very well, with a last-minute rider and pony change to come **SECOND** at Area, however they could not attend Zones due to other commitments.



Junior Team | Alice Chant, Ellie Wilson, Immy Swann and Elodie Atakan.



So, before Zones we did even more training, with lots of new games for us and our ponies to get used to. We now had our full team and ponies again for Zones which were on Saturday 11 July at Southfield House, Frome. We all travelled to Somerset for the competition trying our hardest against very stiff competition, but unfortunately it wasn't our day for team Petersfield & Chiddingfold, although we tried our hardest all day and we all had fun.

Senior Zones Team | Silka Jones, Liv Palmer, Lily Robinson, Immy Swann and Penny Swann.

Huge thank you to Penny Ibbott for training us all year and making the trip to Zones, even though she had a wedding the night before.



It's been a busy summer!

On Sunday 5 July 2026 I participated in the Area 13 National Tetrathlon Qualifier, held at Lord Wandsworth College. This ended up becoming a Tri due to no ride venue being available.

I started off the day with an okay shoot of 820 to put me into 2nd place. Up next was the 1500m cross country run which I came 2nd in and moved me up to 1st place. Finally, was the swim which is always my favourite! I achieved the best swim to **WIN** the Tri overall. Sadly, I have had horse issues this year which meant that I couldn't compete at Champs, but I went along anyway to support my friends.



On Saturday 11 July I competed at the Area 13 Dressage Qualifier at Coombelands. I did the warm up Test for the Novice to try to relax Florida and get her used to the atmosphere, she won this with a really good score of 75.77% which set us up really well for the Novice Qualifier itself. Florida felt really good and did a lovely Novice Test giving us a score of 71.6%, putting us in 4th place but still Qualifying for the National Championships! Next up was the Intermediate Qualifier. Again, Florida produced a great test giving us a score of 71.83% and bagging us 2nd place. This meant that we had also Qualified for the Intermediate section at the National Championships, the first time I had qualified for both! I had some training to do now!

On Friday 7 August, we travelled to the South West Region, to Pontispool Equestrian for the Senior Home International Tetrathlon. Because Florida still wasn't up to jumping, I wasn't able to do the full Tetrathlon but instead competed in the Tri. We started with the shoot on Friday morning, where I had an alright shoot of 860. The swim followed shortly after at midday, with one of the Irish competitors being in my heat. We were last to go. We swam next to each other for most of the race, but she just pulled away on the last length. Nevertheless, I still swam 10 lengths 10 metres, to be the Best Swim in the Tri section. Friday afternoon was the Southern England team course walk. It was nice to look at what was out there, but I was very pleased I wasn't jumping it myself!

Saturday was the ride, so as I wasn't doing this part. I went out on the course and videoed the Southern England team. They did really well!

Saturday evening was the formal dinner. The athletes had buses to take us to the venue where there was a black-tie dinner and disco. The dinner was lovely and it was nice to be able to socialise with the other teams.



Sunday morning was the run which was a tough course, with big hills, jumps and steps. I was disappointed with my performance; however, I held my spot at the top to win the Triathlon! I received a very generous goodie bag from the sponsors which I'm sure Florida will love!



Tuesday 18 August was our first day of Dressage at the National Championships. We started early with the Novice warm up class, in which Florida was very excited, resulting in a few extra moves and a slightly fast paced Test! Nevertheless, the judge approved of the extra moves, putting us in the lead for a while until we bumped down to second place near the end of the class. Still, a good start!

The Novice Championship class swiftly followed which was an improved Test and putting us in the lead for the entire class, until the last rider unfortunately dropped us down to second. We were still over the moon with this as it meant we got into the Ride-Off which was beyond all expectations!

The Ride-Off was in the afternoon in an arena next to the shopping area. We were in first. Unfortunately, a prize giving with lots of cheering and clapping was happening in the tent at the end of arena just as we were going down the centre line, causing a lot of tension and becoming a bit much for Florida. Sack the jockey who then forgot her Test, despite already doing it successfully just a few hours before! I'm really proud of Florida for trying her best despite the less than ideal environment.

On Wednesday 19 August we had the Intermediate Dressage Championships. This was the highest level of Dressage that I've done at Champs, so we had no expectations. This was also my first ever long arena Test. Florida was brilliant, just again, very eager to do her job. Sack the jockey again for forgetting her Test twice, though I quickly recovered thankfully. Added to this, the three breaks into canter made us sure that we wouldn't place. However, the judge obviously liked everything else he saw as we went into the lead, again until right near the end, only to be pipped into second at the last minute. This meant another Ride-Off. There were no mistakes this time, we did our best Test to date, with Florida being impeccable and showing off everything we have been working on. I am beyond proud of her.



We finished **THIRD** in the country and that is more than I could've ever asked for!



THE PONY CLUB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | DRESSAGE ...

... SOPHIA MONK

I never expected to go to the Nationals on my mother's retired event horse (In The Darco), who has been her hack for the past three years, but he enjoyed Parents' Day so much I agreed to take him to the Qualifiers.

Darco was a true professional, as ever, and despite very little time to train we made it through as individuals in the PC Novice Dressage.

It was an honour to take him to Nationals, most likely his last ever show. It is such a great atmosphere and a lovely experience. I am so glad we had the opportunity.



Darco performed beautifully in the warmup, gaining a 74.13% score and coming 4th in a decent sized class.

In retrospect, I think perhaps one class would have been the better choice, as he hasn't schooled regularly for so long and he stiffened slightly by the real test. Rider sat nav error on the Test route also didn't help! But, despite all of this we pulled off a very respectable Test with 67.13% to come **NINTH** out of 33 in our Section and make it into the placings, representing Petersfield Pony Club in the prize giving.

We also had the chance to cheer on Trinity Clement who truly showcased excellence for the Club, performing in the ride off for both PC Novice and PC Intermediate Dressage Tests and gaining a podium place.

Overall, it was a lovely experience to represent Petersfield Pony Club at a such a big event and give my mother the opportunity to see her beloved horse in action one last time.

THE PONY CLUB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | SHOWJUMPING ...

... ROSIE TAYLOR

I had a brilliant time at the Pony Club Championships 2026.

The atmosphere throughout the week was really positive, and camping made it even more enjoyable.



The venue was really nice, and so was the food. Daisy went really well, especially considering it was my first time competing on grass with her.

The first round went really well and our clear got us through into the second round where I unfortunately forgot the course.

Despite this, the week was really amazing, and I am so grateful for Flo who came along with me, and I can't wait for next year!



THE PONY CLUB REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | EVENTING ...

... MILLIE FOX

The Pony Club Regional Championships | PC70 Eventing, Rectory Farm, Duntisbourne Abbots | Mon 31 Aug

Regional Championships this year was so much fun even though we did not get the results we wanted.

My favourite moment was spending the night before with my friends. When we arrived, we got my pony Beau ready, and we put her into a stable where she later settled really well.

The night before me and my family all slept in a tent which leaked the whole night because there was finally some rain - this was a signal to us to get a new tent! We woke up in the morning very early to get ready for my first discipline which was Dressage. Fueled on a breakfast of pain au chocolate, we all performed very well.



The next discipline we did after a break was showjumping and everybody completed the course with minimal faults. The final discipline was cross country. The ground was very hard so, to put the welfare of the ponies first, half of it was on sand and half of it was on grass. Everybody finished this round and was happy with their achievements.



I was very pleased to finish in my Section in **ELEVENTH** place.

I want to say a massive thank you to Laura Gordon who helped us walk the showjumping and cross-country courses, helped us warm up in the Dressage and offered lots of support and encouragement throughout the day.

Another massive thank you to those who helped this to be such a fun, memorable experience.

THE PONY CLUB REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | EVENTING ...

... ROSA HOOD

At the end of August, Ted and I went to the Pony Club Regionals at Rectory Farm, Duntisbourne Abbots as part of the Petersfield PC70 Eventing team. It was our first ever ODE at Regionals, so I was really excited, although definitely a bit nervous too.

We arrived the day before, which made the whole thing feel like a proper big event. Laura (Gordon) came and walked the cross-country course with us, which was really helpful because there were quite a few tricky and twisty sections to think about. It was great being able to talk through the fences together and work out how we wanted to ride them before the competition started.

There were Pony Clubs there from all over, so the atmosphere was brilliant. It felt very different from a normal competition because there were so many teams, riders and ponies everywhere and it was really exciting to be part of it.

I also felt really proud to be representing Petersfield and riding as part of the team.

On the day, Ted did a lovely Dressage Test and then jumped really well in the showjumping, so we went into the cross country feeling very positive. The course was quite challenging, but Ted was amazing and flew round most of it. Sadly, we came to one fence that he just couldn't quite work out and, after a few attempts, we were eliminated.

I was obviously really disappointed not to finish, but I was also so proud of how well Ted had gone all day and how much of the course he had tackled so confidently. It was still such a fun weekend. We camped over, spent loads of time with our Pony Club friends and got to soak up the atmosphere of a really big competition.

I learnt loads from the whole experience and really loved being there with the Petersfield team. Even though it didn't quite end how we hoped, it was definitely a weekend I'll remember and I'd love to go back and have another go next year.



THE PONY CLUB REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | EVENTING ...

... ISLA WILSON

Tempo and I were so proud to qualify for the PC70 Regional Eventing Championship at Rectory Farm on Monday 31 August, representing Petersfield Pony Club as part of a team with Alice, Rosa and Millie. 🐾💙



We travelled up on Sunday afternoon to walk the course ahead of our 8.30 am Dressage time on Monday. It was such a fun afternoon/evening walking the course, spending time with the rest of the team and getting settled. Tempo was a star and settled really well in his overnight stable.

Monday morning started with a great Dressage Test for us, scoring 31.6. Tempo then jumped a lovely clear round in the showjumping. Unfortunately, we picked up 20 penalties for a silly run-out during the cross-country phase as we transitioned from the arena eventing section onto grass.

Despite that, we were happy to finish **NINTH** in our section!

A brilliant weekend away with a lovely team and such a proud moment to qualify and represent Petersfield Pony Club.

Huge thanks to everyone who made the weekend so special! ❤️🐾

THE PONY CLUB REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | EVENTING ...

... REBECCA PUDDICK

Recently we travelled up to Rectory Farm for the 2026 Pony Club Regional PC80 Eventing Championships! This year was my first time taking part at Regionals as well as my first stay-away show with Joey, so nerves were high along with lots of excitement.

Day one was very relaxed as we settled ponies and walked the course before somehow sleeping in a tent through a very wet night!

The next day we took the horses on a leg stretch and cheered our friends on from the sidelines. Then we kicked our competing off with the Dressage. We were doing the Grassroots PC80 class. After some help from Laura settling Joey from being a bit over excited, we managed a reasonably controlled Test coming out with a decent 35.0.



Next was showjumping where we managed a calm clear round which I was very proud of!

Lastly, we had cross country, which this year was a specially designed course (due to the ground) that started in an arena and then took you around a field of normal cross-country fences.

Joey was a star as always and we ended with a lovely double clear, which left us in an amazing **EIGHTH** place!



Overall, the whole experience was super fun and only a little stressful!

Huge thank you to Laura (Gordon) for coaching us and keeping us calm!



THE PONY CLUB REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | EVENTING ...

... FLO HOOD

My time at Regionals was incredible! We arrived the night before, to camp and stay the night which was so much fun and a great experience.



The following morning, I had my Dressage Test which we had some very nice parts and some rather amusing parts when we almost broke a dressage board!!

Laura was a great help in the warmup to ease my nerves, and it was lovely to spend time with fellow Petersfield member Rebecca Puddick.

I then had showjumping resulting in a clear!! As the ground was very hard this year the organisers decided to change the normal cross country into an Arena Eventing style round. There were solid fences of about 12 in the large main arena and then we cantered out into a field that had been very well watered and managed through the summer with a range of corners, tricky combinations and Trakehners.

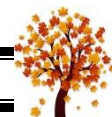
It was not the usual open spaces that Pip loves, and she found it pretty spooky, but we finished the day on a fabulous clear round with no penalties. Only 60% went clear!! We were **SEVENTH** in our Section.

Overall, a fab weekend and I'm very much looking forward to areas next year!!





ARENA EVENTING REPORT



Arena Eventing is the perfect pre-season training for competition, providing both showjumping practice and training over some of the technical elements of cross country that takes place on an arena surface, typically during the winter months.

It's a good way for aspiring event riders to get a taste of eventing.

We have an Arena Eventing Rally booked Thursday 29 October at The Hickstead Showground.

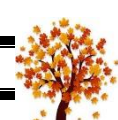
Bookings via Entrymaster.

Area 13 Arena Evening Spring Qualifier Date:

Sun 8 Nov | Hampshire Hunt – Wellington Riding, Heckfield



DRESSAGE REPORT



Petersfield Pony Club had a good summer at both Area and Pony Club Championships.

Area 13 Regional & National Qualifiers | Sat 11 – Sun 12 July 2026 Coombelands Equestrian

Area 13 Foundation PC70+Dressage Qualifier

1st Chloe Blyth | Bertie Og **QUALIFIED**

Area 13 Novice Dressage Qualifier

Arena 1 - 6th Sophia Monk | In The Darco **QUALIFIED**

Arena 2 - 4th Trinity Clement | N'ice Lass **QUALIFIED**

Area 13 Intermediate Dressage Qualifier

2nd Trinity Clement | N'ice Lass **QUALIFIED**

The Pony Club National Championships | Fri 14 – Sat 22 Aug | Offchurch Bury

Trinity and Sophia made the journey north with temps in the 30's. It was a very hot National Champs, but the ground was very good with a lot of prep having been done prior to the Champs.

Tuesday 18 August

Novice Dressage Championship Sec NOV E

2nd Trinity Clement | N'ice Lass

9th Sophia Monk | In The Darco



Wednesday 19 August

Intermediate Dressage Championship Sec INT-I

Trinity Clement and N'ice Lass were in action again coming **SECOND** with 71.33%, which meant they went through to the "Ride Off"!

The top two riders in each Section had to ride again; 10 competitors in total - Trinity and Florida came an amazing **THIRD!!** 🥳🥳🥳🌟



The Pony Club Regional Championships | Fri 28 – Mon 31 Aug | Rectory Farm

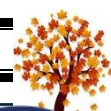
PC70+ Dressage Championship

Chloe Blyth and Bertie made the journey to Gloucestershire for these Championships which were on yet another very hot Bank Holiday weekend.

12th Chloe Blyth | Bertie Og



HORSE TRIALS REPORT



**Area 13 PC70, PC70+ & PC80 Regional Qualifiers | Saturday 20 June
Heath Farm, Munstead**

Petersfield Pony Club had two individuals entered at these Qualifiers in PC80 and a team of 4 in PC70.

Class 1: PC80 Qualifier

Sect A1

3rd Flo Hood | Gossip Queen **QUALIFIED**

Sect A2

11th Rebecca Puddick | Blackwoodland Joker **QUALIFIED**

Flo and Rebecca were in a Mixed Team that were placed **THIRD!**

Class 2: PC70 Qualifier

Petersfield Team **WON!!** and **QUALIFIED!!**

Isla Wilson	Cudgley's Cuckoo Temple
Rosa Hood	Millcroft Dan Coota
Alice Chant	Ultimate Black
Millie Fox	Tremle Lilwens Lady

Sect E1

7th Isla Wilson | Cudgley's Cuckoo Temple

8th Rosa Hood | Millcroft Dan Coota

Sect E1

5th Millie Fox | Tremle Lilwens Lady



The NAF Pony Club Regional Championships | Friday 28 – Monday 31 August Rectory Farm, Duntisbourne Abbots

Our PC70 Eventing team and 2 individuals in the PC80 made their way to Gloucestershire for these Championships. Laura Gordon one of PPC's coaches also travelled to Rectory Farm offering walk up techniques, course walking strategy and general support all round.

PC70 Eventing Championship

The Team finished in **NINTH** place:

Rose Hood	Millcroft Dan Coota
Isla Wilson	Cudgley's Cuckoo Temple
Alice Chant	Ultimate Black
Millie Fox	Tremle Lilwens Lady



Sect B - 9th Isla Wilson | Cudgley's Cuckoo Temple

Sect C - 11th Alice Chant | Ultimate Black

Sect D - 11th Millie Fox | Tremle Lilwens Lady

PC80 Eventing Championship

Sect B - 7th Flo Hood | Gossip Queen

Sect D - 8th Rebecca Puddick | Blackwoodland Joker



MOUNTED GAMES

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The combined Petersfield and Chiddingfold Team took part in both the Area and Zone Qualifiers this year as well as some other friendlies such as Mid Surrey and Bisley & Sandown Chase.

We've had teams for the Juniors (under 11) and Seniors (under 15)

The team grew in confidence and skill throughout the year. It has been lovely to see friendships between children and pony develop and new friendships form between the members who have all been incredibly supportive of one another.

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. 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.

It would be lovely to see more members so please feel free to drop me a message and come and join the fun. With the aim of having more team members for next year. We have training sessions throughout the winter.





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: <https://pcuk.org/pony-racing/>

What is 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.

Pony Club Racing fixtures for 2027 will be available on | <https://pcuk.org/sports/pony-racing/#keycompetitions>

Eligibility Rules will also be published in 2027.

The Pony Club Racing Day | Thursday 27 August | Newbury Racecourse

Petersfield Pony Club had Amelie Syred taking part in Pony Racing throughout 2026.

Race 2: The North Fawley Stud Stakes 128 cm Intermediate and Open Race

Distance / 4 furlongs approx. No minimum weight

Amelie has been training for 2 years with Ghyll Park Equestrian in their Jockey Academy.

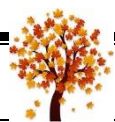
Amelia can compete in the Beginner/Novice Section or Intermediate/Open Section. It was decided to enter the Intermediate/Open; they were up against some proper little racing ponies!



That said, Amelie and Lucky Lane Cecil came a respectable **FIFTH!** 🏆 🏆 🏆

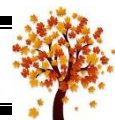
She was entered under PPC, and all the announcements were "Amelie Syred from Petersfield Pony Club"

Thank you for flying the flag for PPC in Pony Racing



SHOWJUMPING REPORT

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This summer saw some fantastic performances from our PPC Showjumpers at all levels, both individually and in teams.

Sunday 7 May, Oliver Chant | Ashwey Patchwork Sparrow competed at the prestigious Windsor Royal Horse Show, placing **SEVENTH** in the Pony Club 110cm Showjumping.

Ellie Wilson | Brookwater Our Patch had a fantastic day at the Wokingham Pony Club Show on Sunday 5 July winning the 40cm class and Honor Frisby | Riley placed 3rd in the PC60, both on their first outings with new ponies!

Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 July, Chloe Blyth | Bertie Og and Rosie Taylor | Sea Mermaid both jumped in the Area 13 Showjumping Regional and National Qualifiers at Coombelands Equestrian and both qualified at PC70+ and PC90 respectively.

Wednesday 19 August, Elsie Fletcher | Gem and Cordelia Wilson | Chocolate Bon Bon represented PPC at the HHPC Show, both placing in their classes. Chloe Blyth competed at the Pony Club NAF Regional Championships at Rectory Farm in the PC70+ Showjumping. And Rosie Taylor flew the flag for Petersfield Pony Club at The Pony Club National Championships at Offchurch Bury in the PC90 class.

Sunday 20 September, our team of Sophia Monk | Mo Belle JB, Rosie Taylor | Sea Mermaid and Flo Hood | Gossip Queen represented PPC in the PC90 at Heythrop Blenheim Palace Team Showjumping, competing against over 180 other entries in their class!

Sadly, Willow Barry should have been there with them too but was unwell.

Very well done to everyone who has competed at all levels this Summer, we are very proud of all you have achieved, flying the flag for PPC at so many different events.

Showjumping Rallies:

Having taken a break over the summer for Camps and Competitions, on Saturday 26 September we held our first **Showjumping Training Rally** of the new season at Parwood, with Cordelia House coaching three groups from lead rein to 80cm.

This was the first time we have opened up spare places to other Area 13 Branches and as a result we welcomed four guests: two from Hampshire Hunt PC and two from Sandhurst & Staff College Pony Club. This worked really well, meaning that we had three full groups.

I also could not have been prouder of the way our members welcomed our guests, both riders and parents. Cordelia commented on how well the 80cm group in particular befriended the one new participant in their group, so a big thank you and well done to all the riders.

We have 4 more Rallies planned this winter/spring, all are open for booking now on Entrymaster and we will again open up any empty places to all Area 13 Branches two weeks ahead of the Rally.

These are open to all from poles on the ground to 1m.

Future dates are:

- **Sunday 29 November | Beech Farm near Billingshurst (a new venue for PPC) with Annie**
- **Sunday 28 February | Wood Farm with Penny**
- **Saturday 27 March | Parwood with Annie**
- **Sunday 25 April | Wood Farm with Cordelia**

We are also considering an indoor jumping rally, either showjumping or gridwork, in January.

If this sounds of interest, or if you have any requests or ideas for other jumping rallies such as Arena Eventing or Working Hunter, please drop me an email at Melaniepuddick@yahoo.co.uk, I would love to hear from you!

