

As always if there are any suggestions of content for our newsletters please email Joy Glennie at

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Please send me pictures if you want them included in future newsletters, I would love to receive them!

A Word From Our Joint DCs

As the autumn draws to a close and the winter is fully upon us, we are in our full winter training programme of 'squads' preparing our members from lead rein to 2* eventers. The opportunity to train together in showjumping, dressage & theory helps us to become confident and work as a team for our competition season ahead. We are so delighted to see so many of you engaged and working hard.

We also see the return of our winter test training & pizza and badge nights, all important learning over the winter period bridging theory and practice together.

Our rallies are in full swing and members are working really hard towards their Spring Festival qualifiers, we are looking forward to seeing that team spirit, keep up the good work guys! Let's keep pedalling through winter together!

We have also seen many new members join us from as young as four years old & older members as old as twenty return to their pony clubbing! Everyone is welcome and we love to work with everyone both young & old!

Kaye & Andrea xx

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SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

28th February 2026

More details on page 8

Committee Members

Joint DC – Andrea Miller/Kaye Cavendish - April 2025

Assistant DC – Linda Barrack - April 2025

Secretary – Emily Hotchkiss - Jan 2023

Treasurer – Helen-Marie Koning - June 2024

Child Protection – Joy Glennie - Jan 2023

Health & Safety – Laura Somerville & Trina Meredith - August 2025

Rallies – position available (please speak to Linda Barrack or either of the DCs)

Chief Instructors – Mari-Claire Dance and Emily Hedgecoe

Teams - Mari-Claire Dance

Tests - Emily Hedgecoe

Committee members serve for a period of 3 years. They can of course continue but other people can put themselves forward for the roles once the 3 year period is up, or if someone resigns.

Subcommittee Members

Badges - Carolyn Randall

Fundraising Committee - Katie Oman Brown, Jo McCallum, Lesley Anderson, Linda Barrack, Rachel Berry, Michelle McCargo

Social Committee - positions available

VACANCIES

Our amazing secretary Emily Hotchkiss will be standing down in the New Year. Having served 3 years (the maximum you can do before having to be re-elected or stepping down) we are looking for a replacement.

Emily has done a brilliant job and she will be more than happy to discuss her role with anyone who is interested. Please think about stepping up. Our secretary is an essential cog in our wonderful club.

Our safe guarding officer, Joy Glennie, will have also served 3 years come January 2026. She is happy to be re-elected but if anyone wants to be considered for that role could they put in writing to Andrea or Kaye.

EASY FUNDRAISING

August Total £53.35 25 supporters

December Total £353.44 36 supporters

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SQUAD TRAINING:

Foundation, regional and national championships

Our Pony Club squad is committed to developing confident, capable riders and well-schooled horses in preparation for the 2026 Championships in show-jumping, dressage, and eventing. Through thoughtful coaching, consistent practice, and a supportive team atmosphere, we will build balance, accuracy, understanding, and partnership in every member.

Our training goals are to:

- Develop a secure, balanced, and effective position to ride in harmony with the pony.
- Understand the scoring systems across all disciplines to ride with knowledge and strategy.
- Learn and refine dressage tests so they are clear, purposeful, and confidently executed.
- Practice jump-off skills that focus on correct rhythm, thoughtful lines, and calm decision-making.

Training Progression:

- Cross Country training will begin in April and May, including carefully planned venue hires to build confidence and experience.
- Original squad training will support riders preparing for Foundation Championships and Area Qualifiers, developing the skills needed to progress toward Regional and National Championships.
- From May onwards, additional training sessions will be offered specifically for riders who have qualified for, and are preparing to attend, Regional and National Championships to ensure they are confident, polished, and competition-ready.
- After the initial Squad Sessions we will move squads to train in different arenas and also on grass to replicate the both qualifiers and Championships!

We learn together. We support one another. We ride with respect, responsibility, and pride.

Through steady effort, teamwork, and belief in each rider's potential, we prepare not only for championships, but for becoming thoughtful horsemen and horsewomen.

We look ahead to 2026 with confidence and excitement.

Squad Training is now underway. Many thanks to those behind the scenes that secured new venues. There was a lot of creative problem solving!

Squad Training in 2026 will be at Ingliston for Regional and National squads.



STRATHBLANE'S PONY CLUB SQUADS!

SHOW JUMPING DRESSAGE & THEORY



Progressive, fun training towards Areas & Championships

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

 **YELA** YOUNG EQUESTRIAN LEADERS AWARD

RALLIES

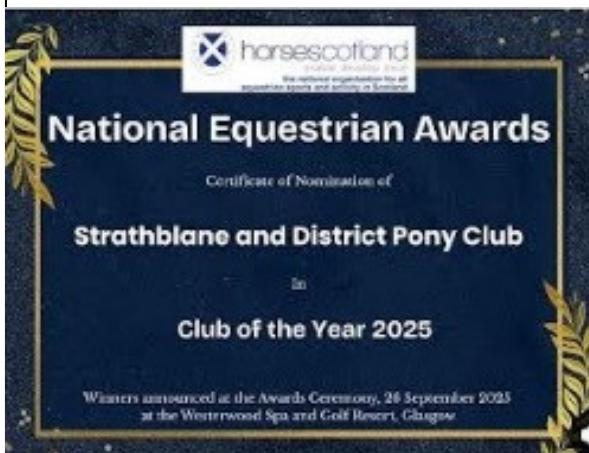
Sunday 21 December	Dressage with Emily Hedgecoe Rally 17:00 Easterton Farm Park, Craigallion Road, Mugdock, Glasgow G62 8LG
Saturday 27 December	Fun Tiny Tots Rally with Claire Burke Rally 11:00 Duncryne Equestrian, Cartocharn G83 8NG
Sunday 04 January	Show Jumping with Stewart Christie Rally 17:15 Easterton Farm Park, Craigallion Road, Mugdock, Glasgow G62 8LG
Saturday 10 January	Show Jumping with Mari-Claire Dance Rally 17:15 Easterton Farm Park, Craigallion Road, Mugdock, Glasgow G62 8LG
Sunday 25 January	Dressage with Olivia Stubbs Rally 17:00 Easterton Farm Park, Craigallion Road, Mugdock, Glasgow G62 8LG
Sunday 01 February	Show Jumping with Giorgia Burns Rally 17:15 Easterton Farm Park, Craigallion Road, Mugdock, Glasgow G62 8LG
Sunday 08 February	Dressage with Olivia Stubbs Rally 17:00 Easterton Farm Park, Craigallion Road, Mugdock, Glasgow G62 8LG
Sunday 01 March	Show Jumping with Mari-Claire Dance Rally 17:15 Easterton Farm Park, Craigallion Road, Mugdock, Glasgow G62 8LG
Sunday 05 April	Show Jumping with Ailie Haddow Rally 17:15 Easterton Farm Park, Craigallion Road, Mugdock, Glasgow G62 8LG

As well as our new squad sessions and test training, we also have these upcoming rallies. Note our new Tiny Tots rallies, which are guaranteed to be great fun!

Note that Area Eventing PC80/90/100 has now been confirmed at Oatridge 4-5th July

KEY AREA DATES

- 1 March National Quiz Area Rounds
- 7 March Area Blue Cross Horse & Pony Care
- 3-6 April Spring Festival Championships
- 19 April National Quiz Final
- 9 May Area Games
- 14-17 May Royal Windsor Horse Show
- 23 May Area Eventing PC70
- 30 – 31 May Area Show Jumping and Area Dressage
- 31 May Pony Club Race Day
- 6 June Foundation Championship
- 6 – 7 June Area Tetrathlon
- June * (tbc) Area Eventing PC110 and PCCC
- July * (tbc) Area Eventing PC80/PC90/PC100
- 4 – 5 July Area Games Zones
- 6 – 8 July Area Senior Training Camp
- 7 – 9 Aug NAF Regional Championship, Auchlissie
- 14 – 22 August JCB National Championships, Offchurch



We are immensely grateful to Katie Oman Brown (one of our mums and a member of our fundraising committee) for nominating us for the HorseScotland "Club of the Year 2025". We didn't win but a fabulous night was had by all who attended the HorseScotland Equestrian Awards. It's always nice to swap the jodhpurs, wellies and waterproofs for something with a bit of glitz and glamour!

We had a very successful [Pizza and Badge Night](#) in November attended by over 20 members.

Look out for more dates in the New Year.



Cinema Date

In the luxury of Cameron House, several members got to watch Pets on a Train. Good fun and treats were had by all.



Minus the horses (who were having a well deserved snack and rest in their horseboxes) here are our [Halloween Rally](#) stars.



Great fun was had by all on our [Beach Ride](#).

Definitely a date to repeat!



Our members have also recently enjoyed an introduction to [Le Trec](#) with Rhoda McVey - there has been something for everyone!

REPRESENTING SCOTLAND



Back at the end of August we were thrilled to announce that two of our members (Annie Cavendish and Alice McCarthy) had been selected to represent Scotland in the under 18 80cm eventing team down in Chillington Hall.

This was a fantastic achievement and the fruition of hard work and dedication (and we mustn't forget the two clever ponies — "The Ginger Ninjas").

Not only that, but the Scottish team went on to win!

Well done girls! Annie spent most of her cross country without a stirrup (which had snapped!). How she kept going and didn't retire is going to be the stuff of Strathblane legend!



Huge thanks to our fundraising team of Katie, Jo, Lesley, Linda, Rachel and Michelle

Fundraising Update - Nov 2025

Winter fundraising is in full swing, and we have lots planned! But first, we wanted to let our members know more about what we are fundraising for.

We are aiming to raise c£20,000 to:

- Bring down the cost of rallies and camps to enable more members to access high-quality coaching and facilities
- Subsidise costs associated with members attending 2026 Foundation, Regional and National competitions to encourage more members to represent our club at Pony Club competitions at every level
- Pay for YELA resources to support the development of young volunteers
- Provide branded clothing linked to badge and camp achievements to create a sense of belonging and pride

Call to action: all parents, carers and supporters

- Do you have contacts in private business who may be interested in providing sponsorship in 2026? We would love to talk to them about our brand new sponsorship package! Contact Jo McCallum on 07778 507363
- Can you provide raffle donations for our Annual Awards Evening on 28th February 2026? Contact Rachel Berry to arrange collection on 07734 711540
- Please donate a few wee pennies (even the smallest amount will help) to Linda, our firewalking warrior https://www.justgiving.com/page/lindas-firewalk?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL
- Support the club through EasyFundraising

If you have any fundraising super-powers or great ideas, don't delay please let us know about them.

Very best wishes from the fundraising subcommittee!

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TEST NEWS

Congratulations to our members on achieving their C+ riding test (in spite of the weather!)

Olivia Freer

Charlotte Brennan

Annie Cavendish

Rowan Miller

Ailie MacDougall

Olivia, Charlotte and Rowan have also passed their C+ care, along with Claudia Koning.



Passing their C test, we congratulate:

Jaxon Ritchie

Erin Lowe

Zoe Hannah

Niamh Burke

Bonnie McCallum

Tate Hotchkiss

And Sophie Brown who passed the C test care.



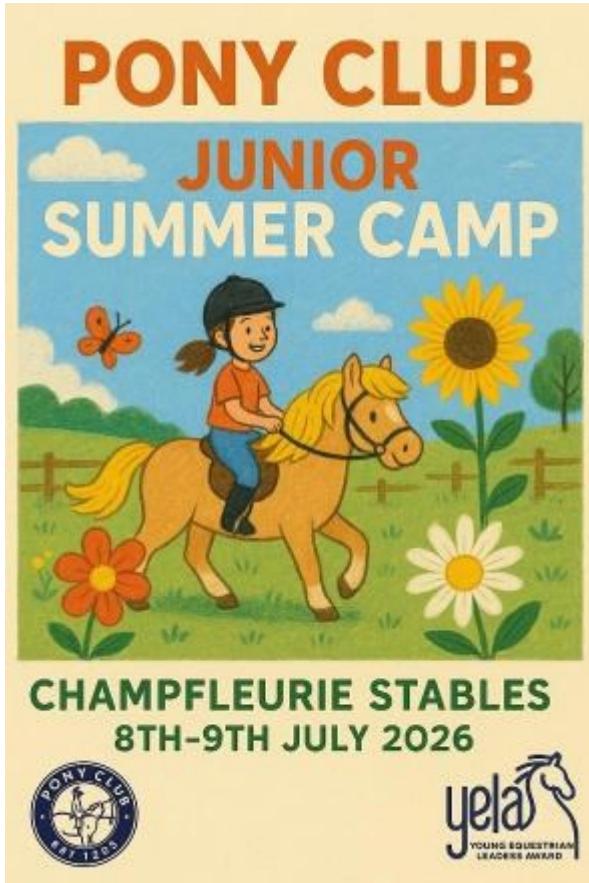
Many thanks to Emily Hedgecoe for brilliant training, preparation and coordination of the tests. Emily will be beginning training and testing of D and D+ levels after Xmas so watch this space!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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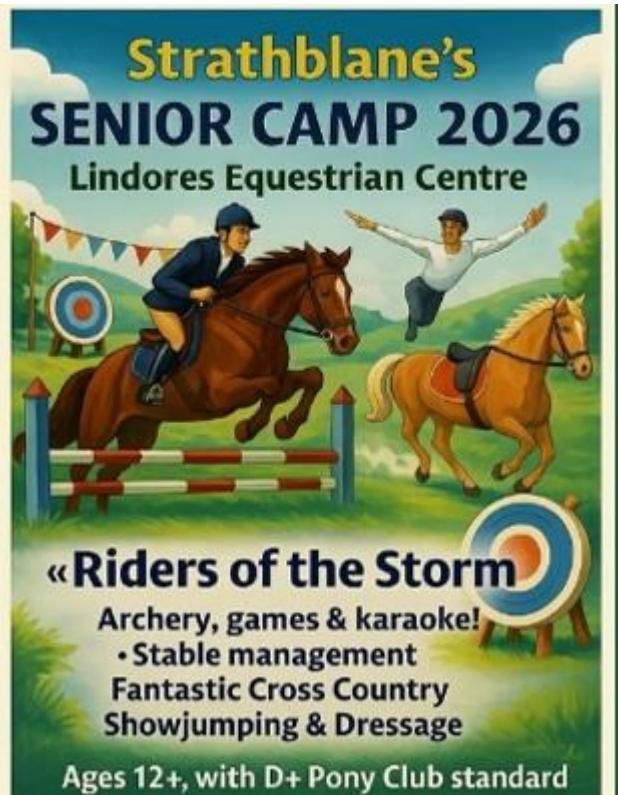
Book via Entrymaster on 5th January



Save the date for our fab fun party night!

There will be food, dancing, karaoke, an amazing raffle and of course a celebration of all the fantastic achievements in 2025.

Tickets coming soon!



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