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A Word From Our Joint DCs

Hello everyone,

As we head into a new Pony Club year, we wanted to take a moment to share our vision for the months ahead.

Above all, we'd love every member to feel included and valued, no matter what their goals are. Some of you are keen to compete, others are here to build skills and confidence, and many just want to enjoy time with your ponies and friends. All of these paths are equally important, and we'll be working hard to make sure there's something for everyone.

We're aiming to keep activities varied and enjoyable – from riding and stable management, to social get-togethers and camps. We want our club to be a place where members can try new things, make friends across ages and abilities, and feel proud to be part of the Pony Club family.

Most importantly, our vision is for Pony Club to be fun, supportive, and welcoming. It should be somewhere members look forward to coming – where they're encouraged to grow, to celebrate achievements (big and small), and to feel that they belong.

All the best for a fabulous year ahead,

Andrea & Kaye x

STOP PRESS! REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Strathblane & District were **THE MOST** successful club in total over the whole weekend!

When you consider this is the whole of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Northern England put together then the enormity of **this achievement is incredible!** Well done to all riders, horses, coaches, parents and helpers

We had the most members competing who placed 1-6th. **Strathblane ranked first in both Showjumping and Eventing and a VERY close 2nd in Dressage**

THANK YOU

On behalf of the branch, the committee would like to thank **Clara Glynn**. Clara has been an active member of our committee for many years, excelling in the unenviable role of rally organiser for 3 years! She also ran October camp in 2023 and this year organised **both** the Gartocharn Show and our amazing summer residential camp. Clara is now looking forward to enjoying the club's activities from the other side of the fence as a mum; thank you Clara for all your contributions.

We also bid farewell with huge thanks to **Jen Braid** who is handing over the Health & Safety role after many, many years! We will be in safe hands going forward with Laura and Trina - welcome!

Thank you also to **Gemma Mercer** who was a member and committee member. She was one of our most successful members, qualifying and making the long trip to Pony Club National Championships 3 times!!! We look forward to hearing about her future adventures with Glock.

SAVE THE DATE

Senior Summer Camp (age 12 as of 1st January 2026) at Lindores is booked for 2026!

This will be a 4 day camp from **Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th July 2026**

Easter Camp (all ages) - preparation is underway. Dates to come soon!

EASY FUNDRAISING

£53.35 RAISED this month BY 25 SUPPORTERS

This month, we'll earn **£2** for every person who signs up to support us on the **easyfundraising app**.

When you shop online with your favourite retailers via easyfundraising, they'll donate to us. It's free and your shopping won't cost any extra!

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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 & Catriona Meredith - Aug 2025

Rallies – Linda Barrack

Chief Instructors – Mari-Claire Dance and Emily Hedgecoe

Teams - Mari-Claire Dance

Committee members serve for a period of 3 years

Subcommittees

Tests and achievements - Carolyn Randall & Claire Burke

Summer Camp Organiser - Andrea Miller & Kaye Cavendish

Social Committee - positions available

Fundraiser - position available

September Rallies at a glance...

Tuesday 2nd - Duncryne - Jump Off Training - Mari-Claire Dance

Monday 8th - Easterton - Grids & Poles - Mari-Claire Dance

Tuesday 9th - Duncryne - Showjumping AND Dressage on offer! Mari-Claire Dance & Emily Hedgecoe

Thursday 11th - Loch Lomond XC - Cross Country - Stewart Christie

Sunday 14th - Kirkton - Cross Country - Emily Hedgecoe

Tuesday 16th - Duncryne - Working Hunter - Mari-Claire Dance

Wednesday 17th - Milndavie - Dressage - Emily Hedgecoe

Tuesday 23rd - Duncryne - Show Jumping - Mari-Claire Dance

Tuesday 30th - Duncryne - Working Hunter - Mari-Claire Dance

KEY DATES FOR 2026

Calendar of Spring Festival qualifiers: <https://pcuk.org/spring-festival/>

Spring Festival Championships at Morris: 3-6 April

Foundation and PC70 Area Eventing at Raehills: 23 or 24 May

Area Show Jumping and Dressage at Morris: 30 and 31 May

Foundation Championship PC70 Dressage & Show Jumping: 6 June

Area Eventing PC80/PC90/PC100 at BE Oatridge: 27 and 28 June

NAF Regional Championship, Auchlishie 7-9 Aug

SUMMER CAMP 2025

In July, we enjoyed another hugely successful residential Summer Camp for our senior members.

The weather was firmly on our side & we made the very best use of all the wonderful facilities at Lindores Equestrian in Fife.

This annual event delivered a full calendar of opportunities for fun & friendship, whilst also offering every member lessons in flatwork, jumping & stable management, to improve their ridden abilities & horsemanship.

We've had confirmation of our 2026 booking at Lindores & we very much look forward to returning for lots more Pony Club fun! Save the dates - **14th to 17th July**. Huge thanks again to all the committee members who made this year's camp possible (especially Clara) & to parents for supporting the club with such a wonderful number in attendance!

Roll on 2026!!!

Linda Barrack

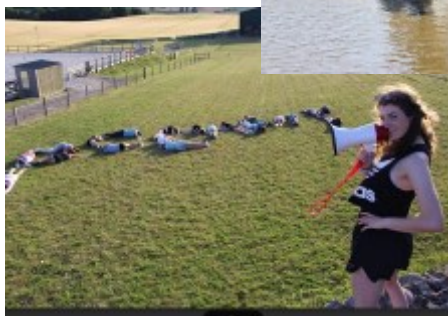
Camp awards

Citizenship Award went to Annie Cavendish

Most Improved Award went to Natasha Montgomery Smith

Newcomer Award went to Aillie MacDougall

Overall Points Award went to Tate Hotchkiss



Foundation Level Championships

Foundation Dressage

In June, our foundation dressage team took an amazing first place. The team consisted of Sophie Brown (Walk Trot), Ella Collins (Grassroots), Ailie MacDougall (PC70) and Rowan Miller (PC70 plus). We had a combination of two 1st places, a 2nd and an 8th place. What a result girls!

Ella Collins also entered the PC70 as an individual and won the class!

Foundation Show Jumping

Our team (competing over different heights) achieved 3rd place.

Carter Dance was in 1st and 2nd place in the lead rein/assisted class on his two ponies! Ailie MacDougall was 9th in the PC70 and Rowan Miller was 3rd in the PC80.

Foundation Combined Training Championships

Carter Dance picked up 2nd and 3rd place in the Foundation Combined Training Championship.

Sophie Brown was 8th in her class and Ailie MacDougall won hers!

Foundation Eventing

Annie Cavendish picked up a 2nd place in the PC80 (open) class.

In the PC70 plus, Jaxon Ritchie and Jessica Hayton were both 3rd in their sections and Daisy Meredith was 6^h in hers.

In the PC70, the team came 3rd. There were 4 sections and Lucy Docking was 2nd in her section and Ailie MacDougall and Ruby Ford were both 3rd in their respective sections. Alice McCarthy picked up an 8th place.

Jessica Brock placed a great 6th place in the PC40.

The eventing results at PC70 and PC70 plus were qualifiers for the Northern Regional Championships at Auchlishie in August. Qualifying places went to Jaxon Ritchie, Jessica Hayton, Lucy Docking, Ailie MacDougall, Ruby Ford and Alice McCarthy. Annie Cavendish and Alice McCarthy qualified for the PC80 class at Oatridge BE event.



In July we had **Area 19 Championships** at Morris Equestrian where qualifications were up for grabs for showjumping and dressage at the Northern Regional Championships at Auchlishie.

Showjumping

Our **PC70** team was in 6th place (Ailie MacDougall, Niamh Burke, Lucy Docking, Ella Collins) and qualified for Auchlishie.

In the **PC70 plus** Rowan also picked up qualification coming 5th.

The **PC80** team of Rowan Miller, Alice McCarthy, Ailie MacDougall and Annie Cavendish came 1st! So they qualified also. Individually Alice was 2nd and Annie was 3rd.

The **PC90** team (Poppy Campbell, Annie Cavendish, Alice McCarthy) came in 9th place but individually Annie Cavendish was in 1st place!

Dressage

Our **PC70** team (Lucy Docking, Ella Collins, Ailie MacDougall, Niamh Burke) qualified coming in 3rd place. Individual places respectively were 8th, 6th, 2nd and 10th.

Hannah McGill competed as an individual and also qualified coming in 5th place.

Rowan Miller continued her successful season, coming in 1st place in the **PC70 plus**!

The **PC80** team (Ella Collins, Claudia Koning, Rowan Miller, Annie Cavendish) also qualified in 3rd place. Individual places respectively were 2nd, 8th, 9th and 5th.

Hannah McGill, competing as an individual, qualified for this class too in 6th place.

The **Novice** team of Claudia Koning, Olivia Freer and Poppy Campbell came in 5th place. Sadly there is no novice class at Regional Champs.

Competitions

Well done to all who have been out competing this year. There have been super results.

Thank you to our Chief Instructor Mari-Claire for all she does to coordinate, support, train and encourage each and every member of our club.

Remember, if you would like to be included in selection for representing your club in **2026** please let Mari – Claire know. There is a certain number of rallies you need to attend to be eligible.

And please send photos and/or results to Mari-Claire when you are out competing at any events not just Pony Club events. This is an excellent and vital way of keeping her aware of what you are up to and the level of completion you are confident at.

We hope to set up squads for each level who will train together so sending Mari-Claire your results will be needed.



Alice and Annie with their 2nd and 3rd place prizes in the PC80



Rowan finished in 5th place individually in the PC70+ and qualified for regional championships!

Area Show Jumping at Morris Equestrian - June 2025



The PC70 team of Niamh, Ailie, Ella and Lucy qualified for Regionals. Well done girls (and horses!)



The PC80 team of Alice, Annie, Rowan & Ailie picked up a FANTASTIC WIN qualifying the team for regional championships. Alice picked up an individual second place with Annie close behind in third!



Annie picked up a fantastic WIN in the PC90 individually & qualified for the NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Area Dressage at Morris Equestrian - June 2025

Our dancing dressage queens took home podium finishes across all sections to secure tickets for the Northern Regional Championships in August . What a shift from Strathblane!



Rowan Miller with her 1st place in the PC70 plus



Ella Collins with her 2nd place result in the PC80. She was also 6th in the PC70.



The Area 19 team, which Hannah McGill was a member of, won the PC80



Olivia Freer with her Novice dressage 3rd place!



The Novice Team of Claudia, Olivia and Poppy with their 5th place rosettes



Annie Cavendish with her 5th place in the PC80



The PC70 dressage team were third and qualified for Regional champs



Hannah McGill was also part of an Area 19 team for the PC70 and they came in 2nd



Ailie MacDougall receiving her second place rosettes in the PC70

NAF Northern Regional Championships, Auchlishie - August

As I put these results together, I realised just how AMAZINGLY well our club did. So proud of every one of you. Roll on 2026! You really do want to be part of the teams! Mari-Claire will be reaching out to you about this in the near future.

SHOWJUMPING

Our **PC70** (Ella Collins, Niamh Burke, Lucy Docking) team didn't make a podium finish but Ella Collins took an amazing 3rd place individually out of 73 riders!!!

Rowan Miller was a super 6th place individually in the **PC70 plus**.

Our **PC80** team (Annie Cavendish, Alice McCarthy, Rowan Miller, Ailie MacDougall) had a podium finish in 3rd place and out of 81 riders our club took the top two spots! Annie Cavendish was in 1st place and Alice McCarthy was 2nd. Girls, it was an absolute thrill to watch you both. You are your ponies are AMAZING!

DRESSAGE

Our **PC70** (Ella Collins, Niamh Burke, Lucy Docking, Ailie MacDougall) team were in 5th place with Ella Collins 4th in her section and Ailie MacDougall also 4th in hers.

Hannah McGill was riding as an individual in the **PC70** and not only won her section but went on to win the ride off too!! 1st place out of more than 70 riders!!

Rowan Miller continued her success from the showjumping into the dressage and **WON** the **PC70 plus**!

Our **PC80** team (Ella Collins, Annie Cavendish, Rowan Miller, Claudia Koning) went one better than the PC70 team and came 4th. Ella Collins was 6th in her section, Annie Cavendish was 3rd in hers.

Hannah McGill (individual) pulled off another win in her section! Annie came away with 6th place in the ride off.

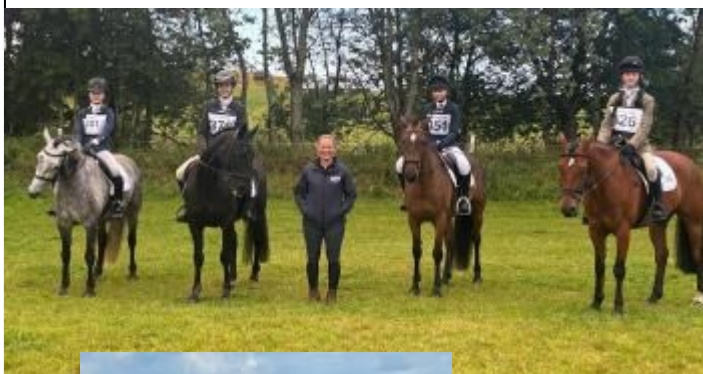
EVENTING

Our team placed a fabulous 2nd in the **PC70** with Ailie MacDougall in 1st place in her section, Ruby Ford in 2nd place in hers and Alice McCarthy 8th in her section. Well done girls!

In the **PC70 plus** Jessica Hayton was 6th and Jaxon Ritchie was 8th. You both did us proud.

In the **PC80** the Area 19 Green team WON and Annie Cavendish was part of that team. In their individual sections Alice McCarthy was 1st and Annie Cavendish 2nd. What amazing all rounders your ponies are!

NORTHERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AUCHLISHIE 2025 (Scotland, Northern Island & Northern England)





Alice McCarthy and Annie Cavendish with their eventing prizes. Alice with her first prize in her section and Annie with her first prize Area 19 team prize and 2nd in her section prizes.



Our 2nd place PC70 eventing team. Ailie MacDougall won her section and Ruby Ford was 2nd in hers.



Our 4th placed PC80 dressage team



All the dressage winners. Not one person came away without a rosette!



Hannah McGill with her hoard of prizes!

1st place in her PC70 dressage section and then overall winner! Winner again in her section at the PC80 dressage and 5th overall.



Rowan Miller with her dressage prizes! Winner of the PC70 plus and 4th with the PC80 dressage team.



Our **PC70** dressage team which came 5th