

Welcome to our second quarterly newsletter.

If there is anything useful you would like added please email glenniejoy@gmail.com

AGM and camp info evening

We'd love to see everyone at our AGM which will be held 25th April at Strathblane Village Hall, 8-9pm. All welcome.

This will be preceded by the summer camp info meeting at 7-8pm.

CAMPS - both camps are now closed for booking.

Easter Camp 14th-17th April at Sandyflats (non residential)

Summer Camp 12-16th July at Lindores (residential). Info evening on 25th April 7-8pm. Please complete the pre-camp survey when you receive it!

DC Vacancy

As a club and committee, we would like to thank Jocelyn Glennie for her enthusiasm, encouragement and dedication to the role of DC of Strathblane and District. The club has thrived under her leadership and we wish her well as she heads to a completely new chapter in her life.

Please consider if the role of DC is something you can take on, or even share the role with someone else as joint DCs. This has worked well before within our club.

RALLIES

Please look at our website for details of our rally dates and venues:

<https://strathblanepc.entrymaster.online>

2nd March—Jumping with Mari-Claire Dance, Duncryne

7th March—Unmounted C+ training

16th March—Dressage at Sandyflats with John Cameron

23rd March—Showjumping and Dressage at Sandyflats

29th March—Jumping with Mari-Claire Dance, Duncryne

Gartocharn Show—Saturday 14th June at Drymen Showfield

We thank Lindsay Pavich Ford for all her hard work in organising our rallies and welcome Linda Barrack onto our committee to work alongside Lindsay, Linda would love to have hot drinks available at all rallies, so if you have large flasks you would like to donate then they would be gratefully received.

Committee Members

DC – position available

Assistant DC – Jen Braid - Dec 2021

Secretary – Emily Hotchkiss – Jan 2023

Treasurer – Helen-Marie Koning – June 2024

Child Protection – Joy Glennie – Jan 2023

Health & Safety – Jen Braid – June 2021

Rallies – Lindsay Pavich Ford and Linda Barrack

Social Media –Kaye Cavendish - February 2025

Teams and Chief Instructor – Mari-Claire Dance

Tests – Emily Hedgecoe - September 2024

Committee member - Clara Glynn

Committee member – Gemma Mercer

Teams – Andrea Miller - February 2025

Committee members serve for a period of 3 years.

Parent Zone

Many of you have signed up using the link emailed to our new club WhatsApp page. We are always looking at ways to communicate effectively with our members and their families.

If you missed the link, please email strathblane@pcuk.org to have it resent.

Easyfundraising

The club has signed up to this website. If you go through it for online purchases, a percentage of your spend will be donated to the club.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/strathblane-and-district-pony-club/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1

AREA 19 KEY DATES 2025

9th March Dodson & Horrell National Quiz Qualifier

22nd March Area 19 Event Training at Strathearn

23rd March Blue Cross Horse & Pony Care Competition

30th March Pony Club Winter Triathlon Championship

5th-7th April Barrier Animal Health Spring Festival Championships

3rd May Area Games

4th May Dobson & Horrell Area National Quiz - Sheffield

14th-18th May Royal Windsor Horse Show PC Games

31st May-1st June Area 19 Senior Training Camp , Auchlishie

31st May Foundation Eventing PC30, PC50, PC70Q, PC80 at Raehills

1st June Area 19 Pony Club Race Day, Kelso

7th June Foundation Show Jumping & Dressage, Overton Farm

19th-22nd June Royal Highland Show PC Games and PC Show Jumping

6th July Area Show Jumping, Morris

7th July Area Dressage, Morris

1st-3rd August Northern Regional Championships, Auchlishie

8th-16th August Pony Club Championships, Offchurch Bury

Barrier Animal Health Spring Festival

5th—7th April at Morris

Congratulations to all our qualifiers.

Well done to Ella Collins, Claudia Koning and Anna Somerville who have qualified for all 3 disciplines!

Showjumping Qualifiers

Alice McCarthy

Anna Somerville

Claudia Koning

Susannah Cavendish

Jessie Berry

Ella Collins

Arena Eventing Qualifiers

Olivia Freer

Claudia Koning

Ruby Ford

Charlotte Brennan

Alice McCarthy

Ella Collins

Susanah Cavendish

Rowan Miller

Jaxon Ritchie

Anna Somerville

Dressage Qualifiers

Ella Collins

Ruby Ford

Charlotte Brennan

Eva McGill

Claudia Koning

Anna Somerville

Good luck to our teams taking part in the **Dodson and Horrell National Qualifier Quiz** on the 9th March at Gorebridge.

Annual Award's Night

After being postponed in November due to dangerous weather conditions, we had a successful and fun night on the 11th January. Thank you to all who helped run it, brought food, donated to the raffle and tombola and came along on the night to support us. And huge congratulations to all our award winners (see below).

We raised over £800. The money we raise at these events is primarily used to support our members in area and national events, so your support is very much appreciated.

We can not run these events without our wonderful volunteers. Some of our social committee are stepping down so we would really love some new volunteers.

Winners for season 2024:

Most improved junior *Orlaith Burke*

Most improved senior *Daisy Meredith*

Most improved new member *Rowan Miller*

Star of the future *Tilly Mellor*

Dedication award *Rosie Foggin*

Volunteer of the year *Poppy Campbell*

Overall pony club performance at 70cm *Annie Cavendish*

Overall pony club performance at 80cm *Charlotte Brennan*

Outstanding achievement *Gemma Mercer*



C Test

Congratulations to all our members who passed their C Test, and many thanks to Emily Hedgecoe for all the fantastic training and support: Claudia Koning, Hannah McGill, Jess Hayton, Jessie Berry, Corrie Barrack, Ruby Ford, Eva McGill, Anna Black, Annie Cavendish, Daisy Meredith, Lily Logan



Spurs Badge

Just a reminder that spurs are no longer allowed to be worn by any pony club member at PC training or events unless they have passed their spurs badge or have achieved their C+ test. Training and testing is run by Area 19.

Gartocharn Show 14th June at Drymen Showfield

Back by popular demand! Please keep this date free as well as Friday 13th as we will need ALL hands on deck to ensure the show can run. Lots of exciting things are planned for this day - details to follow.

Pony Club Cubitt Award

Back in November a few of us had the privilege to gather and present Isabelle Thomson with her Pony Club Cubitt Award for services to the pony club.

The Cubitt Award celebrates 20 years of voluntary service.

Isabelle was our secretary for over 20 years. There wasn't anything that was too much trouble, and her knowledge and dedication were second to none. She also did all the safeguarding, kept tabs on mountains of equipment and organised all the trophies.

Isabelle was presented her award by Irene Whitson who is a previous DC of our club and also our current president.

Thank you Isabelle for being such a reliable, honest, committed, passionate, patient, cheerful, encouraging, knowledgeable, wonderful human being.



RESULTS OF RALLY SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who responded to our online rally survey and thanks to Lindsay for running it and providing the following analysis. We had 20 responses from a variety of age groups (representing 40% of our members).

Summary of venue feedback

1. Venue Variety and Accessibility: There is a desire for more venues and a greater variety of locations, with some venues being noted as not easily accessible. Suggestions include considering Sandyflats indoor over the winter and holding rallies at larger competition venues like Morris.
2. Instructor Variety: There is a call for more variety in instructors, particularly at certain venues, to enhance the overall experience.
3. General Positive Feedback: Positive comments include appreciation for the rotation of venues, the mixture of different stables, and the overall range of venues making attendance easier.

Summary of rally satisfaction

1. Rally Scheduling and Planning: Members express a need for more rallies, especially during weekends in winter months, and suggest that knowing rally dates and venues further in advance would help in planning logistics.
2. Targeted Rallies for Different Age Groups: There is a desire for rallies and lessons specifically aimed at young horses and younger members, as well as for older members and those competing at higher levels. Suggestions include TRT method, stable manners, and building resilience for young horses, and more consideration for older members when choosing instructors.
3. Cost and Flexibility Concerns: Some members find the rallies too expensive and inflexible, with issues such as non-refundable cancellations and the difficulty of managing young kids in cold weather. They suggest altering costs based on group sizes and providing more affordable options.
4. Variety and Continuity in Rallies: Members appreciate the variety of rally locations and the ease of the booking system but desire more variety in the types of rallies, such as arena eventing and big cross-country venues. Continuity with instructors is also valued.
5. Positive Feedback on Instructors and Organization: Members praise the well-organized rallies, the range of great coaches, low group numbers, and good venues.

How we have responded to the feedback:

All rallies are now being subsidised by the club as we aim to keep costs as low as possible for members.

Specialist clinics with guest instructors such as dressage with John Cameron. Please note that these clinics will be slightly more expensive but still subsidised.

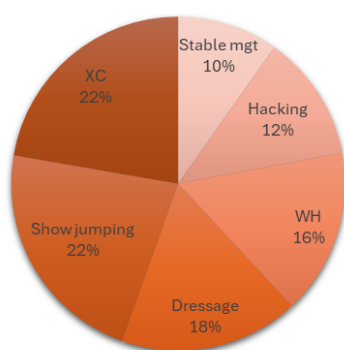
We have booked more rallies at Sandyflats; there are 2 in March.

Tiny tots rally at Duncryne May 3rd.

We are organising a XC rally at Gleneagles over the Easter break and there will be arena eventing at Champfleurie. Dates to be announced!

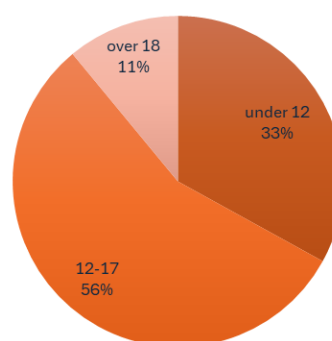
We're always happy to receive feedback so let us know what works and what doesn't and we'll try to accommodate your requests!

Rally type



Results of preferred activity for rallies

Age range



Age distribution of respondents - this is representative of the membership.