

Welcome Letter



Dear New Member, Parents and Carers

Welcome to Tetcott Pony Club. This letter aims to help explain how the club runs. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to ask anyone on the committee – we are here to help.

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The Pony Club

More general information about the Pony Club and all it has to offer can be found at, pcuk.org

We are part of the Area 16 Pony Club which covers Cornwall and Western Devon and includes multiple branches and centres. You may visit the Area 16 website to find additional competitions open to all in our Area at, branches.pcuk.org/area16/

Pony Club Results is the webpage where all times and results are published for pony club run events and can be found at, www.ponyclubresults.co.uk

Entry Master is our system for booking all our events. You will need to create an account which will enable you to book onto events and pay for these here too. www.tetcottpc.entrymaster.online

Communication

Our main place for communicating information is our website, which holds important information and our booking calendar for our events. However, we also have a closed Facebook group 'Tetcott & South Tetcott Pony Club (Members)' for members and close relatives. This is used for sharing what is on our web pages, celebrating, sharing stories or tips and fun news. You are welcome to comment on any posts, but we ask members not to share photographs of other members.

We aim to plan as much in advance as possible, however, there are times when we can provide additional events at short notice, so it is advisable to keep checking the website for updates.

Rallies

Rallies are group sessions and may be flat, jumping, equitation or other skills. If you have a time preference, or are lift sharing, please mention this on a comment when booking and we will try our best to accommodate this. We ask that you arrive in good time to tack up as coaches usually charge by the hour and running over is costly.

We have a good selection of coaches, all who have different skills and styles of teaching. We encourage members to attend as many rallies as possible and to enjoy the benefit from the variety. Please note, there may also be requirements for some events, for members to have attended a specified number of rallies prior to entering. Please feel free to pass any feedback to the rally organiser or a committee member as this will help assist us with planning future sessions.

All rallies will have a designated first aider present. These are volunteer parents/carers of members participating in the attending rally. First aid kits are allocated to members who are happy to be involved in this area to support the club, through undertaking a first aid qualification and holding a current DBS certificate. Both these can be organised and paid for via the club. If you are happy to be a club first aider, please contact the secretary.

Tack and Turnout

Please ensure your tack is well fitting, clean and in good repair. Coaches may carryout brief tack checks at the beginning of sessions and may offer advise as they feel appropriate. Please ensure you adhere to the pony club dress code for all rallies. Your hat must be Pony Club approved and tagged; please remember if you get a new hat to ask a committee member for a new tag. Current hat standards can be viewed at, pcuk.org/media/4qq1barcq/hat-tagging-guide-2023.pdf

We encourage all riders to wear a body protector, which is compulsory for cross country and must be to the current standards, pcuk.org/media/hh4h35mb/2023body-protector-rule.pdf. Long hair should be tied back. Small stud earrings may be worn but no other jewellery is permitted. Bare shoulders are not permitted for any sessions. Hoodies are not permitted for riding and discouraged for stable management sessions too. Riders must wear appropriate footwear – no wellington boots when riding please. Both parents/carers and children to have appropriate sturdy footwear if leading horses/ponies (no sandals or trainers).

We encourage good turnout at all times; plain dark, cream or white jodhpurs and a plain dark polo shirt and/or sweatshirt. Long sleeves should be worn for all jumping but again is compulsory for cross country. Gloves are strongly recommended.

Medical armbands are recommended where a parent/carer may not be immediately to hand (on a cross country course).

For competitions representing the club, the team organiser will advise on dress code.

Embroidered clothing can be purchased via our official supplier Wainwright, www.wainwrightscreenprint.co.uk. Our branch colour is Navy Blue.

However, we have an online club shop set up with GG Gear through which members may order clothing and equipment branded with our logo. If you seek an item of clothing/equipment not on currently listed, please speak to the club secretary. www.gggear.co.uk

Spurs may be worn providing they are blunt or have a small rotating ball.

Horse/Pony Welfare

No horse or pony may attend any event, including rallies, unless it has a Record of Vaccination against equine influenza. An initial primary course of two vaccinations must be given; horses may attend events 7 days after receiving the second vaccination of the primary course. (for clarity: no horse or pony may compete on the same day as a relevant injection is given or on any of the 6 days following such an injection)

All horse/ponies attending any pony club event, to include rallies, must meet the minimum age requirement of 4 years old.

Please ensure that your horse/ponies' passport has been declared to the branch secretary. Please do this by emailing a copy of your passport to the secretary, showing its identification page and vaccinations record. Please ensure this is done for every horse/pony that attends a pony club event.

Badges and tests

Whilst these are not compulsory, we encourage members to undertake the Pony Club Proficiency tests as they progress through the pony club. These supplement the rallies and provide essential skills for our members to care for their horses and environment.

Locations

Our club covers a wide area geographically and therefore we aim to provide rallies at suitable venues at various locations. We are extremely lucky to have some members offer to host rallies at their location. If you feel you may have a suitable venue and would be willing to host a rally, please speak to a committee member.

Tetrathlon and Triathlon

Becky Vernon is our triathlon and tetrathlon coordinator. Triathlon consists of a run, shoot and a swim. Tetrathlon consists of a run, shoot, a swim plus a cross county riding phase. All training is available through the club – please note that younger members throw beanbags at a target instead of shooting. Please contact Becky for more information on tetrathlon and triathlon. There is also lots of information on the pony club website.

Mounted games

Becky Murray is our mounted games coordinator. Our members have a blast learning new skills, developing their confidence and teamwork. Team members are able to combine their love of ponies and friends with a variety of exciting and exhilarating races, involving turns, handovers, skill, vaulting and galloping! Please contact Becky for further information; again, there is also lots of information on the pony club website.

Fundraising

Throughout the year we aim to hold fundraising events to allow the club to invest in additional equipment to fund extra activities and to allow for club activities to be subsidised for members. We ask all members to support such activities where possible and welcome new fundraising ideas and initiatives. Friends and family are always welcome if they are able and willing to help!

Awards evening

Each year we hold an awards evening to review and celebrate the achievements of our members. This is a great way to record your progress, which also forms part of the application for Area qualifiers for the Pony Club Championships. All completed records will need to be sent to Yolanda Spencer after the 31st December. Points books for completing can be found on our website, under 'Points Book'.

Safeguarding

No member should be photographed or videoed without the consent of the parent/carer.

Please ensure that once you have logged into your Pony Club members portal that you complete the 'Special Updates' section stating all information that is required.

As a club, we rely on our volunteers to be able to offer our members the very best experiences. We do require a number of parents/carers to hold relevant up to date, first aid certificates, safeguarding certificates, DBS checks and Food Hygiene certificates. If you either hold any of the above or are willing to obtain these, please contact the club secretary.

Members may be asked not to ride by an Official (including a first aider) who believes they may have sustained concussion either at the time of injury or from a previous injury (which may not have been

sustained whilst riding). Concussion is difficult to diagnose, and practitioners of all grades must err on the side of caution. Thus, any decision must be respected, and professional medical support is advised to avoid further harm. Ignoring an official's advice about concussion breaches The Pony Club's Code of Conduct.

If a rider should be suspected of a concussion following an accident, the member will be referred to hospital immediately for further assessment. The rider must not ride again that day and must be returned to the care of the parents/guardians and should not be left alone. If a member is diagnosed with a concussion, they must not ride again at any activities for 3 weeks and should follow medical instructions given by the medical professional.

Area and Championship Competitions

Each year Area 16 host qualifying competitions for the Mini and Regional Grassroots at Bicton Arena and the JCB National Championships at Offchurch Bury. We encourage members to put themselves forward to represent the branch at these competitions and we organise training to help them prepare. All members will be selected based on an eligibility criteria.

Camp

Camp is usually run in the summer months and are offered as a Tigers, Junior and Senior Camp. You will be advised upon application as to which camp your child would be best suited too. Full details will be circulated on the build up to each camp. All parents staying overnight at camps will be required to have a full DBS check prior to the camp.

We look forward to meeting you soon,

Tetcott Pony Club Committee