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# Spring Newsletter 2024



Dear Members,

2024 is well under way and lots of members have taken part in rallies and competitions already. Our spring programme is listed below. **All rallies** are booked through Horse-Events <https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-clubrallies/?pcbc=534f7310-c56c-e911-a9a5-00224800c3e8> **March, April, May** rallies can be booked now you can pay your deposits for Camps. We look forward to seeing you and your ponies during the Easter hols, **especially our new members** and to those representing our branch in competitions we wish you every success. If you have any questions, queries or need help please contact any of the committee, we are here to help!



## Easter Programme & Summer Dates

Date	Activity	Location	Time	Price	Organiser
Sat 9th March	Show Jumping Rally L/R Welcome	Roughway Farm Arena, Tonbridge TN11 9SN	From 10am	£15	Vic Davison
<a href="https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/jumping-rally-20240316/">https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/jumping-rally-20240316/</a>					
Sun 10th March	Show Jumping Rally with C Kruger from 70- 80cm - 1m	Tutsham Farm, Hunt St, West Farleigh ME15 0NE	From 10am	£25	Mrs Lawson
<a href="https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-jumping-rally-20240310/">https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-jumping-rally-20240310/</a>					
Sat 16th March	Working Rally & Stable Management Open to all with M Ayiotis	Judd Wood Farm, Tonbridge TN11 8AB	from 10:30	£10	Mrs Gilman
<a href="https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-working-rally-with-stable-management-20240316/">https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-working-rally-with-stable-management-20240316/</a>					
Sun 17th March	Intro to Eventing Rally with J Bowen	Mid Surrey PC Field, Hurst Road, Walton on the Hill KT20 5BN	from 9:00	£30	Mrs Crane
<a href="https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/intro-to-eventing-rally-20240317/">https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/intro-to-eventing-rally-20240317/</a>					
Sun 24th March	Winter Fun Games Rally	Hadlow College, TN11 0AL	1-3pm	£10	Mrs Sollis
<a href="https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/winter-fun-games-rally-20240324/">https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/winter-fun-games-rally-20240324/</a>					
<b>APRIL</b>					
Mon 8th April	Show Jumping Rally with Keeley Harrison x poles to 70cm	Lower Brenchley Farm, Watermans Lane, Brenchley TN12 6ND	from 1pm	£15	Miss Davison
<a href="https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-pc-show-jumping-rally/">https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-pc-show-jumping-rally/</a>					
Tue 9th April	Dressage Rally with C Stryyk 1/2-hour individual of 1-hour pairs	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	TBC	£18	Mrs Sollis
<a href="https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-dressage-rally-20240409/">https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-dressage-rally-20240409/</a>					
Wed 10th April	"All about Eventing" Half Day Rally from 50cm	Lodge Farm, Bramble Reed Lane, Matfield TN12 7ET	10am	£50	Mrs Crane
<a href="https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/wks-eventing-rally-20240410/">https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/wks-eventing-rally-20240410/</a>					
Fri 12th April	Working Rally Ride only	Bitchet Green, Seal (directions will be emailed)	TBA	£10	Mrs Gilman
<a href="https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-working-rallyriding-only-20240216/">https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-working-rallyriding-only-20240216/</a>					
Mon 15th April	Fun Games Rally with Hotdog & refreshments open to all	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	from 4pm	£10	Mrs Sollis
<a href="https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-pc-fun-games-rally/">https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-pc-fun-games-rally/</a>					
Sat 4th May	Dressage Rally Area Selection test & retest	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	TBA	£15	Mrs Sollis
<a href="https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-dressage-rally-for-area-selection-20240504/">https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-dressage-rally-for-area-selection-20240504/</a>					
<b>MAY</b>					
11th May	Show Jumping Rally with A Ford 70cm-1m	Roughway Farm Arena, Tonbridge TN11 9SN	from 9:30	£20	Mrs Lawson

<https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-pc-show-jumping-rally-1/>

Sat 11th May	Tetrathlon Rally	Fishponds Farm, Upper Haysden Lane, Tonbridge TN11 8AA	from 3pm	£3	Mrs Bastable
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<https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-pc-tetrathlon-rally/>

Fri 17th May	Fun Games Rally with Hotdog & refreshments open to all	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	from 5:30pm	£10	Mrs Sollis
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<https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-pc-friday-night-fun-games-rally/>

Sun 19th May	Dressage Rally Area Selection test & re test	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	TBA	£15	Mrs Sollis
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<https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-dressage-rally-for-area-selection-20240519/>

Sat 25th May	XC Rally with S Rook from 50-80cm	Bonfleur, Linton, ME17 4BD	from 10am	£35	Mrs Crane
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<https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/eventing-rally-20240525/>

Tues 28th May	Working Rally with Stable Management & Cake	East Hill Farm, East Hill, Knatts Valley, TN15 6YD	from 10:30	£10	Mrs Gilman
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<https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-pc-working-rally-with-stable-management/>

Thurs 30th May	Hack an accompanied Ride open to all L/R welcome	Judd Wood Farm, Tonbridge TN11 8AB	2pm	£5	Mrs Sollis/Mrs Bastable
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<https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/wks-hack-20240530/>

Fri 31st May	Dismounted Friday Night fun games Rally with a swim & a Hot Dog	Westover, Underriver TN15 0SE	from 5:30pm	£10	Mrs Sollis
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<https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/west-kent-sevenoaks-dismounted-games-rally-20240531/>

## JUNE

Sat 8th June	Dressage Rally with C Strysyk 1/2-hour individual of 1-hour pairs	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	TBC	£18	Mrs Sollis
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Sun 9th June	Show Jumping Area Selection Rally from 70cm (see SJ Notes)	Roughway Farm Arena, Tonbridge TN11 9SN	10am	£10	Mrs Lawson/Miss Davison
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Fri 14th June	Fun Games Rally with Hotdog & refreshments open to all	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	from 5:30pm	£10	Mrs Sollis
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Sun 16th	Show Jumping Area Team Training invitation only	Felbridge	10am	£10	Mrs Lawson/Miss Davison
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Sat 22nd June	Working Rally riding only open to all L/R Welcome	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	TBC	£10	Mrs Gilman
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Fri 28th June	Fun Games Rally with Hotdog & refreshments open to all	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	from 5:30pm	£10	Mrs Sollis
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## JULY

Wed 3rd July	Camp Meeting	Judd Wood Farm, Tonbridge TN11 8AB	6pm	N/A	
Fri 12 July	Fun Games Rally with Hotdog & refreshments open to all	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	from 5:30pm	£10	Mrs Sollis
<b>AUGUST</b>					
Fri 9th August	Fun Games Rally with Hotdog & refreshments open to all	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	from 5:30pm	£10	Mrs Sollis
Sat 12th August	Charrington Cup & Team Show Jumping vs WKM	Judd Wood Farm, Tonbridge TN11 8AB	TBC	N/A	Mrs Lawson/Miss Davison
Wed 21st August	Fun Day Rally	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	TBA	TBA	Mrs Sollis
Wed 28th August	Combined Training Competition	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	TBA	TBA	Mrs Sollis
Fri 30th August	Fun Games Rally with Hotdog & refreshments open to all	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	from 5:30pm	£10	Mrs Sollis
Fri 20th Sept	Fun Games Rally with Hotdog & refreshments open to all	Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG	from 5:30pm	£10	Mrs Sollis

## Rally Information

All rallies to be booked and paid for via [Horse-Events https://www.horse-events.co.uk/ponyclub-rallies/?pcbc=534f7310-c56c-e911-a9a5-00224800c3e8](https://www.horse-events.co.uk/ponyclub-rallies/?pcbc=534f7310-c56c-e911-a9a5-00224800c3e8) Places are limited on some rallies, and we may ask members to only book in one pony. If the rally you wish to come to is full, please contact the rally organiser to go on a wait list (some rallies may have a wait list on Horse-Events). Please let us know if you wish to cancel. Refunds are given if you have a vet/doctor's certificate or if your place is filled from a wait list. If you withdraw via Horse-Events 2 weeks or more before the rally date you will be refunded. Unless stated above, rally times will be emailed to you.

**Rally Dress Code:** You may wear either a jacket (hacking or black/navy) with a shirt and PC tie or a WKS Red polo shirt or sweatshirt. Dark coloured hat silk (no pom-poms), beige or dark coloured jodhpurs. Plain tack, saddlecloth/numnah – white, black, brown, navy. Hats- PAS015:1998 and Snell E2001 are no longer accepted. Please have your hat checked and tagged at your next rally. Base layer

skins may be worn at cross country & games rallies (Please remember body protectors BETA 2018 level 3- blue/black are compulsory for all XC) Also remember your hairnet and gloves & no earrings. If you need a copy of our Dress Code leaflet, please ask Mrs Giddings.

**Parents** – Please remember not to encourage, reprimand, or instruct your children whilst they are under instruction at a rally. If you have any concerns, please speak to the rally organiser. Thank you.

### **WORKING RALLIES WITH STABLE MANAGEMENT /BADGES**

Members are in small groups with 45mins/1hr riding and 45mins/1hr stable management working towards a test or achievement badge. Suitable for all members from lead rein up.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT FUN GAMES RALLIES**

These popular rallies are something to look forward to after school on a Friday! A fun rally of non-competitive mounted games suitable for all members from lead rein up.

## **Show Jumping**

There are Pony Club show jumping championships from 70cm upwards. The Regional Championships will have competitions at 70cm and 80cm and the PC Championships will have classes at 90m, 1m and 1.10m. Qualification for all classes will be held at the Area competition at Hickstead on 30th June. Anyone wishing to go forward for selection to represent the branch should email [katetamblyn@btinternet.com](mailto:katetamblyn@btinternet.com). The SJ Area selection rally on **9th June** is essential for anyone wanting to go to Area for the first time, or who is competing on a different pony or at a different height to at previous Area competitions. All combinations must be experienced and confident at the height at which they wish to compete. See the 'Competitions' notes below for details on conditions of entry and the team selection policy. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. The Area team training at Felbridge on **16th June** is by invitation only, for those selected for Area.

## **Dressage**

Our Dressage rallies on **4th May** and **19th May** are test & re-test for Area selection if you wish to be considered for the Area competition on **23rd June** at Felbridge. Please choose your test when booking in. You will ride and be marked on your chosen test, discuss it with the judge and then ride the test again. If you have any questions, please contact Emma - [dc.westkentsevenoaks@pcuk.org](mailto:dc.westkentsevenoaks@pcuk.org)

## **Eventing**

Upcoming rallies – **Sun 17th March** -'Introduction to XC' rally at Walton on the Hill. 40-60cm. 9am start. Ideal first cross-country rally, come and give it a try. **Weds 10 April** - 'All about eventing' half-day rally at Lodge Farm. A fun and educational rally suitable for everyone, especially geared to eventing novices. Fences from 50cm to 90cm. 10am start, with D Staples & S Rook. Practise a dressage test with instruction, have a showjumping lesson in a small group then head out onto the cross-country course with an instructor (in a small group). There will also be a briefing and Q&A for members and parents who are new to eventing, explaining everything you need to know e.g. how to prepare, equipment for horse and rider, the format of the day, scoring, safety and much more with an opportunity for all attendees to earn their Eventing badge. Bring a packed lunch for you and your pony. **Sat 25 May** XC rally at Bonfleur with S Rook. 50-80cm. From 10am. A particularly good practice opportunity for anyone heading to the PC70 Regional Qualifier on 16th June.

## What to wear

Body protectors to BETA Level 3 2018 (blue/black tag) are compulsory for all cross-country events and rallies. Hats: For all XC, competitions, training & rallies, a jockey skull cap with no fixed peak must be worn. All hats must meet PC hat requirements and be tagged. Sweatshirts/skins may be worn at XC rallies. When representing your branch in a team or as an individual, riders should wear a Pony Club red sweatshirt or red XC skin and a red hat silk.

## Area/Regional competitions

The Area eventing qualifier (for PC80, PC90, PC100, Chairman's Cup and PC110) will be at Blindley Heath Nr Lingfield RH7 6JL on 26<sup>th</sup> (PC80) & 27<sup>th</sup> (all others) May. Timing of the classes is not yet known. Anyone wishing to be considered to represent WKS should contact Sara Crane ASAP. All combinations will need to have solid eventing competition experience at their selected height, with at least two completions, and have attended three PC rallies in the past year, including one eventing rally. Sara is happy to answer any questions you may have and discuss options. Those qualifying at PC80 at Area (and PC70 Regional Qualifier on 16 June) will progress to the Regional Championships 24-26 Aug at Rectory Farm GL7 7JW; those qualifying at PC90-PC110 will head to PC Championships at Offchurch Bury, 15-17 Aug. There is lots of information on PC eventing rules and qualification criteria on the Pony Club Eventing Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090818760032>

## Future dates

24 March - mini one day event (from 40cm) at Mid Surrey PC, Walton-on-the-Hill

6 April - arena eventing at Petley Wood, Romney Marsh PC

28 April – mini one day event (poles on the ground – 50cms) Woodland Hunt

18 May - Eridge PC one day event at Lodge Farm (PC70, PC80, PC90) - great prep for Area Horse Trials/Regional Qualifier

26 May - Area Horse Trials (PC80) at Blindley Heath

27 May – Area Horse Trials (PC90, PC100, Chairman's Cup, PC110) at Blindley Heath

29 May - Eridge PC mini express eventing at Eridge Park

16 June Regional PC70 eventing qualifier at Walton-on-the-Hill, plus mini one day event at 50cm/60cm/70cm

## Tetrathlon

Huge congratulations to WKS member Marcus Cook on being selected for the UK Tetrathlon squad. A fantastic achievement and truly well-deserved. Tetrathlon training is starting, and all members are welcome. Our next session for shoot training and running is Sat 11th May at Fishpond Farm Tonbridge TN11 8AA at 3pm. Long trousers please for shooting (equipment provided) and trainers for running. Any questions please contact – Jane at – [juddwoodfarm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:juddwoodfarm@hotmail.co.uk)

## Competitions

There are lots of Pony Club competitions coming up for you to enter. Dates and schedules are available on <http://branches.pcuk.org/area11/area-dates/> It is a condition of entry at ALL competitions for your pony to have a vaccination certificate. Also, it is essential, if you are representing our branch at any competition, for you to attend at least one rally on the pony you are competing on. For Area you need to attend at least 3 rallies. Please read our Team selection policy for more details. This is available on our website. Please let your team manager know when entering competitions and hopefully you can be included in a West Kent (Sevenoaks) team too. Good luck everyone!

## Rule Books

If you are planning to compete it is important to have your own copy of the rules. These are available to download from the Pony Club website [www.pcuk.org](http://www.pcuk.org) or you can buy a hard copy from Amazon. Whip rule: For Show Jumping and Cross Country a padded whip must be used, full details of the type of whip can be found in the relevant Rulebook.

## SUMMER CAMPS

Here are the dates for camps. You reserve your camp place and pay a deposit via Horse-Events. There will be a camp meeting on 3rd July at Judd Wood Farm at 6pm for all campers and their parent/carer. Learn everything you need to know about coming to camp, order your camp t-shirt and ask any questions you may have.

**SENIOR RESIDENTIAL CAMP** – Monday 22nd July – Friday 26th July 2024 - £300 Our Senior camp for members 12 years and over is at Judd Wood Farm, Tonbridge TN11 8AB

**JUNIOR CAMP** – Monday 29th July– Thursday 1st August 2024 - £200 Junior camp is also at Judd Wood Farm and is great fun for members 8 – 11 years old (who are competent at walk and trot off the leading rein in an open field with other ponies). Members wishing to attend Junior camp for the first time will need to be assessed at a rally, on the pony they are bringing to camp, before they book their place. Ponies stay for the week and members attend daily (bringing a packed lunch and change of clothes).

**MINI CAMP** – Tues 30th & Wed 31st July 2024 – to be held at East Hill Farm - £60 Mini camp is a two-day camp open to all members 4 years and over not yet ready for Junior camp. Members on the lead rein are welcome and all members must be accompanied by a parent. Camp will run from 10.30 – 3pm and members, and their ponies, need to bring a packed lunch.

## WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

All Pony Club websites are being updated. Ours will be live on 24th March! Our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/West-Kent-Sevenoaks-Pony-Club-page217574575291043/](http://www.facebook.com/West-Kent-Sevenoaks-Pony-Club-page217574575291043/) has some fabulous photos, recent results and is frequently updated. Mrs Sara Crane manages our website and Facebook page – if you have any achievements you wish to broadcast (don't be shy!) please let her know – [sarafcrane@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarafcrane@yahoo.co.uk) - Photos of WKS members in action especially appreciated.



# ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS EVENING

Our annual meeting & awards evening was held on 8th Feb in Weald Village Hall. We were very grateful to Camilla Kruger for making the award presentations. Congratulations to all members who received an award.

**Eventing Senior Silver** – Darcy Rook **Junior Silver**- Lara Bailey

**Warrington Cup (PC 80)**-Poppy Humfrey/Clemmy Rogers

**Seren Cup (PC70)**- not awarded PC60 Cup – not awarded.

**Show Jumping Senior** –Zoe Sollis/Katie Clyne **Novice**– Stella Rosner/ Esme Crane **Mini** – Florrie Hedley

**Dressage Cup** - Darcy Rook Dressage

**Catmint Cup** – Pippa Lawson

**Hunt Cup** – Jack & Charlie Smart

**Tetrathlon Shield** – Senior Boys Marcus Cook

**Team Cup Intermediate Dressage team** – M.Windram, A.McKean, E.Crane

**2nd Team Cup** – Grassroots Dressage team- F.Hedley, P.Lawson, J.Meredith-Jones, B.Bastable

**Bryce Nimmo** – Champs Open Eventing team- D.Rook, M.Cook, A.Scott, K.Clyne.

**Bannister Cup** – Grassroots SJ team – C.Rogers, F.Roscoe, P.Lawson, C.Quinnell

**Show Jumping Cup** – Grassroots SJ team – P.Humfrey, A.Mardell, B.Bastable

**Personal Achievement Cup** – Esme Crane

**Twinkle Trophy** (attendance) – Charlie Smart

**Rasputin Trophy** (attendance)- Florrie Hedley

**Emily Cassell Cup** (for improvement)- Florrie Hedley

**Shelia Cotter Picture** (young pony)- Lily Elliott

**Committee Cup** (for WKS spirit)- Zoe Sollis

**D.C.'s Cup** – Abbey Mardell