# WEST KENT (SEVENOAKS) BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB

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Secretary Newsletter, Merchandise

Treasurer, Rallies

Assistant DC, Eventing Website/Facebook

Hunting

Safeguarding

Rallies Camp, Tetrathlon

Show Jumping - Snr 80cms +

Show Jumping- Jnr up to 80cms

Tests, stable management & badges Quiz teams

**Chief Instructor** 

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Branch email - westkentsevenoaks@pcuk.org

Branch Facebook -www.facebook.com/West-Kent-Sevenoaks-Pony-Club-page-217574575291043/

**Branch WhatsApp** – <u>https://chat.whatsapp./com/JcCThnGgc3LAOEt2s7PHr</u> *Please join this new group if you haven't already done so.*  Dear Members,

Our upcoming programme is detailed below.

If you have any questions or queries please contact any committee member, we are here to help. We welcome our new members to the branch and we wish everyone and their ponies a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

### WINTER PROGRAMME

Sun 15th Dec Indoor Show Jumping at Eaglesfield EC West Yo	ke,Ash TN15 7HT
From 10am From 80cms with C.Kruger . from 10ar	n £30 (Mrs Lawson)
Up to 70cms with P.Howe, from 1pm	<b>£25</b> (Ms Davison)
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec <u>Arena eventing rally</u> at Lockskinners, Chiddingston	e TN8 7ND from 10am
with A.Ford. <b>FULL</b>	<b>£20</b> (Mrs Crane)
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec Mounted Games Christmas competition at Hadlow	College TN11 0AP
For all members who have been to a games rally	<b>£10</b> (Mrs Sollis)
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan <u>Dressage rally</u> at Hawden Cottage, HildenboroughTM	111 9BG from 10am
with C.Stryzyk <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> hour individual or 1 hour in a pai	r - <b>£17.50</b> (Mrs Sollis)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan <u>Quiz team rally</u> at Sackville School 6 – 7.30pm. Ope	n to all. <b>No fee</b> . (Ms Ray)
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan Indoor Show Jumping at Eaglesfield EC West Yoke	e,Ash TN15 7HT
Up to 70cms with P.Howe from 1pm	<b>£25</b> (Ms Davison)
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan Eventing rally with C.Kruger at Hickstead. AM Fend	ces from 80cms. £55 (Mrs C)
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan <u>Quiz team rally</u> at Sackville School 6- 7.30pm Open	to all. <b>No fee</b> (Ms Ray)
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Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb Dressage rally at Hawden Cottage, HildenboroughTN	
with C.Stryzyk <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> hour individual or 1 hour in a pai	
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb <u>ANNUAL MEETING</u> & Awards Presentation Even	ing 7pm. ALL WELCOME
at Weald Memorial Hall, Long Barn Road Weald TN	
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb Show Jumping rally at Roughway Farm Arena, Tonb	ridge
e	25 (Mrs Lawson)
	<b>20</b> (Ms Davison)
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb <u>Dressage competition</u> at Hadlow. Barrier spring fe	stival qualifier.
Classes for all. Schedule to follow soon.	
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb Working rally, ride only at Roughway Farm Arena	Tonbridge TN11 9SN
Open to all	<b>£10</b> (Mrs Gilman)
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb Arena Eventing rally with Jesse Campbell at Hickste	ead
From 10am, Fences -70/80cms, 80/90cms, 11	M+ <b>£60</b> (Mrs Crane)
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb <u>Quiz team rally</u> at Sackville School 6 – 7.30pm . Op	en to all. <b>No fee</b> (Ms Ray)
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar <u>Dressage rally</u> at Hawden Cottage, HildenboroughTN	11 9BG from 10am
with C.Stryzyk <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> hour individual or 1 hour in a pai	
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar <u>AREA Quiz</u> Details to follow Come to the Friday 1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar Show Jumping rally with C.Kruger at Roughway Far	
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TN11 9SNFences from 80cms£25 (Mrs Lawson)

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Mar <u>Working rally</u> at Judd Wood Farm, Tonbridge TN11 8AB **£10** (Mrs Gilman)

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Mar <u>Show Jumping rally</u> with P.Howe at Roughway Farm Arena,Tonbridge TN11 9SN From 11am, Fences from x poles to 70cms. **£20** (Ms Davison)

# **RALLIES**

All rallies are booked through Horse-events.co.uk

https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-rallies/?pcbc=534f7310-c56c-e911-a9a5-00224800c3e8 For any questions about a rally, or if you wish to cancel, please contact the rally organiser.

If you have any problem booking in please contact horse-events.co.uk

# PARENTS

<u>A reminder</u> – 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

# ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS EVENING

Our Annual meeting is on <u>Thurs 6th February</u> at <u>Weald Memorial Hall, Longbarn Rd,</u> <u>Weald TN14 6PT at 7pm</u>. A great opportunity for newer members to meet everyone and find out more about what we do.We will also be presenting the awards for achievements during 2024. <u>Please could everyone who has an award from last year return it – clean and engraved – to</u> <u>Mrs Giddings, Mrs Sollis or any committee member, by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 Thank-you.</u>

Jackets, skins and a few sweatshirts etc will be on sale and refreshments will be served. All members and their parents are welcome.

# ANNUAL SHOW – 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

A HUGE thank you to everyone who braved Storm Bert to come to our show, whether competing or helping out. Well done to all WKS riders and special mention to our prize winners: Class 2: River Reid WKS trophy; Class 3: Marnie Wood 1st & WKS trophy, Lucy Bastable 7th; Class 4: Naevia Reid 4th & WKS trophy, Darcy Quinnell 6th, Marnie Wood 7th, WKS Cedars (Marnie, Florence Digweed & Darcy) team 2nd; Class 5: Emily Peters 1st & WKS trophy, Lily Elliott 7th, WKS Conkers (Emily, Lily, Billy Bastable) team 1st; Class 6: Billy Bastable 2nd & WKS trophy, Emily Peters 3rd, Florrie Hedley 8th, WKS Sycamores (Billy, Emily, Florrie, Evie) team 2nd; Class 7: Florrie 2nd & WKS trophy, Poppy Humfrey 3rd, Pippa Lawson 6th; Class 8: Pippa Lawson 3rd & WKS trophy. We made a healthy profit of around £1,600 which will boost branch funds for 2025. Stay tuned for news of our next jumping show, which we're hoping will return to our usual summer slot in early June and will include dressage classes. Perfect preparation for anyone aiming at the Area qualifiers in June/July.

# WEST KENT (SEVENOAKS) CLOTHING

Branch red sweatshirts, skins and polo shirts can be bought from the online shop at GG Gear. <u>https://www.gggear.co.uk/west-kent-sevenoaks-403-c.asp</u>

We have in stock Red WKS jackets from £25. In sizes – 3/4yrs, 7/8yrs, 9/10yrs, 11/12yrs. Adult sizes available Med.Large, XL. White WKS saddlecloth (Cob size only) £20 and a few copies of the Manual of Horsemanship (essential reading for PC Tests) for the bargain price of £15! (£16.95 on Amazon) Please contact Helen Giddings <u>-westkentsevenoaks@pcuk.org</u> Items can be brought to a rally or the annual meeting on  $6^{th}$  Feb. The following extracts are from the current Pony Club rule book.

# HATS

'It is mandatory for all Members to wear a protective helmet at all times when mounted with a chinstrap fastened and adjusted so as to prevent movement of the hat in the event of a fall. This rule defines the quality of manufacture that is required. The individual Sports also have additional requirements with regard to colour and type. It is strongly recommended that secondhand hats are not purchased. The hat standards accepted below:

Hat Standard Safety Mark Allowed at all activities:

PAS 015 2011 with BSI Kitemark

VG1 with BSI Kitemark.

Snell E2016\* onwards with the official Snell label and number

ASTM-F1163 2004a onwards with the SEI mark.

AS/NZS 3838, 2006 onwards.

Hair must be tied back securely, in a safe manner.'

# **BODY PROTECTORS**

The Pony Club does not make the use of body protectors compulsory, except for all Cross Country riding and Pony Racing whether it be training or competition. If worn for any Pony Club activity a Body Protector must meet BETA 2018 Level 3 Standard (Black and Blue Label). WHIPS

A whip, if carried, must be held in the hand by the handle with the handle at the top. The whip must be "padded". (The exception is Dressage, see rulebooks for full details)

## **SPURS**

The Pony Club have introduced a new spurs rule active from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025 – see link. Spurs may not be worn by any member unless they have their C+ test or have been assessed and passed the new spurs test. If you have not passed your C+ and would like to use spurs, please can you let Emma know dc.westkentsevenoaks@pcuk.org and we will try to organise a spurs test for you. In addition to this, at competition tack checks, all spurs must be a maximum length of 2cm and blunt, and you will not be allowed to use a strong bit if you are wearing spurs.

https://branches.pcuk.org/area14/wp-content/uploads/sites/606/2024/08/the-pony-clubguidelines-on-the-use-of-spurs-1.pdf

# **WEBSITE & FACEBOOK**

We have a Facebook page! Please visit us at www.facebook.com/West-Kent-Sevenoaks-Pony-Club-page-217574575291043/ and 'Like' the page to ensure that you receive regular updates and information in your feed.

Please look at our website too. Lots of results, photos and information including -Ponies for Sale/Loan/Wanted and other items for sale. If you wish to put an ad on the website please contact Mrs Crane - sarafcrane@yahoo.co.uk

### WHATS APP

We now have a branch Whats App group. If you haven't done so already you can join via this link.



#### FUND RAISING

With Christmas coming, please sign up to support our branch on easyfundraising. It's quick and easy and costs you nothing while raising money for WKS when you shop online. Go to http://efraising.org/AmqB31vFYY

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or visit the app store on your phone and search for 'easyfundraising'. Any questions, please contact Sara Crane.

## **DATES FOR YOUR 2025 DIARIES**

Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Annual Meeting & Awards Evening – 7pm. Everyone welcome	
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Dressage competition at Hadlow College. Schedule to follow.	
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> March	AREA Quiz at Aylesford (WKM)	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	AREA Mounted Games at Robertsbridge (RM)	
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	AREA & Regional Dressage at Felbridge (OSB)	
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Regional Horse Trials(PC 70, PC80) at Lodge Farm (E)	
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> July	AREA & Regional Show Jump[ing at Hickstead.	
$12^{\text{th}}/13^{\text{th}}$ July	AREA Tetrathlon at LMEQ	
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> July	AREA Horse Trials(PC90,PC100, Chairmans Cup) at Brightling	
Mon 21st –Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Senior Camp at Judd Wood Farm- for members 12yrs and over	
Apologies to anyone still at school for the first few days of Senior camp. Unfortunately it's too		
late to change the date but we'll do our best to help so you can still come.		
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 31st July Junior Camp at Judd Wood Farm – for members 8-11yrs		
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> & Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> July Mini Camp – for members not ready for Junior camp.		