



FITZWILLIAM HUNT

News and Information

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MESSAGE FROM PHILIPPA

As many of you will already know, Gemma Hill is stepping back as Chief Coach for the Branch after many years of hard work, endless patience, constant good humour and enthusiasm. I know you will all join me in thanking her for all she has done. Her experience has been invaluable to the Branch and her calm assurance that 'all will be well' has got me through many a crisis! She has the busiest life of anyone I know and is the ultimate superwoman! Thankfully she is still going to be on hand for advice, teaching and helping out. We are very lucky to have Pip King as Gemma's successor in the role. She is an excellent instructor who is already doing a great deal of coaching for us and is very popular with our Members. I know she will do a great job and bring some fresh ideas to the fore.

On behalf of the Committee we would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and we are looking forward to a great New Year for all our members

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Team Trainers 2024

Dressage – Kirsty Moat

Eventing – Tricia Price

(Team Co-ordinator – Fi Moore)

Show Jumping – Pip King

(Team Co-ordinator Claire Smith)

If you want to represent the Branch in Team Competitions (Dressage, Eventing or Show Jumping) you need to complete the appropriate discipline form – download from website

Triathlon/Tetrathlon Team Manager – Rebecca Logan

The Tetrathlon Group are always looking for and welcoming new members. Contact Rebecca (email: becsrobinson@yahoo.co.uk)
Mobile: 07889 817238 for more details. Regular Swimming training takes place for all Members – contact Fi Baylis (fiona_banks@hotmail.com) if you wish to take part

Training

Bookings: All Rally and Training bookings are on-line. If you have any problems when making your booking please contact the event Organiser listed on the on-line booking web page

Late bookings will only be accepted if there are places in groups of suitable ability – please book well before cut off dates to avoid disappointment.

Rally/Training timings will be advised where necessary via the WhatsApp groups and website.

Branch cancellation policy and refund form is on the website

MINI TRAINING usually with Lizzie Robinson/Karen Gow is aimed at our younger members including leadrein - This is group training sessions including mounted and unmounted stable management sessions. Riding sessions to include pole work, dressage, show jumping and XC together with information on the rules and dress code for these disciplines. Members can work towards Pony Club badges and Progressive PC Awards.

JUNIOR TRAINING will be available to all ages that are able to jump 40 cm unassisted and confidently (or lowest height stated). Dressage sessions are run for those looking to improve their flatwork and ride dressage tests confidently.

SENIOR TRAINING CLINICS WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED

FUN RALLIES AND CLINICS will run along side the above training.

Wherever possible rallies/training etc is based on ability and not restricted to age. If you are not sure which sessions to book into please ask the training/rally organisers – they are there to help and answer any question

We endeavour to run all rallies and training at prices to break even and they are often subsidised from Branch funds. Prices have to reflect venue hire, coaching fees and how many Members are taking part in each session. For Juniors and above we try to keep Groups to a maximum of 4 for a one hour session. However some of the venues that we use have increased their prices and we are having to pass these costs onto Members.

See rally sheet below for dates and venue details of all training/rallies.

NEW BODY PROTECTOR RULES 2024
From 1st January 2024 only body protectors that meet BETA 2018 Level 3 Standard (Black and Blue Label) are to be used for XC and Pony Racing



Pony Club Hunting

There will be a Pony Club meet during the Christmas break and February half term for dates and venue details please contact Sylvie on fitzwilliam@pcuk.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT OUR 2024 EVENTS

Dates of our competitions are shown on Diary Dates above.

So that we can organise and run these events we need a lot of helpers on the day and sometimes in advance. The events are run as fund raisers to help keep the cost of training and camps down. If you are able to help, or have family and friends who may also be able to help please email Sylvie on fitzwilliam@pcuk.org and let her know which competitions you can offer help or helpers and if you have any specialities that would be useful

COMPETITION DATES 2024

Dates for Fitzwilliam Branch competitions are:

Triathlon – 28 January
Mini Hunter/Eventer Trial - 20 April
Hunter/Eventer trial - 21 April
Tetrathlon – Cancelled due to unavailability of venue for swimming/shooting phase
Mini ODE - 15 June
ODE - 16 June
Novice Show - TBC
Team Show jumping -6 October

Area 6 Competitions 2024

20th Jan – SPRING FESTIVAL AREA SHOW JUMPING
Sun 4th Feb – SPRING FESTIVAL AREA ARENA EVENTING
Sat 24th/Sun 25th Feb – SPRING FESTIVAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sun 3rd Mar – AREA QUIZ – Burton
Sun 10th Mar – WINTER AREA TRIATHLON QUALIFIER – Newark Sports Centre – Area 6
Sun 24th Mar – WINTER TRIATHLON FINAL – Grantham
Sat 13th Apr – AREA HORSE AND PONY CARE
Sun 5th May – AREA GAMES – South Notts
Sun 30th Jun – AREA DRESSAGE – Blankney
Sat 6th/Sun 7th Jul – AREA TETRATHLON
Sun 14th Jul – AREA SHOW JUMPING
Sat 20th/Sun 21st – AREA EVENTING
Fri 9th Aug - Sat 17th Aug – PONY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Details of above and other Branch events on [Area 6 website](#)

CAMP DATES 2024

Mini Camp 29-31 July – confirmed date at Barnwell Wold
Intermediate / Senior Camp – 2 – 5 August – confirmed date at Aylesford
Junior Camp - 4 – 9 August (possible change of date to 2 – 7 August

(Negotiations with the Jockey Club on realistic pricing for use of Race Course is still ongoing therefore details of venue and confirmed dates to follow)

More information on all camps to follow early in the New Year

Rallies, Training and Activities

All Rally bookings now on-line only – for more details contact for event organisers shown on on-line booking.

Date	Activity	Venue		Cost	How to Book/Cut off Date
Tuesday 2 January	New Year Rally for all Ages including lead rein. Jumping from poles on ground upwards Groups from 10.00 am	Halefield Stud, Woodnewton, Peterborough, PE8 5EG	State height wanting to jump	£16	If not booked contact Pip King to see if any places available
Sunday 7 January	Mini Training including leadrein. Groups from 10.30	Barnwell Wold PE8 5RE		£15	Book on line by 2 January
Saturday 13 January	Junior Training – Jumping heights as follows: AM – 40-70cm PM – 70cm plus	Flegg House Turningtree Road Whittlesey Cambs PE7 2HB	Please state height you wish to jump at	£20	Book on line by 7 January
Sunday 14 January	Arena XC training with Tricia Price – Combinations jumping 70 cm + (if ground frozen will be a stable management session)	Lodge Farm Little Staughton MK44 2TA	Book on line stating earliest can attend and height wanting to jump	£20	Book on line by 7 January
Saturday 20 January	AWARDS NIGHT	Elton Furze Golf Club, Bullock Rd, Haddon, PE7 3TT	See separate flyer for details – please book asap		Book on line by 10 January
Friday 26 January	Unmounted badge rally – Equipment Safety Achievement Badge. 5.00-6.15pm.	Hall Farm, Abbots Ripton, PE28 2PG	Remember mug for hot chocolate	£7	Book on line by 20 January
Saturday 27 January	Arena XC training with Tricia Price – Combinations jumping 70 cm + (if ground frozen will be a stable management session)	Lodge Farm Little Staughton MK44 2TA	Book on line stating earliest can attend and height wanting to jump	£20	Book on line by 20 January
Sunday 28 January	TRIATHLON COMPETITION - Schedule will be out in New Year. Classes for all ages and abilities. See schedule for class details	Oundle School	Contact Rebecca Logan if you wish to take part in Fitzwilliam teams once you have entered online		Entries via Horse Events -

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Saturday 3 February	Mini Training including leadrein. Groups from 10.30 am	Barnwell Wold PE8 5RE		£15	Book on line by 27 January
Wednesday 7 February	Junior Training - Dressage/Flatwork with Kirsty Moat	Hall Farm, Abbots Ripton, PE28 2PG	Please indicate earliest able to attend venue	£20	Book on line by 1 February
Thursday 8 February	Junior Training – Jumping Heights starting from 40cm upwards.	Flegg House Turningtree Road Whittlesey Cambs PE7 2HB	Please state height you wish to jump at and earliest you can be at venue	£20	Book on line by 1 February
Wednesday 14 February	Event Training Clinic with Trisha Price. Groups from 10.00 am <i>Due to split half term there are two sessions of Event training to encompass both holiday periods</i>	<u>Ely Eventing Centre</u> , Downham Common, Little Downham, Ely CB6 2TY.	Combination of horse/rider must be able to jump 75cm+ confidently to attend this training session	£45	Online by 8 February
Friday 16 February	Unmounted achievement badge rally – 5.00 pm – 6.15 pm.	Hall Farm, Abbots Ripton, PE28 2PG	Remember mug for hot chocolate	£7	Book on line by 10 February
Saturday 17 February	Arena XC training with Tricia Price – Combinations jumping 70 cm + To include Stable Management in preparation for new season	Lodge Farm Little Staughton MK44 2TA	Book on line stating earliest can attend and height wanting to jump	£20	Book on line by 10 February
Sunday 18 February	Rally – for all ages. Minis (including leadrein) - AM from 10.00 (indoor arena) Juniors – PM from 1.00 (outdoor arena)	Barnwell Wold PE8 5RE	Minis – Valentine themed games/jumping etc Juniors – Combined training to include Grids	£15	Numbers may need to be limited so book early - latest 9 February
Friday 23 February	Event Training Clinic with Trisha Price – Groups from 10.00 am <i>Due to split half term there are two sessions of Event training to encompass both holiday periods</i>	<u>Ely Eventing Centre</u> , Downham Common, Little Downham, Ely CB6 2TY.	Combination of horse/rider must be able to jump 75+cm confidently to attend this training session	£45	Online by 12 February

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Sunday 25 February	Mini Training including lead rein. Venue and details to be confirmed				
Wednesday 28 February	Junior Training – Flatwork/Dressage Training with Kirsty Moat	New Pasture Stables Middle East Farm, The Causeway, Thorney PE6 0QH	State earliest you are able to be at venue	£20	Book on line by 20 February
Friday 1 March	Junior Training – Jumping Heights starting from 40cm upwards.	Flegg House Turningtree Road Whittlesey Cambs PE7 2HB	Please state height you wish to jump at and earliest you can be at venue	£20	Book on line by 23 February
Saturday 2 March	Mini Training including leadren. Groups start from 10.30	Barnwell Wold PE8 5RE		£15	Book on line by 27 February
Wednesday 6 March	Junior Training - Dressage/Flatwork with Kirsty Moat	Hall Farm, Abbots Ripton, PE28 2PG	Please indicate earliest able to attend venue	£20	Book on line by 1 March
Friday 8 March	Unmounted Achievement badge rally –. 5.00 pm – 6.15 pm.	Hall Farm, Abbots Ripton, PE28 2PG	Remember mug for hot chocolate	£7	Book on line by 10 February
Sunday 17 March	Mini Training including leadrein. Groups from 10.30 am	Barnwell Wold PE8 5RE		£15	Book on line by 10 March
Sunday 24 March	Mini ride for younger members including leadrein. 10.00 am – mounted and ready to ride. Following the ride there will be an Unmounted egg hunt	Glassmoor House, Glassmoor Bank, Whittlesey PE7 2LT by kind permission of the Saunders family	Please ensure all ponies have headcollar leadrope attached to their saddle	£7	Book on line by 17 March
Wednesday 27 March	Junior Training – Flatwork/Dressage Training with Kirsty Moat	New Pasture Stables Middle East Farm, The Causeway, Thorney PE6 0QH	State earliest you are able to be at venue	£20	Book on line by 20 February