

# PONY CLUB



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## GARTH SOUTH PONY CLUB

### APRIL NEWSLETTER

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This issue will highlight recent competition results, celebrating the achievements of our members and ponies. It will include details of upcoming rallies, ensuring members are fully prepared for training opportunities ahead. A special feature will spotlight our Pony of the Month, recognising an exceptional pony and partnership. The newsletter will also provide important updates on forthcoming Pony Club competitions, helping members plan and prepare for the season ahead.

# RECENT COMPETITION RESULTS

## **Barrier Animal Health Spring Festival 2026: 28<sup>th</sup> March - 30<sup>th</sup> March**

- Holly O'Carroll - 17<sup>th</sup> Prelim Dressage Championships
- Isabelle O'Carroll - 11<sup>th</sup> Prelim Dressage Championship
  
- Holly O'Carroll - 19<sup>th</sup> Grassroots Dressage Championships
- Isabelle O'Carroll - 14<sup>th</sup> Grassroots Dressage Championships
- Grace Hughes - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grassroots Dressage Championships
- Grassroots Team 8th
  
- Daisy Cox - 16<sup>th</sup> PC80 Showjumping
- Isabelle O'Carroll - double clear PC80 Showjumping
  
- Freddie Calthorpe - Clear in Round 1 of the PC110 Showjumping
  
- Isabelle O'Carroll - 1 time fault PC70 Showjumping
  
- Georgie Calthorpe - 7<sup>th</sup> PC100 Showjumping
  
- Ellie Robson-Rowan- amazing round in the PC80 Arena Eventing
- Ash Newport-Sheerin - 18<sup>th</sup> PC80 Arena Eventing



## **Ascot Pony Race Day - 31<sup>st</sup> March**

- Holly O'Carroll - 128 and under Novice Race
- Willow Clarke - 6<sup>th</sup> in the 138 and under Beginners Race
- Isabelle O'Carroll - 138 and under Novice race, Won the Tack and Turnout Award
- Mollie Todd - 5<sup>th</sup> in the 148 and under Begginers Race, Won the Tack and Turnout Award
- Peter Miller-Cook - 148 and under Novice Race

## **Mid Surrey Triathlon**

- Nia Rees - 5<sup>th</sup> in the Mixed Mini Class
- Elin Rees - a good shoot and strong run in the Mixed Junior class
- Maisie Day - 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Mixed Open Class and Best Swim

## **Dengie National Quiz Finals - 19<sup>th</sup> April**

- Grace went to Represent Garth South in one of the Area 13 teams for the inter area quiz - team 10th

# UPCOMING RALLIES

We have a great programme of rallies coming up, offering training opportunities for members at all stages.

## **Saturday 2nd May 2026**

Pony Care with Susy Butler

- Instructor: Susy Butler
- Time: 09:00am – 09:45am
- Venue: Equine Rebalance Therapy Centre, RG27 0LJ
- Price: £12.00

D/D+ Training

- Instructor: TBC
- Time: TBC
- Venue: Wellington Riding, RG27 0LJ
- Price: £32.00

## **Monday 4th May 2026**

Combined Training (Showjumping & Dressage)

- Instructor: Kate Brooks
- Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Venue: Wildmoor Farm
- Price: £18

## **Wednesday 6th May 2026**

Tetrathlon Training

- Instructor: Matt Rees
- Time: 6:00pm
- Venue: Bournefield Farm, Bradfield, RG7 6AA
- Price:
  - Tadpoles – £8
  - Mini & Junior – £8
  - Intermediate/Open – £8
  - First Timer/Novice – £12



## **Saturday 9th May 2026**

Dressage Training with Melissa Dawes (BD Assessor & Judge)

- Instructor: Melissa Dawes
- Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- Venue: Fair oak Grange, Ashford Hill, Thatcham, RG19 8BL
- Price: £28 (45 mins)

## **Sunday 10th May 2026**

D/D+ Training

- Instructor: TBC
- Time: 12:00pm – 4:00pm
- Venue: Wellington Riding, RG27 0LJ
- Price: £32.00

## **Wednesday 13th May 2026**

C/C+/B Test Training

- Instructor: TBC
- Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- Venue: Bournefield Farm, RG7 6AA
- Price: £12.00

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## Wednesday 20th May 2026

### Tetrathlon Training

- Instructor: Matt Rees
- Time: 6:00pm
- Venue: Bournefield Farm, Bradfield, RG7 6AA
- Price:
  - Tadpoles – £8
  - Mini & Junior – £8
  - Intermediate/Open – £8
  - First Timer/Novice – £12

## Monday 25th May 2026

### Combined Training (Showjumping & Dressage)

- Instructor: Kate Brooks
- Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Venue: Wildmoor Farm
- Price: £18

## Tuesday 26th May 2026

### Gymnastic Gridwork Jumping

- Instructor: TBC
- Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm
- Venue: TBC
- Price: £18

### D/D+ Training

- Instructor: TBC
- Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm
- Venue: Wellington Riding, RG27 0LJ
- Price: £32.00

### Pony Care with Susy Butler

- Instructor: Susy Butler
- Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- Venue: Equine Rebalance Therapy Centre, RG27 0LJ
- Price: £12.00



## Thursday 28th May 2026

### Technical Jump Training

- Instructor: Kate Brooks
- Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Venue: Wildmoor Farm
- Price: £18

## Friday 29th May 2026

### D/D+ Test Assessment Day

- Instructor: TBC
- Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- Venue: Wellington Riding
- Price: £32

## Sunday 31st May 2026

### Working Rally

- Instructor: Uma Dare
- Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Venue: Wildmoor Farm
- Price: £10

# PONY OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Tonto, our Garth South Pony Club Pony of the Month winner!

Tonto has been a much-loved member of the branch for many years, turning his hoof to just about anything alongside Nia Rees. From rallies to fun activities, he has always been a reliable and enthusiastic pony, and he is now proudly showing his new rider, Aurelia Coburn, the ropes.

Now 30 years old, after celebrating his birthday at the start of April, Tonto still brings plenty of energy and character to everything he does. He also takes George to lead rein rallies, proving just how kind, patient, and versatile he is. His wonderful attitude and years of dedication to the branch make him a true Pony Club superstar.

A very well-deserved winner, congratulations Tonto!

# UPCOMING COMPETITIONS



We have a busy and exciting calendar of Pony Club competitions coming up, giving members plenty of opportunities to compete and represent the branch.

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Intro to Eventing @ Woodhouse Farm
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Chiddingfold open junior show, Godalming.
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Showjumping, Cowdray Hunt Pony Club.
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Area 13 Horse and Pony Care Qualifier, Wellington Riding.

These competitions are a fantastic opportunity for members to gain experience, build confidence and enjoy the team spirit of Pony Club. Further entry details and deadlines will be on the Area 13 Website.



# BIG ACHIEVEMENTS

Huge congratulations to Grace Hughes, Isla Burrows, and Maisie Day on their fantastic Pony Club achievements this month!

Grace Hughes passed her Pony Club Lunge Test on 22nd April at Wellington, a brilliant achievement and an important step forward, allowing her to now begin preparing for her AH Test. This is a real credit to the hard work, dedication, and commitment Grace has shown in her training. Good luck with the next stage, Grace!

A huge well done also goes to Isla Burrows and Maisie Day, who have both successfully achieved their C+ Tests this month. The C+ Test is a significant milestone within Pony Club and reflects the riders' growing knowledge, riding ability, and all the effort they have put into their preparation. Having achieved their C+, they can now begin working towards their B Test should they wish to continue progressing further through the Pony Club tests.

Everyone at Garth South Pony Club is incredibly proud of all three girls and their wonderful achievements. Keep up the hard work, we look forward to seeing what you all achieve next!



# CAMP UPDATE & FINAL REMINDER

As we get closer to camp, there are a few important updates and final reminders for all members:

## **Information Pack**

Members who have paid their deposit and completed the registration form on EntryMaster are asked to please check that they have received the camp information pack via email.

If you haven't seen it, please check your junk/spam folder and get in touch if it's still missing.

## **Final Opportunity to Book**

We are pleased to confirm that there is limited space still available for members who would like to attend Main/Senior camp but missed the original deadline, it has now been extended to Monday 4th May.

To secure a place, you must:

- Pay the deposit
- Complete the EntryMaster registration form

## **Camp Payment Deadlines**

Please ensure all outstanding balances are paid by the following dates:

- Junior Camp Balance: Friday 1st May

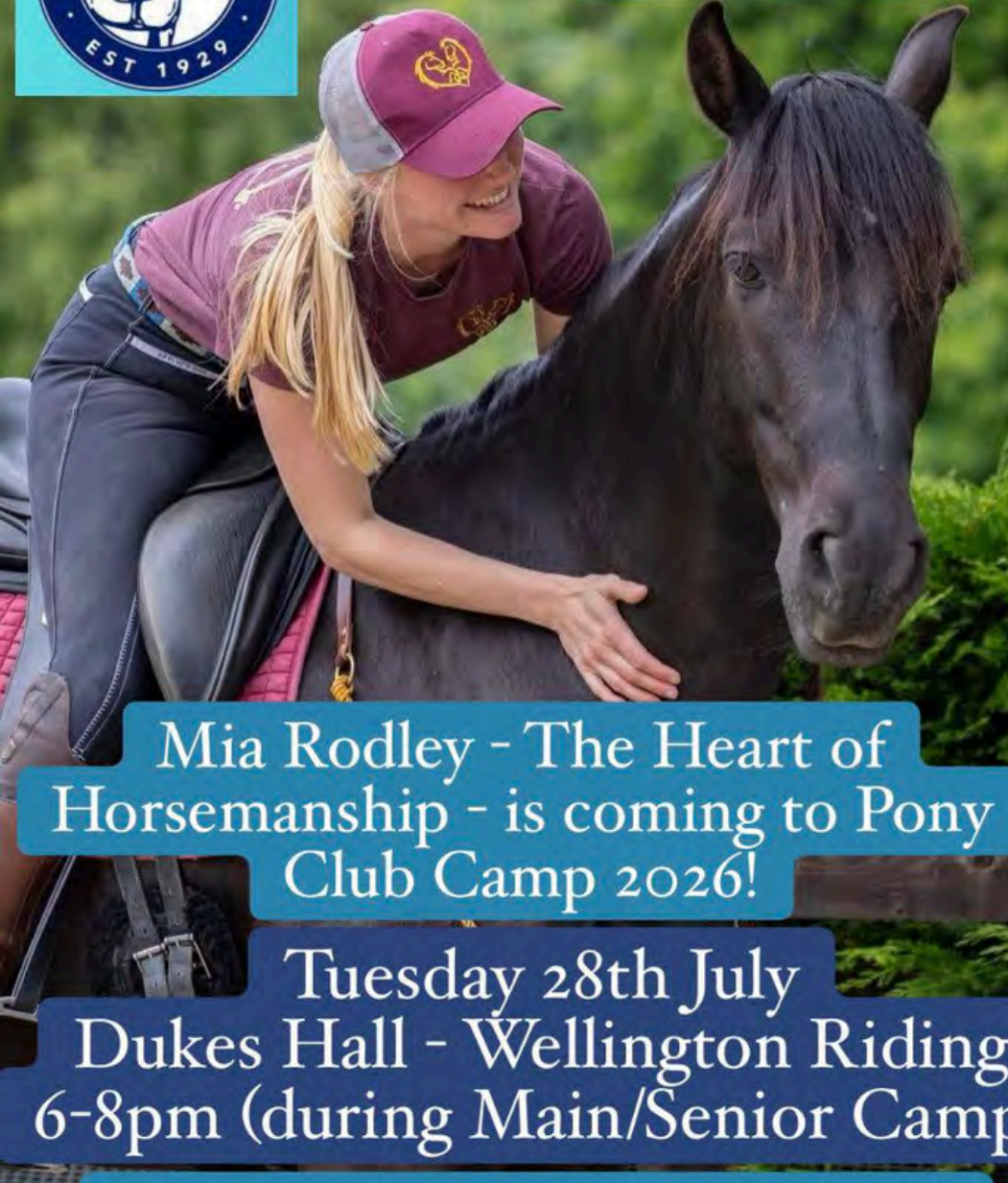
Main/Senior Camp Balance: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

⚠ Any remaining spaces are available on the condition that both deposit and full balance are paid by these deadlines.

If you have any questions or need help with bookings or payments, please get in touch as soon as possible.



Demo - open to all Garth South members and families, £5 a ticket.



Mia Rodley - The Heart of Horsemanship - is coming to Pony Club Camp 2026!

Tuesday 28th July  
Dukes Hall - Wellington Riding  
6-8pm (during Main/Senior Camp)



# KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Members have lots to look forward to over the coming months, including camps and competitions:

- Junior Camp: Friday 24th - Sunday 26th July 2026
- Main/Senior Camp: Sunday 26th - Wednesday 29th July 2026
- Wellington Horse Trials Show: Sunday 30th August 2026
- The Newbury Show: Saturday 19th September 2026

Further details for each event will be shared closer to the time.



# EQUINE BIOSECURITY

Good biosecurity helps prevent the spread of disease between horses and keeps our Pony Club activities safe. Simple steps like washing hands, cleaning equipment, and not sharing tack can make a big difference. **There is an outbreak of Equine Influenza in the South East so be vigilant.** Please read the attached posters and help protect all our horses and ponies.




## ATTENDING EQUINE EVENTS

The following advice is designed to help you to reduce the risk, both to your horse and others, of acquiring and spreading equine flu when you're taking part in competitions or other equine events.

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Ensure your horse complies with the current vaccine requirements for your chosen discipline.
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If you have any concerns about your horse's health, such as a fever, cough or lethargy, don't travel him.
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Don't graze your horse at a competition – an infectious horse might have grazed there, too.
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Don't share items of tack and equipment, such as bits and bridles, between horses.
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Don't allow your horse to make contact with any other horses, who might pass on diseases.
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Don't share water or feed buckets between horses, or use communal water troughs.
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Ensure temporary stables are cleaned and disinfected, including mangers and water drinkers, before use.
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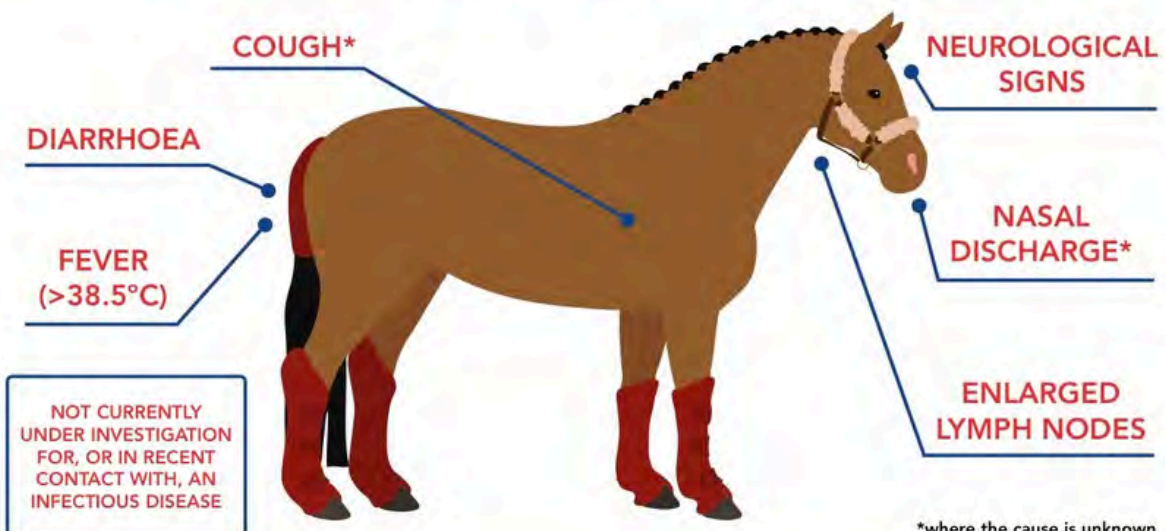
Isolate your horse upon returning home. Closely monitor him, including twice-daily temperature checks.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR HORSE'S HEALTH, CONTACT YOUR VET




## PRE-COMPETITION CHECKS

BEFORE LEAVING HOME, BE SURE THAT YOUR HORSE HAS NONE OF THESE SYMPTOMS



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## TPR FOR HORSES

**T**emperature  
**P**ulse (or heart) rate  
**R**espiration rate

Checking your horse's TPR is an easy to monitor his health – abnormal readings are key indicators of pain or illness. It's good practice to regularly measure and record your horse's TPR when he's at rest, so you know what's normal. It's also important to check his TPR in the days after meeting horses outside his normal social group, such as at a show.

### Temperature

With your horse secured, turn on a digital thermometer and insert the lubricated end into his rectum, making sure to stand to one side. Angle it so it touches the inside of the rectum.

Wait until the thermometer beeps, then remove it and check the reading.



**What's normal?**  
Around 37.0–38.5°C

### Pulse (or heart) rate

Place your fingers under your horse's jawbone, feeling for his facial artery.

Apply gentle pressure until you can feel a pulsing sensation.

Count the number of pulses in 15 seconds, then multiply by four to work out pulse rate per minute.



**What's normal?**  
Around 28–44 beats per minute

### Respiration rate

Stand by your horse's side and watch his flank rise (inhale or breathing in) and fall (exhal or breathing out). One inhale and one exhale equals one breath.

Count the breaths taken in 15 seconds, then multiply by four to calculate number of breaths per minute.



**What's normal?**  
Around 8–16 quiet, regular breaths per minute

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## SIGNS OF HEALTH

### ATTITUDE

Bright, alert and responsive

### EYES

Bright and clear

### NOSE

Clean and clear from discharge

### GUMS

Moist and salmon pink in colour

### APPETITE

Eating and drinking normally

### RESPIRATION

Between 8–16\* breaths per minute

### TEMPERATURE

Between 37.0–38.5°C\*

### HEART RATE

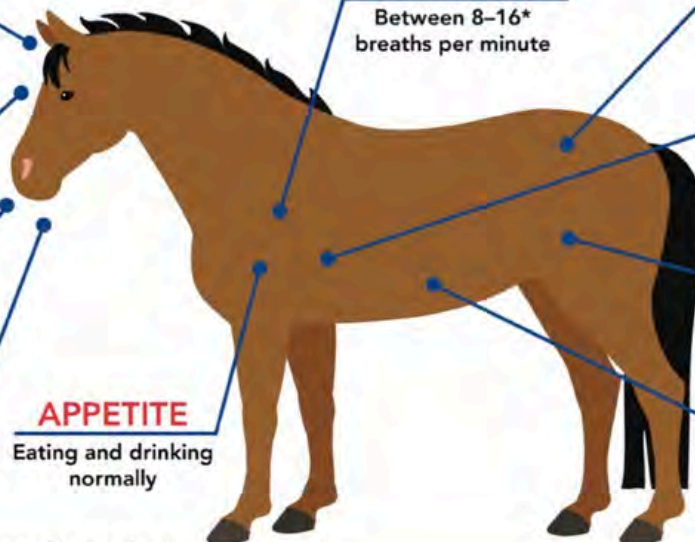
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### COAT

Smooth and shiny

### SKIN

Soft and supple



\*guide only – know what's normal for your horse

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