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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-club-rallies/?pcbc=534f7310-c56c-e911-a9a5-00224800c3e8> **March, April, May** rallies can be booked now and we will let you know when bookings open for Camps and more rallies.

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- here to help!

EASTER PROGRAMME AND SUMMER DATES

- Sat 9th Mar Jumping rally at Roughway Farm Arena, Tonbridge TN11 9SN from 10am with J.Bowen. *A couple of spaces still available.* L/R welcome. **£15** (Vic Davison)
- Sun 10th Mar Jumping rally at Tutsham Farm, Hunt St, West Farleigh ME15 0NE(*new venue*) with C.Kruger. From 70/80cms – 1M+ from 10am **£25** (Mrs Lawson)
- Sat 16th Mar Working rally & stable management at Judd Wood Farm, Tonbridge TN11 8AB with M.Ayiotis from 10.30am. Open to all. **£10** (Mrs Gilman)
- Sun 17th Mar Intro to eventing rally at Mid Surrey PC Field, Hurst Rd, Walton on the Hill KT20 5BN with J.Bowen. From 9am from 40cms (See eventing notes) **£30** (Mrs Crane)
- Sun 24th Mar Winter fun games rally at Hadlow College TN11 0AL.1 – 3pm **£10**(Mrs Sollis)
Non-competitive mounted games. All welcome including lead rein.
- Mon 8th April Show Jumping Rally with Keely Harrison at Lower Brenchley Farm, Watermans Lane, Brenchley TN12 6ND from 1pm. X-poles-70cms **£15** (Miss Davison)
- Tues 9th April Dressage rally at Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG with C.Stryzyk
½ hour individual or 1 hour in a pair - **£17.50** (Mrs Sollis)
- Weds 10th April 'All about eventing' half day Rally at Lodge Farm, Bramble Reed Lane, Matfield TN12 7ET. From 50cms, from 10am (See eventing notes) **£50** (Mrs Crane)
- Fri 12th April Working rally, ride only at Bitchet Green, Seal - new venue- with S. Williams
From 10.30pm. Times and directions emailed. **£10**(Mrs Gilman)
- Mon 15th April Fun games rally with a hot dog & refreshments from 4pm. Open to all
at Hawden Cottage, Hawden Lane, Hildenborough TN11 9BG(Mrs Sollis) **£10**
- Sat 4th May Dressage Rally – Area selection. Test & re Test at Hawden Cottage
Hildenborough TN11 9BG.(See Dressage Notes) **£15** (Mrs Sollis)
- Sat 11th May Show Jumping rally at Roughway Farm Arena, Tonbridge TN11 9SN
with A.Ford. from 9.30am from 70cms - 1M+ **£20** (Mrs Lawson)
- Sat 11th May Tetrathlon rally from 3pm at Fishponds Farm, Upper Haysden Lane,
Tonbridge, TN11 8AA (see Tetrathlon notes) **£3** (Mrs Bastable)
- Fri 17th May Friday night fun games rally with a hot dog & refreshments from 5.30pm
at Hawden Cottage, Hawden Lane, Hildenborough TN11 9BG(Mrs Sollis) **£10**
- Sun 19th May Dressage Rally – Area selection. Test & re Test at Hawden Cottage
Hildenborough TN11 9BG.(See Dressage Notes) **£15** (Mrs Sollis)

Sat 25 th May	<u>XC rally</u> at Bonfleur. Linton ME17 4BD with S. Rook from 10am. From 50-80cms. (See eventing notes) £35 (Mrs Crane)
Tues 28 th May	<u>Working rally with stable management/badges and cake !</u> at East Hill Farm, East Hill Rd, Knatts Valley TN15 6YD from 10.30am £10 (Mrs Gilman)
Thurs 30 th May	<u>Hack</u> 2pm at Judd Wood Farm, Hayesden Lane, Tonbridge TN11 8AB. An accompanied ride open to all. L/R welcome. £5 (Mrs Sollis/Mrs Bastable)
Fri 31 st May	<u>Dismounted Friday night fun games rally</u> with a swim and hot dog and refreshments from 5.30pm at Westover, Underriver TN15 0SE £10 (Mrs Sollis)
Sat 8 th June	<u>Dressage rally</u> at Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG with C.Stryzyk ½ hour individual or 1 hour in a pair £17.50 (Mrs Sollis)
Sun 9 th June	<u>Show Jumping Area selection rally</u> at Roughway Farm Arena, Tonbridge TN11 9SN with A.Ford from 10am from 70cms (See SJ notes) £10 (Mrs Lawson/Miss Davison)
Fri 14 th June	<u>Friday night fun games rally</u> with a hot dog & refreshments from 5.30pm at Hawden Cottage, Hawden Lane, Hildenborough TN11 9BG (Mrs Sollis) £10
Sun 16 th June	<u>Show Jumping Area team training</u> – Felbridge. From 10am – Invitation only.
Sat 22 nd June	<u>Working rally, riding only</u> , at Hawden Cottage Hildenborough TN11 9BG Open to all. L/R welcome. £10 (Mrs Gilman)
Fri 28 th June	<u>Friday night fun games rally</u> with a hot dog & refreshments from 5.30pm at Hawden Cottage, Hawden Lane, Hildenborough TN11 9BG £10 (Mrs Sollis)
Weds 3 rd July	<u>Camp meeting</u> at Judd Wood Farm 6pm.
Fri 12 th July	<u>Friday night fun games rally</u> with a hot dog & refreshments from 5.30pm at Hawden Cottage, Hawden Lane, Hildenborough TN11 9BG £10 (Mrs Sollis)
Fri 9 th Aug	<u>Friday night fun games rally</u> with a hot dog & refreshments from 5.30pm at Hawden Cottage, Hawden Lane, Hildenborough TN11 9BG £10 (Mrs Sollis)
Sat 12 th Aug	<u>Charrington Cup and team Show Jumping v WKM</u> at Judd Wood Farm
Weds 21 st Aug	<u>Fun Day rally</u> at Hawden Cottage, Hildenborough TN11 9BG. Details to follow
Weds 28 th Aug	<u>Combined Training competition</u> at Hawden Cottage, Hildenboro. Details to follow
Fri 30 th Aug	<u>Friday night fun games rally</u> with a hot dog & refreshments from 5.30pm at Hawden Cottage, Hawden Lane, Hildenborough TN11 9BG £10 (Mrs Sollis)
Fri 20 th Sept	<u>Friday night fun games rally</u> with a hot dog & refreshments from 5.30pm at Hawden Cottage, Hawden Lane, Hildenborough TN11 9BG £10 (Mrs Sollis)

NOTES – RE: RALLIES

All rallies to be booked and paid for via Horse-Events <https://www.horse-events.co.uk/pony-club-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/doctors 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 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. 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

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 26th(PC80) & 27th(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 .

COMPETITIONS

There are lots of Pony Club competitions coming up for you to enter direct with the hosting branch. 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 can be sent on request)** 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 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. We'll let you know when booking opens – it will be soon !

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 & Weds 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 11th March !

Our facebook page www.facebook.com/West-Kent-Sevenoaks-Pony-Club-page-217574575291043/ 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 – sarafrane@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 and we are 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.

Banninster 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

Picture (young pony)- Lily Elliott Committee Cup (for WKS spirit)- Zoe Sollis

D.C.'s Cup – Abby Mardell Rocky Award for best all round PC Pony – Bob (Billy Bastable)

BRANCH MERCHANDISE

If you wish to buy our Red branch jackets- £25 or saddlecloths £20 (cob size only), PC ties and badges please contact Mrs Giddings- westkentsevenoaks@pcuk.org, we also have a few sizes of sweatshirt and base layer skins available – please ask us before you order.

Sweatshirts, polo shirts and base layer skins can be ordered from the online shop at GG Gear -

<https://www.gggear.co.uk/west-kent-sevenoaks-403-c.asp>.

Please remember do not add additional embroidery or printing to branch clothing.

NOTICE TO PARENTS

A **big thank you** to all the parents who've helped with Pony Club events in the past – we can't run anything without you.

Our show this year is **Tuesday 29th October**, please put the date in your diary and when we ask for volunteers please offer some help. ***Pony Club events only happen with your help.***

DATES FOR 2024

19th May **Area Mounted Games** . Newenden, Cranbrook (Romney Marsh)

26/27th May **Area Horse Trials** – Blindley Heath

16th June **Regional Horse Trials.70cms only.** Walton on the Hill (Mid Surrey)

23rd June **Area Dressage-** Felbridge

30th June **Area Showjumping.** Hickstead

13th/14th July **Area Tetrathlon.** Brightling

22nd - 26th July **Senior Camp**

29th July-1st August **Junior Camp**

30/31st July **Mini Camp**

29th October **Dressage and Show jumping competitions at Felbridge.** Open to all members.