



Staff College & Sandhurst Hunt Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the 5th edition of the revamped and reintroduced newsletter for members of Staff College & Sandhurst Hunt Pony Club.

We have yet another amazing array of results in this issue. Keep sending your news and pictures too.

Kelly Stevens and Alison Ward

Welcome to the Branch:

Lucy and Sarah Woodward

We look forward to seeing you at many of the activities the branch organises.

Stop Press.....Stop Press.....Stop Press.....

Our Senior MG team won the Area 13 competition and has qualified for the Zones in June.

Our Junior MG team came second and has also qualified.

Fantastic, well done!

Committee News

The Committee met for their monthly meeting on 23rd May.

Organisation of the Pre-Area Dressage Competition on Sunday 10th July, our Annual Show on Sunday 24th July and both Senior and Mini camps are progressing well with the work load increases as we get closer to the dates. Any help you can offer will be much appreciated.

Sponsorship for the Annual show is increasing slowly; if you know of someone who would like to sponsor the show please ask them to contact Alison as soon as possible.

The Committee is sad to see that Sarah Magee has stepped back from her roles as Racing Discipline Head and Test and Achievement Badge organiser for C test and above. Sarah has committed many years to the branch but will thankfully be staying on for the summer to complete the C and C+ testing and Senior Camp. Sarah will be greatly missed. If you are interested in finding out what is involved with any of Sarah's roles please speak to Sarah or Gina.

The fund raising evening at the field on Friday 27th May was a huge success; there is a report later in this issue.

The next Area DC meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st June and as always we attend to find out what is happening in Area 13.

DC's update

Wow! What super results our branch is achieving! The branch seems to be going from strength to strength. I am feeling the pressure for the "areas" coming up fast. Many of you don't know what the area competitions mean. We put forward our members, who have been training very diligently, to battle it out with all the other branches, and centres in our area, Area 13, to go to the championships. There are about 30 centres and 18 branches in Area 13, all hoping to get teams, and individuals to qualify for the championships. Our junior quiz team have got there, a huge WELL DONE to them. The M.G. Teams, senior and junior are through to the zone at Taunton, FANTASTIC! We are now selecting which members are going to represent us in the area show jumping, dressage and eventing. In all three disciplines there are three levels, novice intermediate and open. Good Luck to all those hoping to be on a team or going as an individual.

To all of you who are not competition minded, I hope you are having a great time being involved in a very busy, successful branch. I hope we are offering you and your pony lots to think about, and you both are having fun. If not, let me know please.

Life here at Fleethill Farm is busy too.

Oolite [Irap horse] has been turned out. [This took a large glass of wine and sedation] Oolite was fine, so pleased to be out after 5 months. Edga [4yr old] is going very nicely and showing huge ability, but very sharp, Oak the yearling is growing as we speak! Poor Ruby [Lizzie's horse] has fractured her pedal bone. Ruby is now on box rest for 3 months. I would so like a week without a horse on box rest!

I can't believe the turkeys are in next month! Christmas must only be around the corner, sorry for that piece of info, such a depressing thought! I haven't even started hay making yet!

I have got to go and pack for my hols now. I am away for a couple of weeks, so please all of you be good.

Gina

Committee Profile

Nicki Kavanagh, Eventing Discipline Head

I am married to Tommy and have two children – Clare (16) and Declan (13) who are both active members of our club.

I am passionate about my business and my horses. I have run the Juniper Company, a training and communications consultancy for the last nine years. I have been fortunate enough to travel in Europe and further afield to South Africa and India doing team building and leadership development; cultural diversity and communications programmes. Last year I also took on the role of Marketing & Communications Director for the British Equestrian Federation, combining my two passions in the promotion of equestrian sport, ahead of the Olympics and Paralympics in 2012.

I love Eventing and competed up to BE Novice level in my early twenties. I believe Eventing is the ultimate test – to see a horse and rider combination have the discipline and control in Dressage, the power and accuracy in Show Jumping and the athleticism and bravery in the X-country phase is fantastic. To fund my sport, I taught Dressage to Elementary level. But that all seems a long time ago now...

When I am not working, I am usually at the yard, or driving the kids somewhere in the lorry (a familiar story for most Pony Club mums and dads!) We do sometimes get an hour off to walk the dogs too! I am very happy that both my children enjoy riding, Clare since she was very little and Declan in the last couple of years. Our first pony was a 12.2HH Welsh section B, called Polo, who taught Clare a lot – mainly about doing things at speed! He turned into a great Games pony and Declan learned to ride

on him, whilst also becoming a member of our Games team (thanks to Mark's patience). Clare progressed to Canon, a 14.2HH Welsh Section D nearly four years ago. Bought as an all-rounder, he has turned out to be solid as a rock. Both Clare and Declan have enjoyed riding and competing on him. We have a 16HH Czech thoroughbred, whom Clare represented SC & SH on in Dressage at the Novice National Champs last year, coming 3rd and standing on the podium, which made me SO proud! Sharkey is currently 'growing up' with an Event rider, so our latest addition is William, a 15.1HH grey Connemara x thoroughbred. That's it now, no more!

Tommy is very long suffering, as he would probably rather be fishing if the truth be known! To even things up a bit, in the winter we enjoy watching Declan play rugby and shouting from the sidelines (Tommy shouts louder of course). Declan also loves tennis when he is not riding – anyone out there fancy a game as I'm pretty useless!

The Pony Club has been great for all of us, not only for the riding but for the social life too. We have been all over the south of England and up to Cheshire competing. The team spirit is wonderful and we have had a lot of laughs along the way (as well as some tears and some tough lessons). I really enjoy being a member of the committee. My aim is to provide as many training opportunities as possible to give our members the confidence to go out there and fly the flag for Eventing.

Clare is off to college in September, so life is no doubt about to change, especially if she goes to Hartpury in Gloucestershire and takes her horse...

Results

1st May – Woodland Hunt PC Show

Megan Hodgson came 5th in the 2ft Jumping.

2nd May – Bisley ODE

Level 1 - Lucas Perries came 5th as an individual

Level 2 - SC&SH Reds came 4th

Micheala Wilson came 1st as an individual, Best dressage.

Rachel Chambers came 5th as an individual

Nicole Wilson

Jessica Stephens

SC&SH Yellows were unfortunately not placed

Lucy Coles came 4th as an individual

Oliver May came 8th as an individual

Louis Rhone

Level 3 - Team came 6th

Claudia Carey-Yard 2nd in dressage arena

Declan Kavanagh 2nd in dressage arena

Clare Kavanagh

8th May – Chiddingfold Farmers ODE at Coombelands

Level 2 - Jessica Stephens came 4th as an individual

Level 3 - SC&SH Red team were unfortunately not placed

Michaela Wilson came 3rd as an individual

Camilla Cox

Natalie Ward

Lauren Saxby

Level 4 - Ashley Harrison came 7th as an individual

Results cont....

21st May – Chiddingfold Junior Show

Mini Team came 8th

Louis Rhone, Chloe Day, Tamsin Stamp, Jonny Hames

Mini Mini Team came 4th

Amy Van Oostrum, Jessie Sheffield, Lucas Peries, Maddison Peries

22nd May - OBH North PC ODE at Great Westward Park

Class 1 – Beginners

Maddison Peries, Lucas Peries, Tamsin Stamp

Class 2 – Mini (level 2)

Lucy Coles came 8th

Class 3 – Novice (level 3)

Claudia Carey-Yard came 2nd in her arena

Declan Kavanagh came 3rd

Clare Kavanagh

22nd May – Area Mounted Games

Senior A team came 1st and has qualified for the Zones

Michaela Wilson, Annie Blair, Rachel Chambers, Oliver May

Senior B team came 5th

Gemma Thieme, Nicole Wilson, Lucy Blair, Jessica Stephens

Junior Team came 2nd and also qualified for the Zones

Chloe Day, Elysia Geeves, Ella Hopwood, Phoebe Armstrong, Sam Redding

29th May – ODE Tweseldown

Camilla Cox came 3rd in the Level 3 class

Ashley Harrison came 1st in the Level 4 class

30th May – Surrey County Show

Having been invited to take part in the demonstration in the main arena our Senior MG team won

Michaela Wilson, Annie Blair, Rachel Chambers, Oliver May

Our 5th team member, Gemma Theime, very kindly offered to ride for Bisley as they were short of a rider, she had a great ride and was a great asset to their team.

30th May – Bearwood Bank Holiday Show

An immaculately clean and plaited Tiff Toff and a matching neatly dressed Megan Hodgson were 1st in the 1ft3-1ft 6, and took the Best Turnout prize too. 2nd in the 2ft 3 and Best in Show was Ross Bee on Cookie. Tamsin Stamp on Roddy was 1st at 2ft 6.

31st May – Hickstead Qualifier

Intermediate Level at the Hickstead Qualifier at Lower Peake.

My Team consisted of:- Claudia Carey-Yard, Camilla Cox, Michaela Wilson, Ashley Harrison. Only Ashley has previously competed at Intermediate level and all rode really well coming a commendable 5th place.

Good luck

To all our members who are representing the branch either as an individual or team member at the forthcoming events in June.

If you are out and about let us know and we will tell everyone.

June Events

Bold denotes competitions/visits

Blue denotes Committee/Instructor events

Green denotes social events

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| Thurs 2nd | Cowdray team SJ - Mini - Open | |
| Sat 4th | Junior show - Lord Leconfield | |
| Sat 4th | Senior Camp meeting and team building @ Fleethill Farm | 2pm |
| Sun 5th | Chiddingfold Farmers ODE - Levels 4 & 5 @ Bisley | |
| Mon 6 th | MG team training @ PC Field | 5.30/6.30pm |
| Mon 6 th | Pre-Area Dressage meeting @ Fleethill Farm followed by Show meeting | |
| Tues 7 th | Mini Road Rider Training @ PC hut | 5.30pm |
| Tues 7 th | C & C+ training @ RMA | |
| Wed 8 th | SJ & Dressage training @ PC field | 5pm onwards |
| Sat 11 th | Working Rally | 2pm |
| Sat 11th/Sun 12th | MG at Banwell, Bristol | |
| Sun 12th | Chiddingfold ODE | |
| Sun 12th | Wokingham PC Annual Show | |
| Tues 14 th | C & C+ training @ RMA | |
| Wed 15 th | XC training for Area Eventing @ BCA | |
| Thurs 16 th | Working Rally @ PC Field – Double riding | 6.30pm |
| Sat 18 th | XC schooling @ Rosehill – Level 1 & 2 | |
| Sun 19th | Petersfield ODE – Level 2,3 & 4 | |
| Mon 20 th | MG team training @ PC Field | |
| Tues 21 st | C & C+ training @ RMA | |
| Tues 21st | Area 13 DC meeting @ Liphook | |
| Wed 22 nd | SJ & Dressage training @ PC Field | |
| Wed 22 nd | D+ theory training @ PC Field | |
| Sat 25 th | Working Rally to include D+ testing | 2pm |
| Sun 26th | MG Zones @ Taunton | |
| Sun 26th | Chiddingfold Farmers Open Show, Cowdray Open Show | |
| Tues 28 th | C & C+ training @ RMA | |
| Tues 28th | Pre-Area and full Committee meeting @ Fleethill Farm | |
| Wed 29 th | XC training for Area Eventing @ BCA | |

And into July:

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| Sat 2 nd | Working Rally @ PC Field | 2pm |
| Sat 2nd | Cowdray – Dressage competition | |
| Sat 2nd | Bisley Eventers Challenge | |
| Tues 5 th | C & C+ Mock theory exam | |
| Wed 6 th | SJ & Dressage team training @ PC Field | |
| Thurs 7 th | Working Rally @ PC Field – Polocrosse & Mounted Games | 6.30pm |
| Sat 9 th | C test exam | |
| Sun 10th | SC&SH Pre-Area Dressage @ Farley Hall Equestrian | |

Please look out for the emails for all of the above.

Happy Birthday's



The following members are celebrating their birthdays during June:

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| Annie Blair | Lucy Chambers |
| Rachel Chambers | Georgia Francis |
| Lucas Peries | Samantha Redding |
| Tamsin Stamp | Sarah Woodward |

Quick Branch Quiz

1. What age is the E test aimed at and what colour felt would you get if you passed?
2. Who looks after our website?
3. What event are we holding on Sunday 10th July this year?
4. What date is the Area 13 Show Jumping competition this year?
5. What colour jodhpurs are you allowed to wear at a Saturday Working Rally?
6. What date is the C test exam?
7. Who is usually the 1st aider at Mounted Games training?
8. Which senior member is instructing at Mini Camp this year?
9. When can't you wear a fixed peak hat at Pony Club activities?
10. What date is the formation riding/double riding rally?

Answers next time

Answers from issue 4: 1 – Karen Phillips, 2 – Kim Smith, 3 – Riding and Horse & Pony Care, 4 – Jonny Hames and Tamsin Stamp, 5 – Ashley Harrison, 6 – 3, 7 – Horse Passport, Medical Armband, Back protector, 8 – Catherine Turner, H&S Officer, 9 – Southerly Roberts, 10 – Pony Prep.

How many did you get right? We hope you all did well.

Test Passes

Well done to the following for passing these tests

Mini Road Rider Badge: Phoebe Armstrong, Sophia Shaw, Megan Hodgson

E Test: Lucy Chambers

D Test: Chloe Day, Phoebe Armstrong, Sophia Shaw, Megan Hodgson

Fund Raising BBQ and Trailer Training Evening

£340-00 was raised on the BBQ and trailer training evening; what a fantastic amount of money. Thank you to all those who attended.

Special thanks to Mick, for all his help with the BBQ and cooking all those delicious sausages and burgers, which were very kindly donated by Graves butchers. Also a big thank you to Robin, Andrew and Martin who helped Mark and Gina, with their expertise at trailer tuition.

The weather was lovely and I think we all had a bit of a "giggle".!!!!

Well done to all of you that took part in the training, especially our younger age group, Natz, Hayley and Lizzie, you all did an excellent job handling your trailers.

Towards the end of the evening, the more experienced / competitive people among us, had their trailers on two wheels as they competed a marked out course against the clock. Well done to Mark, who finished with the fastest time.

Nicky Wilson

Fund Raising ideas

Later in the year we plan to hold an Auction of Promises. If you have anything you could auction please contact me. We held one a couple of years ago and had all sorts of things from a bathroom carpet, riding lessons to tack cleaning, babysitting, car cleaning and homemade cakes and biscuits.

Nicky Wilson

Windsor Horse Show

Ashley Harrison's showjumping competition at the Royal Windsor Horse Show was on Sunday 15 May 2011 - the weather was nice and it was very exciting to be competing at such a massive equestrian show, Ashley was very honoured to have been chosen but what a lot of pressure as she so wanted to do well - the course was made up of 10 full up 1.10m (3ft 7") jumps with wide spreads, all dressed and very scary fillers. The arena was surrounded by stalls, stands and the walkway where all the horses enter the show so masses going on.

The warm up arena was jam packed, there didn't appear to be any limit on numbers and some were jumping over 4ft for their warm up! Ashley was 13th to go and jumped the first no problem, tapped the pole on the 2nd and then came round a corner to the 3rd and unfortunately had a stop. She went on and rolled a pole at the 5th and completed the course with one more stop at the last. She rode really well and did very well to complete the course - there were only 8 clears out of the whole class.

Natalie Ward and Pye's day at Windsor on Thursday 12th May was to compete in the Inter Hunt Team Challenge. Each team of 4 had to include 1 member over 40, one under 25 and one of the opposite sex. 24 teams entered and with the prize money being over £1000 the stakes were high. 96 horses and riders were packed into the collecting arena – it was very squashed and Pye was one of the smallest there! Everyone walked the course in the main Castle Arena then remounted for the tack inspection. The arena was surrounded by covered stands, huge video screens and had a very loud commentary system, the atmosphere was very exciting and rather nerve wracking.

Staff College & RMA Sandhurst Drag Hunt was the 8th team to go. Each rider had to ride a mirrored course over 6 jumps at the same time as another team in a relay passing a hunting whip on the changeover. The riding was fast and furious with some excellent hand brake turns. Unfortunately the team wasn't placed but an excellent time was had by all and now the training has started for Barbury International Horse Trials at Marlborough on Sunday 10th July where the same will happen all over again.

Instructor Interviews

Following on from our Committee Profiles we thought it would be a good idea to interview our instructors to find out what they are up to when they aren't teaching you all at Pony Club.

Please send the questions you would like to ask the instructors or if you would like to be one of the interviewers please email staffcollege@pcuk.org marking the email INSTRUCTOR INTERVIEWS.

We look forward to hearing from all you budding reporters.