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Welcome

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

We aim to bring you a newsletter every other month at least.

For this to happen we need your input. Please let us know via the branch email address all the events and activities you have been up to with or without your pony. Tell us and we will tell all the members.

Send us your pony pictures and we will include them in future issues.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kelly Stevens and Alison Ward

Area 13 Quiz

Good luck to the following members who are representing our branch at the Area 13 Quiz on Saturday 19th February at Chiddingfold Farmers Branch.

NFU Mutual Quiz –

Team 1 – Hayley Wilson, Clare Kavanagh, Rachel Chambers, Georgia Sayles
Team 2 - Dan Magee, Declan Kavanagh, Tamsin Stamp, Johnny Hames

Blue cross horse and pony care -

Senior Team - Hayley Wilson, Ashley Harrison, Clare Kavanagh
Junior Team - Rachel Chambers, Johnny Hames, Tamsin Stamp

Congratulations

Ashley Harrison competed in the unaffiliated Showjumping at Sparsholt College on 16 January 2011 and came 5th in 3' class, 2nd in both the 3'3 and 3'6 classes. She also did the Dengie Dressage at the Priory on Sunday 30 January 2011 coming 4th in the Novice Eventing Test and 6th in the Novice Dengie Dressage Test narrowly missing qualifying.

Well done Ashley!

If you have been out and about let us know and your name could be here.

1st Aid Courses

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On 9th and 10th February Gina Newman, Lizzie Newman, Nicky Wilson and Alison Ward attended a 2 day Equine Specific First Aid Course at Farley Hall Equestrian Centre. They await their results so they can continue to be the appointed 1st aider at Branch Events.

On 21st and 22nd February Hayley Wilson and Natalie Ward will be attending a 2 day Emergency at Work First Aid Course at the RMA.

Committee News

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The Branch Committee generally meets monthly to discuss everything to do with running the branch. The Committee then has smaller groups who deal with special events such as Camp and the Annual Show. The Committee members are all extremely busy people and here we aim to tell you a bit about some of them. We will have information on some of the other Committee Members in future issues of the newsletter. We also hope to include some photographs but it seems it is proving difficult for us all to find one that we are prepared to share!

DC Profile

Gina Newman your D.C.

I have four children, and two grandchildren. My two sons did ride, but they soon thank goodness, decided tractors were a better bet. I agreed with their decision, tractors are much cheaper to run! The boys now 22 and 23 years old work in the family business. My eldest daughter and Mother to my two Grandchildren, is A.D.C. for the O.B.H.South branch of the pony club. Emma has been a member of this branch all her life. This was my branch as a child. Emma is a pony club instructor, as I was for many years. I was D.C. for the O.B.H.S for 8years. Lizzie my youngest daughter is also a member of the O.B.H.South branch. She is training for her A/H Test. Lizzie enjoys B.E. and competes at pre novice /novice on her horse called Ruby. Lizzie is 19years old, on her gap year, deciding what and where to go next. Watch this space! My Grandson agrees with his uncles, that tractors are more comfortable than sitting trot! Polly my 8year old Granddaughter is a pony club member, she is mad keen.

In my youth, I hunted as many days that I could. I worked in a racing yard with hunter chasers and point to pointers. I was lucky enough to have a couple of versatile horses on which I did pony club events on, then upped their fitness to ride them in point to points. I did dabble in Arab racing on the flat.

I enjoy breeding horses. My advanced event mare had a colt last year. I have just weaned him, more about him in future news. I have a 4yr old about to try his hand out there eventing. I will let you know what he thinks about this in the next newsletter. Oolite my 7yr old grey gelding is having Irap treatment due to a stifle injury. He is on box rest, and will be for many more weeks. He is allowed to walk out for 10 mins a day. This is far more exciting for him than me! More about his progress soon. I run a D.I.Y. Livery yard, and graze polo ponies through the winter. I produce turkeys for the Christmas trade.

This newsletter is a fantastic way for us all to keep in touch. I am so looking forward to reading all about what you are doing, with or without your equines. So keep sending in your news.

Carol-Anne Harrison

I have 2 daughters - Ashley a 17 year old who rides and competes all the time and who rides the biggest horse in the club, Holly and a 15 year old, Georgie, who has just given up riding because she sings, acts, does tap, ballet and jazz and is a member of a band in her spare time! Her pony Tic Tac is still at home with us and ridden by hubby, Harry occasionally and Lauren Saxby another member of the SC & SH pony club.

Other than organising their lives and running them about, I am Child Protection Officer and Membership Secretary for the club, I also run a property rental business and am the Secretary for a local children's charity called Over the Moon Foundation and am in charge of organising the Prom for Year 11 at Georgie's school this summer.

Kelly Stevens

(should be Donnelly but never got the time to change my name when I got married 4 years ago!). I am married to Michael and we have 2 little girls Lucie who is 8 and Francesca who is 3, both members of SC& SH Pony Club. I work full time for Diners Club International as a technical analyst dealing with production support issue, which can be very stressful at times (most of the time) so it is nice to get involved and help with SC&SH, which benefits so many children. My role within SC&SH.... I look after the website and calendar, trying to keep up with all the dates! I also provide general support to the committee helping with events such as Prize Giving and Area Dressage. I also administrate and run the Polocrosse sessions which if you have not tried is great fun! I am also one of the SC &SH appointed First Aiders. I don't have a horse of my own YET, however I do have 4 ponies! Sunny (long storysweet but not a Pony Club Pony), Patsy (adorable Black Arab mare), Boots (sweet but can be a little naughty at times) and the newest addition Cilla who unfortunately has been suffering with Laminitis which came on through stress 2 weeks after transporting her down from Scotland in the summer. She is a real sweet heart and look forward to showing her off soon, she is on the mend now and keeping me fit with her new training plan! Both my daughters love riding and LOVE being part of SC&SH and I could not imagine what I would do in my spare time if we had not joined SC&SH..... (zzzz shop, pub lunches, cinema, shop, shop and maybe the gym!)

Kim Smith

Hello, my name is Kim Smith. My daughter Molly has recently joined the pony club which we are very excited about and I have taken over the clothing from Nicky. I have been married to Martin for 15 years. We live in Arborfield and we run our own tree surgery business from home. We have one horse, and two ponies, Rosie, Babbi and Snuggles and have four dogs and about 20 chickens.

I have been lucky enough to have my own ponies since I was a child and was a member of Wokingham Pony Club, competing in their senior eventing team way back in the 80's.

I am currently studying part time at Berkshire College of Agriculture doing the BHS stage 2 course, having completed stage 1 at the end of last year.

Lunging Training

Lunging Training

If you hold your B test you might like to move on to do your lunging test. The exam will be on Saturday 16th April at The Mill House, Mill Lane, West Byfleet KT14 7RR

Please contact Sarah Magee via the Pony Club email address

Instructors Conference

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Three of our Instructors, Karen Phillips, Gillian Chambers and Lisa Butts together with one of our senior members, Hayley Wilson and Gina's daughter, Lizzie are all booked to attend the Instructors Conference on Wednesday 2nd March at Merristwood. All Pony Club instructors are required to attend conferences organised by the Pony Club Headquarters to keep their log books up to date.

Other meetings and Conferences

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Gina and Alison will be attending the Area 13 District Commissioners bi-annual meeting in Liphook on Thursday 17th February and the Annual Conference organised by Headquarters at Cheltenham Racecourse on Wednesday 9th March. Both are an excellent source of information and are very important to attend to ensure we are kept up to date with health and safety issues, new rulings and to share experiences with other branches.

Forms to be returned

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Don't forget to return the two forms enclosed in your new year pack to Gina by 28th February if you want to be invited to discipline training in preparation for the Area events, Southern Novice Championships and Mini Championships.

Future Newsletters

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For future issues to be produced and distributed we need your input. Do you have a story to tell, a picture of your pony or you and your pony together. We would love to hear from you. Please email staffcollege@pcuk.org with the subject NEWSLETTER ARTICLE. We hope to be able to include everyone's articles.

Happy Birthday

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The following members are celebrating their birthdays during February:

Ella Hopgood
Maddison Peries
Natalie Ward

February Events

Bold denotes competitions/visits

Blue denotes Committee/Instructor events

Tues 1 st	Quiz Training at the RMA	7.30pm
Thurs 3 rd	Show Jumping at Brooklands for Seniors	7pm
Sat 5 th	Parents Meeting at Eversley Cricket Club	11-2pm
Mon 7 th	Mounted Games training at Brooklands for all	5.30pm & 6.30pm
Mon 7 th	Show Jumping at Bearwood for Minis & Juniors	
Tues 8 th	Quiz Training at the RMA	7.30pm
Tues 8th	Senior Camp Committee Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 9th & Thurs 10th	1st Aid Course at Farley Hall Equestrian Centre	All day
Thurs 10 th	Show Jumping at Brooklands for Seniors	7pm
Mon 14 th	Mounted Games training at Brooklands for all	5.30pm & 6.30pm
Mon 14 th	Show Jumping at Bearwood for Minis & Juniors	
Tues 15 th	Quiz Training at the RMA	7.30pm
Wed 16th	Committee Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 16 th	Lecture Demo at RMA from Balanced Horse Feeds	6.30pm – 8pm
Wed 16 th	AH training at Scott Dunn Vets (week 1)	7pm – 9pm
Thurs 17 th	Show Jumping at Brooklands for Seniors	7pm
Thurs 17th	District Commissioners Meeting at Liphook	
Sat 19th	Area 13 Quiz at Chiddingfold Farmers Branch	
Sun 20th	Wokingham Branch – Show Jumping at BCA	
Mon 21 st	Mounted Games at Merristwood	
Mon 21st & Tues 22nd	1st Aid Course at the RMA	
Tues 22 nd	Interval Training at Bramshill for Seniors	
Wed 23 rd	Children's Hunt at Church Farm, Eversley	12.30pm
Wed 23 rd	AH training at Scott Dunn Vets (week 2)	7pm – 9pm
Thurs 24th	Dengie Area Show Jumping Final at Merristwood	
Thurs 24 th	Lecture Demo at Parwood	
Thurs 24 th	Feeding Achievement Badge at RMA	5pm – 6.30pm
Fri 25 th	XC schooling at Munstead (Level 3 & 4)	
Sat 26 th	Mounted Games at Farley Hall Equestrian Centre for all	
Sat 26 th	Pony Day for Minis & Juniors (Venue to be confirmed)	
Sun 27 th	XC schooling at Boomerang (Level 2) TBC	
Mon 28 th	Polocrosse at Bearwood – Ball and Stick work	
And into March:		
Tues 1 st	Feeding Achievement Badge at RMA	5pm – 6.30pm
Wed 2nd	Instructors Conference at Merristwood	
Wed 2 nd	AH training at Scott Dunns (week 3)	7pm – 9pm
Thurs 3 rd	Dressage at Brooklands for Seniors	7pm
Fri 4 th	Dressage at Bearwood for Minis and Juniors	

Safety Bits & Pieces

Have you got a new hat? Did you have it professionally fitted?
Has it been Hat Tagged?

All hats must be tagged by either Lisa Butts or Nicky Wilson before you ride.

If you have dropped your hat you should get it checked to make sure it is not cracked. The Pony Club discourages using second hand hats.

Quick Branch Quiz

1. What is the recommended minimum age to attempt the D+ test?
2. Where is Mini Camp being held this year?
3. What is the name of the branches Health & Safety Officer?
4. What is the date of the next Children's Hunt?
5. Which instructor has been training the Quiz team?
6. What test do you need to have to be able to attend the lunging training?
7. Who can tag your hat?
8. Where are the Pony Club Headquarters?
9. Who is the XC discipline head in the branch?
10. When is the first Working Rally this year? ... And you must plait if you have which test or above?
11. Name 2 disciplines where you must wear a body protector as a Pony Club member?
12. Whose mum runs the stables at Bearwood?

Answers next time

the lost pony

by Lucie Donnelly age 8

once upon a time there was a pony called Patsy. She was the prettiest pony on the yard. Her owner was called Lucie she had other ponies but Lucie said she was her

favorite. the next day i went to the yard. then i went to patsy's stable but patsy wasn't there. i thought someone had put her in the field. a couple of minutes later i went the field but she wasn't there. so i thought that was strange so i called my friend to have a look for patsy.

meanwhile i was still looking for patsy it was nearly night time so i had to go home. the next morning i went looking for patsy i thought maybe she might have gone back to the yard. it was lunch time we started looking again still patsy was no where to be seen. the next day i looked in the other field i saw a horse i went closer it was PATSY i called my friend to tell her that patsy had been found. i gave her a big KISS and A BIG HUG i took her to her stable and everyone was happy.



What a super story from Lucie, thankfully with a happy ending. How would you feel if this was you and your pony? Tell us your pony stories.