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Welcome

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

Thank you to all of you who have given us some excellent feedback from Issue 1, it has spurred us on to produce this issue.

Thank you also to those of you who have provided us with information to go in this issue on what you have been doing with your horses and ponies. We look forward to receiving even more as the season gets going.

Kelly Stevens and Alison Ward

Area 13 Quiz

A huge **WELL DONE** to the Junior team

Rachel Chambers, Johnny Hames and Tamsin Stamp for coming 1st
Well done to all the members who represented the branch on 19th February
Please see the report and photos on page 6

Congratulations

Clare Kavanagh who came 6th in the Novice Eventing test at Priory on 30th January.

At BCA on Sunday 6 March Jessica Stephens competed at the South Oxfordshire Riding Club Indoor Show, and came 4th in the 2' 3" class with a clear round.

On Sunday 13 February, also at BCA, Jessica competed at the BRC Novice Indoor Show Jumping Area Qualifier as part of the Wokingham & Bearwood Riding Club Junior Silver team, which was placed 3rd (beaten by the WBRC Junior Gold Team, which came 1st). The winter's flatwork paid off for Jessica, with only time faults at 80cm and just the last fence down at 85cm.

Well done to all of you out there competing.
If you have been out and about let us know and your name could be here.

1st Aid Courses



Well done to Gina Newman, Lizzie Newman, Nicky Wilson and Alison Ward who all passed a 2-day Equine Specific First Aid Course at Farley Hall Equestrian Centre.

Well done to Amy Curtis, Hayley Wilson, Natalie Ward, Clare and Nicki Kavanagh who all passed a 2-day Emergency at Work First Aid Course at the RMA.

Committee News

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.

Having completed the long and very complicated task of compiling a calendar which includes as much variety as possible for all the members taking into account competition dates we are sure you will agree there is something for everyone.

Did you attend any of the half term activities? If so please send us your photographs and stories. Perhaps you were one of the winning Quiz Team, out on the Gallops for the first time, Hunted with the Sandhurst Drag Hunt, attending AH training at Scott Dunn Vets, going XC at Munstead or attended the Pony Fun Day.

All the Branches in our Area – 13 - are required to host an Area competition each year whether it's the Quiz, Show Jumping, Eventing, Dressage, Southern Novice Champs or Mini Champs. The Committee are now actively making preparations for the Pre-Area Dressage Competition to be held on Sunday 10th July. We also have our annual show to be held on Sunday 24th July. These two events require masses of manpower to make them a success so any help will be much appreciated. The show is usually an excellent fund raiser for the branch and this year we hope the Pre-Area Dressage will be too.

Below is some information on more of the Committee members. Sorry - still no photographs !

Alison Ward

Secretary, Working Rally Organiser, Senior Camp Organiser

I live with Mick, who retired last year from a busy job working away from home. He now plays lots of golf and does nearly all the jobs at home, and Natalie (17) who is at BCA doing a Uniformed Public Services Course and is currently learning to drive. I am also mum to Andrew (23) who lives with his girlfriend Nikki who also has a horse. Andrew has his own business and I do his accounts.

I work almost full time as Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Arborfield & Newland Parish Council – an extremely varied job which includes everything to do with the village of Arborfield – planning applications, the village park, playground, hire of football pitches, churchyard, street lighting, highways, footpaths, byways and bridleways, accounts and audits, preparing for, attending and taking minutes at Council meetings, producing the Parish Magazine etc etc, the list is always endless and can be very stressful sometimes but I love it.

I have ridden since I was 6 and had my own pony / horse since I was 14 but was never fortunate enough to belong to Pony Club as a child.

My brother is also 'horsey', he runs a livery yard and breeds and shows in hand Welsh Section A's and B's. He also competes on horses for clients. It was excellent to see him win the M&M Welsh Section D class at Olympia back in December.

Previous roles I've held in the branch include H&S Officer and Winter Training Organiser.

I think the Pony Club offers so much for all the members and wish I was young enough to join in some of the activities!

Mark Wilson

MG trainer & Quarter Master

I have three children, a son Shane of 21 years and two daughters, Hayley 19yrs and Michaela 14yrs, both girls being members of our club who joined six years ago with two little ponies, we still have them plus four more, don't ask!!.

I am a self-employed Electronics Design Engineer and have been married for 25 years to Nicky who is the club's fund raising organiser, previously clothing.

As a child I was a member of the SC&SH club from 1966 to 1976, yes unfortunately these dates are correct!!, and I competed at most disciplines including, Tetrathlon, SJ, Dressage, ODE and Mounted Games.

Mounted games was a real passion of mine and I was fortunate enough to compete for the SC&SH team that took us to the Horse of the Year Show 1973, finishing third in the final, this was then followed by a week at the International Horse Show in Amsterdam, a truly fantastic experience that stays with you for life.

This is how I ended up as the MG trainer, I have to say, it was much easier taking part than it is training though.

Although I gave up riding in my late teens, I started again 30 years later when we purchased a large horse for Hayley, I now ride regularly again and can be found out competing in XC events a couple of times a year.

My second role within the club is known as the "Quarter Master", this involves me maintaining the hut, garage/container, jumps, show equipment, inventory etc. and also keeping the field cut, holes filled, xc jumps maintained, fencing etc.

Our club gave me 10 brilliant years as a member competing in various teams and although it's hard finding the time sometimes, it's really good to give something back.

Sarah Magee

Tests & Achievement Badges, Racing, Senior Camp Organiser

I work full time as a Community Development Worker for the Army Welfare Services in the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst.

I have two children aged 15 and 3. Dan my eldest has been a member of the SC&SC PC since he was seven and has done everything from mounted games and racing to dressage and x country. Dan also plays rugby for Camberley and keeps me fairly busy.

I joined the committee many years ago and have done many roles of which at the moment I look after achievement badges and tests, pony racing and pony club camp.

At the moment I am attending a part time degree course in Oxford studying for my BA Honours Degree in Youth and Community - a four year course that I am 3/4 of a way through my first year.

As a youngster my father who was in the Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery would teach local pony clubs and I loved to watch him teach. At the age of eleven he taught me to ride and that was it - I was hooked. I went on to event later in my teens and although I was never great at it I loved every moment.

These days I am much happier to stand on the side lines and enjoy watching our members doing great things.

The thing I like the most about our club is that it welcomes all ages and levels of abilities and the emphasis is on enjoyment.

Quote

You earn your rosettes at home and then go to shows to collect them !

Hunting Certificate Passes

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Congratulations to the following for passing their Hunting Certificate

Lucy Coles Oliver May Natalie Ward
Lucas Peries Jessica Stephens Jonny Hames Tamsin Stamp

A big thank you to Lisa for her training sessions, the RMA Kennels for letting these members visit and to the RMA Drag Hunt for providing the opportunity to hunt.

Comment from Tamsin:

"Roddy was a bit silly on the third line and the start of the first line! But he was a fab angel!"

Feeding Lecture

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The Feeding lecture delivered by Ed Rowland from Balanced Horse Feeds on Wednesday 16th Feb was a huge success with 28 adults and young people attending from both SC&SH Pony Club and the Sandhurst Centre. The talk was both educational and fun and everyone who attended said they learnt lots from the talk and had a great opportunity to ask any queries they had with their own horse/ponies feeding. A number of those who attended will now go on to do their feeding achievement badge in the next two weeks and start to work towards their C and C+ tests this coming year. The evening raised £58 for the SC&SH Club and I would like to thank Amy Curtis, Chess Clapham and Lucy Collett for all their help in setting up and selling refreshments.

Sarah

Feeding Badge

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Congratulations to

Amy Curtiss - Nicole Wilson – Holly Edwards - Gemma Thieme

For passing their Feeding Achievement Badge

Happy Birthday

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The following members are celebrating their birthdays during March:

Phoebe Armstrong
Ashley Harrison
Edward van Oostrum

Horsey Jokes

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Q: What TV programme do horses watch? A: Neigh-bours
Q: Why couldn't the pony sing? A: Because his voice was a little hoarse!!!

Send us your horsey jokes to be included in the newsletter

March Events

Bold denotes competitions/visits

Blue denotes Committee/Instructor events

Tues 1 st	Feeding Achievement Badge at RMA	5pm – 6.30pm
Wed 2 nd	Instructors Conference at Merristwood	
Thurs 3 rd	Dressage at Brooklands for Seniors (week 1)	7pm
Fri 4 th	Dressage at Bearwood for Minis and Juniors	5.30pm / 6.30pm
Sat 5 th	Seniors meeting re feeding/fattening – Competition goals – venue/time tbc	
Sun 6th	Petersfield Dressage Show	All day
Mon 7 th	MG at Brooklands	5.30pm / 6.30pm
Mon 7 th	MG at Bearwood for Minis / Juniors	5.30pm / 6.30pm
Tues 8 th	Pre-Area Dressage meeting at Fleethill Farm	7.30pm
Wed 9 th	DC Annual Conference at Cheltenham Race Course	All day
Thurs 10 th	Dressage at Brooklands for Seniors (week 2)	7pm
Sat 12 th	XC schooling (Level 2 – 2'6) venue TBC	Time TBC
Sat 12th	Crawley & Horsham team SJ	All day
Mon 14 th	MG at Brooklands	5.30pm / 6.30pm
Mon 14 th	Dressage training at Bearwood for Minis / Juniors	5.30pm / 6.30pm
Wed 16 th	Committee meeting at Fleethill Farm	7.15 for 7.30pm
Thurs 17 th	Dressage at Brooklands for Seniors (week 3)	7pm
Sat 19 th	Hack for Minis / Juniors at Bramshill	12 noon
Sun 20th	Garth South Dressage at Priory inc Dengie Finals	All day
Sun 20th	Wokingham Hunter Trials at Tweseldown	All day
Mon 21 st	MG at Brooklands	5.30pm / 6.30pm
Mon 21 st	SJ at Bearwood for Minis / Juniors	5.30pm / 6.30pm
Thurs 24 th	SJ at Brooklands for Seniors (week 1)	7pm
Sat 26 th	MG at Farley Hall	
Sat 26 th	Interval training at Evesley for Mini / Junior	12 noon
Sun 27 th	XC schooling for Seniors – venue TBC	Time TBC
Mon 28 th	SJ training at Bearwood for Minis / Juniors	5.30pm / 6.30pm
Wed 30 th	Instructors/Discipline Head meeting at Fleethill Farm	date/time TBC
Thurs 31 st	SJ at Brooklands for Seniors (week 2)	7pm

And into April

Sat 2 nd	1 st Working Rally of the Year at the PC field for all Members	2pm
Sat 2nd	MG friendly at Poole	All day
Sun 3rd	Bisley SJ at Dunstall Green	All day
Mon 4 th	MG at PC field	TBC
Mon 4 th	SJ training at Bearwood for Minis / Juniors	5.30pm / 6.30pm
Thurs 7 th	SJ at Brooklands for Seniors (week 3)	7pm

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

Safety Bits & Pieces

Have you returned your completed medical form to Catherine Turner, the H&S Officer?

It is vital that the organisers hold a record of all members' medical details in the event of an accident.

If your medical details have changed since you last completed a form it is your responsibility to let Catherine know.

Please send your medical forms to Catherine Turner, 3 Burnt Oak, Finchampstead, Berkshire, RG40 4UQ

Quick Branch Quiz

1. What is the recommended minimum age to take the lungeing test?
2. What colour felt is C Test?
3. Who is the branch Child Protection Officer?
4. What date does Senior Camp start this year and where is it being held?
5. What year did SC&SH Branch start?
6. What colours make up the pony club tie?
7. Who is the Dressage Discipline Head?
8. What colour gloves should you wear to Pony Club events?
9. What Mini Achievement badge do you need to achieve to get your D test?
10. Name 6 Equine Achievement Badges or name 4 Mini Achievement Badges
11. Where is the Pony Club Field?
12. What is the Pony Club Headquarters website address?

Answers next time

Answers from last issue: 1 - 10 years old. 2 - Greenacres. 3 - Catherine Turner. 4 - 23rd February 2011. 5 - Gillian Chambers. 6 - B Test (Horse & Pony Care). 7 - Lisa Butts & Nicky Wilson. 8 - Stoneleigh. 9 - Karen Phillips. 10 - Saturday 2nd April - C Test. 11 - Pony Racing, XC. 12 - Lucy Coles.

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

Quiz Report and Photos

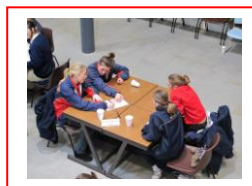
Saturday 19th Feb saw eight of our members both junior and senior travel to Cranleigh to compete in the NFU national quiz and Blue Cross Horse and Pony care Competition.

Our teams had worked very hard leading up to this quiz and did the club proud with our SC&SH Red Team consisting of Hayley Wilson, Clare Kavanagh, Rachel Chambers and Georgia Sayles coming a fantastic 4th and our Blue Team Dan Magee, Jonathan Hames, Tamsin Stamp and Gemma Thieme coming 6th.

The afternoon our Junior Team Rachel Chambers, Tamsin Stamp and Jonathan Hames went on to win and qualify for the Blue Cross Horse & Pony Care Competition and our seniors Hayley Wilson, Ashley Harrison and Clare Kavanagh came a commendable 6th.

Both competitions this year were of a particularly high standard and I would like to thank everyone who took part.

Sarah Magee



Results Just In...Well done...

Dan Magee competed BSJA on Monday at Wellington securing his first double clear in the British Novice and placed 6th. He is hoping to achieve 4 double clears to qualify for the regionals.

Becka and Barons Brief Encounter (Ellie) came 1st at Garth South Dengie Preliminary round, Had a 1st and 2nd at Mid Surrey PC Dressage show, finished 12th in the Preliminary BD Regionals at Kington Maurward and 15th in the Novice Regionals too

Forms to be returned - Final Reminder !!

Your forms for Area and Southern Championships should now have been returned to Gina. The details on them will now be given to each discipline head so they know who to invite for training sessions as we head into the summer.