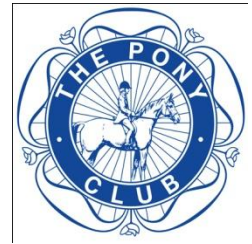




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Hello everyone,

After a very snowy and frozen few months it looks as though spring may have finally arrived! We feel that an update is due and camp is just around the corner. We would like to congratulate Jess and Nigel on the news that they are expecting their second baby in September, Charlie is already very excited. We have heard fantastic news that Kath Price, a Teme Valley PC member, who has been to many rallies here at Underhill, has been accepted into Liverpool Veterinary College, Congratulations Kath!

In order to help our PC activities run smoothly, Kat is trying to re-vamp our forms of communication! We now have a newsletter page on our website, to help keep you informed and hope you will take advantage of this. We would also like to offer our newsletters and updates via e-mail, as we feel that this will keep costs down for the Pony Club, as well as being more environmentally friendly. If this sounds like an option that would suit you then please fill in and return the slip attached or email Kat at: kat.underhillpc@gmail.com .

During February half term Underhill held the Area PC quiz, this went very well and we would like to thank all of the parents and friends that helped the day run so smoothly. Well done to our 3 quiz teams, who did very well coming 2nd, 4th and 5th.

Also in February we collected second hand clothes, shoes, teddies and materials for the Bag2School fundraiser, successfully raising £294 which has gone straight into your Pony Club Fund! Well done to all of you who contributed to this. We will be running another Bag2School event in October.

We have the Horse and Pony Care competition later in April and wish our Junior and Senior teams the best of luck.

On Thurs 28th April we will be running a fun afternoon with Clear Round Show Jumping and Gymkhana games, and possibly some handy pony. The first round will begin at 3pm, each class costing £3. Horses will be available to hire at a cost of £5 for the afternoon, but this must be booked in advance as there are only limited places.

We hope to run some training and a test for the BHS Riding and Road safety during May. This is aimed at children 12 years and above, who are working for their C+. Anyone interested please let us know ASAP.

On Sunday 8th May, we will be taking two teams to the area Mounted Games. This means that Lucy, Elvis, Angel, Rupert, Pepsi, Flash, Frosty, Seren and Blue will not be at Underhill for the day's rally. If this is your rally (second Sunday of the Month) and you normally ride one of these ponies, the choice is yours. You can either choose to ride another pony for the day, or give Kath a call and arrange to come to a different May rally. I would like to wish Hannah, Georgina, Alison, Cherie, Rhian, Sarah F, Rufus, Flora, Alex, Kenz, Catherine and Josie the Best of Luck for the day!

During the summer showing season, a number of familiar faces will be entering some of the larger, more competitive shows. James, will be showing his horse Merlyn at the 3 counties show, Malvern on 18th June. Sarah with Flo and Cherie with Penny and Cara on Jacqui's and Andrew's Jack, will be showing at the Royal Welsh this year (morning of Monday 18th July). They would love to see lots of you there to support them ☺.

As far as the monthly rallies are going, with such a rotten winter and the recession affecting everyone we feel now is the time to keep costs down by pulling together. In the New Year we were forced to put up the cost of lessons and hacks to cover the VAT increase but made the decision NOT to raise the cost of the Pony Club activities. This being the case we have found ourselves needing to double riders up on some occasions, meaning that they have to share their favourite pony with another child for the day. In this case the children would ride in different groups at separate times, so would not affect them other than in the grooming and stable work, where they have to share the jobs!

We have recently had a lot of very late cancellations and children not attending when booked; this is pushing up the cost, as we have to cancel instructors at the last minute.

We are thinking of running a trip to YourHorseLive this November, which is a great day out, with lots of chance to buy Christmas presents. If you are at all interested let us know.

Now we reach the important business of CAMP! This year the dates for camp are as follows:

Tues 19th July – Fri 22nd July

Tues 26th July – Fri 29th July

Tues 2nd Aug – Fri 5th August

As last year, all 3 weeks will be mixed age and ability to help ensure all members can be accommodated. For the youngest members, odd day slots can be allocated. Many of you have already booked your places, and I must remind you that ponies are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Camp this year will cost £38 per day, or for those doing 4 days will cost a total of £140.

As usual camp will run from **9am to 4.30pm**, any different arrangements must be made through Kath.

We will require a **£38 non refundable deposit by 20th June** in order to secure your place, but must ring or call by to discuss availability, dates and ponies to make sure we can fit you in.

All children with loan agreements on the yard will be charged £5 per day less, as they have already paid for their pony throughout the year.

Any parents out there who would like to help with preparing and feeding instructors during camp lunchtimes, please let us know. We always welcome willing volunteers, even if it's just to wash up!

It is important that we have seen members at least once before camp, to assess their current riding ability and ensure they are placed in the correct groups for the week.

We also need to be sure that the children's Pony Club membership is up to date before they can take part in PC activities. If you are unsure, or have any queries about membership you can ask Kat via email: kat.underhillpc@gmail.com or ring the yard and they will put you in contact with her!

Don't forget the shops, second-hand and new items available. There are currently lots of items like boot, body protectors, PC sweatshirts, and Show jackets etc which are ideal for camp! We also sell gift vouchers, great as presents and can be spent in either the tack shop or for riding.

We look forward to seeing lots of you over the coming weeks at your rallies.

All at Underhill

Underhill Pony Club Camp 2011 – Deposit Slip

I confirm that my child/children will be attending PC camp for
1 / 2 / 3 / 4 days from and that this has been booked in
advanced.

I include a non –refundable deposit of £38 per child to secure their place.

Signed



Email Contact Slip

Please send Pony Club Newsletter and updates for _____ (member's name)
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