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Hello Everyone,

It looks like Spring may have arrived, and so we feel it's time for an update and to get talking about the serious business of Pony Club Camp!

It has been 12 months since Kat began to update our PC communications via email and we're grateful that lots of you are saving paper and stamps by providing us with your email address for newsletters and reminders.

Once again during February half term we ran the area 10 Pony Club quiz, entering 3 teams of our own, who did fantastically well achieving 2nd, 3rd and 4th place in the centre competition. Well done to all involved.

Bag2School will be collecting from here again on Wednesday 30th May. This is a great way to raise money for the Pony Club funds, helping to keep the cost of training and tests down, as well as providing money towards achievement badges meaning that we don't have to charge for them (unlike other clubs)!

We would like to wish both Junior and Senior teams the best of luck at the Horse and Pony Care Competition at Cardiff Riding School on 16th April. Have a great day out.

We hope to run some training for the Pony Club and BHS Riding and Road safety during May with tests being held in the June half term. This is aimed at children who are working for their C and C+. Anyone interested please let us know ASAP. There will be approximately 4 training sessions (each 2 hours long) each costing £5 per session for Underhill PC members.

Attendance at the Sunday rallies has been up and down a lot through the winter and we are keen to encourage the members to get back into routine ready for the summer activities. Recently we have noticed an increase in children not attending Pony Club when they have booked or cancelling with very late notice. Although we understand that illness is unavoidable we urge you to remember that every time you cancel with little notice or fail to turn up it takes more and more money from the children's Pony Club Funding. It costs the PC centre £20 per every member that fails to arrive or cancel; this is because we cannot cancel instructors at such late notice. We have never and do not want to introduce a fee for late cancellations, as other centres do, please try and help us out with this so that we do not have to introduce such a fee.

CAMP

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

Tues 24th July – Fri 27th July

Tues 31st July – Fri 3rd August

Tues 7th Aug – Fri 10th 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.

Last year we decided ponies would be allocated on a first come first serve basis. However, Children who **regularly** attend Sunday Pony Club Rallies on a particular pony will be given preference over those who only want to come to summer camp and not the rallies throughout the year.

The National Pony Club Rules state that in order to attend summer camp, members must have attended **3 rallies since 1st January** of the current year. It is important that members have attended these rallies so that we can ensure that they are placed correctly according to ability for both Riding **AND** Horse and Pony Care, to achieve the best possible results and keep the ability range within groups to a minimum; maximising all their opportunities to the best

of our ability. . As we are now in April, any members that have not yet attended a rally need to make sure that they have attended **at least 2** before camp, unless living too far away or being away at school.

Please make sure that Pony Club Membership is up to date, only current members will be allowed to attend camp, this is a stipulation of our insurance policies. We have an up to date list of all memberships, in case you are unsure. If you need to check e-mail Kat: kat.underhillpc@gmail.com

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, **after** formally booking your place by telephone or in person.

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 breaks and lunchtimes, please let us know. We always welcome willing volunteers, even if it's just to wash up! We are also looking for some older members to volunteer their time to help with the younger children during the weeks that they are not participating in camp activities. Children 13 years and over, can enhance their CV by logging their voluntary hours in the new PC YELA award scheme, for more information contact Kat: kat.underhillpc@gmail.com

As always Vicky will be about with the camera taking pictures of the activities during camp, children will then be able to purchase photo's near the end of the week. If you do not want us to photograph your child please make this known to us on the attached slip.

ADULTS PONY CLUB

The adults pony club on the 4th Sunday of every month is running well and has gathered a regular group. This year we will run our second adult camp, from Weds 15th Aug – Fri 17th Aug . Please get in touch for more information and to book your place.

NEW SHOP

Our new shop is a fantastic hit, making things easier to find and meaning that we can stock more goodies. We even have a changing room to try on jods etc. We want you to feel free to come and browse the items, ask and compare prices. As a way to offer a helping hand during this recession we would like to offer for our own Underhill centre members a **5% discount on any new goods purchased** from the shop. In order to receive the discount you must produce your current PC membership card. This offer cannot apply to second hand goods. The offer will run from 1st April to Friday 20th July 2012.

The second hand shop is flourishing, keep your eyes peeled for some great bargains and some really good quality, well looked after kit!

YARD CLOSURE DATES

The yard will be closed on the following dates:

Sunday 29th April 2012 – For the Christening of Lillie-Mai Bufton

Sunday 5th August 2012 – For Kath's 60th Birthday! This day will be devoted to a party from 12noon onwards, if you would like to join the celebrations please bring a bottle and contribution towards BBQ lunch.

Saturday 11th August 2012 – For our annual visit to Llanddewi Show

Saturday 18th August 2012 – For Kat's wedding to Mr. Ingram!

It sounds like we have a busy summer ahead! We look forward to seeing lots of you over the coming weeks.

All at Underhill

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Underhill Pony Club Camp 2012 – Deposit Slip

I confirm that my child/children will be attending PC camp for

1 / 2 / 3 / 4 days from and that this has already been formally booked.

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

Signed

Photos

If you do NOT wish for your child to be photographed during the summer camp 2012 activities please fill in and return the following form along with your deposit slip or email Kat:

kat.underhillpc@gmail.co.uk.

I DO NOT wish for my child, _____ (Name) to be photographed during Pony Club activities.

Signed _____
