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Hello everyone

Hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. Unfortunately no festive snow but it's now arrived and let's hope it goes soon to let us enjoy our lovely ponies.

We had some excellent costumes shown at our Pony Club rallies and some great festive fun. Our Saturday fun afternoons were well attended and our hunt for Rudolph each Saturday was great, with the children amazed at how you can transform our wonderful miniature Shetland pony (Minnie) into Santa's very own Rudolph.

With 2015 now here we have put together a few dates for your diary:

Every Tuesday, Jan 13th – Feb 24th 6.30pm – 8.30pm - C test training.
Cost between £10 - £15 per week depending on numbers.
C Test – Sunday 1st Mar.

Sunday 1st Feb – Dressage Show - 9.30am start, last entry 1pm, £6 per class.
Intro A, Prelim 7 & Novice 21, any order. Enter on day.

Monday 16th Feb - Riding and Road Safety achievement badge training.
Thursday 19th Feb - Riding and Road Safety Badge Test (this must be taken before C test).
Please let us know if interested.

Area PC Quiz - Saturday 21st Feb - Training to be arranged, please let us know if you are interested.

Area Gymkhana - Date to be confirmed (usually April). Training to be arranged, please let us know if you are interested. A selection process will have to take place for a team and only 1 team of 5 will go to the competition due to transport, ponies etc.

Area H & P Comp – March 31st

This will be held here at Underhill this year and it would be great to show everyone what a fantastic gang of members we have. So if you are keen to be part of the teams, please let us know and we will get you involved. Training Saturdays at 4.30pm.

Every Tuesday, Feb 24th – Apr 7th 6.30pm – 8.30pm - C Plus test training.
Riding and Road Safety (PC or BHS) must be taken before C Plus. Let us know if you have not got this.
Cost between £10 - £15 per session depending on numbers.
C Plus Test – Thursday 9th April or Friday 10th April depending on examiners.

Sat 11th April - Easter Fun Afternoon.
2pm – 4.30pm, 3 – 11 years, £15

BHS Stages Training – Stage 1, 2, & PTT 6-8pm. Stage 3 6-9pm.
Every Thursday from 26th Feb – July 16th (excluding school holidays).
Age 15 plus, £25 per session. Speak to Kath or Jess for more details.

We are hoping to run a showing clinic either in March or April. Please let Kath/Jess know if you would be interested and we will see what we can organise.

For PC Instructors / helpers: Safeguarding Children Course – here Sunday 15th March, 6 – 9pm. Please let Kath / Jess know of your interest. £20 per head.

First Aid Course – Monday 16th March – Penybont Village Hall. 9.30am – 4.00pm. Maximum cost £45. Speak to Kath / Jess.

Monday 4th May - Open Day, 11am – 3pm.
BBQ, Demonstrations, Pony Rides, Raffle, Information Stands.

Advanced dates for you diary:

Pony Club Camp
Week 1: Tuesday 21st July – Friday 24th July.
Week 2: Tuesday 28th July – Friday 31st July.
Week 3: Tuesday 4th August – Friday 7th August.

Autumn Fun Ride – Sunday 6th September. Proceeds to playgroup.

Pony Club Bookings: Yard: 01597 851890 Kath: 07773 553436 Jess: 07745 647225

Due to the adverse weather we are having problems with the landline telephone at the moment, we are not always receiving your calls and messages. If in doubt or there is immediate need to talk to us, please call / text our mobile numbers above.

As some of you know, we spent a morning ringing around to work out numbers for a recent PC rally. We are still struggling with the booking system for Pony Club. Rally days – please, please please let us know asap if you are having to cancel – on the morning is too late to adjust our instructor numbers and this is then causing the club to lose money on too frequent a basis.

We understand that this is not always possible and no one is saying you have to come, but if you can let us know the night before it really helps.

We really don't want to go down the route of charging for late cancellations as it is a very negative way to go, but the alternative is to put the price up – this then only hurts the ones that do attend. If we all pull together and think ahead, hopefully neither of these will happen.

Conversely, it is almost impossible to plan the rides and instructors if you don't book until the last minute. Please think ahead and book in early.

We are embarking on a first come, first served basis with the start of this year, so if you want your favourite pony and don't want to be disappointed, please book in good time. It is sometimes difficult to pick up extra instructors to handle late bookings at the last minute and we really don't want to turn anyone away.

So – either way – please keep in touch!

The aim of the game is to save as much PC money as possible to buy some new show jumps / gymkhana equipment etc. for camp and future rallies.

We are considering Saturday pm Pony Club for those who can't do Sundays, 2.00 – 4.30 approx. 1 senior ride and 1 junior ride, giving everyone more choice to fit pony club into their busy lifestyles. Let us know if interested.

At Underhill we are now in the recycle system for waste disposal – to keep our costs and work to a minimum we are asking that any packaging you bring to the yard for lunches etc be taken away with you at the end of each day to be recycled / disposed of in your domestic waste at home. Thank you.

If you have received this newsletter by post and you are able to receive it by email in future, please let the office know your email address. It gets to you quicker and PC saves money too!

So here's to a fantastic 2015, thank you all again for your loyal custom and support.

Kath, Jess and the gang