

East Cornwall Hunt Pony Club
January 2021 Newsletter
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With lockdown becoming a way of life it's difficult to imagine getting out and about with our horses again, however, in anticipation of restrictions gradually being lifted and to give everyone something to look forward to please see below the list of events the Committee have put together. Also, our new DC, Helen Moore, introduces herself and exciting news about a new venue!

Introduction from Helen Moore, our new DC -

Hello! Well, there it is - I have said I am the new DC - but until the a.g.m. it's not done and dusted, so if the thought of me fills you with horror, now is the time to say! I am so looking forward to the Spring! I am sure we all are, but in the Pony Club it is even better, with rallies, competitions for all ages and abilities, camps, teams and tests to plan.

Some of you know me well, some of you I taught to ride - but some of you must wonder where I have appeared from, so here is a bit about me:

I started to ride when I was 11, and had a pony called Eureka - I was a member of a Pony Club in Sussex, but we had no transport, so I either hacked to rallies, or went with a friend and her mum. After leaving school I became a nurse and then becoming a Health Visitor brought me to Plymouth, where I met and married my GP husband, James. I had four children in quick succession - so 4 kids under 5 wasn't ideal for working in the usual way, and I had the idea of running a riding school. I did the BHS exams in riding, care and teaching - so am now BHSII(SM). We bought Penewin and over the next 14 years had the best fun teaching and riding and going to shows, and lots of eventing. We were a Pony Club centre and we bred a few lovely horses too.

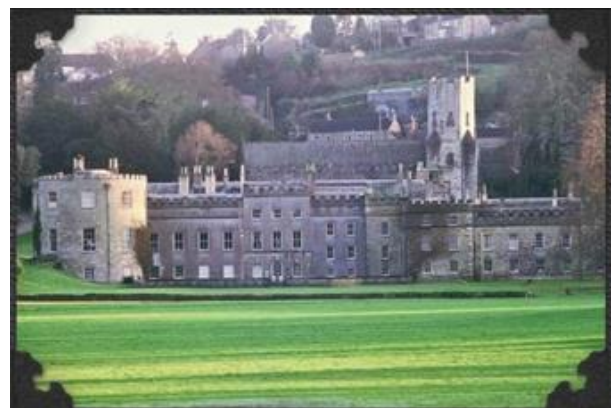
My children are now in their 20's, and I still ride two of the horses I bred. Penewin is a small livery yard. Flame was a super eventer for my children and now does some dressage, and Maurice is now 9 years old and competing at dressage - he is gradually going up the levels which is very pleasing. I seem to be learning how to be a dressage judge which means a silly amount of exams!

The other thing I like to do is photography (hence I offered to run the Area Photography competition). I am a member of Liskeard camera club, and even do exams in photography!

The thing I most like about Pony Club is - the members! You are a bunch of such lovely people and it is a pleasure to be with young people who love ponies. I look forward to meeting you all and hopefully helping you achieve some horsey dreams.

New Venue - Port Elliot -

The club have been lucky enough to be given permission to use the Port Elliot estate for holding training sessions and events - thanks to Helen Moore for arranging this. This is a beautiful venue that will be a real asset to the club and events are already planned here as you can see from the list below.



H&S -

In these odd times, before we are out and about at Pony Club again, maybe we could spare some time to sort through our horsey items and tack .

If you can try and give your tack a good clean and polish, check the stitching on your saddles and bridles to make sure it's not loose or frayed.

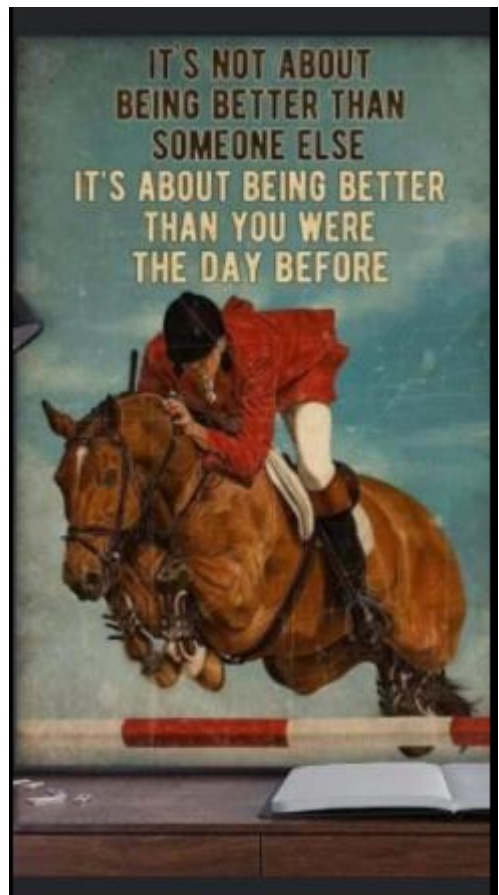
Have a look to see if your stirrup leathers and girth buckles are secure or if your stirrup rubbers still have some grip on them! Maybe it is a good idea to check your hat and chin strap

and see that your body protector still fits too.

Hopefully then we will be all ready to go again soon!

Take care of yourselves.

Helen - Committee member for Health and Safety.



New ECHPC YouTube Channel -

Huge thanks to Beth Witton and Sydney Bond for putting together a YouTube channel with the anticipation that it will be the perfect portal for the older members of the club to post video's to help enthuse and inspire our younger members on all aspects of horse care and riding. The emphasis is on fun so if any of our older members would like to contribute please contact Beth or Syd.

If you have any news or photos to share for next month's newsletter please send them to Penny Redwood-Smith - tuppence12@hotmail.com or Whatsapp to 07702 877770

Online and future events to look forward to -

Closing date 13th February - Area 16 photography competition - further info on events page

Closing date 14th February - Area 16 painting competition - further info on events page

Closing date 14th February - Area 16 poetry competition - further info on events page

26th February - Area 16 Quiz via zoom - volunteers needed to make up teams

7th March - ECHPC Fun triathlon - details on website - all videos to be sent to Sonia Bennialick

7th April - Horse & Pony care competition - volunteers needed to take part

10th April - Training day - SJ in am & arena eventing pm - Duchy (TBC)

17th April - General rally - Penwin

1st May - General rally - Port Elliot

21st May - General rally Port Elliot

26th May - all day rally - inc 2 training rides & stable management - venue TBC

5th June - team SJ competition - Port Elliot

19th or 26th June - XC training day - Chyverton (TBC)

11th June - General rally - venue TBC

26th June - General rally - venue TBC

3rd July - East Cornwall Horse Show - Port Elliot

17th July - D Day - Port Elliot

16th-19th August Camp - Chyverton

5th September - Superpony - Keason Farm, Pillaton

19th September - Dressage & SJ Qualifier for Spring Festival 2022 - Port Elliot