



NEIGHSLETTER

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Welcome to the second Pied Horse Neighsletter of 2008. There are lots of events planned for the next few months, so please keep an eye out in the office for more details. If you have anything you would like to see included in the June Newsletter, please give it to Claire H in good time!

Forthcoming Events:

10/04: Senior PRT Level One

11/04: Junior PRT Level One

16/04: Horse Owner's Certificate Level One

26/05: Open Day at Skreens Park

28/05: Equitation Final at BHS Stoneleigh

30/05: BHS Riding and Road Safety Exam

TBC: Horse Owner's Certificate Level Two

Open Day

On Bank Holiday Monday 26th May Pied Horse Equitation will be holding an Open Day at Skreens Park Farm in aid of Gimpy. There will be treasure hunts, cake stall, raffle, displays and much more. It will be a fun filled day for all ages with plenty to entertain the children and adults alike, and we are all keeping our fingers crossed for better weather than last years event!!

We are looking for donations of raffle prizes, home baked cakes for the cake stall and of course enthusiastic helpers on the day!

Team Dressage at Foresters RC

On Sunday 9th March, Pied Horse went to their first ever Team Dressage event at Foresters Riding Club in Epping.

The competition involved two riders riding a prelim test and two riders riding a Novice test.

Cathy rode Chaos in a Prelim test and was placed third, Philippa rode Razzy in a Prelim test and was unfortunate not to be placed.

Jenny and Rukis and Julie and Alfie both rode Novice tests. The standard was very high, meaning that despite riding well in their tests they were not in the placings. Out of thirteen teams, the four riders from Pied Horse came seventh overall, which is a fantastic result for their first outing as a team, and Razzy's first outing since arriving at Pied Horse.

Horse Owner's Certificate

On the 11th February 2008 six candidates took the examination for the British Horse Society Horse Owner's Certificate Level One and congratulations to them all for passing it.

The candidates were:

Sue Baker

Clare Bowditch

Georgina Keam

Martin Smith

Nicholas Wisbey

Philippa Wisbey

Sue came in with a whopping 95% (and about thirty pages of writing!) Clare finished in record time, which alarmed the

rest of the candidates, but meant that she could muck out a few stables whilst she waited for everyone else to finish. This was a fantastic use of time which Cathy would like to encourage in all of her students!

The next Level One course is due to start soon, so please see Cathy to book your place now. The course lasts five weeks, with the exam being held at Skreens Park on the final week.

The level Two course will begin later in the year covering more advanced horse care subjects. Please see Cathy for more details.



Dressage at Norton Heath

It was another cold night on the 7th February that saw a selection of riders compete in a dressage competition at Norton Heath Equestrian Centre.

For many of the riders this was their first ever time taking part in a competition, which is a daunting experience in itself, only to be made even more scary when the numbers of competitors exceeded thirty in the walk and trot test. The four riders who rode the walk and trot test were:

Katherine Hawkey Smith on Rukis
Clare Bowditch on Chaos
Sarah Karl on Poppy

Jade Davis on Jinks

All four of these riders were riding a test for the first time. Congratulations to Sarah who rode exceptionally well and to Katherine who was placed third.

The following riders rode the Prelim 7 test:

Cathy Glen on Chaos

Eleanor Hawkey Smith on Poppy

Elinor Cowen on Jinks

Jamie Entwistle on Rukis

Eleanor, Elinor and Jamie rode their tests well but were unfortunate in not getting placed, whilst Cathy and Chaos were the stars of the show getting first place.



Please bring in your used printer ink cartridges. We can recycle these and raise money for Gimpy at the same time!

Pied Horse Merchandise

You may have seen staff and riders wearing Pied Horse sweatshirts, coats and body warmers. We are very pleased to announce that we will soon be placing another order. Please place your order with Cathy to avoid missing out.

Junior Merchandise Prices

Members

Printed Sweatshirt up to 13 yrs	£10.00
Printed Sweatshirt 14-15 yrs	£15.00
Printed T-shirt up to 13 yrs	£8.00
Printed T-shirt 14-15 yrs	£10.00

Non-members

Printed Sweatshirt up to 13 yrs	£11.00
Printed Sweatshirt 14-15 yrs	£15.50
Printed T-shirt up to 13 yrs	£8.50
Printed T-shirt 14-15 yrs	£10.50

Sizes: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-13 and 14-15

Senior Merchandise Prices

Printed T-shirt	£10.50
Printed Sweatshirt	£15.50
Embroidered Sweatshirt	£17.00
Embroidered Polo shirt	£15.00
Embroidered Body warmer	£24.50
Embroidered Jacket	£27.00

Sizes: Small = 36"
Medium = 38"
Large = 40 - 42"
XL = 44 - 46"
XXL = 48"

Helper's Reward Scheme

Thank you to all of you who regularly give up your time to help out at the stables. As a way of saying Thank You to you all we are piloting a rewards point scheme. You will be awarded points for helping out at weekends and afternoons during the week. Once the required amount of points have been accrued then you will receive a hack or equivalent.

The scheme is open to level 3 riders aged 10 years and over and to all adults. Points will be awarded according to the days and hours that you help out for. Bonus points will also be awarded to those who go the extra mile.

The scheme will begin the first full week in April. Please see the notice board in the office for details of how the points will be awarded.

We hope that you will enjoy our way of saying Thank You to those of you that give up your free time to help out.