

MORPETH HUNT BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2010

Dear Members

Hello and a belated Happy New Year! Welcome to the first newsletter of 2010 and a special welcome to all our new members. We hope to see you around at Pony Club soon. If you have any questions or if there is anything that you are not sure about, please ask any committee member and if we don't know we'll find someone who does. By now you should have renewed your membership; if this has been overlooked please send your form and subscription to Claire Rutherford. This will be the last newsletter you receive if you have not rejoined and only those who have paid their subscription by the 31st January are eligible to represent the branch on area teams.

At last the snow has gone....we hope!!....and the evenings are getting lighter so I'm sure you're starting to think about the coming season and what you would like to do with your ponies. I hope that this newsletter will give you some ideas.

RALLIES

Please note that there is a dress code for rallies. Members must wear a riding hat to the current specification (see website), jacket, shirt and pony club tie, cream jodhpurs and riding boots. Girls (and boys!!) with long hair must wear a hair net. Body protectors must be worn when jumping. Horses and ponies should be clean, with clean and correctly fitting tack. Numnahs and girths must be plain white, black brown or navy with no additional piping or logos. Pony club sweatshirts may be worn instead of jackets at games rallies.

Times for rallies will be posted on the website shortly before each event. **If you would like your time sent in the post to you, please include an SAE for each rally with your payment.** Cheques for all events should be made payable to Morpeth Hunt Pony Club.

Rally at Todburn Equestrian Centre NE65 8QZ Monday 15th February

Junior and senior hour long lessons in small groups.

Please send reply slip to Sue Devlin by 12th February and enclose a cheque for £7 per member.

Dismounted rally at Benridge Riding Centre NE61 3SB Friday 19th February

Hour long stable management tuition in small groups without ponies.

Please send reply slip to Sue Devlin by 15th February and enclose a cheque for £5 per member.

Rally at Angerton Steads Training Arena NE61 4EZ Sunday 28th March

Junior and senior hour long lessons in small groups.

Please send reply slip to Sue Devlin by 14th March and enclose a cheque for £7 per member.

Games Rally Friday 9th April

at the Dyke Neuk Field, Meldon (by kind permission of Mr J Cookson and Mr A Thompson.) This rally is open to members of all ages and heights of pony so come along to have some fun although please remember that there are age and height restrictions for those who wish to be on the teams. There is no charge for this rally but please reply to Vicki Dungait by 2nd April.

All day Rally Wednesday 14th April

At Meldon Park (by kind permission of Mr J Cookson and Mr A Thompson.) There is no charge for this rally. Please arrive at 10.30am and be ready to ride at 11am. There will be an hour lunch break at 12.30, and the afternoon session will finish approximately 3pm. Don't forget a picnic for you and hay and water for your pony. Please send the reply slip to Sue Devlin or email her (jimdevlin2000@hotmail.com) by 1st April.

15+ Rally Friday 16th April

Rally for members aged 15 and over, at Angerton Steads Training Arena. Hour long lessons in small groups. Sarah Fenwick has kindly offered to organise this again with show jumping instruction from Pauline Wakefield.

Please send reply slip to Sarah Fenwick by 2nd April and enclose a cheque for £7 per member. This rally may be open to senior members from other local branches.

OTHER EVENTS

Hunting Invitation

The Joint Masters of the Morpeth Foxhounds have kindly invited pony club members to the meet on Tuesday 16th February.

Please check the website for the venue nearer the date.

Cost (for those who don't already subscribe to the Hunt) £10 per Pony Club member and £30 for accompanying adults. Please pay Vicky Knox (Hunt Secretary) at the meet.

Please note that it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that there is adequate supervision of their child(ren). Lead rein riders are also welcome. If you require any further information please contact Michelle Macaulay on 01665 574795.

Parents Evening

The annual parent's meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th February 7.30pm at the Ridley Arms, Stannington. This is primarily a social evening for parents but also our treasurer, Sue Devlin, will give the yearly presentation of accounts. After the meeting you are invited to stay for a meal (this must be pre booked.)

If you would like to stay for the meal, please send reply slip to: Shirley Bamigbade, The Old Rectory, Sheepwash, Northumberland NE62 5NG by 20th February, enclosing a cheque for £17.50/person.

The menu for the meal will be on the website nearer the time with a link to email your choices to Shirley.

Games Friendly Competition

Our branch is hosting a friendly competition for junior and senior games teams from other branches and ourselves on Sunday 21st March. It will be held at Tranwell Airfield (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs M Jeans.) Lots of help will be needed on the day and for setting up the day before so please let Vicki Dungait (01670 789447) know if you are willing to help.

Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday 7th April 2pm at Great Law Farm, Capheaton NE19 2AN (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs M Walby.) For members 10yrs and under. Come along for a fun afternoon hunting for chocolate eggs during a gentle ride around the farm. Decorated Easter bonnet riding hats are encouraged. Please reply to Sue Walby by 31st March enclosing a cheque for £3.

Visit to Police Horses

We are hoping to have a visit to the Police Horses. Details will be posted on the website as soon as we have them.

Pony Club Show

Monday 3rd May at Meldon Park (by kind permission of Mr J Cookson and Mr A Thompson.) Always a great event but this takes a great deal of effort to set up and clear away. We are looking for volunteers to help so please let Lucy Oakey (01669 621504) know if you would be willing to help.

Camps

Please send reply slips to reserve your place at camp as soon as possible before the closing date at the end of February. There are a limited number of places so these will be allocated on a first come first served basis and secured with a deposit of £25.

Junior Camp at Great Law on 1 – 2 August

Intermediate Camp at Great Law on 29 – 31 July

Senior Camp at Todburn on 24 – 28 July

15+ Camp at Angerton on 25 – 27 July

TEAM TRAINING

Please use the reply slips enclosed with this newsletter to let the appropriate person know if you are interested.

Games

Practices are now underway so if you are interested, please contact Vicki Dungait on 01670 789447.

Your pony should be under 14.2hh, ridden in a snaffle and you must be able to ride safely off the lead rein in canter and to mount unaided.

Juniors 10 years and under on 01/01/2010

Seniors 14 years and under on 01/01/2010

Please check website for details of friendly competitions & practice dates.

Eventing

Anyone wishing to be considered for the eventing teams should apply to Jane Mancey on 01670 503535. Members need to be competing at the required level for novice, intermediate and open competitions. There will be an initial assessment/training day around Easter so please let Jane know asap if you are interested. The levels are as follows:

Level 3 (Area Novice or BE intro) height 0.95m width 1.00m max

Level 4 (Area Intermediate or BE pre-novice) height 1.15m width 1.10m max

Level 5 (Area Open or BE novice) height 1.15 width 1.20m max

Showjumping

Please contact Jane Mancey on 01670 503535 if you wish to be considered for the showjumping team.

Junior 0.85m max (age 14 and under 01/01/2010)

Novice 1.00m max

Intermediate 1.05m max

Open 1.15m max

Details of training sessions will be circulated soon.

Dressage

Please contact Jane Mancey on 01670 503535 if you wish to be considered for the dressage teams. Details of training sessions and this years tests will be circulated soon.

Tetrathlon

This competition consists of 4 phases – swimming, running, target shooting and cross country jumping. Training sessions will begin soon. Please contact Michelle Macaulay on 01665 574795 for further information.

Endurance

Please contact Michelle Macaulay on 01665 574795 if you would like to know more about competing in Endurance Riding.

Area Horse and Pony Care and Quiz

To be considered for the Horse and Pony Care Team or the Quiz Team or to find out more please contact Michelle Macaulay on 01665 574795.

Please remember to send in your reply slips promptly as this greatly helps with planning.

We will continue to add more events as the year progresses, particularly fun activities. Keep checking the website for updates between newsletters.

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FOR SALE

FOR LOAN WITH A VIEW TO BUY

Spenser is a 13.2hh 9 year old (rising 10) grey gelding, who just loves to work and be 'out and about' but, unfortunately, he had an injury 12 months ago and had had to have time off. He is now sound, but his jockey has grown far too tall for him during this time and is unable to ride him properly.

He is a grade JC BSJA pony who was born to jump, he is fast against the clock and turns on a sixpence. He adores cross country and hunting is his all time party! He will do dressage, under sufferance, and has managed some good scores He has been on Pony Club Eventing and Show Jumping teams and done Camp etc

Spenser is good to box, shoe, clip, load, vet etc and is bored and wasted standing in a field. He is forward going, so probably not a first pony. He comes with tack and rugs and is in desperate need of a good jockey and nice home!

Tel: 07749 424832

FOR SALE

Bailey. 12.3hh 10yrs old gelding.

For sale as daughter no longer interested. Done local shows and PC camp.

Good all round pony.

Contact Tory Dodd 01661 881318 for more details.

FOR SALE

Tilly. 11.3hh mare 18yrs young.

All round pony club pony.

Good to do in all ways.

Contact Susan Pittendrigh 07788 486175

FOR SALE

Dapple Grey 13.2hh 9yrs old

Irish bred Pony Club Pony/Eventer/BSJA

Same home for 4yrs but sadly outgrown

Contact Allyson Turnbull 07910 652116

REPLY SLIPS

Rally February 15th Todburn - Closing Date: 12th February

Name and Age of Rider(s):

Name and Height of Pony(s):

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Please return slip to: Sue Devlin, 4 Oaklands, Darras Hall, Ponteland NE20 9PH

Cost: £7

Dismounted Rally 19th February at Benridge - Closing Date: 15th February

Name and Age:

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Please return slip to: Sue Devlin, 4 Oaklands, Darras Hall, Ponteland NE20 9PH

Cost: £5

Rally at Angerton 28th March - Closing Date: 14th March

Name and Age of Rider(s):

Name and Height of Pony(s):

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Please return slip to: Sue Devlin, 4 Oaklands, Darras Hall, Ponteland NE20 9PH

Cost: £7

Games Rally 9th April - Closing Date: 2nd April

Name and Age of Rider(s):

Name and Height of Pony(s):

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Please return slip to: Vicki Dungait, Lough House Farm, Stannington, NE61 6EB

Cost: no charge

All Day Rally 14th April at Meldon - Closing Date: 1st April

Name and Age of Rider(s):

Name and Height of Pony(s):

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Please reply to: Sue Devlin, 4 Oaklands, Darras Hall, Ponteland NE20 9PH by 1st April

Cost: no charge

15+ Rally 16th April at Angerton - Closing Date: 2nd April

Name and Age of Rider(s):

Name and Height of Pony(s):

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Please reply to: Sarah Fenwick, Angerton Steads, Hartburn, Morpeth, NE61 4EZ

Cost: £7

Easter Egg Hunt 7th April – Closing date 31st March

Name:

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Please reply with cheque for £3 to: Sue Walby, Great Law Farm, Capheaton NE19 2AN.

Junior Camp 1st and 2nd August

Name and Age of Rider(s):

Name and Height of Pony(s):

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Please return with £25 deposit to: Sue Walby, Great Law Farm, Capheaton NE19 2AN by the end of February.

Intermediate Camp, 29th to 31st July

Name and Age of Rider(s):

Name and Height of Pony(s):

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Please return with £25 deposit to: Sue Walby, Great Law Farm, Capheaton NE19 2AN by the end of February.

Senior Camp, 24th to 28th July

Name and Age of Rider(s):

Name and Height of Pony(s):

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Please return with £25 deposit to: Shirley Bamigbade, The Old Rectory, Sheepwash, Northumberland NE62 5NG by the end of February.

15+ Camp, 25th to 27th July

Name and Age of Rider(s):

Name and Height of Pony(s):

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Please return with £25 deposit to: Michelle Macaulay, Payne Cottage, Whittingham, Alnwick NE66 4 UN.

Eventing Training

Name and age of member at 01/01/2010:

Name height and age of pony:

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Send to Jane Mancey, Benridge Riding Centre, Morpeth, NE61 3SB.

Showjumping Training

Name and age of member at 01/01/2010:

Name height and age of pony:

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Send to Jane Mancey, Benridge Riding Centre, Morpeth, NE61 3SB.

Dressage Training

Name and age of member at 01/01/2010:

Name height and age of pony:

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Send to Jane Mancey, Benridge Riding Centre, Morpeth, NE61 3SB.

Games Training

Name and age of member at 01/01/2010:

Name height and age of pony:

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Send to Vicki Dungait, Lough House Farm, Stannington, NE61 6EB

Tetrathlon Training

Name and age of member at 01/01/2010:

Name height and age of pony:

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Send to Michelle Macaulay, Payne Cottage, Whittingham, Alnwick, NE66 4UN

Parents' Evening meal 24th February – Closing date 20th February

Name:

Contact phone no:

E-mail:

Please reply with cheque for £17.50 to: Shirley Bamigbade, The Old Rectory, Sheepwash, Northumberland NE62 5NG.