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Dear Members

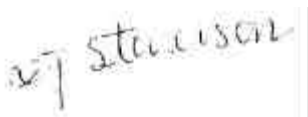
Hopefully, by the time you receive this mailing, the evenings will be drawing out and the worst of the bad weather will be over and everybody will be thinking about getting their ponies fit for the coming season. We have planned a lot of events, all the dates are included so please plan your diary and return your entries early to help us organise instructors and make every event safe for you.

My thanks to to all my committee who have supported me in everything we have done, but special thanks goes to Simon Hutley for the brilliant quiz that he organised which took place after prize giving. The money raised from this event was going to the Air Ambulance who I am sure you realise, are so important when you have a riding accident, but unfortunately no money was raised because we lost our deposit for the hall. The reason being that the men's toilet was left in a disgusting state – I have been told that the damage was done by little hands as poo hand prints were smeared over the walls and floor. Please, parents, when attending any event on other people's premises, keep control of your children.

Moving onto the Area Mounted Games, this is an event we are hosting on Sunday 6th May at Berwick Farm, please if anyone knows of anybody who would like to sponsor this event it would be a great help to us. They can have as much or as little advertising as they like and a free lunch. If all members can offer help before and on the day, this would be appreciated, please contact me.

Well I will leave you to read the rest of the mailing now, but if you need any help with anything, please contact me, otherwise I look forward to seeing you all at the various events that have been planned.

Yours sincerely



NICOLA STEVENSON
District Commissioner



Website

We are very pleased that our branch once again has its own website which can be found on www.ehnpc.org. This has been built from scratch and we are constantly developing and improving it and hope that you like it. We are putting all our news, announcements, events, schedules, reports and results on there together with start times and there is also a page about our branch history (which needs some additional subject matter and photos – come on you parents who are also old EHNPC members – dig out the old pictures!). Any horse or horse-related advertisements can be placed with a photo, and Alyson can also put this on the national Pony Club website at no charge to you.

Polocrosse

A weekend of polocrosse has been arranged on 24/25th March at Ashfields including stabling for your pony, which should be tremendous fun. If you are interested, please ring 01992 560694 for more details.

Mounted Games

Following the success of our teams, last year, training sessions are happening at Writtle throughout the winter and if you are interested in joining in, our organisers, Ali Power and Mark Thompson will be pleased to see you. Training happens at Writtle College (indoors) and dates are listed on the events list. If you haven't been before, please ring Ali on 07748 362388 to let her know you are intending to come along. Various unofficial "friendly" matches have been arranged over the next couple of months by different pony clubs which we will be sending teams to and we wish them all luck!

Second Hand Clothing

Heather has now relinquished her role of looking after second hand clothing and tack and no longer holds the stock of it. As detailed in the last newsletter, a table will be available at rallies for you to bring your item along and leave, with an attached envelope, clearly labelled with your name, how much you want and your phone number. If your item hasn't sold by the end of lunchtime, please take it back home with you. Don't forget you can advertise any items on the website by contacting Alyson with the details.

Bad Weather

We try our hardest not to cancel events or rallies but if you are in doubt about whether something will be going ahead, there is now a dedicated phone number that you can ring on rally days in the event of bad weather to find out the status of the day. A message will be put on the phone if a rally is cancelled or postponed. The number of this phone is: 07776 092324 and will be printed on all schedules. A notice will also be posted on the website.

Newmarket Trip

Following the success of the trip to Newmarket a few years ago, Diane Pegrum has kindly arranged another day during the Easter Holidays. First come, first served so get your booking form in early!

Evening Rallies

Not long now before those balmy summer evenings and we have arranged six evening rallies once again courtesy of the Stevensons. In the past we have had some concerns about the high numbers of children and ponies at this venue, and whilst it is lovely to see you all, we have decided that for safety purposes, these rallies will be for members who are 7 or over on 1st January 2007 and numbers will be strictly limited, so send in your booking form early. Please could we also ask that you only bring the horse or pony that your child will be riding and that smaller children, buggies and dogs are kept under close control. Thank you.

JumpCross

We have arranged a day for our members to have a go at JumpCross at Grange Farm, Wittering on 1st June. Details enclosed.