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Dear Member

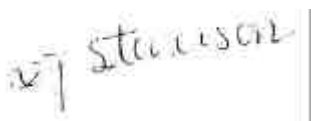
Welcome to this autumn mailing, which includes your membership renewal form for 2007 together with lots of reports and details of activities that we have arranged for you during the autumn and winter months. Please ask your parents to fill in the Gift Aid part of the renewal form as this is important because we can then claim £10 per member back from headquarters which all goes towards new equipment, venues etc for our members.

Well, we have had a very successful year with plenty of rallies, competitions, camps, tests and polocrosse which I have been very proud of because at all these events everybody has turned their pony out looking well and healthy. Every event has been very successful due to the help of so many members, participating in a friendly manner. This is a great strength of our branch – our friendliness and willingness to help others. Thanks particularly to all those of you who came and jump judged at our recent hunter trial which ran very smoothly - full results are on the website (see notice further on). Please continue to take care of your ponies during the winter and if hacking out remember to wear high visibility clothing which can be easily seen on dull winter days.

We have arranged various events for the winter so please return your forms promptly so we can organise it all for you. Also enclosed is a summary of all the area events that members represented our branch in. Every member that took part in a team did us proud so take part in our training sessions over the winter months in preparation for the New Year. It is a rule that you have to have renewed your subscription by 31<sup>st</sup> January and to have attended three working rallies since July if you want to be considered for a 2007 team (camp counts as one).

Don't forget Prize Giving on 13th January. Prizes are awarded for many things, not just the team members, and it is also a very good time to catch up with friends. We are once again holding a quiz after the prize giving with supper included in the price of the tickets, so I hope to see you all there.

Yours sincerely



NICOLA STEVENSON  
District Commissioner



## Membership Renewals

A membership form is enclosed with this newsletter. Please complete and return this form with your subscription as soon as possible. Please could you also ask your parents to remember to sign the gift aid portion of the membership form, as this gives the branch £10 each at no cost to yourselves! This has to be signed every year for the money to be obtained. When you rejoin, you will receive a membership card and you must ask Nicola to sign the back if you wish to wear spurs. You must carry the card with you at all Pony Club rallies and competitions as without proof of permission you will be unable to wear spurs.

## Website

Many of you have already spotted that the website is up and running again at a new location, namely [www.pcuk.org/output/branches/109/index.html](http://www.pcuk.org/output/branches/109/index.html). The easy way to find it is to go to [www.pcuk.org](http://www.pcuk.org) then select "find a branch" find Essex Hunt North and then add it to your favourites. This is a perfectly adequate temporary solution enabling us to put news, schedules and reports on line whilst we work on building our new website which will be [www.ehnpc.org](http://www.ehnpc.org). As soon as this is ready, a notice will be put on the temporary site to redirect you. We will be posting up to date information on the website so make sure you check it regularly. Queries about the website should be directed to Alyson Parker.

## Hunting

The Pony Club are currently amending the syllabus for the Hunting Certificate so that it is in line with the new law and details of this will be available shortly. In the meantime, anyone who is interested in going out with the Essex Hounds should ring the Hunt Line on 01371 859852 or 01371 876376. Don't forget that when you wear your Pony Club tie and badge you are representing the pony club and as such you should be on your very best behaviour at all times.

## Polocrosse

For those of you who enjoyed trying your hand at Polocrosse during the summer rallies, there is now the opportunity to play some more and improve your skills, because Sam Marsh has kindly offered to coach our members on Friday nights at Maple Pollard Stables at a cost of £15 per person. If you are interested in doing this, please ring Sam on 01279 726475 for further details.

## Horse & Pony Care Competition

Last April, Jane Jarvis took a group of our members along to the Area Horse and Pony Care Competition at ILPH in Norfolk. Unlike a quiz, this is a practical competition where you have to show you can put on rugs, tack, bandages and have knowledge of the practical side of looking after a pony as well as the things you have read in a book. Jane said they had such fun, she would like to coach a team for 2007 which would also be very useful for those of you wishing to take your tests. You may even qualify for the final at the PC Championships - so if you are interested, please give Jane a ring on 01279 653711.

## Area Quiz

We will once again be training and sending a team to the interbranch quiz and if you are interested in being involved with this, please ring Nicola.

## Mounted Games Practice

Following the success of our mounted games teams this year, Ali Power has again kindly arranged for some mounted games practice to take place in the indoor school at Writtle College on the following dates: Sundays 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 19<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Practices start at 2:30pm and all are welcome. Details - Ali Power: 01277 899229 or 07748 362388



## Second Hand Clothing and Tack

Heather Brady has been in charge of looking after the second hand tack and clothing for some time now and has worked hard bringing it all to rallies and taking it all home and storing it again afterwards. Just recently Heather kindly spent a lot of time compiling a list of the stock so that it could go on the website.

The committee have decided that it be easier for all concerned if in future, people bring their own sale items along to rallies and events where a table will be provided and unsold items be taken home at the end of the day. Please attach an empty open envelope to your item with the amount required and your name written on the outside, so that anyone wishing to purchase it can leave the money in the envelope for you to pick up before you go home. Clearly there is an element of trust involved here but we hope that we are all honest enough to make this system work. If you have any items with Heather waiting to be sold, would you please telephone her to arrange to collect it? Any items uncollected by Christmas will be disposed of. In the meantime, second hand clothing and tack can be advertised on the website with your telephone number, free of charge. Simply email your advert to [alysonparker@btinternet.com](mailto:alysonparker@btinternet.com) or send it to Alyson Parker, Breach Barns Farm Breach Barns Lane Waltham Abbey Essex EN9 2AD so that it can be put on. We would like to thank Heather (and Emily who helps to unpack the "shop") very much for their hard work over the past few years.

## C Test Training & Test Days

Diane Pegrum will be running C Test training and tests after the Easter holidays next year. If you are interested, please contact Diane, preferably by email on [diane@pegrum.plus.com](mailto:diane@pegrum.plus.com) or by phone on 01992 578019. Any potential C test children are welcome to come along to the junior rallies even if they are over 11 as there will be a C test ride at each rally. For all other tests please contact Jo Marriage.

## Pony Club Eventing Competition Record Books

A card has been produced by the Pony Club to record your progress and performance at Pony Club events and is primarily for those members wishing to progress to British Eventing competitions and will eventually replace the current accreditation system. These are ideal for you to record your competition results throughout the year and if you want to be considered for teams it will give us a clear idea of what and how you have been doing. These cards are now available from Headquarters at a cost of £2.00 each and we will shortly have a stock of them for you to purchase from us.

## Ponies For Sale & Wanted

Oddbod – 14 hands 2 inches 10 years old bay gelding. Oddbod has given Freddie three years of fun doing Pony Club, cross country, hunting and even pony racing and is now very sadly outgrown. He is bold, forward going pony who loves to jump and would suit a confident rider. He likes plenty of work. He is good to shoe, clip etc good in traffic, hacks out alone or in company. £3,000 (offers considered as 5\* home required) Tel: Liz Eccles-Williams on 01245 237237

Dusky - 14 hands 2 inches. Beautiful 6 year old mare. talented youngster. Many wins Open SJ and Open cross-countries in the Essex Rider cross country league. Clear British Novice and Newcomers, BSJA winnings in first 3 outings. Big, bold, careful, and correct jump. Perfect PC pony and has been to PC camp for 2 years. Good show, dressage. Papered. Good to hack alone or in company, good with traffic, shoe, box, catch, clip. loving nature. heart breaking sale as daughter onto horses. Broken by us. £5500 Price includes tack. Tel: Heather Brady on 01992 578072

Sugar & Spice – 137 cms (13.2) skewbald mare 8 years Sweet natured and loveable, brilliant unaffiliated show jumper – many wins. Fast against the clock. Has hunted and pony clubbed. Excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> pony – good to box, shoe, clip. Same home 3 years – sadly outgrown. Good home only. £3750.00 ono. Tel: Sue Evans on 07709 647793 or 01992 575988 (Epping, Essex)

Wanted: Approx 13.2 first pony for keen 8 year old girl. Approx £1500 Tel: Stuart on 07730 596115.

# Essex Hunt North Branch of the Pony Club



## Committee

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## Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Venue
21/10/06	Emma Rust SJ Clinic	Broomshawbury
22/10/06	Mounted Games Practice	Writtle
23/10/06	Lucy Thompson SJ Clinic	Parkview
24/10/06	Autumn Half Term Rally	Various
4/11/06	Winter Junior Half Day Rally	Epping
5/11/06	Mounted Games Practice	Writtle
11/11/06	Autumn / Winter Rally	Barnston
18/11/06	Emma Rust SJ Clinic	Broomshawbury
19/11/06	Mounted Games Practice	Writtle
26/11/06	EHNPC Open Show Jumping inc Dengie	Norton Heath
2/12/06	Autumn / Winter Rally	Barnston
2/12/06	Winter Junior Half Day Rally	Epping
3/12/06	Mounted Games Practice	Writtle
29/12/06	Visit to Conor Fenelon Veterinary Practice	Pleshey, Chelmsford
30/12/06	Emma Rust SJ Clinic	Broomshawbury
13/1/07	Emma Rust SJ Clinic	Broomshawbury
13/1/07	Prize Giving & Quiz	Roxwell
20/1/07	Autumn / Winter Rally	Barnston
20/1/07	Winter Junior Half Day Rally	Epping
3/2/07	Junior Novice Show Jumping Show	Norton Heath
10/2/07	Emma Rust SJ Clinic	Broomshawbury
17/3/07	Winter Junior Half Day Rally	Epping