

# Essex Hunt North Branch of the Pony Club



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Dear All

We have had a very busy year in Pony Club, with a full programme of events which have been very well attended by you all. It has been wonderful to watch our members progress throughout the year and I hope you have enjoyed yourselves at the activities which have been put on for you. I would like to thank everybody, parents and children who helped throughout the year at hunter trials, shows, rallies and camps because it is everyone's club and the more people give to it in time and help the better the club will be for everybody. Also well done to all those members who have represented our branch at the area competitions – our eventers qualified for the national championships at novice, intermediate and open and our Gosling Cup and Wilkinson Sword teams just missed winning by a narrow margin. Well done! Full reports and photos of all the 2008 team events are on our website.

The evenings are drawing in and the air has a nip in it and winter is just around the corner, so it is a good idea to plan how you are going to manage your ponies with the changing weather and to adjust their feed in accordance with the work you intend them to do. As their winter coats start to come through, you may be thinking of clipping your ponies if they are becoming sweaty when they are worked, but be sensible and make sure you only clip off as much of their coat as they really need – not just to make them look smart!! Remember they spend most of their time standing around so you don't want them to be cold. Remember also when riding make sure you are visible and to wear high visibility clothing when on the roads.

You will find enclosed the fixture list for the winter - please try and come to the Bitting evening at Ashfields, which will be very informative – and also put the prizegiving in your diaries because there are cups for all achievements and it is a good afternoon to catch up with friends.

Details for all our forthcoming activities can be found on our website which is [www.ehnpc.org](http://www.ehnpc.org) and you should check this regularly because it is being constantly updated. Reports from all our branch events through the year are on there including team results and reports. **In line with other branches, and to cut down on postage costs, we have decided that this will be the last paper mailing that we will be sending out to you. In future all newsletters, schedules and information should be accessed and downloaded from the website and we will only send out newsletters if you request so specifically on the attached form with your Membership renewal form, which should be returned to Susan Trembath.**

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

NICOLA STEVENSON  
District Commissioner