Crafty Pony Club Pony - almost here!

Don’t forget to come and buy your limited edition Crafty Pony Club Pony at Badminton Horse Trials this year - available from The Pony Club stand at 143 Allengrove Avenue. He’ll make a great gift for any Pony Club Member!

Not going to Badminton? Don’t worry - you can pre-order NOW from The Pony Club Shop powered by Harry Hall - just click the link below!

Pre-order Crafty Pony Club Pony

90th Anniversary Membership Packs - Update

Following the recent mailing of the new Membership packs, we have had a number of packs returned to the office due to address details being incorrect on Unity. We will be contacting Area Reps with a list of incorrect Membership numbers, and these will be passed down to the relevant Branches. Once the address has been updated on Unity, we will send the new details to our fulfilment house who will resend the packs.

If you are experiencing any issues with updating Members' addresses on Unity, please contact our helpdesk at database@pcuk.org
Membership Figures

We would like to thank all Branch Treasurers and Secretaries for returning information regarding new Members and renewing Members and for updating Unity so promptly. We are greatly encouraged that the Membership figures are holding steady relative to the number at the same time last year. We wish to thank DCs and Branch volunteers for finding new Members and for providing such a great offering to existing Members that they have renewed their Membership so promptly.

2018 Branch Return update

Regrettably we are still outstanding 28 Branch financial returns for 2018. We are having to report to auditors now and it is a requirement that we wrap up all outstanding Branch & Area annual returns. Time is running out and we need your help! Your help to get all returns in and all queries on returns resolved would be greatly appreciated – if anyone has a specific issue then please contact finance@pcuk.org

2019 March Capitation update

A reminder that March 2019 capitation submissions and payments were due in on 31/03/2019 - similarly 28 Branches are yet to make their submission. The capitation payment goes towards funding vital shared services, most notably The Pony Club insurance which is invaluable to our Members.

Project Pelham

It’s a momentous week for the project, as we have now formally signed off the Discovery phase and are moving into the Design and Development phase. This means that all the good things that have been discussed since mid-January have now been collated and documented into a full set of requirements, and we should be able to share some target dates very soon.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have given their time to the project so far. If you would like to be part of our journey and have not yet contacted us, please do so on pelham@pcuk.org. For more details on the project, what has been achieved to date, next phases and FAQ’s please also check our project website here.

Work Experience Opportunity

We are currently looking for temporary cover to assist our Membership team, with the potential to extend during the busy summer events season. This could be a great work experience opportunity for an older Member - please contact membership@pcuk.org for more information.

Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshops (Face-to-Face)

To book on to any of the courses below, please click the link to book online.

April 2019

- 23 April 2019 – Brook Farm Stables – Colchester (Area 8)
- 23 April 2019 – The Bent Arms – Lindfield (Area 11)
- 29 April 2019 – Tarvin Community Centre – Chester (Area 5)

May 2019
13 May 2019 – Penycoed Riding Stables – Shropshire (Area 5)
22 May 2019 – Preston on Stour Village Hall – Warwickshire (Area 7)
23 May 2019 – Dilwyn Village Cedar Hall – Herefordshire (Area 10)
27 May 2019 – Terreglas Maxwell Memorial Hall – Dumfries (Area 19)

Equestrian Advanced Safeguarding Online Refresher

• Online Course Entry Page

All-action at Addington for the Dengie Winter Championships

Last weekend saw the return of the Dengie Winter Dressage and Show Jumping Championships. Held at Addington Manor Equestrian Centre, it was a fantastic two days of action featuring talented riders of the future. Hop on over to our results site here to see a full set of scores!

A big thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who made the championships possible, as well as Addington Manor for being a great host, Dengie for their generous sponsorship and 1st Class Images for top-quality competitor photos!

(Photos: 1st Class Images)

National Quiz Results - Quorn Hunt make it a quiz double!

Congratulations to Quorn Hunt who won their second successive National Quiz last weekend, and also to Silvermere Equestrian Centre who won the Centre competition!

Does your Branch/Centre want to get involved in next year’s National Quiz? Visit our website here for more info, or email laura.armstrong@pcuk.org

(Photos: 1st Class Images)
Pony Club Race Day @ Cheltenham Racecourse - last minute booking opportunity!

Coming up this Friday 19th April there will be a Pony Club Pony Race day taking place at Cheltenham Racecourse. Run alongside the Pony Racing Authority (PRA), these days are a great way to find out more about the sport, experience sitting in a racing saddle, have a go on an equiciser and much more. You'll then get a chance to see racing in action with fellow members battling it out for the thrill of winning their race!

To book onto this event just contact Clarissa Daly using the button below, and if you want to read all about the action from the recent Race Day at Ascot, click here.

(Photos: Liea J Photography)

Book Pony Club Race Day @ Cheltenham

Pony Racing Train the Trainer Session

The Pony Club and Pony Racing Authority (PRA) are proud to be providing the opportunity for coaches to become Pony Racing Trainers. The day will provide all coaching participants with the chance to find out more about the sport, take part in on-foot and ridden exercises and watch a demo ride. The day is kindly funded by The Racing Foundation.

- **Date:** Wednesday 24th April 2019
- **Venue:** Moreton Morrell College, Warwickshire (Area 7)
- **Time:** 9:30am – 4pm
- **Booking Fee:** £5 per participant

The day is designed to provide coaches with the ability to introduce racing to Branches and Centres across the country, to teach racing at camps and rallies for Members of all abilities with some exciting activities and to help start Members on their racing journey. Book your place via the button below:

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Ride Around the World - Saturday 3rd August
As part of our 90th Anniversary celebrations we will be hosting a special event on Saturday 3rd August, and everyone is invited!

Starting at 12 noon with our Branches in New Zealand and travelling around the world like midnight on New Years Eve, the day will finish on the West Coast of America at 12 noon having passed through Branches and Centres across the world. It truly will be a magnificent moment in the history of The Pony Club and we hope that all Members, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers and past Members will be able to share in it as without all of you there is no Pony Club!

We want to make it a HUGE social media moment so please share your photographs and videos with us. You can send us your files by going to http://www.pcuk.org/upload90 - this link will work on any device (computer, tablet, phone etc) so please send us your memories of this special event!

For more information and ideas please contact enquiries@pcuk.org

90th Anniversary Book

You are now able to register your name to be in one of the 900 in the 90th Anniversary book. The book will be a great lasting memento of your time in The Pony Club - to order your copy click the button below, but don’t delay as orders need to be received by 13th May!

We’d also love to hear all about your memories and photographs of your time with The Pony Club - what does it mean to you and what are your favourite things about being involved with the organisation? We’d especially like to hear stories from previous Pony Club Championships - from the point of view of both competitors and volunteers. Please share your memories by contacting projects@pcuk.org

Pre-order 90th Anniversary Book

Hannah Francis Award - Nominations Open

The Hannah Francis Award for Talent, Courage and Inspiration was created to honour Hannah (Wylde Valley Branch) for the bravery she showed throughout her battle with cancer. It is an annual award for a Pony Club Member who has displayed talent, courage and inspiration in the face of adversity and will be presented this year at Badminton Horse Trials on Wednesday 1st May.

To make a nomination for this award just download a nomination form using the button below. The form should be returned to area14@pcuk.org no later than 24th April so don’t delay!

Download Nomination Form
DAKS Award

The Friends of DAKS Award was instigated by DAKS to recognise the many volunteers who have dedicated years of service and loyalty to The Pony Club. DAKS themselves have been involved in The Pony Club for 40 years sponsoring the Mounted Games at Royal Windsor Horse Show. The 2018 award was won by Ros Slinger, Area 4 Representative and Mounted Games Chairman (retired 2018).

The 2019 award will be presented at the Royal Windsor Horse Show by DAKS on Sunday 12th May. To make your nomination please fill in the online booking form below, or email the volunteers name/ Branch/ Area/ length of involvement with The Pony Club and a citation illustrating why they are an especially worthy recipient to projects@pcuk.org. Please note that nominations close on Tuesday 23rd April.

(Photo: Nixonphoto)

DAKS Award Online Nomination

Polocrosse Home International Nominations

On the 20th and 21st July at Celyn Polocrosse Club’s Backford Grounds in Cheshire the Home International will be taking place. This event is currently open to all Members wishing to participate and represent one of the four home nations: England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales.

To be considered for one of the positions in teams please submit a nomination form by 30th April. Nominations and further information is available via the button below.

Interested in finding out more about Polocrosse for your Branch or Centre? Please contact polocrosse@pcuk.org
Do your Members want to volunteer at Blenheim Horse Trials?

The Young Equestrian Leaders award is working with the organisers of Blenheim Horse Trials to promote and encourage more young people to participate in volunteering.

As part of our joint work on this, Blenheim Horse Trials will be promoting YELA to its volunteers and we have the opportunity to encourage Pony Club Members to find out what it is like to volunteer at an international event.

There are a variety of roles available - to register interest just click the button below!

To read all about the team who ensure the event is a success, check out the Blenheim volunteer newsletter by clicking here.

Register to Volunteer at Blenheim