



Dear All

Congratulations to everyone who competed at the Barrier Animal Health Spring Festival Final at Arena UK. With record entries across England and Wales, this was a true celebration of Members' commitment through the winter and their careful and considerate training of horses and ponies. I am very much looking forward to seeing the inaugural Northern Ireland final at Castle Irvine, followed by the well-established Scotland final at Morris Equestrian at the end of the month.

I was privileged to watch an Area Quiz in action last week, as always, the depth of knowledge across our Members is so impressive.

Well done everyone and a huge thank you to our army of volunteers for supporting such opportunities.

Best wishes
Marcus Capel (CEO)

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

We're proud to be supporting Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2024!

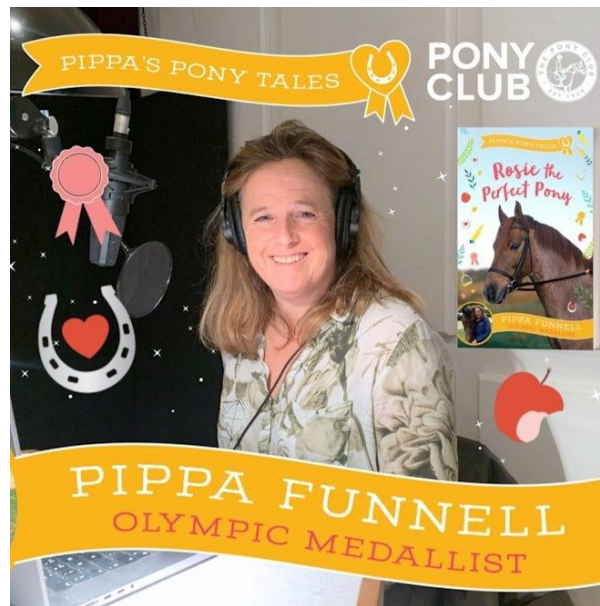
Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences.

Together let's change the narrative to understand, accept, and celebrate neurodiversity!



**Neurodiversity
Celebration Week aims to
give schools, universities,
and organisations the
opportunity to recognise
the many talents and
advantages of being
neurodivergent.**

Pippa Funnell Pony Tales Webinar



Did you join the Pippa's Pony Tales Webinar?

The recording is now live on our YouTube channel! Click below to watch.

A huge thank you to the amazing Pippa Funnell for sharing her stories with us and answering some questions from our Members. What a brilliant insight into the journey of three-times Olympic medallist, Pippa!

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The **PIPPA'S PONY TALES** 
webinar recording is now **LIVE**



Royal Windsor Horse Show



Wednesday 1st May to Sunday 5th May

Royal Windsor Horse Show returns this year welcoming back Pony Club Dressage, Show Jumping, Mounted Games and Tetrathon.

Our members have been offered special a discounted entry code for Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd May.

Dressage Home International Competition

Friday 3rd May 2024

The Pony Club are very excited to once again be part of the Royal Windsor Horse Show and to be able to give our members the opportunity to be part of a team to compete in The Pony Club Dressage Home International on Friday 3rd May 2024.



Each Nation's team is made up of five members, two Open level riders, two Intermediate level riders, and one Novice level rider. Members were selected by the Pony Club Dressage Committee based on their score at the 2023 Pony Club Dressage Championships. Congratulations to all the members selected.

[Click Here](#) to find out more.



Pony Club Show Jumping Competition

Sunday 5th May 2024

This competition is open to members from the Areas local to Windsor at a maximum height of 110cm.

Congratulations to the members from Areas 8, 11, 12 and 13 who have been selected to compete in the Pony Club Show Jumping Competition at Royal Windsor Horse Show on Sunday 5th May.

[Click Here](#) to find out more.

DAKS Home International Mounted Games

Following four exciting trials, the English, Scottish, Welsh, and Northern Irish Mounted Games Teams have been chosen to compete at the Royal Windsor Horse Show in May.



Congratulations to all the members who now prepare for the competition with months of training. To view the teams and their trainers, please [Click Here](#).

Quiz Area Competitions

We had an amazing number of competitors in the new quiz format: 227 Mini Teams, and 254 Junior/Senior Teams across the areas, with 51 Mini, and 57 Junior/Senior Teams qualifying for the National Final!

There is also going to be an Inter-area Senior Friendly competition going on – teams can be a mix of branches and centres. Areas can enter up to 2 teams, if you are interested, please contact your area representative.



Pony Racing



The Pony Racing season will soon be underway, with race days at Milborne St Andrew, Cheltenham, Ascot and Wincanton all taking place in the next month. Wanting to take part?

Entries are open on Horse-Events and the full list of race days can be viewed on the website. [Click Here](#) to enter.

Career Day at the Races

We are pleased to offer a unique FREE day at the races to go behind the scenes and gain an insight into the UK's largest sporting employer. Groups will be able to gain entry to the racecourse before gates are open to the public and take part in fun and informative activities in areas usually restricted from racegoers.

For those young people hoping to combine their love of ponies with a future career, the team will be able to advise on, and provide details of, the pathways into the wide range of career choices the Horseracing and Thoroughbred Breeding Industries have to offer.

[More Information](#)

Howden Centre Equitation

Entries for 2024 will open on **Monday 25th March** on Horse-Events.

Centres must make and pay for their entries to secure their place but can edit their entry to add video links and team member names. The dressage tests have been updated for this year, so please ensure you learn the tests titled 'Equitation dressage 2024'.

The Howden Pony Club Centre Equitation Competition 2023



Centres are reminded that they can enter a maximum of three teams per Centre, for more information [click here](#).

International Mounted Games Exchange



The IMGE 2024 is scheduled to take place in Canada towards the end of summer.

Chosen for their dedication to their Branches, achievements beyond Mounted Games, and glowing letters of recommendation, the selected team members are ready for an unforgettable adventure, where they'll form lifelong friendships.

Congratulations to the team - Charlotte Killen from North Derry, Sophie Locking from Amman Valley, Ruby Mason from Rockwood Harriers, Phoebe Ward from Zetland and Emma Pearson from Lanark & Upperward - on this exciting opportunity!

Mounted Games: Confirmed Race Rules

After the successful Study Days that have taken place throughout the country, the race rules for Tally Ho Farmers' Market, Hollywood Bowl Bowling, Small Sack and Ball & Racquet have been updated. To view the full updates and additional changes, please view them on the website (*please note – printed rulebooks purchased on Amazon **will not** have the updated rules in them*).

Specialised Ability Dressage Competition



As part of The Pony Club's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and creating opportunities for all young people, we are pleased to announce the **Specialised Ability Dressage Competition**. This inaugural dressage competition will showcase the often-unseen talent of so many of our young athletes whose different abilities, physical, neuro-diverse, visible or invisible can be a barrier to accessing competition.

This Pony Club initiative is centered around young people with either a physical limitation that may be outside classification, or with neuro-diverse or learning challenges who love riding but find few opportunities to compete. Our aim is to provide an open and inclusive pathway to bridge the gap between RDA and formal para-dressage pathways.

The aim of this showcase competition, held at The Pony Club National Championships, is to support such athletes and their horse/pony by providing a pathway to enjoy competitive dressage. The competition will be held on **Wednesday 14th August at Offchurch Bury, Warwickshire**. Competitors will choose between either a walk/trot test or a walk/trot/canter test. The competition will take place on grass and the prize giving will be held with our Open Dressage Championship prize winners.



For the chance to take part in this exciting showcase competition, we're asking riders aged up to 25 years (members or non-members), or their parents/guardians, coaches, or influential adults in their life to **apply to The Pony Club by 1st May 2024**. A panel will then select the riders.

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