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What's On:

- Sun 5 Apr: BHS Fun Ride at Rockbourne**, nr Fordingbridge. Start times between 9.30am -12.30pm. Send SAE to Secretary – Sue Bailey, The Laurels, Forester Road, Soberton, Southampton, SO32 3QG. Tel 01329 835376, email sue.bailey77@btinternet.com. Entries open Jan 09. Sorry no entries on the day. Details at www.BSHampshire.org.uk
- Mon 6 Apr: Own a Pony Day**, Quob Stables, Durley Brook Road, Durley, Southampton SO32 2AR. Tel 023 8069 4657. www.quobstables.com, email enquiries@quobstables.com
- Wed 8 Apr: Affiliated Dressage**, Quob Stables, Durley Brook Road, Durley, Southampton SO32 2AR. Tel 023 8069 4657. www.quobstables.com, email enquiries@quobstables.com
- Wed 8 & 22 Apr: Clear Round Evening**, Crofton Manor EC, Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3EW. To book half hour slot pls call 07500 660049. www.croftonmanor.co.uk
- Thu 9 Apr: Own a Pony Day**, Quob Stables, Durley Brook Road, Durley, Southampton SO32 2AR. Tel 023 8069 4657. www.quobstables.com, email enquiries@quobstables.com
- Fri 10 Apr: Dressage Clinic with Ben St John James**, Little Leigh EC, Prospect Lane, Havant PO9 5NJ, 1-6pm. £27.50 per 45 minute lesson. Ring 023 9241 3687 to book.
- Fri 10 Apr: Unaffiliated Dressage**, Quob Stables, Durley Brook Road, Durley, Southampton SO32 2AR. Tel 023 8069 4657. www.quobstables.com, email enquiries@quobstables.com
- Mon 13 Apr: Winter Series Unaffiliated Show-jumping**, Quob Stables, Durley Brook Road, Durley, Southampton SO32 2AR. Tel 023 8069 4657. www.quobstables.com, email enquiries@quobstables.com
- Thu 16 Apr: Fiona Foy Dressage Clinic**, Ladycross, Brockenhurst, Hants, SO42 7QL. Dressage clinic, all levels welcome. Lovely quiet venue, large arena (outdoor), good parking etc. Very friendly. Good for young horses. All bookings strictly through Fiona 07968 059434. www.fionafoy.co.uk
- Thu 16 & Fri 17 Apr: Own a Pony Days**, Quob Stables, Durley Brook Road, Durley, Southampton SO32 2AR. Tel 023 8069 4657. www.quobstables.com, email enquiries@quobstables.com
- Fri 17 Apr: Dressage Clinic with Ben St John James**, Little Leigh EC, Prospect Lane, Havant PO9 5NJ, 1-6pm. £27.50 per 45 minute lesson. Ring 023 9241 3687 to book.
- Sat 18 Apr: Winchester Riding Club Showing Talk and Practical Clinic** with Harriet Hammond 11am -1pm. For further details please see www.winchesterridingclub.co.uk or phone 07768 352910
- Sun 19 Apr: South West Fell Group Pleasure Ride**. 10 mile fun ride for all , Janes Moor Pond, New Forest, 10.00am-12 midday. For info and entry forms please contact karen_hemmings@ntlworld.com, tel 01980 655258
- Sun 19 Apr: Table Top Tack Sale**, Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, 12.30-2.30pm. Open to traders from 11.30am. Admission 30p. Refreshments available. £8/table. Tel 01489 790982, email shphpg@hotmail.co.uk
- Sun 19 Apr: Frensham Cross Country Sponsored Ride**, Stockbridge Farm, Tilford, Surrey, 9.00am-3.00pm. 10 mile cross country course with a minimum of 40 optional jumps 2'6"/2'9". SAE to Frensham Ride Secretary, Overhill Stables, Sandy Lane, Rushmoor, Farnham, Surrey GU10 2ET.

Portchester Horse & Pony Association

- Sun 19 Apr: In-hand and Ridden Show**, Danes Road, Portchester
- Sun 31 May: In-hand and Ridden Show**, Danes Road, Portchester
- Sat 25 – Wed 29 July: Summer Camp**, West Meon (fully booked) **Sun 23 Aug: Sponsored Ride**, Thorney Island
- For further details please contact Steph on 023 9261 9408 / 07857 956105

- Wed 22 Apr: Fiona Foy Dressage Clinic**, Ipley Manor, Marchwood SO40 4UR. Dressage training for all levels. Individual sessions. Outdoor school with mirrors. Iberian horses welcome but all levels, standards, breeds and ages catered for. Very friendly. For more details, or to book, please contact Fiona on 07968 059434. www.fionafoy.co.uk
- Sat 25 Apr: Table Top Tack Sale**, Westbourne Church Hall, Westbourne, nr Emsworth PO10 8UL. 6-8pm, set-up 5pm. Sellers £8/table. Buyers 30p admission. To book table pls ring Jenny 01243 431249 (advance bookings only).
- Sun 26 Apr: Spring Cross Country Competition Ride** (no jumps), along a numbered marshaled route through fields, woodland and tracks. Hall Place EC, Sulham Hill, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks RG31 5UB. Tel 0118 9426938. Entries close 20 April. www.hall-place.com
- Sun 26 Apr: Hunter Trial**, Pinkmead Farm EC, Kings Corner, Botley, Southampton SO30 2HA. Tel 01489 783087. www.pinkmead.co.uk
- Mon 27 Apr: Fiona Foy Dressage Clinic**, Al Kingston Stud, Plovers Barrow, Toms Lane, Linwood, Ringwood. Training clinic. All levels. Outdoor 60m x 20m all weather arena. For details contact Fiona on 07968 059434. Spaces limited. Booking essential. www.fionafoy.co.uk

Thu 30 Apr: Fiona Foy Dressage Clinic, Ladycross, Brockenhurst, Hants, SO42 7QL. Dressage clinic, all levels welcome. Lovely quiet venue, large arena (outdoor), good parking etc. Very friendly. Good for young horses. All bookings strictly through Fiona 07968 059434. www.fionafoy.co.uk

Sun 3 May: Little Leigh EC Fun Day, Little Leigh Farm EC, Prospect Lane, Havant, nr Rowlands Castle PO9 5NJ. Clear Round Jumping, Intro A Dressage (no cantering)-Dog Classes- Three legged race- Dressage to music – Novice Level – Mountain & Moorland, Prettiest Mare, Handsomest Gelding- Veterans, Youngstock 1,2 & 3 yr olds, Riding horse/pony, Fancy Dress- Horse/pony Judge would like to take home- Ridden and In hand classes. Tel 023 9241 3687 or email lozzie_lewisa@btconnect.com

Mon 4 May: Hampshire Horsewatch Spring Show, Crofton Manor EC, Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3EW. Please see www.croftonmanor.co.uk/events.asp

Fri 15 May: Fiona Foy Dressage Clinic, Ipley Manor, Marchwood SO40 4UR. Dressage training for all levels. Individual sessions. Outdoor school with mirrors. Iberian horses welcome but all levels, standards, breeds and ages catered for. Very friendly. For more details, or to book, please contact Fiona on 07968 059434. www.fionafoy.co.uk

Sun 17 May: Charity Show Jumping and Dressage Event, Royal Artillery EC, Thorney Island, Emsworth PO10 8DH. Tel 01243 388323, email raecti@btconnect.co.uk

Thu 21 May: Fiona Foy Dressage Clinic, Ladycross, Brockenhurst, Hants, SO42 7QL. Dressage clinic, all levels welcome. Lovely quiet venue, large arena (outdoor), good parking etc. Very friendly. Good for young horses. All bookings strictly through Fiona 07968 059434. www.fionafoy.co.uk

Sun 24 May: WRC Show Jumping Competition, Sparsholt College. Schedule can be downloaded from the riding club's web-site www.winchesterridingclub.co.uk

Fri 29 May: Fiona Foy Dressage Clinic, Al Kingston Stud, Plovers Barrow, Toms Lane, Linwood, Ringwood. Training clinic. All levels. Outdoor 60m x 20m all weather arena. For details contact Fiona on 07968 059434. Spaces limited. Booking essential. www.fionafoy.co.uk

Sat 30 May: The Silver Gambler Pleasure Ride. Series of rides in the New Forest from 10 miles up to 25. SAE for full schedule to Val Allwright, 25 Middleton Road, Ringwood, BH24 1RN, or ring Jo Wallis Baga (01425 475689), email silvergambler@tiscali.co.uk

Sun 31 May: Cadnam Show Society In-hand & Ridden Show, Terry's Lawn, Petlake Farm, Ringwood Road, Netley Marsh, Nr Cadnam SO40 7LA. Show Secretary Mrs.H.Long, 501 Romsey Rd, Maybush, Southampton, Hants SO16 9GQ. Email hazellong2003@yahoo.co.uk, Tel. 07789 888375 or 02380 776854. Schedules available at www.nfed.co.uk

Sun 7 Jun: Tedworth Downland Ride & Mountain Bike Tour. See www.tedworthhunt.co.uk for details, or contact Caroline Pearson, Spinnicks Hill, Wilton, Marlborough, Wilts SN8 3SR. Tel: 07974 400228 Email: downlandride@tedworthhunt.co.uk

Sun 7 Jun: Cadnam Show Society Festival of Colour, Terry's Lawn, Petlake Farm, Ringwood Road, Netley Marsh, Nr Cadnam SO40 7LA. In-hand and ridden classes for all coloureds. Show Secretary Mrs.H.Long, 501 Romsey Rd, Maybush, Southampton, Hants SO16 9GQ. Email hazellong2003@yahoo.co.uk, Tel. 07789 888375 or 02380 776854. Schedules available at www.nfed.co.uk

Sun 14 Jun: Cadnam Show Society BDS Affiliated Driving Event, Terry's Lawn, Petlake Farm, Ringwood Road, Netley Marsh, Nr Cadnam SO40 7LA. Show Secretary Mrs.H.Long, 501 Romsey Rd, Maybush, Southampton, Hants SO16 9GQ. Email hazellong2003@yahoo.co.uk, Tel. 07789 888375 or 02380 776854. Schedules available at www.nfed.co.uk

Sun 21 Jun: Open Hunter Trial, Dene Farm, Nether Wallop. Schedule can be downloaded from the riding club's web-site www.winchesterridingclub.co.uk

Sun 28 Jun: Cadnam Show Society In-hand & Ridden Show, Terry's Lawn, Petlake Farm, Ringwood Road, Netley Marsh, Nr Cadnam SO40 7LA. Show Secretary Mrs.H.Long, 501 Romsey Rd, Maybush, Southampton, Hants SO16 9GQ. Email hazellong2003@yahoo.co.uk, Tel. 07789 888375 or 02380 776854. Schedules available at www.nfed.co.uk

Sun 12 Jul: WRC Open Summer Show, Polly Glovers Farm, West Meon. Schedule can be downloaded from the riding club's web-site www.winchesterridingclub.co.uk

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Your Help is Needed:

A horse IH psychology project is being carried out by a local student, looking into the relationship between horses biting and static shocks received whilst putting on and removing rugs.

Would anyone interested, please go to the following link and complete a short questionnaire.

Please also complete the questionnaire if your horse does not bite as the type of material used to make the rug determines the propensity of a rug to generate/store static electricity, and could prevent static shock all together.

<http://www.som.soton.ac.uk/staff/lucy/horsepsychology/>

TRAVELLING TIPS: BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER

Karen Coumbe MRCVS, www.horseandhound.co.uk

Even if you don't compete, it is almost impossible to avoid travelling horses from time to time, so H&H offers expert advice on how to minimise the risks and stress to the horse. Like people, horses are travelling more and more. This may involve trundling down the road in a trailer to their local show or being whizzed further afield in a sophisticated lorry, not to mention the increasing number that are now flown all over the world. As far as a horse is concerned, it makes little difference whether they are being transported in a vehicle with wings by air or one with wheels on a road, or for that matter within a box on a boat. What matters is that the journey is smooth and there are no long delays.

A lot of effort and research has gone into providing guidelines for safe equine transport. Particular credit is due to Dr Des Leadon FRCVS of The Irish Equine Centre, who has given many useful recommendations.



Before the journey Planning is crucial, whatever the journey. A recent nightmare road accident in the States involved more than 20 horses in one giant transporter. The advice of the vet who dealt with the scenario was that you always have to be prepared for the worst. This should include the obvious, such as taking enough lead ropes, tack and rugs for all horses and sufficient food and water with you. If you are going any distance, make sure supplies are available at all rest stops and that there will be the opportunity for feeding and water at least every 6-8 hours.

Know your route Ensure you have all the documentation you could possibly need, including passports, insurance papers and contact details for vets. Before loading, check that the vehicle is safe, especially the floor. Any vet who has seen the injuries that occur when a horse's leg goes through the floor welcomes every possible precaution to avoid such accidents. Training makes sense, so that the horse is familiar with the experience and less likely to be afraid. This can include making sure horses feel comfortable wearing travel boots and are safe to load and unload. When horses are difficult to load, the whole enterprise becomes more stressful, so it is best resolved in advance. Many professional transporters use a bridle or Chiffney bit to help control the horse while loading and unloading.

Water and electrolytes It is important to prevent dehydration and reduce the risk of impaction colic by encouraging your horse to drink. Some people camouflage the taste of strange water with additives, such as apple juice. Give this in advance, so that the horse will not notice any change. Others give electrolytes or water by stomach tube before travelling. It is, however, important not to put the horse off drinking of its own accord and is best to offer water frequently rather than force it on a horse.

Body weight Horses tend to lose weight on long journeys, so this should be monitored. It is thought that some of the most successful competition horses cope without losing weight because they are calm and accustomed to travel.

General health This is well summarised by Des Leadon: "Sick horse on, sicker horse when getting off." Unless it is being moved to an equine hospital for treatment, a sick horse should not be travelled at all. Horses with a fever or nasal discharge are particularly at risk of developing shipping fever. Make sure horses are properly vaccinated and that dust allergies are under control.

Medication The best advice is that unnecessary medication should be avoided. Increasingly stringent security regulations mean that it is more problematic to carry injectable medication onto flights for horses. Plus there is the issue of dope testing if en route to a competition. Some horses are given a laxative bran mash or liquid paraffin by stomach tube before a long journey to reduce the incidence of colic. Rumours abound of colic-related equine fatalities on flights, so it is worth consulting your vet about the best possible precautions. There is less justification for non-routine treatment for shorter road trips and it may be unnecessary on flights.

During a journey Horses must be supervised as carefully as possible while travelling. Horses travel better when it is cool, so modify ventilation, muck out where possible and avoid travelling in the heat of the day. If the travelling conditions are hot or humid and the horses sweat more, then water obviously should be offered more frequently.

One of the biggest problems for the long-distance equine traveller is the practice of tying horses up by their headcollars so that they are stuck in an unnatural head-held-high posture. Normally, they would put their head down, but while travelling they are prevented from doing so. This will affect the clearance of mucus from the airways, as well as causing bacteria to descend towards the lung. Together, this increases the risk of pneumonia and chest infection, known as shipping fever, that affects about 6% of horses if they are transported for more than 8-12 hours.

After a journey At every opportunity, horses should be allowed to put their heads down and to eat and drink. Once unloaded, they should show interest in hay and water within 2hr and if they are not interested, should have their temperature checked. It is sensible to check their weight on arrival, repeatedly check the temperature and watch carefully for signs of disease, lameness or injury.

Recent work on immunological effects of transport concluded that there are measurable differences in immunity of transported horses. Following transport stress, their immunity takes about 24hr to recover, so they may be more susceptible to infectious disease. The same work showed that cross-tied horses are more likely to suffer from dehydration and immune system dysfunction than those carried without head restraint.

Other investigations have been carried out on jet lag, which is also thought to affect horses. It appears that long journeys over several time zones can be detrimental and, not surprisingly, it is recommended that a horse has several days to recover before competing overseas.

Work has been done on long-distance equine travel, but much of what has been learnt also applies to shorter trips. Despite planning, any short trip can become long and complicated, so it is best to be prepared.

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Message from Hants & West Sussex Borders Bridleways Group

Dear All

It is the intention of Hampshire Highways to close Kiln Lane to all but walkers. I wrote to the County Solicitor saying that this route should be kept open and they are now asking for proof that it has in the past been used by ridden horses. We just have 2 weeks left to produce users of the route. Kiln Lane is near Kiln Farm at Hipley (not far from the pub) and from the map looks like a good way to avoid roadwork. It appears to be shown as a byway open to all traffic on the map.

Can you please let me know ASAP whether you have used this route - whether you still do - or if you are in contact with any other riders who would want to support keeping this lane open. Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards, Sue Montila

Tel 023 9245 5685. Email sue.montila@ntlworld.com

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