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what's On:

Sat 5 Dec: **WRC Christmas Show Jumping**, Sparsholt College, Winchester SO21 2NF. Entries Secretary: Deborah Smyth, 10 Mary Lane, North Waltham, Basingstoke, Hants RG25 2BY, email wrc.mag@btinternet.com. Further details www.winchesterridingclub.co.uk

Sun 6 Dec: **Show Riding and Confidence Building Clinic** with Show producer & Judge Julia Ryde-Rogers from 10am, Cadnam. Tips on turnout & the all important finishing touches. How to make you and your horse stand out in the ring, and ride with confidence. Julia will cover all of the above & much more in groups of four, the session will last approx 1 ½ hours. All horse ages welcome. Contact Secretary - Kayti Harvey 07713164625 kayti_harvey@yahoo.co.uk www.ryde-rogers.co.uk

Fri 11 Dec: **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

Fri 11 Dec: **Dressage Clinic with Ben St John James**, Little Leigh Farm EC, £30/person, 45 minute private lesson in brand new school. Spectators welcome. To book call 023 9241 3687, email Lozzie_lewisa@btconnect.com

Wed 16 Dec: **Clear Round Evening**, Crofton Manor EC, Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3EW. £20/half hour. To book half hour slot please call 07500 660049. www.croftonmanor.co.uk

Wed 30 Dec: **SC and RMAS Sandhurst Draghunting** – Childrens Lead Rein Meet, Church Farm, Eversley RG27 0PX. Tel 07831 251051. www.sandhurstdraghunt.co.uk

Wed 6 Jan: **Clear Round Evening**, Crofton Manor EC, Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3EW. £20/half hour. To book half hour slot please call 07500 660049. www.croftonmanor.co.uk

Wed 27 Jan: **Clear Round Evening**, Crofton Manor EC, Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3EW. £20/half hour. To book half hour slot please call 07500 660049. www.croftonmanor.co.uk

Sun 11 Apr 2010: **BHS Rockbourne Fun Ride**, scenic 7 mile downland course with all fences optional (not including the schooling area). Starting times between 9.30 and 12.30. Send SAE to Sue Bailey, The Laurels, Forester Road, Soberton, Southampton SO32 3QG. Tel 01329 835376. Email sue.bailey77@btinternet.com

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Horse owners warned to watch out for Hampshire magazine scam

Horse owners in Hampshire are being warned by police to be wary of scam phone calls from a magazine requesting sponsorship money.

Hampshire police were alerted to the scam after an equine physiotherapist was called on 17 November by a man claiming to be collecting sponsorship for a magazine against horse crime. The man said he was from Hampshire police, but the force has confirmed that it is not involved in any such magazine. The physiotherapist gave the caller her bank details and money was debited from her account before police were aware of the scam. People are advised to contact police if they receive similar phonecalls on 0845 045 45 45.

www.horseandhound.co.uk

Theft of Mare

On Monday (2 Nov) night a horse was stolen from a field in the Guildford area. The people who took her sawed through a wooden post and rail fence to get her out and this happened between 3pm and 6pm in the afternoon. The police were informed and so were the microchip company who circulated her details to all the ferry ports etc. Late Tuesday (3 Nov) afternoon the horse was found in Hollyhead, Wales. She was tied to a railing at the ferry port and the ferry to Ireland had gone without her.

Several things have come to light in this story:

1. A week ago the horse had a small plait in its mane when she was brought in from the field. It was described as very small, almost like a tangle. This was disregarded and thought to probably be kids messing about. However, it is thought this is how people mark horses to be stolen later. I.e. one person marks them, another then comes later and knows which one to take.
2. The ferry port at Hollyhead do not check horses passports or microchips. This horse was travelling without a passport.
3. The police believe the reason this horse was left behind was because she was microchipped. Although the UK is lax about passport and microchip checking, it is apparently more common for horses to be scanned on entering Ireland. The people who take them will scan them and dump them if they find a microchip. This horse also had a large obvious scar so this may have been a contributing factor.

The police say that horses being dumped at a ferry terminal is not uncommon and they usually turn out to be stolen. They have had horses left in a lorry on the actual ferry! This story has a happy ending for the owner, but how many other stolen horses were on that ferry to Ireland?

The police investigation is on-going, and the owner is keen for horse owners to be aware of the following:

1. If you find your horse with a small plait in its mane or tail please do not ignore it.
2. If your horse isn't microchipped please consider doing it. The owner of this horse describes her as 'nothing flashy, just a normal 14.2 bay mare' so please don't think it couldn't happen to you.

This email was received early November, please pass the information on.

Classifieds:

SADDLE For Sale	Thorowgood Griffin Pony Club GP Saddle , 16.5", wide fitting. Used but excellent condition, sadly outgrown. Excellent small adult/teenager's saddle. Leather-look with suede knee rolls. Pre-Fish model. RRP £275 – will sell for £95 ovno. Postage as above. Email chesca@handpaintedmagic.co.uk or Tel 01256 884040. Photos can be emailed!
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