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What's On:

Portchester Horse & Pony Association - Join us for a Night Out

RACE NIGHT: Saturday 8 March, Southsea Golf Club, Burrfields Road, Portsmouth PO3 5JJ. First race 7.30pm. All members and non members welcome (14 years and over). £10 per head to include hot buffet. Tickets pls ring Corrie, 07824 390883, or send payment to 62 Gains Road, Southsea PO4 0PL. Cheques made payable to PHPA pls.

Sun 9 Mar: Flatwork Rally **Sun 6 Apr: Gridwork Rally** **Sun 27 Apr: In-hand Show**, Danes Road, Portchester

Sun 11 May: Flatwork Rally **Sun 18 May: M&M In-hand & Ridden Show**, to include Royal London qualifiers

Sun 8 June: In-hand & Ridden Show with Royal London qualifiers, excluding M&M qualifiers, Danes Road

Sat 26 – Wed 30 July: Pony Camp, Compton, West Sussex

For further details please contact Jo or Corrie on 023 9261 7841

Wed 12 Mar: Evening Clear Round, Crofton Manor EC, Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Nr Fareham PO14 3EW.

Bookable ½ hour slots from 3pm. Tel 01329 667323.

Sun 16 Mar: Southern Counties Welsh Pony & Cob Association Winter Woollies M&M Ridden Show,

Sparsholt Agricultural College, nr Winchester. Show Secretary Mrs L Heywood, 31 Spring Lane, Swanmore, Southampton SO32 2PT. Tel 01489 896510 / 07786 326771. www.scwpca.com

Wed 26 Mar: Evening Clear Round, Crofton Manor EC, Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Nr Fareham PO14 3EW.

Bookable ½ hour slots from 3pm. Tel 01329 667323.

Tues 1 Apr: Mary Wanless Evening Demo, Crofton Manor EC, Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Nr Fareham PO14 3EW. 7.30 – 10pm. Adults £19, Under 16s £12.50. Tickets, if available, will be sold on the door £24. Buy tickets on-line www.mary-wanless.com or write with no. of tickets required, cheque made payable to Mary Wanless Demos and SAE to Equestrian Experience, 5 Albert Mansions, Church Road, Hove BN3 2FS. Tel 01273 736083 (enquiries only)

Mon 7 & Wed 9 Apr: Own a Pony Day, Quob Stables EC, Durley Brook Road, Durley, Southampton SO32 2AR. Tel 023 8069 4657, Email enquiries@quobstables.com. www.quobstables.com

Sat 12 Apr: Fair Oak Clear Round Cross-Country, Fair Oak Estate, Rogate nr Petersfield. Entries on the day £20. Last entries taken 1.45pm. Enquiries 6pm-9pm only 01730 821508, www.fair-oak.co.uk

Sun 13 Apr: Southern Counties Welsh Pony & Cob Association Spring Show, with Stallion Parade, Newbury Showground. Further details at www.scwpca.com

Mon 14 & Wed 16 Apr: Own a Pony Day, Quob Stables EC, Durley Brook Road, Durley, Southampton SO32 2AR. Tel 023 8069 4657, Email enquiries@quobstables.com. www.quobstables.com

Sun 20 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.

Sun 20 Apr: Table Top Tack Sale in aid of South Hants Pony & Horse Protection Group, Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham. Tables £7 each. 12.30-2.30pm. Traders from 11.30am. Admission 30p, refreshments available. Please call (01489) 790982 or e-mail shphpg@hotmail.co.uk for details.

Sun 20 Apr: BHS Fun Ride, Tenantry Farm, UK Chasers Course, Rockbourne, Nr Fordingbridge SP6 3PB. 7-mile downland course with optional fences. Bookings received by 21 March BHS Members £13, BHS Affiliated RC and PC Members £16, Non-members £18. Bookings from 22 March – 15 April, everyone £20. Sorry no entries on the day. Tel enquiries to Sue Bailey 01329 835376 (entries) email sue.bailey77@btinternet.com. Event organiser Kayti Harvey 01489 691943 (eves). Discount offered if booking both Fun Rides (see 21 Sept Compton XCountry Course)

Sat 26 Apr: Petersfield PC XCountry & Show Jumping Event, Fair Oak Estate, Rogate nr Petersfield. Open to non Pony Club members. Co-organisers Helen James 01962 773558, helenatmonkwood@hotmail.com, Mary Hales 01730 823074, mary.hales@hotmail.com

Mon 5 May: Hampshire Horsecwatch Spring Show, Ford Farm, Brockenhurst. Schedules will be ready very soon. They will be distributed around the county, at the usual places...tack shops, stores, yards, riding schools, livery establishments, www.nfed.co.uk/horsecwatch.....and by contacting Hazel Long on hazellong2003@yahoo.co.uk

Sun 25 May: Fair Oak Hunter Trials, Fair Oak Estate, Rogate nr Petersfield. Entries close 16 May. Schedule available at www.fair-oak.co.uk

Sat 31 May: Horse Behaviour Day with Ben Hart, What sort of a person would a horse choose to be owned by? What makes someone good or bad with horses? How do horse's think? How do we decide how to compromise between how a horse would choose to live and what we might want him/her to do? Do we, as owners, tend to think that our horses are capable of more than they are or do we underestimate them? These are just some of the questions that Ben Hart will discuss in this event that will look deeper into the art and science of horsemanship. Tickets £45 for the day. Location: The Wheatsheaf, Woking. www.learningaboutanimals.co.uk

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Sat 7th June: Breamore EGB pleasure ride, Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne. 16 and 21 miles. Non member £20.00, last entries 4th June. Contact: Stevie Martin tel: 01822 854227 e-mail: stevie@stevie0.fsnet.co.uk

Mon 28 Jul – Fri 1 Aug: Own a Pony Week, Quob Stables EC, Durley Brook Road, Durley, Southampton SO32 2AR. Tel 023 8069 4657, Email enquiries@quobstables.com. www.quobstables.com

Mon 18 – Fri 22 and Mon 25 – Fri 29 Aug: Own a Pony Week, Quob Stables EC, Durley Brook Road, Durley, Southampton SO32 2AR. Tel 023 8069 4657, Email enquiries@quobstables.com. www.quobstables.com

Sun 21 Sept: BHS Fun Ride, 100 Acres Farm, Compton, West Sussex PO18 9HD. 6-mile course in the heart of the South Downs with 75 optional fences. Advance entries close 16 Sept, BHS Members £16, Non-members £20. Late and entries on the day (register by 11.30am), everyone £25. Tel enquiries to Sue Bailey 01329 835376 (entries) email sue.bailey77@btinternet.com. Event organiser Kayti Harvey 01489 691943 (eves), email events@bhshampshire.org.uk. Discount offered if booking both Fun Rides (see 20 April Tenantry Farm, rockbourne)

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Debbie Reilly, Equine Trainer & Behaviour Specialist, 194 Christchurch Road, Ringwood, Hants BH24 3AS.

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2008 Freelance Services: Maximise you and your horses' potential, looking at equine behaviour, psychology and 'Equus', the language of the horse. A highly skilled communicator, Debbie uses her knowledge and experience in natural horsemanship techniques, to develop an individualised program to suit you and your horse's needs, vital to achieving lasting and effective results.

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Flatwork Using Poles

Pole work exercises are not simply for budding show jumpers. Pole work is a valuable dressage exercise that can help to improve balance and coordination, and affect all aspects of your riding.

Begin with a single pole on the ground, placed on the 3/4 line (half way between the markers X, B or X, E). Start by simply walking the horse over the pole, aiming to maintain a steady rhythm. Keep a light contact and encourage the horse to look down to stretch his top line muscles and round his outline. (When moving in an outline the horse should lower his quarters, carrying more weight on his back legs and lightening his forehand). Change the rein and repeat in the other direction. Although this may sound very simplistic, walking and trotting over single poles can help to relax the horse and make it easier for him when the work becomes more difficult.

Once you feel the horse is nice and relaxed you can start to introduce more poles. It is always useful to enlist the help of a willing friend who can move the poles around, check the distances etc, as this will save you having to keep getting on and off the horse. If you do have to do this job yourself, bring a mounting block into the arena, to help make life easier and ease the strain on your horse's back.

Put two poles down, keeping the distance quite wide between them so the horse doesn't try and jump over them. As your horse realises he must trot over them in a steady rhythm you can fill the gap with more poles. When trotting over poles you can measure the following distances, although this is a rough guide and every horse or pony is individual, so be prepared to make changes as necessary.

- 13.2hh – 3ft or 90 cm between poles
- 14.2 – 3ft 3" or 1m between poles
- 15.2 – 3ft 9" or 1m 15 cm between poles
- 16.2hh – 4ft 3" or 1m 30 cm between poles

Practice transitional work over the poles in all paces. For example, try trotting over a series of two or three poles, cantering on, changing the rein and then trotting back over them again. You can also use poles to help lengthen and shorten your stride, which is vital if you do want to be successful at show jumping. Practice trotting and cantering over two or three poles and then setting yourself a target of say four or five strides between each pole, working to make tiny adjustments to your horse's pace to get the result you want.

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During 2008 we want to do more to provide useful information for horse riders and help you to get out and about safely and easily. Through feedback and survey results that you have kindly provided, we know that we really need to continue researching, developing and testing possible routes for you.

For us to make a real impact UK wide we will need some help over and above our own efforts. So during 2008, we aim to develop a network of 'route testers' to help us and we will pay their incurred expenses for doing this work. Some other potential projects for 2008 include the creation of a bridleways listing website, a parking database as well as much needed enhancements to the forum area.

We are asking you to help us achieve our aims and help horse riders more by making a small donation. You can even tell us by email which project you would like your donation to be spent on. So if you've enjoyed your time on our site or appreciate our efforts, please contribute a little to one of these projects:

- Route testers to walk and verify additional routes
- Create an online listing of bridleways
- Database of UK wide horse rider friendly car parks
- Improve and add new features to the forum

Please visit the web-site to make a donation or send a cheque, made payable to Bridleways.co.uk, to the address below. Thank you,

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SADDLE For sale	Wintec 500, 17", brown, 2 years old. Excellent condition. £220 ono Tel: 023 9225 1222 (Waterlooville)
	For sale due to no fault of her own, my lovely 13.3hh New Forest bay mare Artemisia (Arty). She is 8 years old with a kind nature and a cheeky character and she loves children. I am a total beginner and have owned and ridden her (hacking mostly) for nearly 2 years. She is good to shoe, clip, box and is easy to do in all ways. She has been jumped and enjoys it and is very good hacking in traffic. I have not done much work with her recently so she needs someone to bring her on, do some schooling with her and give her the time and input that she needs. £1500 ono incl all tack, rugs etc. Please call 07779042247 (please leave message and I will call back) for more info
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