



SOHAM AND DISTRICT

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Dear Members, Parents and Instructors

As you all know our Pony Club year is drawing to an end, the renewals will be sent out at the end of October and it would be much appreciated if you could return them by the end of November. This gives me plenty of time to process the details for next year. If you are not renewing, then please also advise myself of Lesley as I do have a waiting list.

We had a successful Camp in July with 77 members attending, it was enjoyed by everyone and we look forward to a good one again next year. We ran a parents' rally in September and this was well supported, we will try to run two next year, so if you are interested and you were unable to come this time, and then please contact Kathy Stringer.

Congratulations to the members who passed the C test; these are Jess Fuller-Gray, Abbi Scott, Sam Stringer, Lacey Dowse, Cicely Robertson, Maria and Nicole Sheldrake. Also congratulations to Siobhan Gilligan, Hannah Wilmott, Claire Martin and Katy Drummond who passed their B Test riding this year. If you are interested in taking any tests, then the contact for this is Lorraine Webster-Ward.

There are more congratulations to all members who competed in the Area Competitions, we had a successful year. In Dressage, the Intermediate team came 6th, we had two individual placings with Hannah Wilmott coming 4th and Alex Kingdon 2nd and she qualified for the Championships. The Novice team held their own in the competition and Kelly-Anne Challinor was placed 6th individually in her Arena. The Intermediate Show Jumping, Jessica McIlwraith, Alex Kingdon and Lauren Brown all jumped double clears to go into the jump-off for individual placings. Well done to them. The Intermediate Horse Trials, Jessica McIlwraith, Katy Drummond, Emma Hayes and Alex Kingdon were placed 6th as a team and Jess was placed 3rd as an individual and unfortunately just missed qualifying for the Championships, but Alex finished 2nd in her section and qualified. In the Bloom cup Victoria Honey will won best dressage in her section.

We would like to congratulate Alex Kingdon on her success at the Championships, in the Intermediate Dressage she came 2nd in her arena and went into the ride off, where she was placed 5th overall. As a pony club this is only the second time we have qualified for the championships in the Dressage and the first time we have had a member placed. In the Intermediate Eventing Championship Alex was placed 5th. Well done Alex you did brilliantly.

The Burghley team this year consisted of Jessica McIlwraith, Alex Kingdon, Katy Drummond and Lauren Brown; they were placed 8th from 40 teams so well done to all of you.

The Wilkinson Sword was a great success this year, with our new team competition, we were very lucky with the weather, it was like summer. Thanks to all of you who helped.

If you are interested in winter rallies and have not yet advised Kathy Stringer, please contact her as soon as possible.

One more small thing before I end this newsletter, we have had a great response to help this year, but still have a few members who think they are immune to helping. Just to let you know that next year if you wish to join, you will be expected to help at at least one of our events. We do have great facilities with Soham Pony Club so please everyone help out where you can. The dates for next year will be out soon.

We look forward to next year and hope you have all had an enjoyable time this year. If you have any queries please contact myself Tina Hall on tina17hall@btinternet.com or 01353 624145 or Lesley Murdoch on craig.chatt@btinternet.com or 01353 863491.

All the best

Tina and Lesley

Ps I would just like to say a big thank you to Lorraine Webster-Ward and Mandy Adams and all other helpers during the day for running the Closed Show. It was very well attended and a great day.