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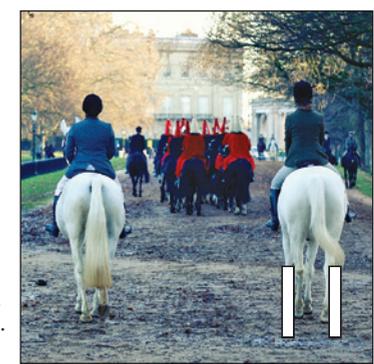
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Parading with pride!

Another fantastic start to 2015 when amongst the jugglers, cheerleaders, acrobats, clowns and marching bands, the parade featured three teams of riders and 75 horses. Invited for selection from all over the UK and travelling from as far afield as Belgium to appear in this annual event, the riders ranged from just six years old through to late seventies and were unpaid volunteers unified in their passion for horses and bringing equestrianism to the capital!

Each year the parade celebrates a theme, with previous year's including Swinging Sixties, Hats Off To London and The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. 2015 showcased 'London Moving' year with an array of creative costumes, horses and carriages, sidesaddle costumes through the ages and the 'Iberian Team' in full traditional dress.

The rain held off for most of the day and all the horses behaved impeccably, making the 'All The Queens Horses' involvement in this year's The London New Year's Day Parade both an enjoyable and memorable experience for all involved, as Caroline Marsh organiser and creative behind 'All The Queen's Horses' explained:

"As ever, we always look forward to the parade and always have some fabulous and outstanding costumes celebrating the theme. With so much effort and time taken in the planning, the parade is always a show stopping element of the event"

The equestrian element of the parade started off 11.45am at Piccadilly Circus and finished at Parliament Square, stopping off at The Horse Guards and Buckingham Palace on route home. After 30 years of the parade it is now a firmly fixed feature of the London Calendar and with some 8,500 performers far outweighs some of its counterparts in New York.

This year, amongst the creatively dressed horses and riders ranging from Beefeaters to highway men, war horses were also celebrated and remembered: A fitting reminder to their contribution in WWI and following on from the 'Tower Of London' poppy installation. Residing vet for the occasion was Francisco Tirado BVSc MRCVS of Surrey based vets Shotter & Byers. **NM**

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For further information and images of this fantastic event: www.allthequeenshorses.co.uk



▲ **Brunel is a retired 17.2hh police horse ridden by Nicola Pratt. Brunel spent 14 years with the Avon and Somerset police attending The London Olympics, Charles and Camilla's wedding, the Bristol riots and Glastonbury.**



▲ **16-year-old mare Puzzles Hi Calypso ridden Side Saddle by Kirstie Austin from West London**



▲ **The Iberian Connection with team leader Patrick Kempe on his 14-year-old Lusitano, Tetuã**



▲ **Ellie Williams and 15-year-old Jornvic dressed in the Tudor style Yeoman's scarlet uniform with gold ingots and coins on a saddle cloth to represent the time when The Tower was the Royal Mint. Peter Williams and 14-year-old Vietta, holder of Fjord horse of the Year title. Sporting the modern blue uniform of the Tower of London.**

▶ **Tonka ridden by Lucie Evans representing The Elephant & Castle.**

▼ **The Clearwater Gypsies work in schools to help prevent bullying of Gypsy children educating teachers about their life and culture.**



▼ **Caroline March: Founder and Organiser of 'All the Queen's Horses' riding Mary a 16.2 BSI Grade B retired Showjumper owned by Josephine Penfold.**



Why not build your own field shelter?

It is important to remember that a field shelter needs to be able to move otherwise you will need to apply for planning permission. In order for the building to be mobile it either has to be on wheels (very expensive) or it has to sit on chunky pieces of timber or steel which are known in the trade as 'skids'.

The skids are the most important part of the building just as a foundation is to a house. If the base isn't right, the whole building will be compromised. The skids need to be big enough to bear the weight of the construction and withstand being moved around.

The cheapest option is timber a minimum 100mm x 75mm. This works, but the process of towing the building is harder as the timber won't glide so easily over the ground.

As the shelter is pulled along, the protective coating on the timber wears away. This will allow water to penetrate leading to the rotting of the wood. Timber is a less rigid base and will cause the building to flex when it is towed. This isn't the end of the world but if your ground is very bumpy it may cause the panels to shake loose in time.

If you can afford to pay a bit more, opt for steel skids, a minimum of 80mm x 80mm x 3mm. Painted steel is cheaper than galvanised steel but won't last as long. Again, the towing process wears away the paint creating a site for rust but at least you will have a much stronger platform for your building. It will be considerably easier to tow than timber as steel is smoother and it will last a number of years before rusting becomes a problem.

Consider asking the price for galvanised steel skids, it will possibly be less than you thought. These are the most durable choice and will last up to 35 years. They are a delight to tow and the galvanising, which is silver in colour, will be protective and look smart too.

Having chosen your skids, you need to examine the brackets that fix the skids to the main building. The brackets are an addition to the timber skids but an integral part of the steel skids. They need to be very robust as your finished building will be heavy and you certainly don't want them snapping off when you move it. Ideally they should be welded onto the skids and have an adequate fixing to the building.

The building itself can be simply constructed using 75mm x 50mm framework spaced no more than 600mm apart. The cheapest cladding is feather-edge which gives a rustic look. It also has the benefit

of overlapping to minimise draughts.

For the roof you will need 100/125mm x 50mm roof joists spaced no further than 610mm apart. Position these in joist hangers (metal brackets). The roof trusses should be 75mm x 50mm timbers.

Onduline works well as a roof covering. Just remember not to nail in the valleys otherwise the water will seep in.

Good luck with your project.

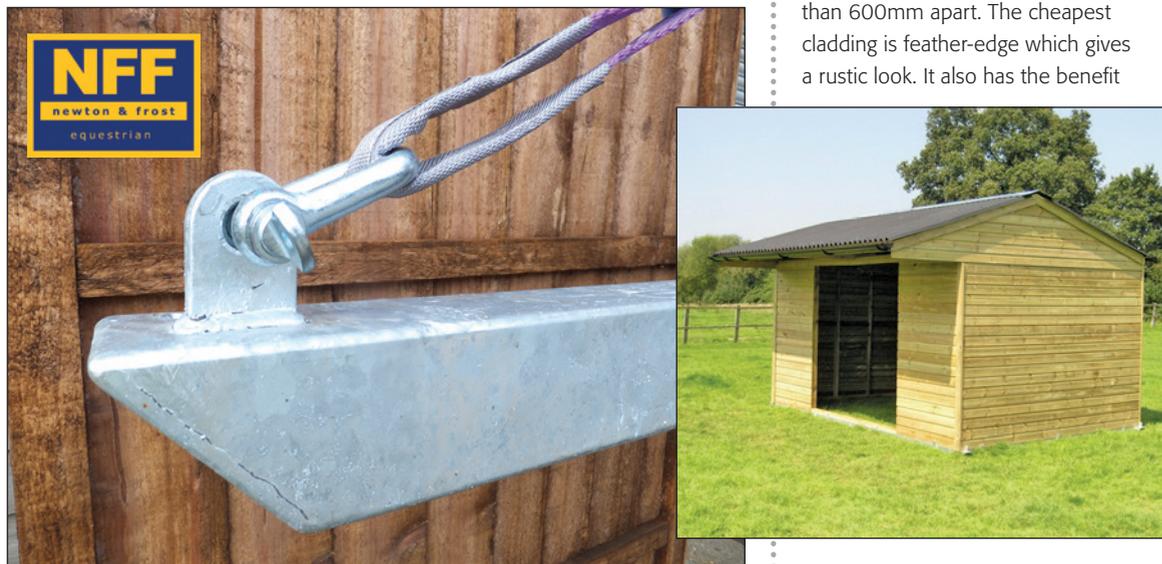
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Are horses really ‘just a phase’?

WORDS : Rebecca Kingsley IMAGES : Linda Warburton



Ken Lyndon-Dykes and Kayley Lanston

“Ken is an extremely knowledgeable person with many stories to tell. I have learnt a lot from him”

The Lyndon-Dykes Saddleworld Fellowship – initiated and sponsored by Ken Lyndon Dykes – encourages research that increases understanding of the importance of saddle fitting. It is designed to benefit everyone involved and result in new findings to the equestrian industry thus enabling owners and trainers to ensure their horses are receiving the correct care in regards to saddlery.

In 2013 the Fellowship was based on the difficulties of fitting saddles to native ponies. With two of her own – an interest in the topic (and a 12,000 word dissertation to complete!) Kayley believed the Fellowship would be the perfect opportunity for her to undertake an influential and significant investigation.

When asked about the interview process, Kayley confessed it was a nervy experience but coming across as ‘confident’ gained her good comments from Ken Lyndon-Dykes. Although competition was tough she was awarded the Fellowship!

Kayley proposed several ideas to Ken before selecting one horse that was particularly difficult to saddle fit due to its high croup, flat back, barrel shape – and also having one shoulder larger than the other. Guided by Ken, Kayley began her research by assessing the effect of having a professionally fitted saddle on the symmetry of the stride. The investigation was carried out both in hand on a concrete surface and under saddle in a school in walk and trot. Four sets of data were collected over a three month period using the GaitSmart Pegasus system – a sensor based system used to provide data on various aspects of limb movement. Kayley and Ken worked together to determine the differences between movement symmetry.

During the research phase Ken took Kayley to several saddle fittings in order for her to gain first-hand industry experience. Kayley stated, “Ken is an extremely knowledgeable person with many stories to tell. I have learnt a lot from him, not only about the fitting of saddles for native ponies but also for many other types of horses. With that said the age gap between Ken and I soon

Many people – particularly parents – believe a child’s interest in horses is ‘just a phase’ – but what happens when this phase begins to shape their future?

Kayley Lanston – winner of the 2013 Ken Lyndon-Dykes’ Saddleworld Fellowship – recently completed her BSc Equine Management degree at Hadlow College. From a young age Kayley developed an interest in horses and was fortunate enough to be bought Florence – a safe, genuine child’s pony. Deciding she wanted to pursue an equine career, Kayley began working on several yards, veterinary practices, studs and Shire specialists before, at the age of 18 enrolling for her university course. During her time at Hadlow Kayley acquired a cheeky 12.2hh ‘companion pony’ named Blue and a chestnut Warmblood, named Vinny. She is hoping to compete with the latter in 2015.

became clear when I had to listen to Radio 4 on the way to fittings!”.

Although the results of the investigation did not show any significant improvements in the symmetry of the stride it became apparent that there were a variety of uncontrolled variables that would need more attention if the investigation was to be carried out again.

Kayley explained that the research highlighted just how important having a well-fitting saddle is and how it’s essential to ensure the fitting is undertaken by a qualified Master of Saddlers saddle fitter. Although the consequences of badly fitting saddles is common knowledge there are other factors which need to be considered.

Kayley not only used her dissertation to raise awareness of her research but she hopes to begin educating others on the problems that can arise.

What started as a childhood interest for Kayley soon became a major part of her life. This passion for improving the lives and welfare of equines is sure to continue to develop in the future. **NM**



2014 Winner – Rosie Askham

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Lymphatic drainage in equines



By Paula Broadhurst

Q I had my horse on box rest for a week due to a slight inflammation in her eye. Whilst on rest, her lower hind legs became swollen although not sore to the touch and with no associated heat. I bandaged the legs, changing the bandage daily and it seemed to work and I can now report that she is sound and able to go out. Have you any idea what could have caused the swelling?

PAULA'S ANSWER: It is a common problem that horses on box rest will get swollen legs that are not painful and not associated with

any lameness (much as you have described). This is primarily associated with the horses' lymphatic system which moves lymph fluid around the body. The lymphatic system works in balance with the vascular system (arteries, veins and blood vessels) and in addition to moving oxygen, nutrients and waste products around the body; they maintain the fluid balance between blood, the cells and interstitial fluid.

The heart provides the pump that moves blood around the vascular system, the lymphatic system however does not have a pump and relies on the horses' movement and muscle contractions to provide a mechanical action to move the lymph around the body. The horses lower limbs (below the knees and the hocks) have very little muscle, they are primarily bone, ligaments, tendons and skin therefore the movement of interstitial fluid and lymphatic fluid from this area relies on movement.

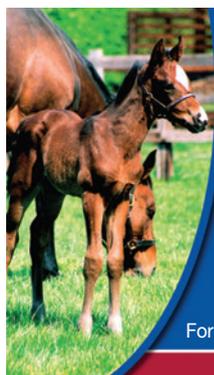
When a horse has to be confined to box rest, they can become prone to developing oedema of the lower limbs due to pooling of interstitial and lymphatic fluid as there is a reduced movement to physically stimulate drainage. To what extent this develops depends on the



individual horses' predisposition to the condition, how much they move around in the stable and the duration of box rest.

If your horse starts to get swollen legs when on box rest you should discuss the situation with your own vet. Mild fluid filling of the lower limbs is not a big concern however, if it is excessive, for some horses and situations bandaging the legs may be appropriate or possibly some lead walking exercise. If the swelling is painful to palpate or your horse shows any signs of lameness you should contact your vet immediately as more serious conditions such as a cellulitis or lymphangitis could be developing. **NM**

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As a member you have the availability of quality horses, fantastic riding venues and many trips and outings both in the UK and abroad. Plus you meet so many like minded people along the way, gathering an amazing social life.

With many activities on offer, it would be difficult to decide which one to try out first. Choose from, regular group lessons at The Household Cavalry; riding the Gallops at Coombelands; Winter warmer weekends in the Cotswolds; a Pub ride in the Pewsey Vale; intensive Show Jumping at Summerhouse Equestrian Centre; Polo Weekends.; A riding holiday in the Loire Valley; cross country training in Galway; a seven night riding safari in Botswana's Okavango Delta and not forgetting joining in with the UK's only cattle drive on Dartmoor. This is just a taster of some of the delights on offer this year. In addition to the listed activities, the Club has also branched out to provide an extensive equestrian concierge service for corporate and private clients as well as visitors to London and the UK, facilitating their every equestrian whim and fancy.

The Club does not own its own stables or horses but instead offers select venues based on what they consider to be the best horses, facilities and instructors in London and beyond which as a member you are provided with access to. It is evolving with an international reputation for equine sport and as an equine provider, without compromising on quality or service.

If you find yourself working in London or know of someone visiting the City who will be missing their equine companions, The London Riding Club offers an excellent solution. **NM**

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Riding the Gallops at Coombelands

Whether you are planning your first ever riding holiday in 2015, or you are a seasoned equestrian traveler, what to pack can be a constant conundrum! NagMag speaks to **Olwen Law** from **In The Saddle** to get her must-have packing essentials to ensure you have a safe, comfortable and stress-free time on your horseback adventure....



Your exact list will vary depending on your destination, however there are many items that are vital to any trip. If you aren't sure what you will need always ask your booking agent since reputable companies will send you a detailed 'what to pack' list before you travel.

Don't scrimp on safety

We know it takes up room in your suitcase and is hardly compact, however Olwen thoroughly recommends taking your own safety hat whenever you are riding abroad. "Make sure your helmet or riding hat meets all the latest safety standards and has been correctly fitted to you," she says. "Many destinations do provide hats, however taking your own guarantees the fit, comfort and safety level. It can be tempting, particularly in a hot climate, to go without a hat but with all the many well-ventilated options available now you can combine safety and comfort."

Of equal importance is your footwear. "Taking the correct footwear will provide you with support, comfort, and peace of mind that you are secure and safe in the saddle," Olwen explains. "You may choose to wear tall boots, however consider the temperature if you are going somewhere warm and if you are riding through water don't take your best leather tall boots as they are not likely to stay looking smart for long! Short boots and lightweight chaps give your lower leg stability and grip, without the heaviness and restriction of long boots."

Are you sitting comfortably?

When you are spending many hours in the saddle comfort is a priority and while bringing perfectly colour coordinated, stylish items may look great at the beginning of the day, by the time you have ridden for a morning you will be pining for comfortable breeches and a soft cotton shirt! "I recommend you ride in jodhpurs or breeches," Olwen states. "Some



people find denim comfortable however riding for many hours a day in jeans can cause rubbing and reduce your freedom of movement. Remember – comfort is the most important aspect otherwise your trip could be spoilt!"

Be your own temperature regulator

If you are traveling in a hot country then lightweight, breathable clothing is ideal. "A long sleeved, loose fitting cotton shirt will not be restrictive, yet will protect you from the sun and provide a pleasant draught to help keep you cool," suggests Olwen. "Some hot countries can get chilly in the evenings so do take a jumper or jacket to offer protection when you need it."

"If you are heading to a cold country then consider investing in thermal base layers containing natural fibres such as merino wool. Wearing multiple lightweight layers will help trap air and still allow for flexibility, rather than one or two thicker items, which can leave you colder and with restricted movement."

Added extras

Although not essential, Olwen suggests a few small items to help keep you comfortable on your trip. "I always take good quality riding gloves, sun protection and lip balm – a bum bag is the ideal way to carry all this when you are riding, particularly if you don't have pockets or saddle

bags. And don't forget your camera to document all the wonderful sights you see!" **NM**

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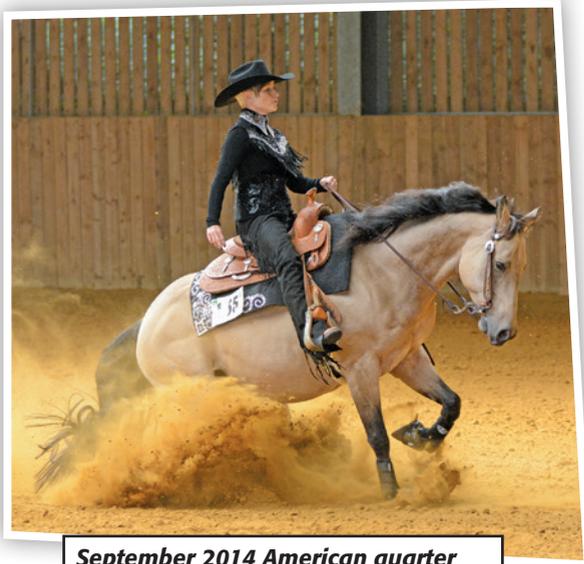


Fun on the Downs
 by Emma Ward

MORE PICS PLEASE!



Ponies at the races from Richard Austin



September 2014 American quarter horse breed Championships Nataly Conrich-Clark on Capitanboon.
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It is with heavy heart that we say a fond farewell to premium stallion DDRYDWY DRAYHORSE ACE OF SPADES 2003-2015 a much loved member of the Hurst Green Shires team. Image © Tony Golding

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Two small bands wrapped around the fetlock, EQU StreamZ have been found to support recovery from injured muscles, swelling, strains, wounds and pains. They provide a low cost and natural response to a variety of symptoms, by rebalancing compounds and minerals in the body. This helps reduce inflammation and pain associated with a large variety of complaints. Many symptoms have been reported as being significantly improved whilst wearing the bands, including arthritis, lameness, navicular issues, suppleness, energy levels and inflammation. In turn, this has led to a reduction in administered medication levels.

The winner will also receive a YOU StreamZ band; a band worn on the ankle to help with recovery and ongoing aches and pains. You have to try the band yourself to understand how your horse feels. **NM**

NAGMAG have teamed up with the very clever people at StreamZ and are pleased to offer our readers the chance to win a pair of the highly acclaimed EQU StreamZ bands for your horse and a YOU StreamZ band for you.



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Rules of Entry

The competition is open to UK mainland (including Isle of Wight) residents only. Only completed entries received by the closing date, March 5, 2015 will be eligible. No entries received after that date will be considered. No cash alternatives will be offered for any prize. The Judges decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into. Only one entry per household. Employees of ENM Solutions, StreamZ and their associated companies and their families are not eligible to enter.

The StreamZ team will be joined by several professional ambassadors at the BETA trade show (stand D5.2) on February 22nd – 24th. Please visit their team to find out more information or contact them via www.streamz-global.com



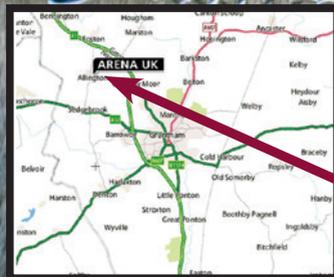
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London Harness Horse Parade

The famous London Harness Horse Parade, an amalgamation of The London Cart Horse Parade (1885) and the London Van Horse Parade (1904) depicting transportation through the ages, will this year take place at the South of England Centre, Ardingly, West Sussex on Easter Monday 6th April.

The reduced entry fee of just £25 has been held again and the closing date for entries is 1st March. Schedules are available to download from www.lhhp.co.uk. Email lhhp@edenbridge-show.co.uk or telephone 01737 646132 to be put on the mailing list or for trade stand enquiries.

The popular Newcomers' Award is open to all new exhibitors or exhibitors who have not entered the London Harness Horse Parade within the last five years. This is determined by records of entries based on the exhibitor and not the animal(s) or vehicle. All entries which qualify and come forward for judging at the parade will receive a special rosette plus a copy of the Centenary History Book "Parade". The first 12 eligible entries will receive a refund of £12. The Award is kindly sponsored by The Worshipful Company of Loriners.

The London Harness Horse Parade has been a popular Easter spectacle for 130 years; moving nine years ago from its London location to the South of England Centre in Ardingly, Sussex RH17 6TL with free parking and easier access. In addition to the 100 plus horse drawn vehicles, the Parade now includes a display of historic and

classic cars and vintage tractors to enhance the spectacle of how transport developed over the ages.

"As always we are looking forward to an even bigger 2015 Parade" said Jackie Shearman (Parade Secretary). "Indications are that there will be a good cross-section of transport through the ages to entertain the spectators this Easter Monday and I urge anyone who hasn't taken part before or hasn't joined us for a few years to support us this year and see just how much the Parade has expanded whilst still retaining the same family traditions from years gone by."

The gates open at 8.30 am for spectators who can mingle with the exhibitors and watch the turnouts being prepared. The Parade starts at 10.30 am with the Veterinary and Farriery inspections, followed by judging of the light and heavy horse turnouts. The Main Parade and presentation of prizes takes place at 1pm.

There is much to do and enjoy plus the opportunity for some Easter Shopping at the trade stands and great refreshments on offer plus horse drawn wagon rides. Excellent value for a family day out, costing just £7. per adult with children and parking free. **NM**

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For more information on the London Harness Horse Parade please contact Jackie Shearman on 01737 646132 or visit www.lhhp.co.uk





Amanda Saville with her team of Dartmoor Ponies

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Dartmoor Hill Pony herds under attack – How you can help Saving our ever decreasing Heritage

Dartmoor has for thousands of years offered man the chance to graze his cattle, sheep and ponies but is now faced with a crisis. Natural England is seeking to reduce the stocking levels of ponies

on the moor and although unintentional, this policy has come at a time when there is a massive down turn in the market for pony sales. In order to facilitate the need to reduce the levels, a Pony Pill project has been introduced

as the least intrusive method of control. Other methods such as removing the stallions or vasectomising will risk losing the ancient blood line. As a reversible policy and with the help of Pony Herders and various Trusts and Funds at least 100 mares will not come into foal this year.

Another wonderful scheme has been put in place to encourage re homing of foals and ponies that are in need of a home as they cannot return to the moor. The Friends of the Dartmoor Hill Ponies (Registered Charity Number 1141045) has introduced a new easy to use website. www.wildtowonderful.org

The purpose of the website is to introduce foals and ponies from the Dartmoor Hill Pony herds and show how biddable these ponies are – how they are willing to be trained for riding or driving.

With the investment of your time, you will be giving these foals a future, and they will re-pay you countless times over with their willingness to serve. These kindly people will take the time to help you take them from Wild to Wonderful.

They have many ponies being added to their listings over the coming weeks as they gather the ponies from different pony keepers.

All they ask is for you to let them know what size, colour and type of pony you are looking for and they will do their very best to find the perfect one for you.

The cost of reserving and owning a pony ranges from a minimum of £25 for a foal, £100 minimum for a yearling

“I use Dartmoor Hills extensively in both my display team and in national competition. In fact, I won the title of 2014 National Open Pony Pair Champion”



© S J Norris

and a minimum of £200 for a 2-year-old. It is the intention not to undermine the true value of the ponies. Should you be looking for a foal, Friends of Dartmoor Hill Ponies have people who will train it to head collar for a fee of £40, alternatively they can also arrange training to any level required for riding or driving.

Every autumn more foals will come in from the ▶



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Dartmoor needs its ponies to graze the moor effectively and traditional herds, running with a stallion will breed – it is nature! Though stallions are controlled and quality inspected there is a surplus of foals every year and part of the aim of Friends of the Dartmoor Hill pony is to work out ways of lessening and dealing with the surplus.

They aim to make sure the hill ponies thrive on Dartmoor and will remain on the moor for future generations to enjoy and appreciate.

Visit www.friendsofthedartmoorhillpony.co.uk

Andrew Reid and Corrina Bithell are from Belmont Farm and Carriage driving Centre at Mill Hill, London. Before settling in London, Corrina grew up in Newton Abbott, often visiting Dartmoor. On a recent trip out with the South Devon Hunt, Corrina met up with Charlotte Faulkner who explained the plight of the Dartmoor Pony and how they were trying to re-home them. Both Andrew and Corrina, felt that they could help and arranged for some ponies to be re-homed at Mill Hill Farm. It is important that visiting children can familiarise themselves with the breed and understand what it means to maintain the line of the Dartmoor Pony. Corrina even has plans this year to train a pair to scurry – something that we shall be keen to look out for and report on.



moor, and new ponies of all ages will be added to the list regularly.

If you are interested in any of the ponies on the list please call the vendor direct. If you require further information about Dartmoor Hill Ponies, please contact Charlotte Faulkner on 01364631036\07734785644 see the full list available on www.wildtowonderful.org. Contact the individual concerned for further details.

If you are still unsure about the versatility or how suitable these ponies are; take a working holiday to Dartmoor in the South West of England. It is so easy to get a close up glimpse of the wild ponies that run free on the open moor. Here, these wild, untamed ponies live in natural herds on unfenced common land, with a stallion and his harem of mares and offspring.

The Pony herds adapted over time to the difference in altitude and terrain on the moor. The Shetland type that was introduced to work in the tin mines some 300 years since; thrives on the high moor and on the lower, more gentle land the pony is usually bay, black or grey. Out of an estimated 30,000 ponies that used to roam the moor, today there are approximately 150 left. These ponies carry the ancient Dartmoor gene that has survived generation after generation, making these ponies, hardy and resilient to all conditions. They have a low easy riding action, are sure footed and nimble and cover the ground well. They are fantastic for children and make great driving ponies.

If you do decide to go ahead, Wild to Wonderful would ask that you follow this guide:

- Please make sure fencing is secure: there is a fresh supply of water and ponies can be checked at least once a day to make sure they are happy and well?
- When your ponies arrive they really need to be stabled for at least a week until they know you and about eating food from a bucket. Wild to Wonderful start them on Dengie Alpha A with Oil and gradually add course mix until they realise it is yummy. Water buckets are placed in old car tyres to start with as they tip them over endlessly until they work it out.
- Worming is recommended as soon as you feel they have got over the trauma of leaving Dartmoor and establish a regular programme thereafter. Keep your passport safely; you will need to produce it for veterinary treatment or to sell your pony.

Information sheets are available on various aspects of training your pony and they also have advisors who would be delighted to assist you. There is also a very good book on training semi feral ponies by Sarah Weston.

As a final note, please beware of the temptation to overfeed. These ponies are used to walking 20 miles for their breakfast, if overfed can lead to digestive and laminitic problems.

Wild to Wonderful wish you all the best with your pony and hope you have as much enjoyment as they have had from these amazing custodians of Dartmoor.

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of Fire based in south Scotland, help to bring the sport of carriage driving into the spotlight with emphasis on helping youngsters with special needs have fun and to offer exciting challenges.

Amanda Saville has this to say on using Dartmoor Hill

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Amanda Saville National Open Pair Pony Champion 2014 with her Dartmoors

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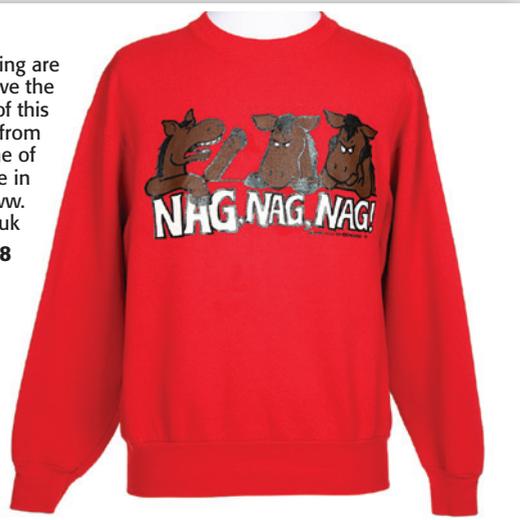


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- **Unaffiliated Show Jumping** – Classes start at 85cm, Sands Farm Equitation Centre SUSSEX
- **British Eventing** – Wellington Riding HAMPSHIRE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

- **British Dressage** – Wellington Riding HAMPSHIRE
- **BSPS** – Sparsholt College HAMPSHIRE

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

- **Vet Talk-Hoof Dissection** – St Marks Church Hall KENT
- **Evening Unaffiliated Dressage for Eventing** – Merrist Wood College SURREY
- **BHS Gridwork with Donald Kear** – Sands Farm Equitation Centre SUSSEX
- **Unaffiliated Dressage** – Sands Farm EC SUSSEX
- **Clear Round Jumping Outdoors** – Brendon Stud And Equestrian Centre SUSSEX
- **BSJA** – Quob Stables Equestrian Centre HAMPSHIRE

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

- **Dartford & District indoor Jumping** – Eaglesfield Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Mark Corbett Indoor XC & SJ Clinics** – Merrist Wood College SURREY
- **Roland Tong Private Dressage Clinics** – Merrist Wood College SURREY
- **Unaffiliated Dressage** – Oldencraig EC SURREY
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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

- **MOLI Affiliated Dressage** – Cobham Manor EC KENT
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- **Tracey Clinic** – Eaglesfield Equestrian Centre KENT
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- **BE Arena Eventing & Arena Challenge** – Coombelands Equestrian SUSSEX
- **White Horse Harness Club** – Sparsholt College HAMPSHIRE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

- **BSJA** – Wellington Riding HAMPSHIRE

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

- **BHS Gridwork with Donald Kear** – Sands Farm Equitation Centre SUSSEX

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

- **Unaff Dressage** – Blue Barn Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Black Horse Unaffiliated SJumping** – Eaglesfield EC KENT
- **BD** – Quob Stables Equestrian Centre HAMPSHIRE

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

- **Dressage Clinics With David Rumsey** – Saddlesdane Equestrian Centre KENT
- **British Eventing** – Wellington Riding HAMPSHIRE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

- **BD Dressage** – Blue Barn EC KENT
- **WKPC Indoor Mini Rally** – Eaglesfield EC KENT
- **British Eventing Baileys JAS Indoor Eventing Series** – Merrist Wood College SURREY
- **Unaffiliated Dressage** – Brendon Stud and EC SUSSEX

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

- **British Show Jumping** – Blue Barn Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Showjumping Series** – Saddlesdane Equestrian Centre KENT
- **MOLI Unaffiliated Dressage** – Cobham Manor EC KENT
- **Unaffiliated Dressage** – Eaglesfield EC KENT
- **Unaffiliated Show Jumping** – Chipstead Riding Club Sands Farm Equitation Centre SUSSEX

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

- **Show Jumping** – Cobham Manor Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Charlie Unwin Equestrian Performance Psychology: Pre Season Talk** – Turners Hill SUSSEX
- **Crawley & Horsham Pony Club Half Term Show** – Sands Farm Equitation Centre SUSSEX
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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

- **Unaff Show Jumping Incorp Cashjumping** – Blue Barn Equestrian Centre KENT
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- **Clear Round Jumping Outdoors** – Brendon Stud and Equestrian Centre SUSSEX
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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

- **Pony Day** – Park Farm Equestrian Centre HAMPSHIRE

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

- **Unaffiliated Dressage** – Oldencraig EC SURREY
- **British Dressage** – Oldencraig EC SURREY
- **Lead Rein Rally** – Hambleton Hunt HAMPSHIRE
- **SJ & Event Rally** – Hambleton Hunt HAMPSHIRE
- **Pony Day** – Park Farm Equestrian Centre HAMPSHIRE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

- **Unaff Dressage** – Blue Barn Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Paul Tapner Show Jumping And Cross Country Clinic** – Littleton Manor Equestrian Centre SURREY
- **Reining Show & Clinic (NRHA & BR)** – Bodiam International Arena SUSSEX
- **Chukkas / Challenge Matches** – The All England Polo Club At Hickstead SUSSEX
- **Unaffiliated Dressage** – Sands Farm EC SUSSEX

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

- **Family Fun Show Jumping & Showing** – Blue Barn EC KENT
- **Dressage Series** – Saddlesdane Equestrian Centre KENT
- **NWK Pony Club Show** – Eaglesfield EC KENT
- **Reining Show & Clinic (NRHA & BR)** – Bodiam International Arena SUSSEX
- **Chukkas / Challenge Matches** – The All England Polo Club At Hickstead SUSSEX
- **Area 11 National Novice Indoor SJ Qualifier** – Abinger Forest Riding Club Sands Farm Equitation Centre SUSSEX
- **Bs Category 1** – Coombelands Equestrian SUSSEX

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

- **Unaffiliated Dressage** – Wellington Riding HAMPSHIRE

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

- **BHS Gridwork with Donald Kear** – Sands Farm Equitation Centre SUSSEX

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

- **BD Dressage** – Blue Barn Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Schooling Rounds** – Sands Farm Equitation Centre SUSSEX
- **Clear Round Jumping Outdoors** – Brendon Stud and Equestrian Centre SUSSEX

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

- **Joao Charlesworth Showjumping Clinics** – Saddlesdane Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Indoor Winter Jumping Series** – Mount Mascal Stables KENT
- **Dartford & District indoor Jumping** – Eaglesfield Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Mark Corbett Indoor XC & SJ Clinics** – Merrist Wood College SURREY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

- **Unaff Dressage** – Blue Barn Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Combined Training** – Blue Barn Equestrian Centre KENT
- **NWK Pony Club jump rally** – Eaglesfield EC KENT
- **Tracey Clinic** – Eaglesfield Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Unaffiliated Indoor Dressage** – Bodiam International Arena SUSSEX
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New Year – New discipline

There are more and more outlets and trainers becoming available in the UK so that perhaps this is the year you should look around to see what is on offer. Here we list some of the opportunities that are out there just waiting to be investigated.

REINING

Similar to a Western form of dressage but a lot more fun. Reining is now recognised by the FEI and as a result is included in The World Equestrian Games and European Equestrian Games programmes. Based on American settler's ranch horses, the discipline looks for the ability to move quickly and change direction while on a loose rein. Manoeuvres required are:

- Stop from a canter, bringing hind legs under to a sliding halt, while front legs maintain ground contact.
 - 360 deg, spins around the inside hind leg.
 - Rollback or reversal. The horse stops from a canter and in one movement, turns 180 deg. and departs at canter.
 - Large fast and small slow circles. Circles to be mirrored in size and speed on either side and clearly defined.
 - www.britishreining.co.uk or locally www.sterlingranchuk.co.uk
- Not fast enough for you, how about...

BARREL RACING

20th – 21st June 2015

2-day Western Horseman's Association Games Show
Willow Farm Equestrian Centre,
Faversham, Kent
2 days of western games, barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole, relay and lots more.

www.lukeburridgebarrelracing.co.uk



Barrel Racing is a rodeo event in which a horse and rider attempt to complete a clover-leaf pattern around preset barrels in the fastest time. Notably only open to women at Professional level, but both men and women can compete at Amateur. The governing body in the UK is The Western Horseman's Association. As the racing is judged on speed around the barrel obstacles, the time will depend on the horse's physical and mental powers and the rider's

abilities. Horses need to be fast, strong, agile and intelligent and be able to hug the barrels for optimum speed. Luke Burrige is a great exponent of the art of Barrel Racing and will be holding clinics at Willow Farm, Faversham on 20 – 21st June For more info or for a demonstration – only £200 training day, spread between a group, we think this is great value.

PRIVATE DRIVING

If you are feeling you are looking to step down the pace and try something perhaps more fitting but still able to give a 'buzz' perhaps Private Driving could fill the void.

As the showing side of Carriage Driving, it offers a varied menu of exercise, light trade turnout, concours d'elegance, country and pleasure driving. The focus is on the traditional turnout for the category requiring the combination to be neat, safe, adhering to all class requirements and is often open to singles, pairs, tandems and split into classes for equines above and below 13.2hh. Participants usually enjoy the challenge of acquiring the correct equipment and there is plenty of advice on hand from local clubs who



encourage people of all age groups to come along and have a go. This year once again sees the Osborne National Championship qualifiers for The Victoria Food Company Open Private Driving Championships and you can catch a glimpse of those taking part at The Weald & Downland Museum Singleton, West Sussex on Sunday 26th April.

TREC OR LE TREC

Le TREC brought over from France and now governed by TREC GB in the UK, is a three phase event testing the obedience and training of the horse, along with the riding skill, knowledge and trail sense of the rider.

Phase One: Parcours

d'Orientation et de Régularité

Phase one is mounted orienteering, known as POR. Riders follow a plotted trail by way of a map from information provided by the organizers. Checks for horse and rider are carried out along the way. Differing levels offer different distances ranging from 7 miles to 28 miles. Points can be lost for things like going off course, missing checkpoints or even losing your POR record card.

Phase Two: Midrise des Allures or Control of Paces

The CoP phase is set up usually on the second day in a marked area 165 yds by about 2 yds. The rider gallops up the lane in a slow controlled pace, and walks the horse smartly back to



the start line. Points are lost for going breaking gait or going off course.

Phase Three: Parcours en Terrain Varie

PTV is an obstacle course of up to sixteen obstacles or tests of skills to be completed in a set time. Obstacles include jumps either natural or man-made, tests including mounting and dismounting, trailer loading, bridges, stairs, gates and low

hanging branches. Obstacles are ten points each, and points are deducted for things like going too fast, sloppy riding or a misbehaving horse.

Your horse should be well schooled and in top condition as should the rider. The orienteering phase can be ridden with another rider.

For courses and details in the South east see: www.setrec.org.uk

VAULTING

If defying the outdoors is not your thing, how about Vaulting?

Gymnastics on a horse, you don't even have to be a great rider, but if you do it can greatly improve your skills.

British Equestrian Vaulting have the current World and European Female Champion and international success at senior and junior level in Pairs, Team and Male classes, thanks to Joanne and Hannah Eccles 1st Place on W. H

Bentley lunged by John Eccles.

Vaulting is great for children from as young as five years old.

It enhances skills such as dance



and gymnastics and develops confidence, balance and the ability to work in harmony with the horse. It can be performed individually or within a group. The horse is controlled by a lunger or coach to move in a 15 metre circle while the vaulter performs exercises on the horses back.

British Equestrian Vaulting is the governing body for the sport in the UK. They hold training courses, perform demos and also run 'have a go' days. They also hold affiliated competitions from March to October, with events for all abilities running throughout the year see www.vaulting.org.uk for details of groups in your area.

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