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FRONT COVER : Jenny and her horse Alaska, taken last year. © Lorna Simmonds – www.nndphotography.com

# The Golden Horseshoe Ride celebrates its 50th Anniversary

**WORDS :** Sally Toye **IMAGES :** © David Sanders

It was back in the summer of 1965 when the British Horse Society ran its first Golden Horseshoe Ride on Exmoor, promoted by author Ronald Duncan and Col. Mike Ansell, and sponsored

by the Sunday Telegraph. The idea was so popular that organisers had to close entries a month early, having reached the limit of 110 entrants.

There were no markers on the long distance ride, and riders had

to find their own way, including navigating across 'The Chains' with the help of several local people riding Exmoor ponies. There was no minimum speed and one couple were seen to have their own chauffeured car following them on the roads, enabling them to stop for a picnic on the way. All who completed at 6mph or above received a gold-painted horseshoe.

The Golden Horseshoe Ride was born, and organisers and participants agreed that it was a really good test of a horse's fitness, and rider's horsemanship.

Originally, the event moved to a different location each year, including Brighton and Yorkshire, until 1974 when it returned to Exmoor permanently.

The ride became more 'organised' with routes being marked, initially with painted horseshoes fixed on poles, and later with flags made out of fertiliser bags. Rules also became more stringent, with speeds of 8mph or above required to achieve a Gold award. Vetting procedures also advanced to ensure that the horses were protected from abuse.

Today there are seven competitive classes to choose from, and the ride is a far cry from that first 50 mile competition. The riders on that first Golden Horseshoe Ride were certainly pioneers in our sport.

Sally Toye calls herself an 'almost Wessex member' as she enjoys the routes and atmosphere of Wessex rides. Sally has written about her



*Sally Toye at Tarr Steps – using her sponge on a rope to collect water, as she rode through the river, to cool her horse without getting off*



*Golden Horseshoe riders heading off across the moors*

Exmoor Extra (three days of 40km) experience and also attempts to draw parallels between The Golden Horseshoe and the Tevis Cup, a one day 160km endurance ride held annually in California.

Sally writes:



© Claire Ryall

With an excellent third endurance season so far, I entered my nine year old mare into the Exmoor Extra class. 120k over three days. I wasn't sure how it would go or if "we" were fit enough after last year's 80k over two days. Exmoor can throw at you curved balls and I hoped our preparation work

on a variety of hills and with gates would all come together. This ride is a great test for any combination and we had come away from the previous year having learnt that. Time to see if she was a three day horse.

At the venue before

*“how the organisers make it look so flawless has to be down to a huge amount of work and dedication on their part”*

the start there was a bit of time to hang out before the evening briefing. Here some people asked if I was going to the Tevis Cup again after my previous successes (and failures!) And then I get the inevitable question; "is Golden Horseshoe as hard as Tevis?"

These two rides are very different and also very similar. These rides both involve terrain and a time limit and yet there is no fog, sleet, wind or sideways rain in California and no mountains in Somerset!

At Tevis you will see your crew just twice for an hour and it will be

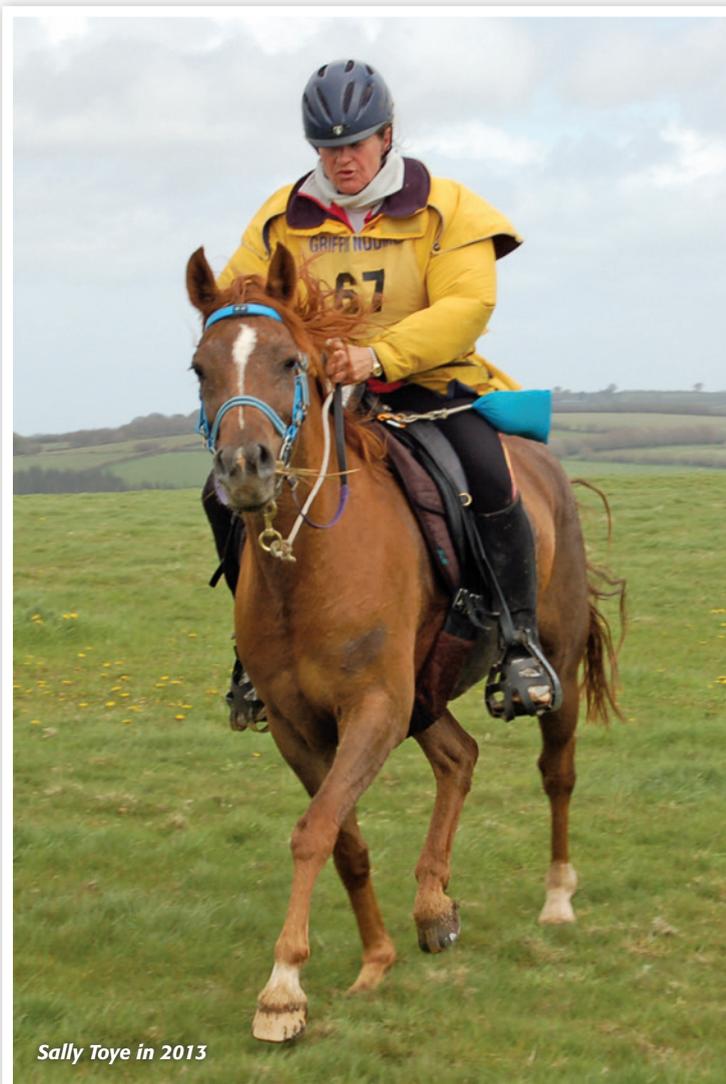
over in one day, albeit a very long one. Plus mentally doing 50 miles then having a break overnight before doing another is hard: with Tevis you just keep going on this linear ride! At Golden Horseshoe you are vetted every 40k whereas at Tevis it is almost every 10 miles sometimes less. Both rides have a huge number of helpers and how the organisers make it look so flawless has to be down to a huge amount of work and dedication on their part. That takes a lot of work.

For me endurance is about a tough ride and riding my horse to those conditions that the day dictates with our combined strengths. I hope to start fit for purpose and to take care of my horse using whatever water and doing whatever pace for the terrain which means that we both finish in good condition. This means I do get off my horse and sometimes "tail" up the hills and jog down them with her, she loves this as if alone this means I take the lead from her which will give her a break.

Both rides test me and both rides I love.

So back to Exmoor and day one started with a hilly south loop of 40k. This had lots of water and chances to use my sponge to cool her down in between the hills. The winds were so strong a few gates had to be shut on foot; the noise of the wind above the moor seemed to stop my brain from thinking! Just prior to the venue was a rather concave hill which we tailed up before arriving at the venue and vetting with a nice 44 pulse on silver time. Crew and rider had done well. Another briefing and bed for all of us.

Next day a fresh looking mare and we set off to the north and some staggering views of Porlock. The moor and yet more sloshing water from many sources. The devastation in the forest we had



Sally Toye in 2013

seen from previous winters making a great recovery with riding on old paths and quintessential English countryside. Due to some rather heavy going we went slower and this I paid for in a vetting where she was not tired enough and shivered with so much excitement at the fun we were having. We got a pulse penalty and our precious silver time dropped to a bronze. Bother! Briefing and bed though and happy to be still in the game. We would see how the morning trot up would go.

A great trot up for the vets and

away on day three. Back to the south route with a hotter day and a much fresher pony who cantered out of the start! I was glad of the lower ring on the bit to calm that pace down and we had a lovely day just enjoying ourselves knowing we could, as this was the final day and the finish was not far away. On this loop we saw the bravery of an Exmoor Stag Class rider who had a crashing fall and she just got on again and continued. She never showed her pain and the pair went on to finish to well-deserved accolades. Meanwhile we just jogged

around and cantered over the finish, this time to a better vetting of a 50 pulse and a calmer pony.

I learnt so much about my mare and the work it takes to bring a pony out for three days of competition. The aftercare, stretching and massages she gets seemed to really help. I wish I got the same...

Claire Ryall one of the lovely ladies helping at the Golden Horseshoe goes on to say:

"I was a helper on the Sunday of Golden Horseshoe in 2014. I got to the field at 7.30am. The wind was blowing a gale and as soon as I opened my car door a Mole Valley Farmers bag launched itself out and across the field, much to my embarrassment!

I helped with some car/4x4 parking, mostly waving my arms frantically to keep my hands warm as I had forgotten my gloves, and another helper (very nice gentleman) did the actual 'very organised space allocation'. Everyone was really friendly and could make sense of our multi-lingual sign language; I was

rewarded by a much appreciated hot drink and very tasty pasty at 10am, and then drove off to my next stop.

Comer's Gate was just down the road and I was protected from the wind by a lovely hedge! I actually found it really exciting as I waited for the riders to come into sight. I managed to hold open the gate, whilst taking some photos, and sometimes stopping traffic from clattering over the cattle grid whilst horses and ponies were walking alongside all at the same time! I religiously closed the gate after letting riders through – just in case some crafty sheep were waiting to charge through behind me, and this was mostly because I was having such a great time, enjoying being outside, the sun was shining and it was stunning Exmoor.

Later in the afternoon, my good friend and host came to keep me company – and took over whilst I wandered across the moor looking for a suitable clump of bushes.... I didn't like to ask the horsebox drivers behind me...after the last...and then



© Claire Ryall

“These rides both involve terrain and a time limit and yet there is no fog, sleet, wind or sideways rain”

the proper last riders (I think) had come through, I went back to the car park and was again offered a very welcome hot drink and a huge torpedo roll (thank you very much), before a walk around the stalls then my final drive back to the Yeovil area, with suntanned cheeks and wind weary bones, I cannot imagine how the competitors felt!

I can honestly say that it was a brilliant day for me, really inspiring and the riders and crews showed their appreciation continuously. It was a really fantastic energy to be around, such positive attitudes, people doing what they love and people helping each other too. I didn't get to see so much of the longer distance endurance riders and horses...maybe next time.

I have a smile whilst writing this, it really was an enjoyable day for me, as I am desperate to be able to ride across fields and open moorland, and this is my summer goal, to build confidence with my pony to take part myself.”

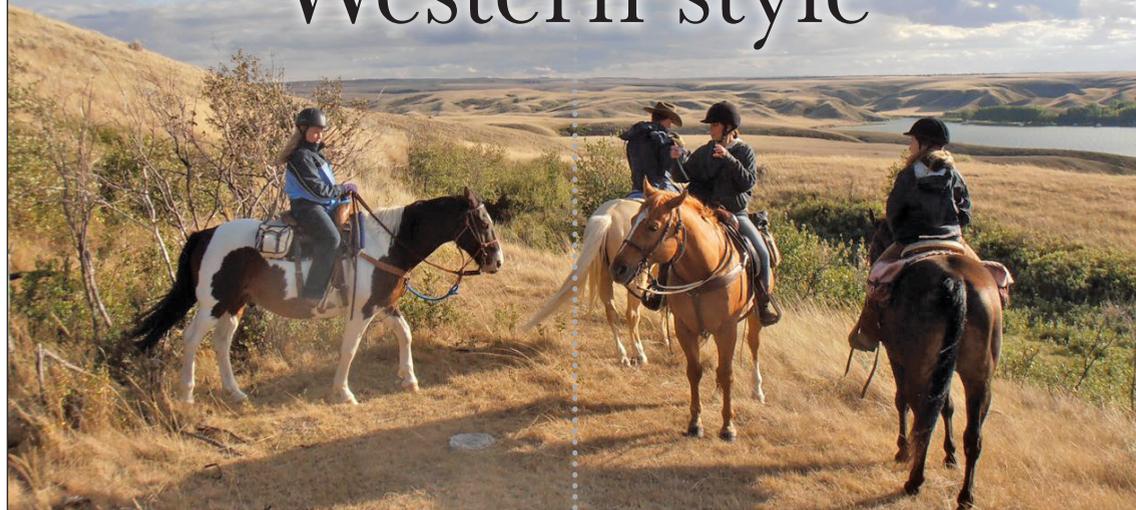
This year's 50th Anniversary ride takes place on 17th – 19th May. Put the date in your diary as there will be special celebratory classes at this landmark event. Go along and meet some of the original riders from the first ever 'Horseshoe' in 1965.

Thanks to Sally Toye and Claire Ryall. **NM**

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[www.goldenhorseshoe-ride.co.uk](http://www.goldenhorseshoe-ride.co.uk)

Specialist riding holiday operator, Ranch Rider has rounded up a list of new activities, events and locations for 2015

# Ranch Rider Round Up Western style



Saddle up for a new half day ride at the **Tombstone Monument Ranch**, the Arizonian city still filled to the brim with tales of lawlessness, battles and silver bullion. Stop off for refreshments at Big Nose Kate's – the establishment named after the common law wife of gunfighter, Doc Holliday. One of the most famous western bars in America, formerly The Grand Hotel – the Clanton's and McLauri's supposedly staying here the night before the Battle at the OK Corral. Seven nights at the Tombstone Monument Ranch from **£982pp (two sharing)** including accommodation, meals, most ranch activities, taxes, transfers and gratuities. Excludes return flight from £839pp. Year round departures.

This year, South Dakota celebrates the **50th**

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**anniversary of the Custer State Park Annual Buffalo Roundup** (25 September), when 1,300 buffalos move to their winter grazing territory. Combine this western spectacle with a riding holiday at the **Crow Creek Working Ranch** – the perfect place to enjoy a taster of the cowboy lifestyle before seeing this semi-centennial event. Roping, branding, doctoring and cattle gathers are on offer to guests over the ranch season. **Seven nights at the Crow Creek Working Ranch from £881pp (no single supplement)** including accommodation, meals, most ranch activities and taxes. Excludes transfers from £150 (per group) and return flight from £859pp. Departures May to October.

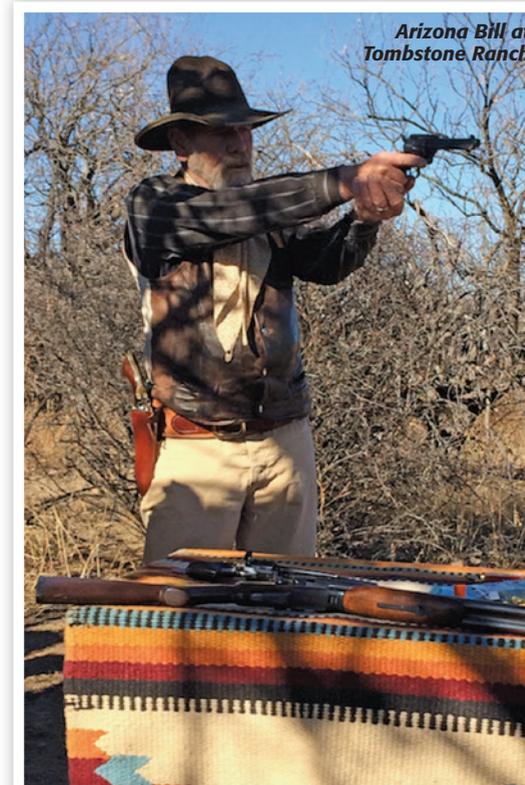
Natalie Portman and Ewan McGregor will be starring in **"Jane Got a Gun,"** the indie western due for UK release on 25 September. The movie was shot in Sante Fe, New Mexico. The city is home to a chuckwagon load of history and Billy the Kid is one of its most famous residents. Add in a stay at the **Creek Working Ranch** in the Pecos River Valley. Around 84 miles from the historic metropolis, the Kid (nicknamed "the fastest gun in the West") and his gang once rode across the very same terrain. Seasonal activities include branding and cattle drives. **Seven nights at the Creek Working Ranch from £1,144pp (two sharing)** including accommodation, meals, most ranch

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# What to do in the event of an accident

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In all of the above mentioned hacking cases, the below steps should be taken immediately following the accident, to provide the rider with the best prospects of pursuing a successful claim for injury and any associated financial losses.

- △ It goes without saying but in case of serious injury then someone needs to call 999;
- △ Even if it's not a 999 scenario you should report the accident to the police using the 101 number;
- △ Take details of any other parties involved in the accident. The more information you can get the better but you need at least their name, address and vehicle registration number (if relevant);
- △ See if there are any witnesses who will give you details of their name, address and phone numbers;
- △ Take photographs of the accident scene and any vehicles and animals involved. In the case of vehicles you should try to get pictures of the number plate, any damage, and its position on the road;
- △ Call HorseSolicitor (01446 794196) sooner rather than later. People are usually far more willing to admit liability for something they've done in the immediate aftermath than when you try to bring a claim two years down the line.

It is important to note that in untraced cases, where the person responsible for an accident drives off or cannot be traced, it is still possible to claim compensation if the accident results in personal injury. The vehicle does not have to hit the horse, merely frightening it through negligent driving and causing injury to the rider as a result is enough. In untraced cases we do not know who the person responsible is and therefore cannot obtain their insurance details to make a claim against their insurer.

However, an organization called the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) exists to compensate victims of negligent untraced drivers (and uninsured drivers). MIB claims are subject to different rules and timescales to standard personal injury road traffic accident claims and expert advice is essential to avoid falling foul of the pitfalls.

HorseSolicitor specialises in MIB untraced driver and hit and run claims.

Types of claims that can be made to the MIB under the untraced drivers' agreement include:

- △ Hit and run accidents
- △ Driver spooking a horse resulting in injury but failing to stop
- △ Objects negligently deposited on the road arising out of the use of a motor vehicle which results in injury

In all of the aforementioned cases, traced and untraced, a Claimant should keep a record of all losses incurred as a result of the accident because their claim will consist of the following two elements.

General Damages relates to the compensation that a Claimant receives for their pain, suffering and loss of amenity.

Special damages relates to the compensation that they will receive for financial losses, including compensation for the gratuitous care that family and friends provide during the course of their rehabilitation.

By following the steps outlined you will ensure that you do not prejudice your case and that you receive the compensation that you are entitled to. Whilst it is not always possible, particularly in cases that tragically involve the euthanasia of our client's horse, it is our job to put the Claimant back into the position that he/she would have been, had the accident not occurred. As riders ourselves we are passionate about increasing access to justice for injured riders.

On contacting us we will be able to offer representation on a no-win no-fee basis if we feel that there are good prospects of making a successful claim.

If you are unsure as to whether or not you have a case, call us on **01446 794196** and one of the team will be able to advise, or visit [www.horsesolicitor.co.uk](http://www.horsesolicitor.co.uk) **NM**

My horse lives outside in a shared paddock with three others. One of the horses possibly has mud fever. Is this contagious and should I move my horse elsewhere while the other is being treated?

## Mud Fever in horses



By Paula Broadhurst

**M**ud fever is the common term used to describe pastern dermatitis, an inflammatory skin condition affecting the lower legs, pasterns and heels of horses.

The clinical signs associated with mud fever include scabs, oozing, ulceration and hair loss at the back of the pasterns, heels and sometimes extending up the lower limb. It often affects non-pigmented (white) legs



worse than coloured skin. Horses with a long history of the problem usually develop chronically thickened and folded skin at the back of the pasterns which in turn makes them more prone to redeveloping the condition.

The cause of the disease is often multi-factorial and is particularly associated with warm wet weather. The skin becomes broken and fragile either due to prolonged periods of being wet, or secondary to scratching due to leg mites, or any trauma to the skin such as from boot rubs or sharp vegetation. This allows access for bacteria and the subsequent development of the skin infection. The most common bacteria involved is *Dermatophilus congolensis* which is the same bacteria that causes rain scald. However some cases involve other bacteria and can also be associated with dermatophytosis (fungal infection).

Treatment of mud fever depends entirely on the cause, horses are usually treated by trying to clean and dry out the affected areas. This often involves stabling or moving the horse out of the wet muddy environment, clipping the hair and removing the scabs and crust so that topical antibacterial, antifungal, antibiotic and

anti-inflammatory treatments can effectively be applied to the area. Some horses may also require oral antibiotics and anti-inflammatories such as steroids.

Other conditions that can cause identical symptoms are photosensitisation secondary to liver disease, pastern folliculitis, pastern leucocytoclastic vasculitis and eosinophilic dermatitis to name a few. Therefore if your horse is not responding as expected to treatment further diagnosis may be required and this might involve your vet taking swabs for bacterial and fungal culture, blood tests to check for other more serious health issues and even biopsies of the affected area.

So in answer to the original question mud fever is not contagious, your horse will not catch the condition from the other horse. However, if your horse continues to be kept in the environmental conditions that predisposed the one to develop mud fever, it is likely that your horse will develop the same problem. **NM**

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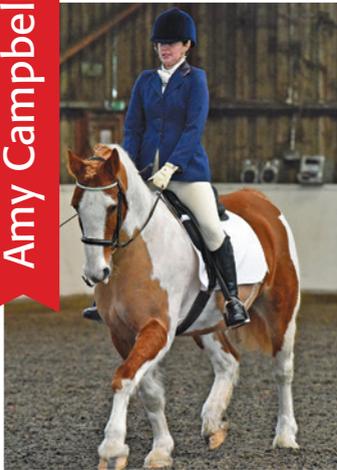


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NagMag will be working with The Sunshine Tour over the next few months, and will bring you a monthly selection of riders who have qualified for the finals at Hickstead in September

Amy Campbell



**Amy Campbell**  
Qualified Intro B Dressage Rogate & District Riding Club

This is a story of my pony and how far we have come. When I first met Zak he was not in the best condition and completely unrideable. After 30 minutes I managed to get on and walk from one end of the school to the other before getting off. There was something about him, so he came home with me. The first time I got on him at home he bucked me off and fractured my coccyx so I wasn't allowed to ride for 6 months. I went back to basics and did lots of ground work and walked miles over the south downs leading Zak in hand, as his trust in me grew so did his confidence, he would follow me anywhere. I had his back and teeth checked. November 2013 I finally got back on him, we were lead out in hand for a couple of weeks and then rode with other horses. We started having lessons with a local instructor but he didn't settle there and I was warned not to ride him and she considered him dangerous. He had his quirks and would regularly run off bucking, so, after a particularly bad fall she refused to teach as anymore. I went back to hacking several times a week when a friend who competes in para dressage offered to help us. Ten weeks on and we made it to our first competition at Rogate Riding Club. He took it

all in and behaved impeccably. I was so proud of our first test and to be told we were placed 3rd and qualified for the Sunshine tour on our first time out was the icing on the cake. I'm still walking on air three weeks on.

Zak is 15hh and rising 8-years-old. His past is unknown as he was purchased from a dealer in Somerset, the only fact being that no one could stay on him. Two years of perseverance have paid off for Amy.

Jodie Middleton



**Jodie Middleton**  
Qualified 60cm and 4 – 70cm Eaglesfield

Jodie is just 14-years-old and has been riding for seven years. She lives in Beckenham, Kent and rides at a lovely stables called Mayfield Riding School in Tatsfield. Jodie has been competing at a few shows; Eaglesfield, Brook Farm, Cobham and later this month is going to Felbridge. She is very new to show jumping and was thrilled to qualify for the Sunshine Tour and can't wait to get there.

Jodie is very lucky to lease Dollar, (A Few Dollars More) who is a 13'2" Welsh section C and 16-years-old, owned by Ann Bradford.



Polina Gamazova



**Polina Gamazova**  
Qualified 90cm Class Pachesham and 80cm Class Pyecombe

Polina is 12-years-old, riding from age five. At the age of two she sat on a horse with her Mum and since then spends all her time around horses, cleaning, riding, feeding, clipping, spoiling them and making them happy. Happy to observe the Physio at work, Polina wants to become a Vet.

Narciss is a brown 14 yr Cob, standing 14.2hh. arriving from Moscow in 2010 where he pulled carriages for children. He is calm and friendly and loves to jump, spending field time with his friend Pico.



Terilea Murphy



**Terilea Murphy**  
Qualified Intro B class at Old Bexley Stables

Terilea has only been riding for four years; she has had her ups and downs (more downs) but Josie has brought back her confidence, she enjoys hacking, jumping and grooming. This was her first dressage show as she has decided that this is the safest way going forward. She was really pleased with the judges' comments and how well they did. She is also really excited to be going to Sunshine at Hickstead. She has even had to change her holiday so that she is in the UK.

Josie is a connemara cross and is 15 years young. Terilea owned Josie for two years but sold her to move on, but that didn't work out. Josie came up for sale in November 2014 and she just knew she had to have her back.

Toby Pollard



**Toby Pollard**  
Qualified in Junior Rider Crosspoles Jumping Class at Colettes Horse Show, Blue Barn, Ashford

Toby Pollard is 6-years-old. His pony is called Roadie Little Gem. Toby did go to last years championship in the Lead Rein Class and came 6th so he is very excited to be going back this year especially over the jumps! The picture is of Toby with his winners sash and rosette.

Roadie Little Gem is a 12'2hh new forest cross mare. Toby has had her for nearly three years and they are the very best of friends.

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# East or West – Hickstead is Best

After eight successful years as a popular local championship, the Sunshine Tour is spreading its wings and with the exciting move to The All England Showground at Hickstead, shows from as far afield as Scotland and the Isle of Wight are offering qualifiers. So far, a total of 70 centres, riding clubs and pony clubs have signed up to offer unaffiliated riders and handlers the chance to qualify for this fun, exciting and prestigious championship show on 18th – 20th September.

## NEWCOMERS

There are both new venues and new championships this year, with new competitions ranging from Eventers Challenge to Side Saddle, as well as Combined Training and a special 'Newcomers' series of showing classes for very novice competitors in riding, in-hand, junior and working hunter classes.

For the first time, there will be something especially for people who love a bit of cross country with the addition of the Eventers Challenge Championships. New Sunshine Tour venue, Coombelands Equestrian has been quick on the uptake of these qualifiers and already enjoyed some very successful arena eventing days. Competitors on 7th, 8th and 15th February were delighted to qualify for a championship from a fun day out in Sussex, enjoying the beautiful arena at Coombelands and the brand new surfaced warm up.

The tracks set by experienced BS course builder, John Farrell combined show jumps and natural, rustic jumps within the 80x50m arena. The competition on 7th February was particularly busy, resulting in no less than 30 qualifications. The 60cm class proved a good warm up for 9-year-old, Sophie Moore with her 26-year-old, 13.2 'Malibu' and 13-year-old, Sienna Sartori with 14.1 cob 'Serious Black' who both went on to qualify in the 70cm class. The winner of this class, Katie Hale riding 'Ellie' has



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also qualified in the 75cm show jumping at Eaglesfield.

The 80cm class was so well subscribed that it was split into horse and ponies - Hannah Wright on her 13.2 New Forest, 'Arabella's Promise' won the ponies section and Sarah Jones with 15.3 Irish Thoroughbred, Milo, won the horses. Kimara Nye qualified in both the 80cm and 90cm with her Irish Sport Horse, 'Caherbanna Bertie' with a 3rd and winning the last class of the day.

15th of February proved busy as well and started with a win for Sunshine Tour regulars, the Mahal family and Holly recorded her first Sunshine wins of the season with 'Fin' in the 70cm & 80cm classes. Sister, Aisha qualified WHP champion, 'JJ' in the 80cm & 90cm. Also, no stranger to the championships was runner up in the 70cm Sophie Lawes, who qualified both her rides 'Hazlehurst Dapper' and 'Dun to Order'.

Jade Davies made the long trip from the Isle of Wight to take part and was delighted to qualify her Connemara ponies, 14.2, 8-year-old grey 'Turpane Boy' in the 80cm and 14.2 11-year-old bay 'Gobinstown Lad' in the 90cm and 1m. The 90cm ponies was topped by 14 years old, Camryn Macleod riding his 14h Welsh cross, 'Mia'. And final honours of the day in the 1m Open went to Caroline Coleman with 'Jack'.

Good luck to all these competitors at Hickstead in September! For your chance to compete on the 'hallowed turf' and be crowned a champion at Hickstead. **NM**

## CONTACT DETAILS ▶▶▶▶

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# Counting down to 2026

**W**hy is 2026 so important? In 2000, the Countryside and Rights of Way Act was introduced. Section 53 of the Act provides for a cut-off date in 2026, which means that many historic routes of use to horse riders and carriage drivers will be extinguished if they are not formally recorded as a bridleway or restricted byway.

These unrecorded routes actually exist in law but have been temporarily lost to the public and are in danger of having their rights extinguished. The aim of the British Horse Society is to safeguard them for public use so that equestrians today and in the future have safe off-road routes to ride and carriage drive on.

Just because you currently ride on a route doesn't mean it's recorded and protected from extinguishment. That's a frightening thought as there are some areas with very few recorded routes and 2026 is closer than you think – we're already more than half way there

Fortunately, the British Horse Society is committed to protecting and preserving the equestrian off-road network and has a dedicated team of 230 access and bridleways officers tirelessly campaigning on our behalf. However, there's only so much they and their volunteers can do – they need your help! Working together they can ensure that routes used by horses in the past are accurately recorded and reinstated as safe off-road routes to ride and carriage drive according to the evidence.

To help you to help the BHS save these routes, they have created a toolkit detailing how to go about getting them recorded to ensure that they won't be lost after 2026.

## The 2026 Toolkit

The BHS has produced the 2026 Toolkit so that you can protect your local bridleways from closure following the deadline. It contains all the information you need to check whether the routes you ride are recorded, and if they aren't how you can protect them beyond 2026. It takes you through marking up your local routes that aren't currently shown on the OS map, and how to gather the evidence you need to back up the existence of your route.

It's an exciting process that will give you a deeper insight into the history of where you live and ride, and keep you interested as you travel back through time using the historic maps. The toolkit will make it much easier for



anyone wanting to help to save the routes so loved by equestrians.

Using the toolkit you can check that the routes that you currently enjoy riding are safe from closure, and you may even be able to save a route that you can't currently ride but would love to! Getting all the historic riding routes accurately recorded on the Definitive Map is the only way to ensure that they are safe for future generations.

So, now you know why it's important, it's time to begin saving your local routes! Visit the BHS website and download the toolkit to get started. There is also a guide on Researching a route, to help further.

To get a head start on mapping your routes, get your copy of *Rights of Way, Restoring the Record* by Sarah Bucks and Phil Wadey. This informative read includes helpful hints and time-saving tips on carrying out research.

If at any stage you feel you need further help or advice with researching your routes you can contact your BHS Regional or County Access and Bridleways Officer. These experienced volunteers will be able to put you in touch with someone who can guide you through the process of getting your routes on the map. You can find out more background about the Definitive Map process by downloading the BHS free leaflet, *Recording a Right of Way* or contact the Access team at [access@bhs.org.uk](mailto:access@bhs.org.uk) or 02476 840515 to be sent a hard copy.

Here at *NagMag* we contacted our local Mid Sussex Area Bridleway Group to get details of ongoing issues facing regional horse riders. It must be mentioned firstly, that this group is formed of a number of volunteers who willingly give up their time to assist in making riding in their particular neck of the woods as enjoyable as is possible.

To be clear: horses can be ridden on bridleways and byways open to all traffic, and restricted byways. Riding routes are indicated by blue, red or plum arrows. It is not permitted to ride on footpaths that are indicated by yellow arrows. Always bear in mind that cyclists can also use bridleways and byways. Paths can also be permissive when a landowner, be he private or a council, allows access on his own terms. Brighton & Hove City Council has recently dedicated as permanent bridleways some previously permissive paths near Standean in the north of the City. This is good news as Permissive Paths are not permanent and permission to use can be closed at any time by the landowner, such as during lambing season, if the land is required for any other purpose, or as for the path between Burgess Hill and Hassocks, when someone misbehaves!

The Mid Sussex group are currently looking at issues such as that arising from the completion of the major road works at Handcross where a horse-friendly underpass and permanent path on the west side were negotiated but a link eastwards has yet to be established. Another on the Egrets Way, Lewes to Newhaven route is aiming to get horse access included wherever possible on this path which is funded by 'cycling money' and the group have for years been trying to redress issues concerning the Furners Lane link from Henfield through to the North of Woodmancote in Mid Sussex. The Mid Sussex Bridleway Group area covers from Shoreham in the West to Newhaven in the East and North to Balcombe and encompasses some of the famous South Downs Way containing over 140 miles of bridleways. Throughout the country each Parish has a Definitive Map showing the legal rights of the public rights of way. Each Parish has its own copy and by contacting your local Council you can request a copy. The best information can be obtained from the Ordnance Survey Explorer Series of maps.

The Group will be able to help you on various issues and you should contact them if you have or notice a



problem and especially, in advance of 2026, if you ride a path that is not way-marked and is not on the Definitive Map; they will work with you to point you in the right direction. Find them at [www.midsussexbridleways.org.uk](http://www.midsussexbridleways.org.uk) and on Facebook.

## Helpful Hints

The Landowner is responsible for keeping hedges cut back

The Highway Authority for the surface of the bridleway

The Farmer for indicating the line of a cross field path, such as one that has been ploughed.

The Cleansing Dept of the local District Council for dumped rubbish. **NM**



## MID SUSSEX AREA BRIDLEWAYS GROUP

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## SECRETARY

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We are looking for a Secretary who would be computer literate. We have 8 committee members and there are about 5 meetings per year for which the Secretary would take the minutes. These meetings are usually held in the Burgess Hill area.

We are a small voluntary group working to protect and enhance the bridleways in the Mid Sussex area and we are always delighted to welcome new members. As a member you would get discount offers from various retailers. The MSABG has a website and is on Facebook; Newsletters and Bulletins re put on the website.

*If you are interested in this position please contact Sue Wylde, Chairmain, by 30 April 2015 on 01273 474919 or email [sue@wylde.me.uk](mailto:sue@wylde.me.uk)*

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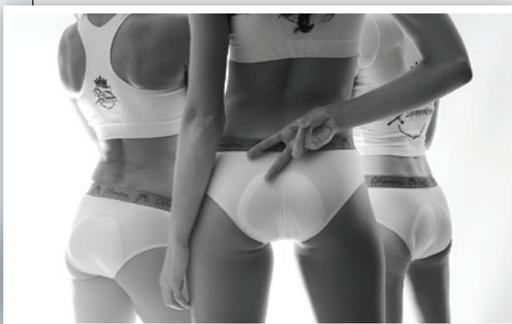
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Moorland Rider have now launched their new Padded Wash-Bag so NAGMAG and Moorland Rider teamed up to give away two bags to two lucky readers.

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■ **Cross Country Hire** – Lodge Farm KENT

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 ■ **Cross country** – Pashesham Equestrian Centre SURREY

### SUNDAY APR 5TH

■ **Showjumping Series** – Saddlesdane Equestrian Centre KENT  
 ■ **Black Horse Jumping Show outdoors** – Eaglesfield Equestrian Centre KENT  
 ■ **Dressage** – Chelsfield Equestrian Centre KENT  
 ■ **Dressage afternoon** – Bookham Riding Club Showfield SURREY

### MONDAY APR 6TH

■ **Gymkhana all ages** – Chelsfield Equestrian Centre KENT  
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### TUESDAY APR 7TH

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# Shire Horse Society National Show attracts thousands

**M**ore than 5,000 visitors attended the Shire Horse Society's National Show in March – the largest gathering of Shires in the world.

With almost 300 entries from across the UK and Europe, the event was held over two days at Arena UK, Allington near Grantham.

The King George V Champion Challenge Cup for the best stallion in the show was awarded to Schumann's Eregon, owned by Mr Volker Schumann from Hattingen, Germany.

Woodhouse Calendar Girl, shown by Mr Martin Fountain, from Ashbourne, Derbyshire, was awarded The Henry Young Perpetual Memorial Cup as champion mare in show.

The show is the flagship event of the Shire Horse Society, the only charity dedicated to the protection, promotion and improvement of the Shire horse. Since 1878 the organisation has been working to protect the breed, which was then known as the Old English Breed of Cart Horse. The Shire is recognised as an at risk breed under the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

The Shire Horse Society, whose patron is Her Majesty the Queen, runs the Save Our Shires appeal. Although experiencing a resurgence in popularity, the breed is still



endangered with fewer than 500 new foals registered in the UK each year.

Shire Horse Society secretary David Ralley-Davies said he was delighted that so many members of the public had turned out to see the horses being shown in the ring and to support the charity at its showcase event.

"At one point, the Shire horse breed faced an uncertain future, but thanks to a dedicated band of enthusiasts their numbers have steadily increased and

they are now experiencing a resurgence in popularity. However, there are still fewer than 500 new foals registered every year so it's very important to continue the charity's work of protecting and promoting the breed to ensure that we can enjoy these wonderful gentle giants for generations to come," he said.

The evening performance on Saturday March 21st was opened by Household Cavalry drum horse Major Drummer Mercury. **NM**



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# Graze Anatomy

**E**xcellent news – we have made it through to spring, time to say goodbye to the dark mornings and evenings and look forward to some fun in the sun with our horses.

If you have kept your horse in during the dark, cold winter months, then you are possibly contemplating turning out about now. But is the ground ready for the onslaught of hooves and the constant chewing of the grass?

Pasture maintenance is part of horse ownership and we owe it to our horses to give them the best possible grass pasture. Here are some tips for achieving great results at this time of year.

**A soil analysis should be carried out in early spring to access nutrient content and pH levels. The soil pH should be 6 – 6.5. Below this can indicate that the soil is acidic in which case a dressing of lime can be applied to raise the pH to the correct level.**



When the ground is sufficiently dried out, it is OK to harrow; this removes any dead leaves and vegetation and allows new growth by aerating the soil. Check for weeds and remove any broad leaf weeds, such as the small ragwort shoots that may be coming through. Reseed any poached areas and fertilise if necessary when the grass starts to grow. While the ground is still dry, roll the pasture to flatten and compact any loose soil and encourage stronger growth.

Be mindful when using fertiliser, if it is necessary to use, consider using a slow releasing fertiliser, this is kinder to the horses and can help if any horses are prone to laminitis. If reseeding the ideal time is March to April when the ground temperature has warmed up and leave for approximately six weeks before lightly grazing the horses.

Many horse owners now operate a rotational method of grazing by fencing off sections of their paddocks allowing for more even grazing and better growing conditions which in turn creates a longer grass season. Never turn out into a soggy paddock and only ever graze the grass to no less than three inches, otherwise it will take longer for regrowth to occur. If you do have soggy pastures, turn the horse out onto the higher ground first, allowing time for the lower field/pasture to further dry out. Soggy ground means mud and mud means flies and a rich

breeding ground for all kinds of bacteria, plus standing in mud can invite bacterial problems for your horse's feet. Consideration for the horses' health is of the utmost importance and making the transition from stable to paddock takes time and thought. It is strongly advisable to turn out starting with small periods of time; as little as 10 minutes a couple of times a day, gradually increasing the amount of time spent outside over several weeks. Too much too soon can cause untold digestive problems for the horse and is also not great for your carefully managed pasture. If in any doubt consult your local vet.

Access to shelter on the land is to be recommended, this can be in the form of natural shelter supplied by overhanging trees, (watch out for sycamore as the seeds are poisonous to horses), or in the form of an erected field shelter. Field shelters are inexpensive and are portable and easy to erect. Access to water is vital, with each paddock containing a trough or a shared trough that is accessible by all. Always poo pick the pasture, as parasites just love to linger there, and try not to leave hay or feed on the ground as again the parasites will find this. Be scrupulous in a worming regime. Finally do not graze too many horses within a small space. One horse can consume 11 hectares of pasture a year, so grazing one horse per quarter acre should be the maximum.

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These are just a few pointers that can help you to have an enjoyable summer with your horse, just try to keep track of the time spent together and when it gets dark, remember you do have a home to go to! **NM**

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