

# Newsletter

## 2011 - 2012

We have had another packed year starting off with training for the Pony Club D test in April and May with the test taking place 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011. This was passed by 10 Pony Club members Olivia Harden, Megan Newman, Becky Hayman, Poppy Stewart, Aimee Leonard, Vicky Johnson, Lauren O'Brian, Emily Dinning, Ellie Fielding, and Sophie Webb. Congratulations to them all. Keep up the good work and work hard towards the next test.



Mini Achievement Badges were passed by many children through the year. These are fun mornings and are a good fun way to learn.

Pony Club Achievement Badges were also passed on tested day in the holidays.



Wellow Pony Care Club is very popular and we would like to congratulate Hannah Garlington on being our first member to complete her ABRS log book. She has had a very nice certificate sent to her from them. I would encourage all other member to bring along their log books to the training day to get them signed off.



August 1<sup>st</sup> saw the start of Pony Camp this ran until 4<sup>th</sup>. 10 children attended and great fun was had by all. They worked towards a competition on the last day with training and fun activities through the week. On the one day we had a long ride stopping off for a picnic en route at the Scout Hut on Norton Lane. Anne and her dogs joined us and had a lovely time playing in the water.



Camp gives the children a chance to own a pony for a few days, giving them the

opportunity to feed and look after a pony and its tack and keeping a yard clean and tidy.

We sent home 10 dirty, tired but very happy children.



Every school holiday we ran Own a Pony Days or Mornings which are always very popular.



October 23<sup>rd</sup> was a great day for the Pink Day that was run to raise money for Breast Cancer. £500 was raised by cake and table top

sales, raffle and the treasure hunt. We had some super pink outfits and the ponies all looked wonderful. Many thanks, to all who made such a great day. We would all like to wish Sammy (Phoebe's mum) all the best.



Helen unfortunately broke her shoulder in October and was off work for a few weeks, but is now on the mend and is back teaching again. We would like to say a big thank you to Nick Targett, Anne Allen and Lizzie Bush for standing in and teaching during Helen's absence.

The year ended with the Nativity run by the Riding for the Disabled on 4<sup>th</sup> December. This is always a lovely event, with the riders all dressed up and mounted on the ponies.



This year the Daily Telegraph newspaper, whose chosen charity for 2011 was the RDA, used a super photo of Toby Bayntum-Coward riding Oscar, with his mum and one of the helpers from the RDA Caroline Weeks in their Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2011 edition. Oscar is one of the ponies from the rescue centre (SWHP).



Anne Allen was also presented with the new President's Award for her outstanding contributions and help with the Riding for the Disabled over the years. This new award, to celebrate RDA's 40<sup>th</sup> year, is given to only 25 RDA volunteers throughout the country who have contributed 25 years or more to the RDA. This was much deserved and we all send her our congratulations. Anne and her team do an outstanding job giving hundreds of children and adults a chance to ride.



We wish you all a Happy New Year.

Please keep a look out for this year's activities and remember to book early to avoid disappointment. Remember all events must be paid for on booking.

Lessons start back Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and term ends Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. **Please book and pay at the beginning of the month to hold your spaces.**

Please keep an eye open for all our holiday actives. They will also be on our web site. [www.wellotrekking.com](http://www.wellotrekking.com)

