

National Pony Society Area XI Newsletter

December
2020

Looking forward to 2021

AGM

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we had to cancel our AGM and Christmas Lunch. The AGM has now been deferred until the Spring, further details to follow.

Heart of England Show



Organization is now well underway for the NPS Area XI Heart of England Show to be held at Solihull Riding Club in the West Midlands on Sunday the 23rd May 2021. The schedule will be available in the New Year.

We have a few classes still looking for sponsorship. You would receive recognition by noting your name alongside your chosen Class or Section in the Schedule, and on the Website. Your support would be publicly broadcast over the Showground PA system, and you would be invited to present the rosettes in the ring. You would also be invited to join the President, Chairman and Committee Members in the Hospitality Marquee.

For further information, please contact Chris Graham on chrisgraham10@hotmail.co.uk

If you would like to join us on the day as either a Steward or Helper you would be made very welcome! Please get in touch with Lesley Bramwell on lesleybramwell50@hotmail.com

Photo Competition

And now for some fun!

Send us your favourite photo! There are no categories ~ riding out, your life in lockdown, Christmas fun, best friend, lorry dog, yard cat, etc.....but no professional photos, you or your friends must have taken them. Entry is free!

To be judged by Mrs E Mansfield-Parnell.

Gill Simpson is waiting to receive your entries on wortley356@aol.com.

Closing date for entries is Saturday, 2nd January 2021.

The Winner will receive an individual NPS Membership, 2nd to 6th placed will receive prizes in kind and rosettes will be awarded to 6th place.

So get snapping!

Our first entry:



Budding Farrier!

2021 Young Judges Competition

NPS Main Branch will host their annual "Young Judges Competition" on the afternoon of Monday 2nd August 2021 at the start of the Summer Championship Show.

Following our Area's previous successes, we hope to be able to put forward a team/teams/individuals into this competition.



The competition will be split into two sections Riding Pony/Hunter Pony and Mountain & Moorland and divided into 3 age groups under 13, 14-18, and 19-25. This is run on similar lines to Young Farmers Competitions, with the overall winner being given the opportunity to accompany a Senior Judge whilst judging a major championship at the Show!

Each Area can nominate up to eight potential Young Judges to go forward to the competition.

As you can appreciate, we are unable to start any preparations at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, in readiness for when we can go ahead and to assist us in planning events/training opportunities, we are looking for expressions of interest in participating in this now.

So, if you would like to represent Area XI yourself or you wish to nominate someone within your family, or would like any further details please ring Rodger James (President Area XI) on 01889 500518 landline - 07851 148805 mobile.

News from Head Office

MEMBERSHIP

A discount on Individual or Family membership of £10.00 is offered to those who joined in 2020 if they re-join in November/December ONLY. They can do that by phoning the office on 01420 88333, rather than using the online system or downloading a membership form from the website and posting to the office <https://www.nationalponysociety.com/how-to-join/>

BURSARY APPLICATIONS

Head office is excited to announce that bursary applications are now open and in addition to the two education & training bursaries, there are also two NEW bursaries up for grabs for British Riding Pony owner/riders!

There are FOUR bursaries up for grabs for the 2021 season, REMEMBER you DONT have to be a member for 2 of them and you DONT have to be involved in showing.

Please visit the website :

<https://www.nationalponysociety.com> for all the up to date information and application forms.

Many people are not aware of these bursaries, which are simple to apply for, all you have to do is fill in a form and if you are selected you win up to £250.00 towards lessons next year with an approved instructor in any discipline. All that is asked in return is a short write up for next year's Review on how the money was spent and how it helped your chosen discipline.

Applications need to be in by Monday 14th December 2020 so no time for delay. Don't miss out **APPLY NOW**.

NPS/DERBY HOUSE BRITISH RIDING PONY PERFORMANCE SCHEME PERFORMANCE SCHEME

Calling all British Riding Pony breeders, owners and riders!

There is still time to submit your entry for the 2020 Performance Scheme. There are sections for every discipline so send in your showing results, your dressage triumphs and your show jumping awards. If your pony competes in mounted games, events or drives, then there is a section for you.

Thanks to the wonderful support of sponsors Derby House not only will all scheme entrants receive a voucher to spend at www.derbyhousestore.com, but all section prize winners will win beautiful rosettes and a Derby House Elite Lightweight Detachable Neck Turnout Rug worth £62.99.

The overall champion will also win a Derby House Elite Stormsafe Rug worth £54.99 and a Derby House Elite Fly Stopper Rug worth £49.99

NEW SHOW

The weekend of 18th/19th September sees an exciting new showing weekend being added to the calendar, details are still being finalised so watch this space for more information coming very soon.

Latest from British Equestrian

The government announced details of the revised three tier alert system for England on Wednesday, 26th November and which areas would fall into each tier. The positive news is that equestrian activity can largely continue within number and setting restrictions based on the area's tier level. Current lockdown restrictions remain in place until 00.01 on Wednesday, 2nd December and should be followed until then.

In all tiers, all equestrian facilities, yards and centres can open for lessons, hire and competitions. Horse owners and guardians can travel to care and exercise horses without restriction including travelling horses away from the yard for exercise, training/lessons, hire or competition. Hacking on a social basis should only be done within the rule of six. Where possible, travel into and out of tier three should be avoided.

In all tiers, coaches and equestrian practitioners can continue to operate within COVID protocols and risk assessments for the provision of a safe workplace. Travel is permitted between tiers but please observe the requirements of the tier you live in.

Dates for your Diary

NPS AGM via Zoom
Saturday, 20th February, 2021

NPS Dressage Championships
Sunday, 18th April, 2021

NPS 18th Spring Festival
Saturday, 24th April, 2021

Heart of England Show
Sunday, 23rd May, 2021

NPS 114th Summer Championship
Show
3rd, 4th, 5th August, 2021

New Show
18th, 19th September, 2021

NPS Area XI AGM
Sunday, 5th December, 2021

And finally

Wishing you all every happiness this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

