

# HAMPSHIRE HORSE

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## What's On:

**Fri 9 Apr: Fiona Foy Dressage Clinic**, Ipley Manor, Marchwood SO40 4UR. Dressage training for all levels. Individual sessions. Outdoor school with mirrors. Iberian horses welcome but all levels, standards, breeds and ages catered for. Very friendly. For more details, or to book, please contact Fiona on 07968 059434.

[www.fionafoy.co.uk](http://www.fionafoy.co.uk)

**Sun 11 Apr: BHS Rockbourne Fun Ride**, scenic 7 mile downland course with all fences optional (not including the schooling area). Starting times between 9.30 and 12.30. No entries on the day. Forms are available from [www.BHSHampshire.org.uk](http://www.BHSHampshire.org.uk) or forward a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Miss Kayti Harvey, 3 Duke road, hedge End, Southampton SO30 0PF Tel: 01489 691943 (eves) or email: [BHSHants@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:BHSHants@yahoo.co.uk)

**Sun 18 Apr: Winchester Riding Club Open Combined Training**, Sparsholt College EC, Winchester SO21 2NF. Contact; Mrs Sue Knight-Jones, The Beeches, Duke Street, Micheldever, Winchester SO21 3DF.

[www.winchesterridingclub.co.uk](http://www.winchesterridingclub.co.uk)

**Sun 18 Apr: Frensham Cross Country Sponsored Ride**, Stockbridge Farm, Tilford, Surrey, 9.00am-3.00pm. 10 mile cross country course with a minimum of 40 optional jumps 2'6/2'9. SAE to Mrs Cook, 8 Sandy Lane Cottages, Sandy Lane, Rushmoor, Farnham, Surrey GU10 2ET.

**Sun 21 Mar: One Day Event**, Thorney Island, Emsworth. [www.westsussexridingclub.co.uk](http://www.westsussexridingclub.co.uk), Tel Jenny 07528 685458

**Sun 28 Mar: Hackwood Park Fun Ride and Barbecue**, nr Basingstoke RG25 2JZ, Tel Caroline Petre 01256 471716/07774 238451. [www.hampshirehunt.co.uk](http://www.hampshirehunt.co.uk)

**Sat 24 Apr: Combined XCountry and Show Jumping**, Petersfield Pony Club, Fair Oak XCountry Course, Rogate. Tel Jackie Dane 01252 821010, [www.pcuk.org/petersfield](http://www.pcuk.org/petersfield)

**Sun 25 Apr: Hunter Trial**, Pinkmead Farm, Kings Corner, Botley SO30 2HA. Tel 01489782469, [www.pinkmead.co.uk](http://www.pinkmead.co.uk)

**Wed 28 Apr: Clear Round Evening**, Crofton Manor EC, Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3EW. £20/half hour. To book half hour slot please call 07500 660049. [www.croftonmanor.co.uk](http://www.croftonmanor.co.uk)

**Fri 30 Apr: Fiona Foy Dressage Clinic**, Ipley Manor, Marchwood SO40 4UR. Dressage training for all levels. Individual sessions. Outdoor school with mirrors. Iberian horses welcome but all levels, standards, breeds and ages catered for. Very friendly. For more details, or to book, please contact Fiona on 07968 059434.

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**Sat 1 May: Horsey Carboot Sale**, Hampshire Showground, Kings Corner, Botley. Tel 07766 731832. [www.horseycarboot.co.uk](http://www.horseycarboot.co.uk)

**Fri 21 May: Fiona Foy Dressage Clinic**, Ipley Manor, Marchwood SO40 4UR. Dressage training for all levels. Individual sessions. Outdoor school with mirrors. Iberian horses welcome but all levels, standards, breeds and ages catered for. Very friendly. For more details, or to book, please contact Fiona on 07968 059434.

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**Fri 11 Jun: Fiona Foy Dressage Clinic**, Ipley Manor, Marchwood SO40 4UR. Dressage training for all levels. Individual sessions. Outdoor school with mirrors. Iberian horses welcome but all levels, standards, breeds and ages catered for. Very friendly. For more details, or to book, please contact Fiona on 07968 059434.

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**Sun 13 June: Denmead Little Show**, Forest Road, Denmead, Waterlooville. Tel 023 9226 1977.

[www.denmeadhorseshow.co.uk](http://www.denmeadhorseshow.co.uk)

Sun 13 June: Sponsored Ride, New Park Showground, New Forest SO42 7QH. SAE to Tony Hockley, Kings Hyde, Lymington SO41 8LT. Tel 07768 237389. [www.newforesthounds.co.uk](http://www.newforesthounds.co.uk)

## *Bow Lake Equestrian becomes a family affair*

Intermediare I dressage rider David Stone who has been based at the Bow Lake Equestrian for the last eight years can finally call the prestigious Hampshire equestrian centre his own.

Along with his partner Colin Hicks and Colin's father Mike Hicks, David took ownership on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010 of the picturesque Bow Lake Equestrian in Fishers Pond. It is now very much a family affair as Kate Amadio, Colin's sister, plays a vital part in the daily running of the yard and Kate's five month old daughter is also a regular visitor.

"I am delighted to be able to call Bow Lake my own," said David who has worked for Olympic Three Day Event medallist Ginny Leng in the past and now rides at Intermediare I with Toko and plans to compete in the Premier League this summer.

"I get a great deal of pleasure from teaching and seeing my clients progress with their horses," said David who offers a full schooling service and trains many of his current liveryes as well offering tuition for non-liveryes of all abilities.



(right to left) David Stone with Toko, Kate Amadio with her daughter, Mike Hicks and Colin Hicks with Ballentina.

The impressive Equestrian Centre based between Winchester and Southampton offers a full and part livery service boasts 18 spacious stables with individual tack rooms, a 20m x 40m dressage arena and a 40m x 60m outdoor arena as well as plenty of turn out.

"After working here for almost a decade it is wonderful to now be one of the owners and I hope Bow Lake stays in the family for many years to come," said David.

Bow Lake Equestrian is planning a series of exciting developments over the next 18 months including hosting an unaffiliated dressage series and improving the show jumping facilities.

**For further information on livery services, schooling and lessons please contact David Stone on 023 8069 5775 or visit [www.bowlake-equestrian.co.uk](http://www.bowlake-equestrian.co.uk).**

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## A Petition you may wish to sign re access to cycle paths

Dear Harriet Harman,

I have been campaigning for over 10 years now for equal access to cycle paths for all non-motorised users. Not on the face of it a big deal so perhaps difficult to understand why anyone should have to campaign for this.

I have become convinced that this issue is almost entirely sexist and although I am not the only one to recognise it, those of us who understand what the real problem is are all women, and therefore if we use the word 'sexism' as the driver for this discrimination we know we will be automatically labelled as 'neurotic' or 'paranoid' which damages our credibility. However, the Equality Bill at last raises the prospect of this discrimination being ended forever, which is why I am writing to you.

Over 85 % of horse riders are women and children. The largest and increasing proportion of them are between 30 and 70 years old, often work part time, and have substituted their independent children with a much wanted horse or pony which allows them to access the countryside, often through urban areas. Many suffer from arthritis of the hip or back problems often due to childbirth and although they can't walk far, can ride long distances once mounted. It is a fallacy that horse riders are the wealthy. The vast majority are hard up and take no holidays in order that they can afford to keep an aged and much loved horse.

### Some Facts:

Since 1968 all bridleways, irrespective of width, sightlines, surface, urban or rural, have been legally used by all non-motorised users – walkers, cyclists, horse riders and the disabled, including Riding for the Disabled. Bridleways are used as part of the 'Safe Routes to School' network throughout the country. Horse riders represent only 1% - 2% of users of any cycle path\*, only slightly more than wheelchair users – (Sustrans Research\*). There are over 10 (recorded) serious and often fatal accidents **per day** between horse riders and motorised vehicles.

Bridleways, which are Statutory Right of Way, now come under the aegis of the Transport Department.

The majority of Department of Transport officers are men

The majority of Council transport department officers are men

The majority of cyclists are men.

The majority of Councils, advised by their transport department officers, automatically exclude horse riders from the nation's network of cycle paths.

When challenged, those same officers, and therefore Councillors, struggle to find a reason to justify this exclusion.

Eventually they, like the Department for Transport, state that horse riders may use cycle paths 'wherever suitable' – ( this pronouncement process usually takes about 5 years to squeeze from them).

The 'wherever suitable' claim is now a let-out for Councils which they exploit relentlessly –

"The cycle path is too narrow for multi-use" (no route over 2 metres wide is too narrow for multi-use, according to two definitive Government Sponsored Research projects by the University of Surrey 'User Interaction on Multi-user paths' 2000 & 2002. The statutory width of a bridleway (multi-user) is minimum 2m although many are narrower).

"The cycle path is too heavily used for multi-use" (at least 97% of all users are walkers and cyclists, none of whom are excluded because too many of them use it)

"The cycle path is next to a railway line" (many bridleways run right alongside and over mainline railway lines, as well as over motorways)

"The cycle path goes through a tunnel" (all tunnels, mines and aqueducts from pre-Roman to mid Victorian times were constructed and used with the help of horses)

"There are no suitable links for horse riders" (I can ride up and down a cycle path on my bike, or walk it on foot just for the pleasure and relaxation of being away from dangerous traffic, but apparently on a horse I am not allowed to do so).

Can you imagine cyclists, the majority of whom are men, putting up with this? In this area alone horse riders are being forced to ride along the main Bath to Bristol A4, and the A371 in North Somerset while walkers and cyclists use an almost empty safe cycle path which runs alongside.

The fact is that the majority of women are too busy running households and holding down a job to take on the Department of Transport as well. We need legislation now to end this dangerous and blatant discrimination against a minority user group. We have created a Govt Petition asking for legislation to ensure all non-motorised users have a statutory right to access all cycle paths, just as they have for bridleways. <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/Access4All/>

If vegans and teetotallers can be given protection against discrimination (report today's Times) then surely the discrimination that is taking place on a daily basis against women and children who suffer appalling and sometimes fatal injuries as a direct result of keeping them off cycle paths should be ended, and they should be given the same protection through the Equalities Bill.

Please help us all by ensuring equal non-motorised access to all cycle paths is included in the Equalities Bill.

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## Press Release - Government urged to listen to Rights of Way concerns

The British Horse Society has urged the Government to implement immediately the proposals of the Stakeholder Working Group on Unrecorded Public Rights of Way. The Society has welcomed the proposals contained in the Stakeholder Working Group's 'Stepping Forward' Report on unrecorded public rights of way. Many of the country's equestrian paths could be lost if they are not recorded on the definitive map before the 'cut off' date – 2026. The proposals set out in the report will make the process of submitting and recording rights of way quicker and more practical.

Mark Weston, Director of Access, Safety and Welfare at the BHS, stressed: "It is imperative that the Government implements the complete package of proposals expeditiously so that historic public rights of way can be recorded quickly before any cut off date is implemented. "Implementation of the complete package is crucial to preserve the balanced nature of the proposals and to prevent the consensus for reform from dissipating. It is important that there is no cherry picking of the proposals."

The British Horse Society together with other members representing user, land owner and local authority interests were members of the group. A full copy of the 'Stepping Forward' Report can be found on the Natural England website <http://naturalengland.etraderstores.com/NaturalEnglandShop/NECR035>

## BHS Hampshire Training Bursary 2010

The training bursary 2010 is open to all Hampshire based BHS AI instructors aiming for their II qualification. The bursary offers an opportunity to win funding to use towards exams. For further information and entries to Alison Russell 01794 323540 or [Alison@aekrussell.plus.com](mailto:Alison@aekrussell.plus.com)

# BHS Hampshire


## E-Newsletter

A new-Newsletter is to be emailed out to members with information about what is going on in the South Region. The newsletter will be emailed out every other month. If you would like to be emailed the Newsletter please send an email to Regional Co-ordinator Amanda Watson at [a.watson@bhs.org.uk](mailto:a.watson@bhs.org.uk) and include your name and BHS membership number.

## BHS Website

The BHS South Website is currently being updated. There is to be a section dedicated to Hampshire which will include a section on Riding Club events. The Website is to be updated every Friday. For further information please see the website [www.bhssouth.org.uk](http://www.bhssouth.org.uk).

## Classifieds:

<b>GELDING For Loan</b>	16hh 12 year old bay thoroughbred gelding. Sweet natured ex-racehorse. Lovely hack in company, can have his thoroughbred moments but never nasty. Has done some dressage schooling but old injury and more recently lack of time have hindered progress. Enjoys 'doing' and gets cross when he gets left behind! 5* experienced approved home only. References required. Only for loan due to change in circumstances. Please call Suzi on 01428 722575 or 07846 450466 or email <a href="mailto:suzi_hopkins@hotmail.com">suzi_hopkins@hotmail.com</a> . Photos available.
<b>GELDING For Loan</b>	Approx 15hh 14 year old grey arab gelding. Has done very little work in last 5 years due to previous owner's long-term illness. Has previously hacked (alone and in company) and done some dressage schooling. Seeking 5* experienced approved home where he can have some fun. References required. Only for loan due to change in circumstances. Please call Suzi on 01428 722575 or 07846 450466 or email <a href="mailto:suzi_hopkins@hotmail.com">suzi_hopkins@hotmail.com</a> . Photos available.
<b>GELDING For Sale</b>	14.1hh registered New Forest 8 year old bay gelding. Won and placed un-affiliated showjumping (up to 2ft 6) and placed unaffiliated prelim dressage. Schooled SJ & XC up to 2ft9 and done small HT course (jumps ditches and goes through water). Hacks alone and in company. Good to box, shoe, clip etc. Green for his age and can be strong willed but bags of potential if he puts his mind to it!! Needs an experienced rider to bring out his best – not a child's pony. For sale due to current owners change in circumstance. Has sarcoids hence £2,600 ono. Tack and some rugs available. Please call Suzi on 01428 722575 or 07846 450466 or email <a href="mailto:suzi_hopkins@hotmail.com">suzi_hopkins@hotmail.com</a> . Photos available.
<b>SADDLE For Sale</b>	17" wide fit brown suede 'Ideal' working hunter saddle. Suede has gone flat and 'shiny' on seat and saddle flaps where your legs go, but apart from that it is in good condition. Bought second hand 18 months ago for £450 but hardly used since then. £275 ono for quick sale. Please call Suzi on 01428 722575 or 07846 450466 or email <a href="mailto:suzi_hopkins@hotmail.com">suzi_hopkins@hotmail.com</a> . Photos available.
	<b>FOR SALE</b> 'IDEAL' VSD saddle. Less than 12 months old and in excellent condition. Black leather, 17" wide. Reason for sale is that we now have a full dressage saddle, so this one is not required. Cost £900 new. Offers welcome.  Please call 0754 0096095.

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### Cadnam Show Society Shows 2010

**IN HAND AND RIDDEN SHOWS** 30.5.10 27.6.10 11.7.10 8.8.10 22.8.10 19.9.10

Some classes are qualifiers for the Royal London Horse Show 2010 & 2011.

**FESTIVAL OF COLOUR (Ring 1 & 2) DRESSAGE EVENT (Ring 3) 6.6.10**

Some classes at this show are qualifiers for the Royal London Horse Show 2010 & 2011.

**CADNAM SHOW SOCIETY BRITISH DRIVING SOCIETY AFFILIATED SHOW 13.6.10**

Some classes at this show are qualifiers for the Osborne Refrigeration and Royal London Horse Show 2010.

**NATIVE PONY IN HAND AND RIDDEN GALA (Ring 1 & 2) DRESSAGE EVENT (Ring 3) 18.7.10**

Some classes at this show are qualifiers for the Royal London Horse Show 2010 & 2011.

**IN HAND YOUNGSTOCK BROOD MARE & FOAL SHOW (Ring1) 15.8.10**

**SHETLAND AND MINIATURE HORSE AND PONY SHOW (Ring2) 15.8.10**

**DRESSAGE EVENT (Ring 3). 15.8.10**

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