

# HAMPSHIRE HORSE

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## What's On:

### **Understanding Equus Workshops** with Debbie Reilly, Equine Trainer & Behaviour Specialist

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**6/7 June: Understanding Equus & Equine Behaviour Workshop** (2 days) £275 (inc. overnight DIY livery)

**6-10 June: Understanding Equus Partnership Course** A fun yet intensive five-day course designed to help with your horse through mutual trust, respect and understanding. Price: £499.

**Four One-Day Workshops** £145.00 each

**Fri 1 July: Introduction to long-lining** to develop balance and self-carriage.

Spectators welcome

**Sat 2 July: Advanced long-lining techniques** to build trust and confidence.

by prior arrangement

**Thurs 21 July: Ground Manners:** When and how to use a training halter.

£30/day

**Fri 22 July: Groundwork problem solving:** Inc. leading, loading, farrier prep. etc.

**Sat 16 July: Wessex Classical Riding Group annual BBQ**, including long-lining lecture/demo by Debbie. This will also include an introduction to Debbie's 'Understanding Equus' approach to horsemanship and looking at achieving effective communication through body language and the art of long-lining to develop balance and self-carriage. £5 WCRG members, £6 non members. Salad and soft drinks provided. Please bring your own meat etc. to be cooked on the BBQ.

**19/20 Aug: Understanding Equus & Equine Behaviour Workshop** (2 days) £275 (inc. overnight DIY livery)

**21/22 Aug: Bringing on the Young Horse: Ground to Ridden Communication** (2 days) £275 (inc. overnight DIY livery). (It is recommended that clients attend the Behaviour Workshop prior to the Young Horse one)

*Debbie is also available to visit you for coaching sessions, group workshops etc. Prices from £35/hr plus travel @ 45ppm*

**Sun 5 June: Pleasure Ride, plus Children's 'I-Spy' Ride** (fun ride for lead rein or first ridden, suitable walk for Dads with dogs on leads), Stansted Park, Rowlands Castle. Both rides set off between 9.00am and 12 noon (follow the brown signs for Stansted House). To enter either ride, please send cheque for £5 payable to Hants & WS Borders Bridleways Group, along with name, address and contact telephone number, to Ride Secretary, 77 Farringdon Road, Havant, Hants PO9 2LP, tel 023 9245 5685 (eves) or 07821 165222. Closing date for entries 31<sup>st</sup> May. Entry form available from www.wsbways.co.uk. All proceeds to the Brooke Hospital.

**Fri 10 June: One day Dressage course** by Claire Lilley, Warborne Farm Stables (nr. Lymington)

**Contact Amanda Barton, tel 01590 622393, email Amanda@barronsandsmithers.com for info**

**Sat 11 June: Equestrian Car Boot Sale**, Forty Acres Farm, Bedhampton, Havant. Sellers 8.15am, Buyers 9.00 - 11.30 am. In aid of Brookes Courses for Horses; entrance fees £6.00 cars, £9.00 vans, 50p buyers. Will be run separately but in conjunction with ordinary Car Boot. Further sales to be held 9 July and 6 August. Tel: 07851 284942

### **Portchester Horse & Pony Association**

**Sun 19 June Fun Show Sun 24 July In-hand and Ridden Show.**

**Sun 25 Sept Children's Show** – fun in-hand and ridden classes, handy pony, barrel racing and more

All above to be held at Danes Road, Portchester.

**Sun 21 Aug Main Show**, Castle Street, Portchester. (Includes veteran qualifier classes)

SAE to Jo Preston, 89 North End Grove, Portsmouth PO2 6NF

**Sun 5 June: Cross Country Schooling**, Fair Oak, with Amanda Napleton.

**Sat 9 July: Training for jumping** a full course of show jumps at Crofton Manor Equestrian Centre with Amanda Napleton. Both schooling events open to all PHPA members. New members always welcome.

**For further details please contact Jo Preston on 023 9261 7841**

**Sun 26 June: Sponsored Ride**, Bereleigh Estate, East Meon nr Petersfield. 9 miles of woodland, farm and downland with optional rustic jumps. £8/rider plus minimum £15 sponsorship. Start times 9.30am – 2.00pm. SAE to Liz Kane, Tigwell Cottage, East Meon, Petersfield GU32 1PJ, tel 01730 823496

**Sun 3 July: Horse Show**, Park Farm. SAE to The Secretary, Park Farm, Station Road, Oakley, Basingstoke RG23 7EH, email jon@parkfarmoakley.co.uk

**Sun 24 July: Charity Horse Show**, Hunters Race, Lavant, nr. Chichester. Entries Secretary: Mrs. J. Tarrant, 71 Wraysbury Park Drive, Emsworth, Hants PO10 7UU. Tel 01243 431249 (evenings). Entries close 21 July. Further info: www.charityhorseshow.co.uk email info@charityhorseshow.co.uk

**Sun 24 July: Shalden Horse Show**, Shalden, Alton (opposite Shalden Green). Show jumping – showing – dressage – clear round jumping. Schedules and enquiries: Mr. Alan Jacob, Leelands, Stancombe Lane, Shalden, Alton, Hants GU34 5TA. Tel: 01420 84619 or 01420 87495. Entries close 20 July.

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**Sun 31 July: Staff College & RMAS Drag Hunt Cross Country Fun Ride**, Minley, nr. Farnborough between 10.00am and 3.30pm. Approx. 10 miles of woodland and farmland with 35 optional jumps suitable for all abilities. Entry fee £20. Entries close 22 July. Entries with SAE to Sally Hall, 47 Willow Way, Farnham, Surrey GU9 0NU, tel 01252 726510, email sally@haynet.demon.co.uk Cheques payable to "SC & RMAS Drag Hunt" please.

**Sat 10/Sun 11 September: Hayling Show**, to include dressage competition.

Further details please contact Mrs. A. Blake, tel 023 9278 5374, email annetteblake24@yahoo.co.uk

**Sun 11 September: Fair Oak Combined SJ/XC:** Further info from www.fair-oak.co.uk. Entries to: The Secretary, Fair Oak, Rogate, Petersfield GU31 5HR, tel 01730 821508

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## RAGWORT

Ragwort is a weed that can poison your horse, pony or donkey. If equines eat ragwort, it can damage their livers and eventually lead to death.

**The Danger:** Ragwort is one of the most common causes of plant poisoning of livestock in Britain. Horses, ponies and donkeys grazing in pasture with adequate palatable herbage usually avoid it but those newly turned out to pasture, or hungry after travelling, may be less discriminating. Ragwort is more likely to cause poisoning when incorporated into hay, silage or dried grass because it is undetectable, and its poisonous alkaloids are unaffected by the conservation process.

**Effects and Signs:** The basic effect of ragwort poisoning is to damage and ultimately destroy the equine's liver. This destruction is irreversible, and recovery of the animal is unlikely once the outward signs have appeared. Early signs of ragwort poisoning are loss of condition, poor appetite and constipation.

### Facts:

- Poisoning can occur at ANY time of the year
- Ragwort poisoning destroys the liver, leading to slow, painful death
- Poisonous to most animals but horses and cattle are most susceptible
- **Once symptoms have appeared in an affected animal little can be done and it will usually die**
- Acts in a cumulative fashion - a small amount eaten over a period of time is just as damaging as one large dose
- **Animals eating 5 percent or more of their total daily diet of ragwort for periods exceeding 20 consecutive days can be expected to die within a 6-month period**
- The plants: 1st year - rosette stage - most poisonous  
2nd year - stem/flower stage - each plant can produce 150,000 seeds, with a 70% germination rate
- **A horse can get ragwort poisoning without actually having any plants in their paddock! Seeds/spores from plants in neighboring fields can blow over and contaminate a paddock apparently free from plants. A horse can eat or inhale these - and cumulative poisoning can begin.**

**The Solution:** The first priority is, of course, to move your equine to another location where ragwort is not present, if you can. The ragwort plants then need to be removed. Short term this can best be done by **pulling**:

**Always wear gloves.** (There is anecdotal evidence that ragwort can cause liver damage in people if they pull ragwort whilst unprotected)

- Pulling needs to be done before flowering has completed.
- Ragwort is more easily removed when the plant is immature (seedling or rosette) or after heavy rainfall when the ground is soft.
- Needs to be carried out for at least 2 years as ragwort is a biennial, or if the pasture has a history of ragwort infestation this will have to be carried out annually due to the remaining seeds in the soil.
- It is important to remove as much of the root as possible; ragwort can re-generate like docks from its root fragments. Digging out the entire plant will reduce the possibility of leaving root fragments. Rock salt, bought from any agricultural merchants, poured into the hole after digging helps to kill the remaining roots.
- Tools can be purchased for the job; 'Lazy Dog Tool' or 'Rag Fork'.

**Remove and burn all wilted and dead Ragwort from the pasture as it is more palatable and will be eaten more readily by livestock when it is in this state.** Cutting is not normally recommended since it encourages more vigorous re-growths - however it is acceptable in an emergency situation. Long term, the use of a **herbicide** is often the most effective way of solving a ragwort problem. Ragwort seedlings are readily killed by herbicides but mature plants are more difficult to control. Timing the application of a herbicide is critical and this should take place either in April/early May or in September/October. In either case the ragwort plants should be allowed to die and disintegrate before equines are reintroduced, or a hay or silage crop is taken.

**Don't forget – Photography Competition** – keep your camera handy for the next few months. If you missed May's edition of Hampshire Horse with full details, visit [www.petercox-photography.co.uk](http://www.petercox-photography.co.uk) to view or download a copy.

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**Where to Ride:** **The Ox Drove Way**, near New Alresford, between Winchester and Alton  
25 mile circular route, with the opportunity for shortcuts. Once a drove route for cattle, the trail passes through the heart of rural Hampshire across beautiful rolling hills, through woodlands and past small farms.  
No permit is required for this route.

Horse-box parking is available at Abbotstone Down on the B3046

Further details available from Hampshire County Council, tel 01962 845178.

Lorry and trailer parking also available at The Yew Tree Inn, Lower Wield, but only by prior arrangement.

Please call Tim on 01256 389224. Horses also welcome for refreshment stop (Tie-up rings available).

*If you would like a pdf map of the route, please get in touch with Hampshire Horse and we can email you a copy, or visit [www.access.hampshire.gov.uk/winchbikefour.html](http://www.access.hampshire.gov.uk/winchbikefour.html) Alternatively send an SAE to Hampshire Horse for a printed copy.*

## **DOGDEAN FARM HAYLAGE**



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## **Worming**

The recent talks by the Liphook Equine Hospital included the subject of worming. Regular worming programs are very effective but are causing worms to build up a resistance to all current drugs. Therefore the LEH are encouraging horse owners to use other methods to help minimise the worm burden in each horse by:

- a) Clearing pastures of droppings wherever possible
- b) Targeted worming programs

The targeted worming program ensures only horses that actually need worming are treated. This is determined by a worm egg count just before worming is due. Any horse with a count of between 0 and 150 is **not** treated on that occasion, but any with a count of 150 or over are wormed as usual.

A worm egg count can be obtained from the LEH by submitting a small sample of dropping from each horse. Horse/pony owners are being encouraged to get together and start a program. The more horses taking part, the cheaper the cost, as follows:

1 – 5 horses	£9.40 each including VAT
6 – 10	£8.81
11 – 20	£7.64
21 +	£6.46

Only a small sample is required and these can be placed in a plastic bag and then sealed in an envelope with the horse and owner's names on the front. These can be taken directly to the hospital in Liphook, or sent by post.

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From the results, it can be determined which horses actually need to be wormed. (The LEH have found that some horses only require worming once or twice a year).

**Exceptions:**

Horses under the age of 3 years are not able to take part. These horses must be kept on a regular worming program. Not relevant for tapeworm, this must be treated annually regardless.

For further information on Worming, please visit [www.theleh.co.uk](http://www.theleh.co.uk) > news & info > Downloadable Information Sheets

**Congratulations to Cathy from Waterlooville, who won the book "Showing" by Jane Holderness-Roddam, kindly donated by Blackmore Equestrian.**

**A Bit of Fun !! - Horse Astrology by Kim Devries**

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** The Cancer horse is naturally shy and sensitive. This horse loves its home surroundings and will bond with you steadfastly if you nurture it with firmness, love and gentleness. In return, your Cancer horse will shine by being affectionate to you and very protective of you. It is important to do activities together that give it an emotional outlet, as this horse tends to bottle things up and brood on them. As the Cancer horse definitely does not like confrontation, you need to find a way to allow it emotional space to express pent up feelings! A Cancer horse needs to be given emotional security within the partnership, otherwise it may get defensive, and will then try to get your attention through fearful and clingy behaviour. As Cancer rules the stomach, the Cancer horse is prone to having a nervous stomach. It is therefore important to take time to plan a sensible, well-balanced feeding routine for your Cancer horse.

To be continued.....

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  - o Arab Type: Looks startled
  - o TB Type: Looks Terrified
  - o Easy to Catch: Very Old
  - o All Offers Considered: I am in Traction for 6 months
- (Thanks to [www.ultimatehorsesite.com](http://www.ultimatehorsesite.com))

**Classifieds:**

<b>BOOTS</b>	<b>Ariat Heritage Jodphur Boots</b> , black leather with front zip, size 7 ½. New, worn just once. £45 ono Tel: 07736 709081 (Horndean/Liphook)
<b>SADDLE</b>	17 in Brown <b>GP Saddle</b> , English Leather with sound tree. Medium fit, good condition. £295 ono Tel: 07851 284942 (Horndean)
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