

# HAMPSHIRE HORSE

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## What's On:

### **Merrist Wood Campus, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PE**

([www.guildford.ac.uk/news/mw\\_arena/arena\\_events.aspx](http://www.guildford.ac.uk/news/mw_arena/arena_events.aspx)) Contact Event Secretary on 01483 884147

**Sat 26 March: Lecture/demonstration tour with Leslie Law and Tim Stockdale** – Both riders will be offering timely advice on how you can improve your horse's schooling and performance ahead of the spring and summer season. Doors open 6.30pm, 7.30pm start. Contact Julia Andrews - 01249 740590

**Wed 30 March: Lecture/demonstration with Mary Wanless** - Contact Lee Harris, MWD Project Manager, 5 Albert Mansions, Church Road, Hove BN3 2FS. Tel. 01273 736083

**Tues 29 March: An Introduction to Equine Dentistry with Phil Armitage EqDT.** Presented by Hants & West Sussex Borders Bridleways Group at Westbourne Social Club, River Street, Westbourne PO10 8TG, 7.45pm for 8.00pm start. Admittance £2.50. Bar & light refreshments available.

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

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**14/15 March: Equine Behaviour Workshop** (2 days) £275 (inc. overnight DIY livery)

**14-18 March: Partnership Course.** A fun yet intensive five-day course designed to help with your horse through mutual trust, respect and understanding. Price: £499.

**Sun 3 April Lecture/Demonstration** 'Building trust based relationships through understanding and communication', 12.00-2.00pm. Tickets £12 in advance/£15 on the day

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

**Sat 9 April: Introduction to long-lining** to develop balance and self-carriage.

Spectators welcome

**Sun 10 April: Advanced long-lining techniques** to build trust and confidence.

By prior arrangement

**Fri 22 April: Ground Manners:** When and how to use a training halter.

£30/day

**Sat 23 April: Groundwork problem solving:** Inc. leading, loading, farrier prep. etc.

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

**Sat 2 April: Open Hunter Trials,** Tweseldown Race Course, Bourley Road, Church Crookham GU13 0ER. Open to non Pony Club members. Entries close 25 March. Times, schedules & entry forms please visit [www.pcuk.org/hh](http://www.pcuk.org/hh)

**Mon 4 April: Lunging and Long Reining Demonstration** – Sparsholt College, nr Winchester, 7.30pm. Robert Pickles FBHS (Fellow of the British Horse Society) will present a training demonstration on Lunging and then Long Reining. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. BHS members £6, Non-members £8. Tickets: Miss Kayti Harvey, 16 Tamella Road, Botley, Southampton SO30 2NY. Tel: 01489 699015 (As a follow up to this event Robert will be carrying out a clinic on the same subject on Sunday 8th May. Contact Mrs. Willats 01256 397637)

**Fri 18 March:** One day **Show Jumping course** by Claire Lilley. Location: New Forest

**Fri 8 April:** One day **Dressage course** by Claire Lilley, Warborne Farm Stables (nr. Lymington)

**15-17 April:** Dan Guerrero **Hoof trimming clinic** (Brockenhurst). 3 day intensive clinic to learn the basic skills to maintain your horses un-shod hooves. Dan qualified as a farrier in USA and is an expert in trimming barefoot horses.

**Fri 13 May:** One day **Dressage course** by Claire Lilley, Warborne Farm Stables (nr. Lymington)

Contact Amanda Barton, tel 01590 622393, email [Amanda@barronsandsmithers.com](mailto:Amanda@barronsandsmithers.com) for info

**Sat 16 April: Equestrian Table Top Tack Sale** at Westbourne Church Hall, Westbourne, nr. Emsworth, 6.00pm – 8.00pm (set up at 5.00pm). Sellers £7/table, Buyers 25p admission. In aid of Charity Horse Show funds. Advance bookings only. Ring Jenny on 01243 431249 or 07881 524478.

### **Hurn Bridge Spring Training Days**

Hurn Bridge Equestrian Centre, Parley Lane, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 6AD

**Clear Round Jumping** 9am-12noon, entry £3/round or £5 for two. Followed by **\*Group Jumping with tuition**

12.30-2.30pm, £10/horse – **Sun 13 Mar, Sun 3 April.**

**\*Improve Your Jumping with Gridwork** 12.30-2.30pm - £10/horse – **Sat 2 April**

**\*Claire Lilley Training Day Clinics** – 10.00am-4.00pm - £68/horse – **Fri 29 April (jumping),**

**Thurs 26 May**

**\* PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE AS LIMITED PLACES, each session approximately 1 hour**

Body protectors must be worn x- country training/jumping. Correctly fitted riding attire, PAS/EURO approved riding hats to be worn whilst mounted.

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**Sat 23/Sun 24 April: Horse Driving Trials**, Woolmer Farm, Liphook, Hants. The South Downs Harness Club are holding their annual two day carriage driving trials. This involves Dressage and Cones on Sat and the Marathon with obstacles on Sun. Come along to watch. Any offers of help gratefully accepted. (Free entry to spectators and helpers). For further details tel. Di on 023 8061 7529. For an entry form pls send SAE to Mrs. D. Lucas, 62 Oakgrove Road, Eastleigh, Hants SO50 6LN.

**Sun 24 April: 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. Entry donation £7 (non refundable). Minimum sponsorship £17. Schedules at [www.ridingdiary.co.uk](http://www.ridingdiary.co.uk). SAE to Mrs. C. Cook, Stream Cottage, Frensham Lane, Churt, Farnham, Surrey GU10 2QH.

**Sun 24 April: Hunter Trial**, Pinkmead Farm Botley. SAE to Secretary at Pinkmead Farm, Botley Road, Curbridge, Botley, Southampton SO30 2HA for schedule.

**Sun 8 May: Lunging & Long Reining Clinic**. 9.00am-5.00pm Sparsholt College. For novice to experienced ground workers. Practical lesson for you to bring along your own horse. Lesson £20, Spectators £5. Places must be booked in advance. Tickets – Mrs. P. Willats, Paddock Lodge, Dummer, Basingstoke RG25 2AF, tel 01256 397637.

**Sun 26 June: Sponsored Ride**, Bereleigh Estate, East Meon. Approx. 10 miles of woodland and downland with optional rustic jumps. SAE to Liz Kane, Tigwell Cottage, East Meon, Petersfield GU32 1PJ.



## What's missing from our pastures that our horses would benefit from?:

Here are some things that maybe you could seed into your pasture which are great for your horse, or you could grow your own hedgerow. A lot of these plants are natural sources full of vitamins and minerals which your horse can feed itself on as and when it wants/needs them. **Rosehips, Hawthorn** (make lovely hedges too), **Brambles, Mint, Wild Garlic, Chamomile, Meadowsweet, Comfrey, Cow Parsley, Thistles, Burnet, Yarrow, Rosebay Willow Herb, Cleavers** (must be kept in check), **Nettles, Dandelions** (one of the most nutrient-rich plants in the world! Containing more Vitamin A than carrots and vitamins B,C and D. Also provides potassium, sodium, phosphorus, zinc, magnesium and iron. Feeding the whole plant of roots, leaves and flower is a liver and kidney tonic, blood purifier and diuretic). They also like **Birch, Hazel** and **Willow** branches.

*(Thanks to [www.horsecare.org.uk](http://www.horsecare.org.uk), article on Grazing)*

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## Safe Trailer Travel

WHEN it comes to taking a horse or pony anywhere, the traditional choice has always been between a lorry-style horsebox or a vehicle and trailer. For years, a horsebox, if you could afford it, was the better bet. Partly because horse trailers weighed the proverbial ton and were best pulled by a Land Rover. While this was OK if you were a farmer and had a trusty LR as a runabout, it was no good if you were the average family. Because these old type four wheel drives were not designed with comfort in mind and didn't make the ideal everyday conveyance.

How times have changed. Today there are more makes of 4x4 vehicle than you can shake a sleeping policeman at. Most, including the new breed of Land Rover, are highly sophisticated and comfortable and as at home cruising the motorways as crossing a ploughed field. Trailers too have changed out of all recognition. Lightweight and easily maneuverable, they are a world away from the cumbersome beasts of old. So you can now tow with a vehicle you can happily use every day for work and park-up the trailer that doesn't need two strong men to shift it.

### So what are some of the useful tips for trailer towing?

Well, for a start you have to hitch trailer to vehicle. Not such a difficult task if the trailer is stored on level hard-standing, allowing you to move it easily on the jockey wheel if you are not too accurate reversing the vehicle to it. But more often than not, trailers are parked on grass or even bare earth, which makes maneuvering the trailer hitch onto the tow-ball of the vehicle, even just a few inches, a Herculean task. To be able to reverse your vehicle more accurately, measure the width of your rear window and in the centre stick a small piece of paper or make some other mark that can be easily seen through the rear view mirror. Then put a similar mark on the front of the trailer to mark the position of the tow-ball. Both marks should be seen through the rear view mirror and as you reverse, align them up and you should finish with trailer hitch sitting nicely above the tow-ball of the vehicle. Hopefully!

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On coupling the hitch, you will notice a piece of light wire with a hook on the end. This is the safety breakaway cable, which connects to the vehicle, usually by a bracket beneath the tow-ball and is not looped around the tow-ball itself. The cable offers extra security in the event of the vehicle and trailer becoming separated. In which case the wire will tension and apply the trailer handbrake. This will bring the trailer to a standstill, rather than it becoming an uncontrollable 2.5 ton object.

Another vital precaution before you move off or load-up, is to ensure the electrical plug for the trailer lights is fixed into the socket on the vehicle and the cable is not loose and dragging on the ground. Just one journey with the cable worn against the road surface can be enough to wear it through and short out your lighting system.

Most incidents involving trailers are preceded by "snaking", where vehicle and trailer start swaying from side-to-side. Nine times out of 10 this is due to poor loading, causing the tail of the trailer to wag like a dog. A trailer should carry the weight evenly distributed on its axles, so beware of putting lots of tack or feed at the very front near the groom's door. If it is a two horse trailer and you are carrying only one, ideally the centre partition should be removed. This will allow the horse to stand more evenly across the width of the trailer and avoid all the weight being on one side.

When towing a trailer, especially with an animal in it, the need to anticipate road situations is even greater than when driving a solo car. You must do your utmost to avoid sudden braking or acceleration. You have a "live" load behind you that is traveling "blind". Your horse cannot see what is about to happen and will have no warning, so you must make its journey as smooth as possible to avoid it jolting and jarring in the trailer. Brake in plenty of time, give roadside obstructions, like parked cars or other vehicles, plenty of room, move away from traffic lights or road junctions slowly and be very careful over bumpy surfaces, such as fields. *(With thanks to Worcestershire News)*

#### Towing Tips from the RAC:

- Check the condition of tyres and tyre pressures regularly, including the spare
- Check the spare tyre can be easily removed from its mounting
- Always carry sufficient food and water for your horse in case of a breakdown
- Get both your vehicle and trailer serviced regularly

For more information call the RAC on 0870 5722 722.

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### **A Bit of Fun !! - Horse Astrology by Kim Devries** (for those who know their horse's birth date).

**Aries (March 21 – April 20)** - Aries is the first sign of the zodiac, so a horse born under this sun sign likes to be first and is a natural leader. The Aries horse is extremely energetic by nature, as well as competitive and decisive. This horse shines when it is given challenges, as it needs to test itself in competition. Whilst an Aries horse needs to be given space mentally and emotionally within the partnership to take some initiatives, you do need to teach this horse to think before it acts. The Aries horse's impulsiveness can otherwise lead it into difficulties! The Aries horse also needs physical space to do its own thing each day, as it is such a bundle of energy and loves to be busy and active. It needs to run free in a field and challenge itself against other horses by playing dominance games and testing its physical strength. As Aries rules the head, this horse may have something about the head, which attracts attention. For this reason, many Aries horses have a noticeable feature or a cut or scar somewhere on the head. The Aries horse may also be prone to bumping or hitting its head!

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