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**8 May: Understanding Equus demo with guest Anna Twinney**, founder of 'Reach Out to Horses'

*Congratulations to Avril, from Southsea, who won the tickets kindly donated by Debbie Reilly*

**14/15 May: Understanding Equus & Equine Behaviour Workshop** (2 days) £275 (inc. overnight DIY livery)

**16/17 May: 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)

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

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**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 8 May: Cowdray Sponsored Ride** with optional jumps (10 miles), Midhurst. Entry fee £4/rider, £3 for 16 years and under. Minimum of £20 sponsor money to be paid on the day. Closing date 5 May. Enquiries 01403 752591.

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

**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](mailto:Amanda@barronsandsmithers.com) for info

**Sun 15 May: New Forest Pony Enthusiasts Club Open Sponsored Ride**, in aid of Riding for the Disabled (Brockenhurst Group). Ford Farm Stables, Burley Road, Brockenhurst. Choice of 8 or 15 mile routes across New Forest. Start times 10.00am – 1.00pm. Tel. 01590 623043. Email [james@fordfarmstables.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:james@fordfarmstables.fsnet.co.uk). Entries close 9 May.

### Portchester Horse & Pony Association

**Sun 22 May Mountain and Moreland Show, Sun 19 June Fun Show** (previously advertised as 26<sup>th</sup>),

**Sun 24 July In-hand and Ridden Show.** All 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 29 May: In-hand and First Ridden Showing Skills Training Rally**, 2.00pm at Crofton Manor Equestrian Centre, Titchfield with Amanda Napleton. £8 for members. Spectators welcome.

**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**

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**Sun 29 May: Sponsored Ride** in aid of Mark Davies Injured Riders Fund and the New Forest Hounds. Approx. 7 miles of open farmland with 30 optional jumps. £7 entry, minimum £15 sponsorship. At Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne, Fordingbridge, Hants. SAE to Christine Hughes, 23 Old Priory Close, Hamble, Southampton SO31 4QP.

**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](http://www.wsbways.co.uk). All proceeds to the Brooke Hospital.

**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

**Sun 12 June: Clanfield Horse & Dog Show**, South Lane Meadow. Ridden/in-hand showing, show jumping and carriage driving. All proceeds to Rocky Appeal and local charities. Contact: Mrs. Sue Forrest 023 9259 2032

**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

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### To load, or not load... that is the question

Spring is here and it's time for shows and sponsored rides and to get out and have some fun with your horse. However, sometimes the getting out part isn't fun at all! Here are a few tips to help you make your trips out with your horse painless and stress free for both of you!

Firstly, let's revisit some basic psychology – horse and human... Horses in the wild live on plains. Their survival depends upon them seeing any predators early enough that they can run away. Therefore, going inside small enclosed boxes like stables, lorries and trailers requires your horse to put a lot of trust in you as his handler. In fact, I think we should be amazed that so many horses do load well, rather than amazed at the few who don't!

Now a bit of human psychology – Have you ever been offered a lift by someone who you think is a bad driver? Does that make you feel keen or reluctant to get in the car? Have you ever been in the back of a horse lorry or trailer whilst it was being driven? Whilst I'm not advocating this, I have done it and I can tell you that it wasn't a terribly pleasant experience – even though I knew what was happening I still found it disorientating and 30mph feels a lot faster when you're shut inside a box and you can't see out – by the way I couldn't see out of the front windows of a trailer and I'm 5' 9"! If you don't have any private land where you can try it out for yourself, try this exercise to check out your driving skills; secure a glass of water (half-full) on the top of your dashboard and drive without spilling any.

Once you've given your driving an honest assessment, take a good hard look at your transport. Is your vehicle suitable for your horse? I went out to a horse recently that was too long for his transport and wouldn't load, but when we tried him in a larger unit he walked in very happily. Having honestly assessed its suitability, make sure it's free of squeaks, rattles and loose bits that stick out or bang about on the move. Do the floor, walls and panels feel secure when you lean on them? Try running into them and see if they feel secure. When you brake or change down gear, your horse will get thrown about and will need the walls and panels to be secure because he's got no means of holding on so he must be able to trust what he's leaning on. Also check your suspension and tyre pressures. I know someone whose horse started to refuse to load because her suspension needed looking at.

When you've checked all of the above and have made an honest assessment of your equipment and driving skills; it's time to set up your facilities for loading. Remember the principle of the 4 Ps – poor preparation equals poor performance. Make it easy for your horse to load. I hope you wouldn't take a horse into a show jumping arena if he'd never seen poles before, so don't expect your horse to load in 5 minutes when he's never done it before.

Take your lorry or trailer to a quiet place. Only accept help from quiet people who are going to agree to follow your leadership. Park on soft ground with safe footing. Make sure the area is enclosed. If you have a round pen or similar,

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use the panels from it to build a small, secure enclosure around the trailer/lorry ramp. This may sound like cheating – but this is practicing. You wouldn't ask your horse to jump 5' on his first jumping experience, so don't expect him to load in an open field with lots of distraction when he's unsure about it. Allow your horse to ask questions, such as "is it safe?" etc by letting him smell the ramp and take some time to check out the lorry/trailer. This is why you must practice when you're under no pressure – time or any other kind of pressure. If you wait until you're on the way to a show or event, your adrenaline will likely be raised because of the extra special event and your horse will pick this up. If you're also asking your horse to load for the first time, he may associate your raised adrenaline with the box and be more reluctant to go in.

#### **Some other pointers:**

If your horse stops at or on the ramp, please DON'T get someone to rush up behind him to move him forward – he will instantly focus on what's behind him and will be much more likely to rear, spin or rush backwards than move forwards into an enclosed area if he feels frightened.

However, you can also train your horse not to load, by constantly turning him away from the ramp when he has stopped and walking in a circle to come back to the ramp again. There does come a time when you need to decide that he's had enough time to check out the trailer and it's now time for the next stage – walking in.

Teach your horse to yield to pressure using a specialist halter, like a Dually, designed by Monty Roberts, on the ground, before you ask him to load. If your horse doesn't have ground manners (ie you can't move him backwards, sideways and forwards easily) then you'll really struggle to load him.

If you've allowed your horse to become overly attached to others, eg never turned out or hacked alone, don't be surprised if he doesn't want to load alone to start with.

If, after reading this, you think it'd be easier to get someone experienced and qualified to help you load your horse for the first time, please call me on 02392 864107 or 07711 312081.

**Sarah Urquhart BHS AI Reg'd. Student of Kelly Marks' Intelligent Horsemanship Methods.**

## **Advance Notice to all Amateur Photographers!**

To mark the association of Hampshire Horse and Peter Cox Photography we will be holding a photographic competition at the end of the 2005 season. The competition will be open to all amateur photographers and the pictures can be of any nature/discipline. You can enter as many pictures as you like. The winner will receive a Peter Cox Photography Gift Voucher; the voucher entitles the holder to a photo session at a location of their choice and includes one 12" x 15" Portrait photograph (mounted, ready for framing). This voucher can be redeemed at any time by the winner. Entry will be £1 per photo which can be submitted either as 4" x 6" photo or by email as a 640 x 480 jpeg image. **In aid of a Hampshire and/or horse charity, yet to be decided – If you have a worthy cause in mind please send any suggestions.**

**So don't forget – keep your camera handy. Good Luck to all who enter!**

Full details and entry forms will be included in the September and October issues. Closing date end October.

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## **Where to Ride:**

### **Help needed by horse riders to submit their local riding routes!**

Bridleways.co.uk have launched a new internet based community website for horse riders throughout the UK. The website will provide a range of riding routes that utilise country lanes and bridleway networks, provide safe, horse friendly circuits and promote the use of rural business. Users will have free access to the website, where they can find routes of varying distance, difficulty and location to go out and enjoy. Users can also add their own local or favourite rides to grow the network of routes, for other riders to use.

Bridleways.co.uk aim to complement the work achieved by bridleway campaign groups, local councils and the British Horse Society to promote rides and provide a central information source for riders. Catherine Wheatcroft, one of the founders of the site became frustrated by the lack of documented rides in her area that had car & trailer parking facilities. Whilst Ordnance Survey Maps were an obvious solution, they are quite difficult to handle, whilst controlling a horse!

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Stage one requires horse riders nationwide to submit their local riding routes onto the database. They can either amend and correct routes already on the site or download a pre-printed form to create a new route. This will rapidly grow the number of routes on the site, allowing other riders to enjoy them too. For each completed route, a route card showing directions, route pictures and car parking arrangements can be printed. These fold down into easy to handle, pocket sized directions, readable from your horse.

Our aim is for all routes to start from or pass through villages, so that rural businesses can be included as landmarks on the route cards. We hope that riders will use these valuable resources and recommend them to friends and family, in order to help their future existence. Bridleways.co.uk is seeking support and involvement from horse riders, riding groups, countryside, equestrian and councils to enable this database of routes to grow. We would like riders throughout the UK to contribute by registering free on the site at [www.bridleways.co.uk](http://www.bridleways.co.uk) and submitting their own everyday local rides. On-line registration available NOW!

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

**Gemini ( May 22-June21)** - The Gemini horse is naturally a curious, alert and versatile horse that loves learning. This horse loves to communicate and will bond with you very quickly if you take time to learn its body language and play games together on a regular basis. The Gemini horse is also very fun loving, and needs the versatility of a whole array of different types of activities. In short, the Gemini horse wants to be an all-rounder! A Gemini horse needs to be stimulated mentally and emotionally within the partnership, and be given the opportunity to express its sense of humour in a positive manner. Otherwise it may get bored very quickly, and will then become inattentive and flighty. Like the Gemini symbol of the twins, this horse does not like being alone and naturally has two sides to its personality. This horse loves companionship and will make friends with animals of other species if it cannot have the company of horses. Occasionally couples choose to share a horse; the Gemini horse would naturally be at ease with the idea of two human partners! As Gemini rules the chest, it is important that this horse gets as much fresh air as possible.

*To be continued.....*

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