



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2021

With the Covid restrictions easing we were able to run our Members Show in May which was well attended with some super ponies and a great chance to catch up. We have been working on our popular Open show and the schedule plus class timetable is attached. Entries will be limited to 12 per class so please enter early to avoid disappointment. Also, on Saturday 7th August we are running our dog show (weather permitting) which will have lovely rosettes and fabulous prizes so do please come along if you can and join us.

SHOW REPORT

Members show

Well what a day. Weather behaved most of the time, just a few light showers. Lots of new members gained this year. Everyone was commenting on the lovely ponies forward in the classes. They were a credit to you all.

I think everyone was glad to be out showing and meeting up with fellow competitors and friends. I would like to thank Sharon and Hunters Lodge for the perfect venue, our judges Peter Deacon, Vicki Pethick and Sue Stokes. Also thanks for Kath for secretary on the day, Jenny for supporting Kath and taking fab photos of you all. Heather for her advice/support with running the show, setting up the night before and clearing up after the show. Oh and sorting the lovely rosette for you all.

In hand champion was Michelle Pack with Georgie Girl
Reserve was Debbie Bell with Moorfarm Phoenix
Ridden Champion was Phoebe Harvey Mason with Phensara Cruz Control
Reserve was Anna Harvey Mason with William Wallace
All very worthy winners.

The fun classes proved popular and enabled non members to enter into the show. I hope everyone enjoyed the show as much as I did. Please remember that if you won a cup /trophy it will need to be returned as requested on the labels attached to them.
Open show coming up so get washing and polishing those ponies up !!!!!

See you all next year
Jackie Brown

Friends at the End

With us all spending more time with our horses and pets, it can be a shock if they become unwell and you have to make the decision whether or not to say goodbye. I only know too well when my pony became very poorly, and I did not know what I should do, if I was doing the right thing keeping him going and how I would cope or what to expect if I did have to choose euthanasia. Through my journey, I found out about a service that the BHS offer called 'Friends at the End'. This service is designed to make sure that no horse owner/carer/sharer/loaner has to face the loss of their companion alone. They offer support before, during and afterwards and can arrange for a volunteer to be with you physically on the day and ensure you are not alone. They also be with you afterwards providing confidential emotional support. All the volunteers have been trained and can help support horse owners through the difficult process of saying goodbye and if it does not end in euthanasia and there are other choices, then they can help you find them.

I personally think this is fabulous service and support can be done by phone, email or face to face. If you feel you might benefit from the service, contact BHS Welfare on 02476 840517 or friendsattheend@bhs.org.uk and they'll put you in touch with your nearest Friend. You can also find out more at <https://www.bhs.org.uk/our-work/welfare/our-campaigns/friends-at-the-end>

The Blue Cross also have a similar service called Pet Bereavement Support Service which covers all pets and details can be found at <https://www.bluecross.org.uk/about-pbss>

Helen Mitchell

Diary of Events

AUGUST

- 7th** **Fun Dog Show** at Rowlands Castle (members, family and friends) See attached schedule.
- 14th** **Jumping** at Hunters Lodge, Hunston (members and friends)
4.30pm start, £5 per class
Clear Round
Accumulator
Pairs
- 29th** **Open Show** (Schedule attached)

OCTOBER

AGM and membership renewal (venue and date to be confirmed)

DECEMBER

- 5TH** **Christmas Charity Show** (details next newsletter). We will need sponsors and raffle prizes. Please contact Heather Linfield if you can help.