

Equestrian life in the county



Welcome to another edition of Equestrian Life. Can you believe it is May already? The summer season is in full swing with gymkhanas all over the county and special events almost every weekend. Don't forget that we would love to see your pictures and hear your news so join us on the gallops.

Words: Bernard Bale

Spotlight on Grange Farm Riding School

What do you do if you would really like to own a pony but cannot quite manage it?

Well, you could go to Grange Farm Riding School at Barnoldby le Beck in the lovely Wolds and own a pony for a day.

Owning a pony for a day is just one of the many schemes and facilities available to horse-lovers of all levels of experience at this riding centre run by the Jenkins family..

Grange Farm offers all kinds of great events such as four-hour rides for the more experienced



rider and even birthday parties on horseback for the fun-seeking younger ones.

There is also a camp which runs for four days and is aimed at providing both fun and learning for young ones who even have their own competition at the end of their four-day stay.

Grange Farm has its own holiday homes and since it stages its own show jumping events too, it is one of the best all-round equestrian centres in the country.

What a great asset to Lincolnshire!

News on the hoof

MEMBERSHIP IS ON THE UP!!

Heighington Riding Club reports that it has recently had a surge of new members. The club invites all new members or possible members to ask any questions or make suggestions by contacting the club at info@heighingtonridingclub.co.uk.

NEW FACES

South Lincs Riding Club has two new officers. The club's new Event Co-ordinator is Karen Barker Telephone 01406 380949 but evenings only please. She will be responsible for organising training, clinics, as well as shows and demonstrations.

Ann Kent (Club Secretary) is now also the club's Area Competitions Co-ordinator. Telephone 01205 723955 or twhkent@btinternet.com.

Dates for your diary

MAY

- 4th Welton & District Riding Club One Day Event at Danethorpe. Laughterton
- 6th Affiliated Dressage at Elms Farm Equestrian Centre
- 7th Evening Show Jumping at Caistor Equestrian Centre
- 8th Newark and Nottinghamshire Show at Newark Showground
- 9th Unaffiliated Show Jumping at LRAC Kenwick Park
- 9th North Lincs Riding Club Outdoor Combined Training/Dressage Competition at Manor Farm, Aylesby Nr. Grimsby
- 10th Hykeham Riding Club Dressage and Clear Round Show Jumping at Danethorpe
- 16th Unaffiliated Dressage at LRAC Kenwick Park
- 21st Evening Dressage at Caistor Equestrian Centre
- 31st South Lincs Riding Club Open Show at Corner Farm Equestrian, Halton Hologate, Spilsby.

PONY EXPRESS

Make haste and send us your news, photos, results and dates for the diary. Equestrian Life is interested in all things horsey so let us know what is going on whether you are a novice rider or an experienced carriage driver. Send to Lincolnshire Life, County House, 9 Checkpoint Court, Sadler Road, Lincoln LN6 3PW or email editorial@lincolnshirelife.co.uk

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TOP TIP

With evenings staying lighter and lighter, it is the best time of the year for evening rides but when the weather is warm it is also the best time for flies and midges so give your horse or pony a fighting chance by asking at your local tack shop for some repellent.

Apply it before you ride and both you and your steed will have a much happier time together. If you want to try an old-fashioned tip carry some elderberry in your tack and those flies will think twice before they come near.

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