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FRONT COVER : Inter Hunt Relay winners, Mid Surrey Drag, at The South of England Show 2015.  
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If I am thinking of putting my mare to foal next year, would it be advisable to vaccinate her against Rotavirus and at what stage should I do this? *Sally Barnes, Christchurch*

# Rotavirus and pregnancy



By Paula Broadhurst

Looking after your mare during her pregnancy is extremely important to ensure the best chance of her producing and raising a healthy foal.

The mares' diet needs to be carefully considered with the aim to increase the level of nutrition in the last 3 months of pregnancy. A brood mare should not be allowed to become too thin or too fat. The diet for the last stages of pregnancy should be a proprietary brood mare diet; this will include the correct balance of minerals and nutrients for the foals development. Follow the manufacturer's guidelines initially, then feed by eye, resulting in a gradual increase in weight prior to foaling. If your mare is getting too fat on a brood mare diet then take more specific advice for your individual circumstances as a balancer may be more appropriate.

It is usual to remove the mare's shoes when foaling becomes imminent; this is to lessen the damage caused if the mare accidentally stands on the foal. However, some mares may become foot-sore without shoes; therefore take

veterinary or your farrier's advice. It is important to maintain hoof health with regular trims as a mare with over grown, cracked sore feet will not be able to remain fit and healthy for producing a foal.

Your mare should be following a worming program recommended by your vet. In the last month before foaling your mare should be wormed with an ivermectin based product, such as Eqvalan or Bimectin. This is because some worms can cross the mares' uterus and others can cross into the milk and infect the foal when it nurses. Foals will also eat the mares dung as a normal process during the first few months of life, so good mare worming is essential.

There are a number of vaccinations that should be considered and discussed with your vet as to your own personal situation. Influenza and tetanus vaccination status should be up to date. Ideally the mare should be given a booster vaccination within the last month of pregnancy, to boost the level of influenza and tetanus antibodies in the colostrum for the foal.

Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) mostly causes respiratory signs in horses. However Equine Herpes Virus 1 can also cause abortion, mares at risk are those at yards where horses are coming and going and thus may bring in infection or mares that will be in contact with yearlings and young horses (as young horse are the

most prone to carrying and spreading the infection). Additionally most studs will require your mare to be vaccinated against EHV for her to be accepted onto the stud for foaling down. Vaccination to reduce the risk of abortion caused by EHV1 should be performed at 5, 7 and 9 months of pregnancy.

Rotavirus is a viral diarrhoea that can affect foals in the first few months of life. Young foals can become life threatening ill with this infection if not given intensive treatment and nursing. Foals most at risk of infection are those being born at properties where there has been a history of rotavirus previously or where a lot of foals will be present in the same area such as stud farms. To reduce the risk of rotavirus diarrhoea, mares should be vaccinated during month 8, 9 and 10 of pregnancy to ensure a high transfer of immunity through the mares colostrum.

If you are planning on foaling your mare down at a stud, it may be worth discussing with them what their requirements are so you can make sure the vaccinations are performed correctly. If in any doubt call your own vet to discuss your individual situation so more specific recommendations can be made. **NM**

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# Golden Oldie Riders

**WORDS and IMAGES : Liz Austen**

In early March I was invited to attend The Golden Horseshoe Ride as a special guest being myself a Golden Oldie Rider. I was very excited as having been the rider for so many years, I was now being invited to take part as a helper.

I rode in the Golden Horseshoe Ride before it went to Exmoor and managed Silver awards but never Gold. To people who think Oh! It's just a long hack, they have no idea of the dedication and hours of hard work which are put in usually from January through to May.

This year the weather was horrendous. Having packed sun cream and shorts, I thought as we arrived at the delightful cottage in Wheddon Cross that I should have known better, having ridden in previous years in similar weather. Despite the awful weather the riders, vets and crews were always smiling. Being out on the course for three days made me realise the hard work and support the families put into the ride, dashing to checkpoints and river crossings. Having watched riders' crews this time I really thought that they should have the same award as the horse and rider!

At The Sponsors Reception it was good to meet up with people I had ridden with in the past, there was so much to talk about. I had the pleasure of speaking with Jim Collins who was The Exmoor National Park Warden for so many years. At the grand old age of (93 I believe) he remembered escorting myself and many riders in 1984 across the moor in thick fog! We followed his headlights and Landrover tracks for most of the ride. I managed in the

fog to get a Silver Award with my Part Bred Arab, Lynden Crispin. My other very lucky Silver Award was in 1999 when I missed Gold by one minute and to my surprise I won the Veteran Rider Award for the highest placed horse.

As this year the ride was supposed to be the last, us Golden Oldies were invited to make up teams. Sadly I could not take part as I do not have a horse at the present time. It was lovely at the Prize giving to see other Golden

## HERE ARE THE RESULTS OF SOUTH EAST RIDERS

### CLASS 2

The Exmoor Extra

Trilby Herriott with Red House Shamil – Silver

Susan Hawes with Remynisce – Gold and the Ferhanoush Shield

### CLASS 3

The Exmoor 40km

Linda Herriot with Zahkira – Silver

Rebecca Northover with Kal Baishakhi – Bronze

### CLASS 4

The Exmoor Novice 40km

Carol Portlock with Klibeg Flash – Gold  
Isabel Lee-Elliott with Tylands Kumar – Bronze

Caroline Kendall with Joop (Brighe) – Bronze

Alice Denham with Archways Lovada Ada – Bronze

Sarah Denham with Mayyasah – Bronze  
Nuccia Lipscombe with Whifflegig – Gold

### CLASS 5

The Pleasure Ride

Sally Allison with Shannondale Shilo – completed 8.07kmh

### CLASS 7

The Exmoor Stag 120km over 2 days

Sally Toye with Emira Bint Letifa – Bronze

### CLASS 8

The Exmoor Experience 80km over 2 days.

Miranda Kavanagh riding Derry Spirit and Leonie Wheeler riding Archer in such wet conditions did well to achieve Silver on Day one but both riders were sadly vetted out on Day two in the Exmoor Experience.

In the actual Golden Horseshow the main class, only one rider Chris Macmillan from Edinburgh achieved a much coveted Gold Award riding her Connemara 14.1hh Coolagoree Glen Thunder. What a result from a pony! From past experience I have found that the smaller horses around 14.2hh to 15.1hh seem to cope well on Exmoor.

Oldies, Barbara Wigley and Liz Hinings being presented with very special awards, very well deserved. Myself, I was pleased to present Barbara personally with a Silver Cup in memory of my very special Endurance horse, Autumn Charisma who actually won the Veteran Award in 1999.

Although this year was scheduled to be the last Golden Horseshoe Ride, at the prize giving there was a lot of interest to keep the Ride going so here's hoping for 2016 and beyond. I would like to say congratulations to all local riders and hopefully for future rides on Exmoor I shall be there to see you.

Finally I would like to add that should any Sussex or Kent rider need help with crewing for the rest of the season I would be more than happy to help and of course next year hope that the Ride will continue. **NM**

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▼ Autumn Charisma Veteran ride



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55 Riders across the South East took part in 13 classes, 6 of which were qualifiers for the RDA National Champs at Hartpury, Glos in July where HRH The Princess Royal will be in attendance to celebrate 40 years of RDA Carriage Driving 17th – 19th July



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**Sophie Burrow, riding Bisto from Bradbourne Group, salutes the judge at the end of her test**



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**Lucinda Langhorne on Howard at Borde Hill – ©Spidge Photography**



**Jenna Butler-Smith from Pine Ridge Riding School, Knockholt. Winner 1.15m Open Championship at South of England Show 12th June on her horse Gallant Brioche.**



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Thursday 28th May was a lovely sunny day and *NagMag* was privileged to spend some of it watching horses and riders enjoying the brand new outdoor arenas at Brendon Equestrian Centre, Pyecombe in West Sussex

# Hats off to the Brendon Girls

**F**ounded in 1965 by Valerie and her late husband Cyril Light and named after Valerie's first pony – an Exmoor pony from the Brendon Hills, this long established venue for top show jumpers, nestles peacefully in the foothills of the Sussex Downs. Recently it has undergone a transformation with the addition of the beautiful outdoor Paris Arena with link through to the established but newly named Fred Arena. The Paris Arena sits proudly within the natural dip of the Downs and its position entitles it to superior drainage and ride ability. Created by the Light family girls and installed by Andrews Bowen, the arena is a testament to how the family understand the needs of the rider to obtain the best from their mounts. It was in October last year that the Brendon girls initially talked over the idea and with the imagination and passion that runs in their veins, they have made their dream a reality in an incredibly short space of time.

Facilities at Brendon now include; large indoor school; two dressage arenas and two warm up areas, the new Paris Arena features many jumps including water splash, Devils Dyke, derby bank, ditches and steps making it highly desirable for Eventers as well as show jumpers; they even have regular dog agility classes held there.

The day of the first competition held in the new arenas, prompted enthusiastic response from the riders, be it from a discovery class, national qualifier or an open event. They were all there to support the girls and discover



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the new facilities. The Billy Stud brought along a team of horses with William Funnell and other supporters included Alex Hempleman, Shane Breen, Phillip Miller, Charlotte Platt and Robert Whittaker amongst many local and

national names. There was a constant coming and going of horse transporters the like of which has not often been seen.

As well as being an established Equestrian Centre, many of our readers will know the name Brendon as synonymous with many top class horses. It was back in 1983 that the late Cyril Light stood his first stallion, Sussex Diamond out of the infamous King of Diamonds; the second foundation stallion to stand was Magic Motion. Some of the home teams' broodmares of today still carry these bloodlines. Another success was the Belgian bred Maestro Nativio; an International Grade A that was eventually sold abroad.

His progeny Buddy Bunn was winner of the 2004 Hickstead Derby ridden by John Whitaker for Douglas Bunn. These days the names our readers will be more familiar with are Unbelievable Darco, son of Darco and Caretino Glory from the Ramiro line plus the mighty Warrior, ridden by Azerbaijani rider Jamal Rahimov at the 2012 London Olympics.

Shirley and Valerie Light and Ashley Boyce are all qualified AI Technicians, approved by DEFRA AND RCVS and Brendon is set up for collection of fresh and chilled semen, greatly supported by Ed Lyall of the Arundel Equine Hospital. As both producers and sellers, the stallions are offered for sale and although the girls would like to keep them, by selling it gives them the opportunity to bring in new bloodlines and improve the quality of stock. With such a success rate, there is no need to explain how careful they are when it comes to choosing their stallions; they have an eye for a good horse. All stallions at Brendon Stud combine stud and competition work, after all their work, they deserve a little fun whichever way you look at it.

It would seem that the boys may have more fun than the girls, as the work schedule increases with more BS dates planned for the years ahead with affiliated and unaffiliated shows, showing and eventing in the pipeline. The popular indoor school will keep everyone busy in the winter months and there is always the Tack shop for some retail therapy and of course the ongoing business of the Stud. Busy but happy days ahead for the Light girls...bring it on. **NM**



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# South of England Show

## Ardingly, 11 – 13 June 2015



By Stephanie Dewitt

Two showjumping fences from the London 2012 Olympics graced the Ardingly Arena for this year's top competitions. Shane Breen, riding Farao van't Vennehof took top honours in the Sussex Life Area Trial, David McPherson won the International Stairway with his own Gloria van Zuuthoeve and Phillip Miller came first in the Dinnage's Grand Prix on Di Cornish's Hickstead Derby winner, Caritair Z.

In the R R Stevenson's 1.40m Open, nine horses and riders went through to the barrage which took the form of a Take Your Own Line competition where six fences, including one double, had to be jumped against the clock with time added for each fence down. Again, Shane Breen was victorious, this time riding Happy Pleasure.

"This format is seen regularly at HOYS, but it's the first time it's been used here at the South of England Show," said judge, Jane Twemlow. "I think it caught the riders a bit by surprise!"

Esther Rostron won the Side-Saddle Concours d'Elegance riding her chestnut gelding Penstrumbly Our Abram, while the Mid Surrey Drag ran away with the Inter-hunt Relay Cup.

Fittingly, the tune "Hearts of Oak" played as Mrs Carolyn Stevens' heavyweight Anchorman with Melanie Hennah took the championship in the Cuddy Working Hunter final to qualify for the Horse of the Year Show, with Mrs Catherine Benson's EV Bios de Villa d'Este ridden by Rory Gilsenan standing in reserve.

And who could resist the sight of Monty and Winston, the Harvey's heavy horses, imbibing their weekly treat of best bitter? Apparently it's good for their coats and contains some nutrients too! **NM**



Hamish Elder with Harvey's Heavy Horses



Inter Hunt Relay winners – Jane Milan, Suzie Coats, Kate Brooks, Peter Bull – Mid Surrey Drag



▲ Side Saddle Winner – Esther Rostron on Penstrumbly Our Abram

◀ Shane Breen wins 1.40m Open on Happy Pleasure

▶ Working Hunter champion – Melanie Hennah on Anchorman





# Rayleigh & District Show Jumping Show 17th May

**Lily-May Good  
with Ower  
Bellaire**



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**Emily Southwick  
jumping Anastasia**



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Danielle Westlake had a busy day, competing in no less than 5 classes picking up a win in Minimus Horse with Westlake Saskia and placings in Novice, Intermediate and Open with Breeze VIII as well as win in the Pairs with Hannah Marrs on Daisybell.

**Marie Ford jumping  
Eagle Rock**



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Special Novice Pony ended up in an equal 1st place for Daisy Moulton with Fix Up Look Sharp and Hunney Carpenter with Moeltryfan Skydancer. Special Novice Horse went to Emily Southwick and Anastasia. The Intermediate sections, jumping a course of 2'9" fences was won by Olivia Smith with Crown Jewel in the pony section and Allie Martison with Eagle Rock Amber in the horses. Eagle Rock Amber rounded off the day with another win, this time with Marie Ford in the Allcomers Open. **NM**

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**Olivia Smith  
jumping  
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## Isabelle Black



### Isabelle Black Truly Adored

Isabelle Black has only owned 14.1h, 7 year-old bay cob 'The Life of Ryley' since September 2014 but they have already "won numerous competitions", 14 year-old Isabelle told us. They won the 75cm show jumping at Bury Farm in May to qualify for the Grand Tour Show Jumping Championships. "My passion is show jumping but plan to take part in some eventing. Ryley is only 7 but he's already come so on so far since I got him, he is truly adored by his rider. I can't wait for the future ahead and to go to the Sunshine Tour."

## Chantelle Evans



### Chantelle Evans

The best Birthday present ever!

24 year-old Chantelle Evans, who works full time at National Counties Building Society has never looked back since her 18th birthday present turned out to be a 16hh Hackney/Cob cross called 'Danny'. "I've been a member of Chipstead Riding Club since I was very little and I always loaned ponies, but now I compete Danny (The Rockstar) in all disciplines and he's been an amazing horse. I bought my second horse 'Twiglet' (Ayemkay Moonman of Mars) as a 3 year-old and have produced him myself. He's Warmblood/Irish Draught cross and now stands at 16.3hh, we've just qualified for our first Riding Club 80 Horse Trials, completing on our dressage of 22.5! I'm really looking forward to competing at the Sunshine Tour Championships."

## Fiona Earle



### Fiona Earle

Happy Hacker to Competition Success

Fiona Earle from Hampshire bought her 14.2hh 7 year old coloured cob 'Alfie' 2 years ago as a happy hacker, "After a couple of in hand shows we caught the competing bug and progressed to doing a few ridden shows at the end of last season. We've also done a handful of Intro Dressage tests now and a couple of Prelims, but the canter work needs a lot of improvement!"

Fiona and Alfie have qualified for the Sunshine Tour Combined Training Championship, "I popped a few jumps at home in the field and Alf seemed to love it, so I thought we'd give combined training a go. It's a great discipline for Alf as he's not built for speed, so jumping without being against the clock means we can have fun and still be competitive. After an outing to Crofton Manor on 17 May, Alf and I have now also qualified for ridden cobs and my old boy, Toby has qualified for Ridden Veterans."

## Florence Molloy



### Florence Molloy Growing Up Together

15 year-old Florence Molloy, from Buckinghamshire heard about The Sunshine Tour from her friend, Natalie Shiel who qualified for show jumping at Bury Farm in March. Florence is very excited that she will be joining Natalie at Hickstead in the 85cm and 90cm jumping after having qualified her 14.2hh 10 year old pony Foxhill Jet at Patchetts on a personal qualifier card. "I bought my pony Jet 2 years ago, he's absolutely amazing. He has taken me from doing 80cm courses to now jumping around 1m courses and winning with very tight corners, I would never think about doing that a few years ago! We are now competing in some ODE's as well. I couldn't ask for a better pony and he's always so willing. I'm very pleased to say that we have qualified for the Sunshine Tour UK so we have a lot to look forward to this year. I'm so proud of him and I couldn't ask for a better best friend!"



As we move into July, the competition season is well and truly in full swing. Registrations are continuing to flood into the Sunshine Tour offices and competitors are making travel plans, camping plans and of course party plans for the Hickstead weekend. The schedule is about to be published with full details of all championship classes, stabling arrangements and warm up opportunities. Make sure you have registered your qualification to receive your official championship booking form.

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<b>Thurs 16th</b>	Mark Wildish Clinic 9am
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### SATURDAY JULY 4TH

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- **Bsja** – Sparsholt College HAMPSHIRE
- **Moli Affil Dressage** – (High Inc Music), Cobham Manor EC KENT
- **Cross Country Hire** – Lodge Farm KENT
- **Day 1 Dressage Championship** – Pachesham EC SURREY
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- **2 Goal Tournament** – Lower Lake ground Knepp Castle SUSSEX
- **Summer Open Showing Show** – Coombelands Equestrian SUSSEX

### SUNDAY JULY 5TH

- **Horse Show** – Inhams Lane, Denmead HAMPSHIRE
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- **Dressage** – Chelsfield Equestrian Centre KENT
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- **Summer Tournament Final Day** – Ham Polo Club, SURREY
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- **Fitness Core Stability and Suppleness Lesson** – Quob Stables Equestrian Centre HAMPSHIRE
- **Showjumping clinics** – Oldenraig EC SURREY

### TUESDAY JULY 7TH

- **Rogate Day Clinic** – Rogate Equestrian Centre HAMPSHIRE
- **Dressage Training Day** – Capricorn Equestrian KENT
- **Chris Moyce Jumping Clinic** – Cobham Manor EC KENT
- **Evening Racing** – Brighton Racecourse SUSSEX
- **Dressage clinic** – with Robbie Carpenter, Belmoredean SUSSEX

### WEDNESDAY JULY 8TH

- **Bsja** – Unaff evening dressage – Cobham Manor EC KENT
- **Cross Country Hire** – Lodge Farm KENT
- **Flat Racing** – Lingfield Park Racecourse SURREY

### THURSDAY JULY 9TH

- **Thursday Evening Clear Round** – Duckurst Farm KENT
- **July Evening Racing** – Epsom Downs Racecourse SURREY
- **Flatwork clinics** – Oldenraig Equestrian Centre Ltd SURREY

### FRIDAY JULY 10TH

- **Take Back The Reins** – Mount Mascal Stables KENT
- **Dubai Trophy Semi Finals (evening games)** – Ham Polo Club, Ground 1 SURREY

### SATURDAY JULY 11TH

- **BD Dressage** – Blue Barn Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Unaff Dressage Competition** – Capricorn Equestrian KENT
- **BYRDS & Senior dressage training** – Cobham Manor EC KENT
- **Lodge Farm Cross Country Hire** – Lodge Farm KENT
- **Area 13/London/South East Qualifiers** – Burstow Park Equestrian Centre SURREY
- **Show Jumping** – Pachesham Equestrian Centre SURREY
- **Spring league matches** – Ham Polo Club, Jubilee Ground SURREY
- **The Chakravarty Charity Polo** – Ham Polo Club, Ground 1 SURREY
- **Ladies Trophy** – Sussex Polo Summer Polo Grounds RH10 4NH SUSSEX
- **Gentleman's Trophy** – Sussex Polo Summer Polo Grounds RH10 4NH SUSSEX
- **3-A-Side** – Lower Lake ground Knepp Castle SUSSEX
- **International Ladies Tournament** – Lower Lake ground Knepp Castle SUSSEX
- **BRC Summer area dressage qualifier** – Rackham, Pulborough, RH20 2EY SUSSEX
- **Ashdown Forest Sponsored Ride** – Pippingford Park, Millbrook Hill SUSSEX

### SUNDAY JULY 12TH

- **BS Sunday** – Cobham Manor Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Summer Open Show** – Bookham RC Showfield SURREY
- **Invitational Day, Peter Pitts I** – Ham Polo Club, SURREY
- **Ladies Trophy** – Sussex Polo Summer Polo Grounds RH10 4NH SUSSEX
- **Gentleman's Trophy** – Sussex Polo Summer Polo Grounds RH10 4NH SUSSEX
- **3-A-Side** – Lower Lake ground Knepp Castle SUSSEX
- **Int Ladies Tournament** – Lower Lake ground Knepp Castle SUSSEX
- **Affil BS 2nd Round Discovery** – Coombelands Equestrian RH20 1BQ SUSSEX

### MONDAY JULY 13TH

- **Moli Affiliated Dressage** – Cobham Manor EC KENT
- **Showjumping clinics** – Oldenraig EC SURREY

### WEDNESDAY JULY 15TH

- **Lodge Farm Cross Country Hire** – Lodge Farm KENT
- **Dressage & SJ Classes & Clear Round** – GBEC SURREY
- **Flat Racing** – Lingfield Park Racecourse SURREY
- **International Show** – Bodiam International Arena SUSSEX

### THURSDAY JULY 16TH

- **Thursday Evening Clear Round** – Duckurst Farm KENT
- **July Evening Racing** – Epsom Downs Racecourse SURREY
- **Flatwork clinics** – Oldenraig EC SURREY
- **International Show** – Bodiam International Arena SUSSEX

### FRIDAY JULY 17TH

- **Take Back The Reins** – Mount Mascal Stables KENT
- **Full Day Picnic Hack** – Chelsfield Equestrian Centre KENT
- **British Dressage & Unaff Dressage** – Oldenraig EC SURREY
- **0 Goal Tournament** – Lower Lake ground Knepp Castle SUSSEX
- **International Show** – Bodiam International Arena SUSSEX

### SATURDAY JULY 18TH

- **Cross Country Hire** – Lodge Farm KENT
- **BE** – Eridge Park KENT
- **Flat Racing Evening** – Lingfield Park Racecourse SURREY
- **Spring league matches** – Ham Polo Club SURREY
- **County Polo** – Sussex Polo Summer Polo Grounds SUSSEX
- **Chairmans Trophy 0 Goal Tournament** – Lower Lake ground Knepp Castle SUSSEX
- **International Show** – Bodiam International Arena SUSSEX

### SUNDAY JULY 19TH

- **Summer Dressage & Combined Training Series** – Mount Mascal Stables KENT
- **Leanne Wall** – Polework For The Dressage Horse, Capricorn Equestrian KENT
- **Show Jumping** – Cobham Manor Equestrian Centre KENT
- **BE** – Eridge Park KENT
- **Show Jumping** – Cobham Manor Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Showing Show & Veteran Regionals** – GBEC SURREY
- **American Pleasure Horse Show** – Pachesham EC SURREY
- **Edward Tauchert Trophy** – Ham Polo Club, SURREY
- **Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup** – Sussex Polo Summer Polo Grounds SUSSEX
- **GOLD CUP - Cowdray** – Lower Lake ground Knepp Castle SUSSEX
- **International Show** – Bodiam International Arena SUSSEX
- **South East Area Show** – Eastlands Livery Yard SUSSEX
- **Selsey Derby Jumping** – Selsey SUSSEX
- **Unaff Show Jumping** – Coombelands Equestrian SUSSEX

### MONDAY JULY 20TH

- **Showjumping Clinics** – Oldenraig EC SURREY

### WEDNESDAY JULY 22ND

- **BD Dressage** – Blue Barn Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Cross Country Hire** – Lodge Farm KENT
- **Flat Racing** – Lingfield Park Racecourse SURREY

### THURSDAY JULY 23RD

- **Thursday Evening Clear Round** – Duckurst Farm KENT
- **Flatwork clinics** – Oldenraig EC SURREY
- **Affil BS Category 2** – Coombelands Equestrian SUSSEX

### FRIDAY JULY 24TH

- **Dressage Training Day** – Capricorn Equestrian KENT
- **BD & Unaff Dressage** – Oldenraig EC SURREY
- **Dubai Trophy Final** – Ham Polo Club, Ground 1 SURREY
- **3-A-Side** – Lower Lake ground Knepp Castle SUSSEX
- **4 Goal Tournament** – Lower Lake ground Knepp Castle SUSSEX
- **Evening Summer Dressage Series** – Wilton House SUSSEX

### SATURDAY JULY 25TH

- **Cross Country Hire** – Lodge Farm KENT
- **Show Jumping** – Bookham RC Showfield SURREY
- **Flat Racing Evening** – Lingfield Park Racecourse SURREY
- **Be** – Borde Hill, Haywards Heath, RH16 1XP SUSSEX
- **3-a-side** – Sussex Polo Summer Polo Grounds RH10 4NH SUSSEX
- **4 Goal Tournament** – Lower Lake ground Knepp Castle SUSSEX
- **Summer Fun Derby** – Golden Cross EC BN27 3SS SUSSEX
- **Unaff Show Jumping** – Coombelands Equestrian SUSSEX
- **Affil BS Category 1** – Coombelands Equestrian SUSSEX
- **Dressage clinic** – with Robbie Carpenter, Belmoredean SUSSEX

### SUNDAY JULY 26TH

- **Chipstead RC Summer Show** – Pachesham EC SURREY
- **Ham vs Accra PC** – Ham Polo Club, Ground 1 SURREY
- **Ham vs Newport PC** – Ham Polo Club, Ground 1 SURREY
- **Quatros Amigos** – Ham Polo Club, Ground 1 SURREY
- **Be** – Borde Hill, Haywards Heath, RH16 1XP SUSSEX
- **Audi International** – Sussex Polo Summer Polo Grounds SUSSEX
- **International - Guards** – Lower Lake ground Knepp Castle SUSSEX
- **Showing Show** – Bramble Hill Farm SUSSEX
- **Summer Fun Derby** – Golden Cross EC BN27 3SS SUSSEX

### MONDAY JULY 27TH

- **Ann Berry Jumping Clinic** – Cobham Manor EC KENT
- **Showjumping Clinics** – Oldenraig EC SURREY

### TUESDAY JULY 28TH

- **Pony Day** – Riding Farm Equestrian Centre KENT
- **BS Tuesday** – Cobham Manor Equestrian Centre KENT

### WEDNESDAY JULY 29TH

- **Pony Day** – Riding Farm Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Unaff Eve Showjumping** – Cobham Manor EC KENT
- **Cross Country Hire** – Lodge Farm KENT
- **Dressage & SJ Classes & Clear Round** – GBEC SURREY

### THURSDAY JULY 30TH

- **Pony Day** – Riding Farm Equestrian Centre KENT
- **Thursday Evening Clear Round** – Duckurst Farm KENT
- **Evening Racing** – Epsom Downs Racecourse SURREY
- **Clear Round Jumping** – Bookham RC Showfield SURREY
- **Flatwork clinics** – Oldenraig EC SURREY

### FRIDAY JULY 31ST

- **Pony Day** – Riding Farm Equestrian Centre KENT
- **British Dressage & Unaffiliated Dressage** – Oldenraig Equestrian Centre Ltd SURREY



On behalf of the Society of Master Saddlers, Master Saddler and Qualified Saddle Fitter, Kay Hastilow provides advice when it comes to frequently asked questions on fitting a pony saddle

**T**here are two main issues with fitting saddles to ponies. The first is preventing the saddle sliding up the pony's neck which will lead to the back of the saddle bouncing and the pony being unhappy. The second is that sometimes the riders are tall or generally large for the pony so getting a saddle that is large enough with big enough flaps without swamping the pony can be challenging.

## 1) Is a deeper seat, or a more open seat, better when it comes to improving the position of the rider?

With regard to deeper or more open seat being the best for improving the position of the rider - it depends. If the rider is quite broad, a wider flatter seat will be more comfortable and allow the rider to sit better, whilst if the rider is slim the deeper, narrower seat might be best. However, it is essential that the tree of the saddle is suitable for the pony. If it is a narrow backed thoroughbred type, too broad a seat will not be supported and may move. It will not distribute the rider's weight as you would wish. Likewise, too narrow a seat on a broad backed pony may not sit securely in to the back, so allowing the saddle to tip and rock, whilst the rider may feel perched above the pony.

## 2) Is a saddle with a wider gullet better for ponies (which tend to be rounder, and flatter-backed with less well-defined shoulders and withers)

It is imperative that the front width fitting, as well as the shape of the tree in general is correct for the pony. Too wide and the saddle will tip forward, causing considerable pressure and discomfort in the area behind the pony's shoulders. The back of the saddle will lift and bounce, also causing discomfort. Too narrow a tree can tip the saddle back, causing pressure under the back of the saddle. Also, the saddle may well 'run forward' on to the neck. Part of the tree called the side rails (the bit that narrows under your leg before broadening out into the seat) must also be of a suitable angle and have a suitable width between them. Too close together and angled and the saddle will rock, too far apart and the saddle might come on to the spine.



## 3) How can one avoid choosing a saddle that slips side to side/rides up the neck and causes problem with bridging?

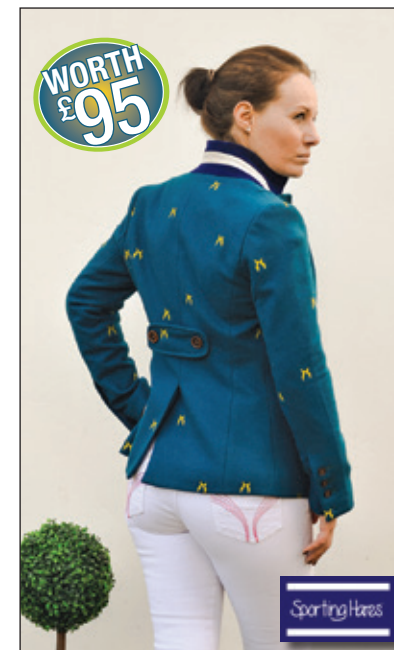
The best way of avoiding a saddle that rolls to one side, rides up the neck or bridges is to use, whenever possible, the services of a SMS Qualified Saddle Fitter. They will know, by assessing the pony and rider, the style, shape and size that will do the trick. Some saddles now come with several positions of girth straps and this can help the saddle fitter to overcome any conformation difficulties that may cause these actions.

## 4) How does one get around the difficulty of finding a saddle that fits the rider (e.g. adult pony riders that may have a larger bottom!) but still fits the pony's back whilst allowing for the length of leg (i.e. has flaps that are suitable for either a long legged or short legged child (or adult))?

Here in the UK we are very lucky in that saddle makers will make what we ask them for. We can get a tree from them and try this on the pony then build a saddle to suit both rider and pony. Failing that, there are now several 'teenagers' style saddles available in 16in and 16.5in - these tend to have a slightly broader seat and longer flap length, which will also suit the small adult. **NM**

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22-year-old Sussex rider Yazmin Pinchen hailed "the biggest win of my career" after a superlative display saw her crowned Redrow Grand Prix champion at the Ashford Farm CSI\*\*\*\* Bolesworth International.

## Let's hear it for Sussex rider

**Y**azmin delivered three clear rounds aboard the 12-year-old chestnut gelding Van De Vivaldi, owned by her mother Nancy, to power home and claim a £19,800 top prize.

Despite being the youngest rider among a 49-strong field, Yazmin displayed impressive composure as last to go in a four horse jump-off alongside Trevor Breen, John Whitaker and Keith Shore.

With the other riders having collected jump-off faults, Yazmin knew a clear round would be enough to claim one of British showjumping's most prestigious prizes, and she delivered in style.

And her career looks set to go from strength, with selection now confirmed in the Great Britain team that will contest next month's Nations Cup event in Falsterbo, Sweden.

Trevor Breen finished second on Oldtown KC, collecting £12,000, with John Whitaker and Lord of Arabia third.

"John Renwick has been helping me, and he just said to stick to my plan and focus on going clear," said Yazmin.

"I have got a bit of an issue with my adrenalin taking over sometimes! Going last in the jump-off was the best thing ever. There was a lot more pressure, but I knew I just had to go clear.

"Luckily for me, I have had experience of jumping a few Global Champions Tour events, and it has given me more confidence. I know my horses can do it, it's just all down to me being positive.

"This is the

biggest win of my career. The horse is such a sweetheart, really. I have had him for a long time, and I have got a really good relationship with him. I just want to keep going and proving to everyone that I can do it. It is just about carrying on and being consistent."

John Whitaker, praised the skills of course builders Bob Ellis and Kelvin Bywater, whose track tested riders all the way through.

"The course caused its share of problems all the way around, which is good, and the sign of good course-builders. It was a tough test," he said.

There was also an impressive display by Britain's world number one Scott Brash, who produced some majestic riding with Hello Forever to finish fifth, guiding the horse through two rounds of jumping with brilliant precision and accuracy.

But it was not to be for most of a star-studded international field, including defending Bolesworth grand prix champion William Whitaker or an in-form Robert Whitaker, who had three fences down aboard Catwalk IV. **NM**

