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ISLAND HUNT PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER CHRISTMAS 2009

The parents AGM took place on Wednesday 25th November at the Courtyard, Ferns. A number of changes to the committee took place. Kathleen Denby after many years of service has resigned from the position as DC but will remain on as a member of the committee. Majella Scully has stood down as Treasurer. This position is now filled by Gillian Goland. Christian O'Morochoe has also resigned as Secretary and will be replaced by Ruth Somerville. Five new parents were also welcomed onto the committee; Eleanor Montague, Patricia Carton, Debbie Stammers, Ruth Daunt and Liam O'Leary.

A huge thank you to Kathleen, Christian, and Majella for all their work over the years.

What's happening over the Christmas holidays:

THE ISLANDS ON ICE ! A slot has been booked for the Island Hunt Pony club at the ice rink in Pirate's Cove, Courtown on Fri December 18th at 8pm. The cost is 10 euro per head. Warm clothes and thick socks are recommended. All family members are welcome, mams and dads too ! Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Please ring Ruth on 053 91 36639 to book your place, no later than Monday 14th December.

The Island Hunt children's meet will take place on 28th December at 12pm in Camolin Woods. This is a children only hunt but parents are welcome to accompany younger children. It is a great day out for all so do make an effort to come along.

Annual ride out at Brian Maguires, Ballycanew will take place on Sunday 3rd January. **Please be mounted by 2pm.** This rideout is always great fun and all levels will be catered for. Donations on the day to Riding for the Disabled. Light

refreshments will be served afterwards. Contact John for directions and more information.

A mini, midi, maxi show jumping day will take place at Michael Condon's, Monageer on Weds 30th December starting with the mini's at 11am. All levels are welcome, and jumps can be adjusted for individuals. Following this there will be the Denby Derby which is fun pairs jumping. A younger and older member will team up together to see who can jump the maximum number of jumps within a time frame. Pairs will be allocated on the day. This was tremendous fun last year so we would ask as many members as possible to participate. All profits from this day will be donated to the Gambia Fund Appeal. One of our members, Joan Foxton, will be travelling to Gambia with her school in February and is keen to raise as much as possible for this worthy cause.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please note: Membership for 2010 is now up for renewal and **must be paid in full** before taking part in any pony club activity in 2010. This is to comply with Irish Pony Club insurance regulations. **Please complete the enclosed renewal form** and post to Ruth Somerville, Moneyboe, Oulart, Gorey, Co Wexford.

The committee would like to thank all parents who helped throughout the year with camp and events etc. Without your help it would not have been possible to run the pony club. **THANK YOU**

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.*



We hope to have an **Island Hunt website** up and running in the New Year. This will be of huge benefit to all members.

- Get all newsletters online, saving money on postage and printing.
- Any updates regarding lessons, rallies etc can be viewed straight away.
- Text alerts will be sent to all letting them know to check for new information on website making sure everyone is completely up to date with pony club activities.

Those who do not have internet access will be posted information as normal. **If you do not have internet access, please phone John on 053 9136639 and you will be put on the mailing list.**

Island Hunt Christmas Meets

Sat 26th Dec - Craanford at 12pm

Tuesday 29th Dec - The Ballagh at 12pm

Thurs 31st - Cahore at 12pm

Sat 2nd Jan - Tombrack at 12pm

Tues 5th Jan - Ballindaggin at 12pm

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Sun 6th December - Wexford Hunt Branch Show Jumping at Horetown House at 11a.m. Entry fee 10 euro.

Classes: 1. Beginners of any age. 2. Riders under 12. 3. Riders under 14. 4. Riders under 16. 5. Open. All ages as on the 01/01/09. Best turned out for each competition. Fancy dress Competition with a Christmas Theme for the under 12's. This will be held after under 14 jumping ends.

Sat 19th December - Killinick Pony Club Beach Ride at Carne starting at 10.30. Cost 10 euro.

Monday 28th December - Wexford Hunt Branch Table Quiz and Disco in the Horse and Hound, Ballinaboola. 7.30pm to Midnight. Entry fee 10 euro.

Sunday 17th January - Wexford Hunt Branch Show Jumping at Horetown House at 11 am. Entry 10 euro. Classes as before. Best turned out for all competitions.

Sunday 28th February - Wexford Hunt Branch Hunter Trials at Cushinstown (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs B Donovan). Start time 10 am sharp. Weather permitting.

Entry 15 euro for all classes.

Classes 1. Senior Singles

2. Teams of three

3. Senior pairs (u23s)

5. Intermediate singles (u15s)

4. Intermediate pairs (u15s)

6. Junior pairs

7. Junior singles (U12s)

Sunday 28th March - Wexford Hunt Branch Hunter trials at Cushinstown (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs B Donovan) Start time 10 am sharp. Classes as above.

Provisional date for Irish Pony Club Hunter Trials Championships, Sat 10th April.