

## **COLLEGE FARM PONY CLUB - Centre Membership**

The Pony Club is an international voluntary youth organisation for those interested in ponies and riding. It was founded in England in 1929 and is now represented in 15 countries and has a membership exceeding 100,000. A vast majority of the most successful riders in all equestrian disciplines have been members of The Pony Club.

### ***The objectives are:***

To encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding.

To provide instruction in riding and horsemanship and to instill in members the proper care of their animals.

To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.

Centre membership operates in conjunction with established Branch membership where a member may join one of 364 Branches around the country; these currently have a membership in excess of 37,000.

Centre membership is open to anyone under 21 years of age who does not own a pony. Members pay an annual subscription and receive instruction at a linked Riding Centre, this subscription constitutes membership of the Club as a whole and includes 3rd party insurance. There are linked Riding Centres throughout the UK and the membership scheme at a Centre is administered by the Proprietor.

The affairs of The Pony Club are managed by The Pony Club Council with Headquarters at the National Agricultural Centre. Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2RW.

Centre membership allows the opportunity for a Member to learn more about riding and horse and pony care. Members are encouraged to take an interest in their work and improve their knowledge by working toward gaining Achievement Badges (there are 20 covering a range of subjects) and Pony

Club Tests up to 'C' Standard, which would include passing the Road Safety Achievement Badge.

For further information see the web site of the Pony Club at [www.pony-club.org.uk](http://www.pony-club.org.uk)

### **JOIN THE PONY CLUB WITHOUT OWNING A HORSE**

A new initiative by the UK Pony Club has created membership for children who do not own their own pony. This membership will be based at local Riding Schools, and **College Farm Equestrian Centre** is a Pony Club Centre. Membership of this new scheme will allow its members to experience most of the benefits available to pony-owning Pony Club Members. We can offer pony club members the opportunity of training for and taking Pony Club tests up to and including "C" Test and all of the twenty achievement badges, in addition to Pony Club Riding & Road Safety Test/Achievement Badge Members can also enter the Dengie Winter Show Jumping Competitions. Centre members have many other benefits of the Pony Club membership, including third party insurance and discounted rates for pony club members. The scheme is designed specifically for non-pony owners and will work closely with the local branch of the Pony Club.

Centre membership is currently £20 per annum. There are dismounted rallies at **College Farm Equestrian Centre** on Saturdays and Sundays 12.45 - 2.00pm at a cost of £4.50 (£2.50 for additional siblings)

Dates for this term start February 2011

To join children must ride at College Farm Equestrian Centre at least once per week.

For further details contact the Pony Club, NAC Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warks CV8 2RW