



On the Hoof by Charlotte Baker

LOCAL rider and dressage judge **Charlotte Baker** takes a monthly look at the New Forest equestrian scene

Pilley performance horse back on top after eye removal

A PERFORMANCE horse has shown there is life after uveitis, despite losing an eye to the devastating condition.

Lusitano gelding Tetua has performed with Pilley-based owner Patrick Kempe for years, taking the lead in the London New Year's Day parade and numerous other performances.

The 18-year-old gelding is still active and features in liberty performances; however what started as a weeping eye soon developed into a more serious condition.

Patrick said: "We took him

to Seadown Vets in Hythe and uveitis was diagnosed. The necessary drops to treat it were impossible to deliver accurately into the damaged eye, so he had to have a lavage tube.

"The treatment seemed successful at first, but after two months the same situation re-occurred.

"We were told by eye specialist Kate McMorris that the lavage was unlikely to provide permanent relief and were advised the damaged left eye should be removed."

He continued: "I was shocked and devastated, but understood it was the most sensible



Patrick and Tetua with Seadown head nurse Ali Church

solution. Kate carried out the operation and did it so neatly.

"Since recovery, he has adapted amazingly well - I have been the more nervous! Riding out on the Forest has been no problem, over time he's enjoyed a little jumping and since his op he has continued to give displays and has enjoyed life to the full.

"The only risk factor is that if I am on his blind side and he turns his head to look at me, I

have to duck to get out of the way!"

Seadown partner Kate McMorris said: "Removal of an eye is always a last resort but in a blind and painful eye it is often the best option for the horse.

"It now rarely involves a full general anaesthetic, so is a much safer procedure than it used to be, and most horses go back to their previous working life."



Tetua performing in a demonstration

EVENTS DIARY

Sunday 22nd July: Dressage competition, Intro-Elem - Woodington Training Centre, East Wellow; email heather.ashley@woodingtontrainingcentre.co.uk

Saturday 28th July: Fleetwater Stud Cross-Country Schooling Day - Minstead, nr Lyndhurst; call 023 8081 2534.

Sunday 5th August: Lionhearts Show - New Park, Brockenhurst; email andreadymott@hotmail.com

Sunday 5th August: Cadnam Show - Ringwood Road, Bartley; email hazel@cadnamshow.co.uk

Saturday 11th August: Ellingham and Ringwood Show - Somerley Park; go to www.ellinghamshow.co.uk

Sunday 12th August: Dressage competition, Intro-Elem - Woodington Training Centre, East Wellow; email heather.ashley@woodingtontrainingcentre.co.uk

Sunday 19th August: Sandylock Show - Southampton Road, Fordingbridge; email rowan.lockyer63@btinternet.com

Sunday 19th August: Cadnam Show - Ringwood Road, Bartley; email hazel@cadnamshow.co.uk

Friday 24th August: Homestead showjumping - Longdown; email becksheen@hotmail.com

Saturday 25th August, Monday 27th August: New Forest Pony Annual Breed Show - New Park, Brockenhurst; email hilary.palmer@gmail.com

Equifun team back with new event

THE organisers of a charity equine obstacle competition that has raised thousands over the years are back with a new event for 2018.

Equifun's 'Night at the Circus' event will be held on Saturday 15th September, featuring local band Kings of the Weekend, circus cuisine and a late-night DJ.

The new addition to the Equifun team's fundraising schedule comes after organisers decided to host the equine obstacle competition every other year.

Organiser Faine Jordan said: "The Equifun horse event will

be back in 2019, but we still wanted to keep fundraising for Oakhaven Hospice.

"We'd love it if our wonderful supporters could join us for this new event - a night of fun and frolics at our pre-1930s circus-themed extravaganza."

The event will be held at Marlwood House in Sway and early bird tickets are available at a price of £35 before 31st July, and £40 thereafter.

For more details, search for 'Equifun's Night at the Circus' on Facebook or email equifun2015@outlook.com

Victory for NF juniors

NEW Forest Riding Club's junior 70cm team took the top spot in the British Riding Clubs area showjumping qualifier.

On a hot day at Moreton Equestrian Centre, Rosie Lennox, Lana Holmes, Molly Hutton and Isabel Aldred (pictured) rode consistently well to win the class, while their 90cm counterparts took 2nd and 3rd place respectively.

Individual Kerry Tyrrell won the style jumping competition and also came 2nd in the 90cm class.



Two new books for local equine author

CHILDREN'S fiction writer Monica Fulford has brought out two new books in her 'Forest Adventures' series.

Forest Summer focuses on three sisters who spend their holidays with ponies in the Forest and prepare to compete in the local gymkhana.

Forest Festivities is set at Christmas and all the adventures in the winter - it even features the Boxing Day point-to-point.

Both books are prequels to Monica's previous first publication *Forest Rustlers*, and are aimed at children aged eight to 12.

All three titles can be bought via her Facebook page 'Mica Ford - Forest Adventures' or at the Handmade New Forest shops, Setley Ridge Farm Shop and Foxlease Girlguiding Centre.

PROFILE

THIS month we speak to Kimberley from Equihub, a bespoke equine services business covering the New Forest and Dorset.

Tell us about the background of your business

I've always had a love for horses, and coming from a strong management background, I am used to being organised and having structure.

I thought there was a bit of a missing niche for someone who could do the horse jobs that people don't always want to or have time to do, like mucking out or poo-picking.

I started thinking about it when I booked a holiday and wondered who I would leave my horse with.

There are lots of people out there who will ride your horse, but not so many providing the full range of services.

What do you offer? What is unique about your business?

We pride ourselves on the flexibility of our service - we can look after your horse when you're on holiday, if you're ill or simply running late.

We always try to accommodate clients in an emergency

and will do all equine-related tasks, such as mucking out, rug changes, field checks and ragwort pulling. We will even accompany clients on foot when they go hacking, perhaps if the horse is nervous or green.

Our service is bespoke to the clients' needs and we cover a wide geographical area including the New Forest, Ringwood, Southampton and surrounding areas.

We've been going for three years and there are four people in the team.

Do you have any upcoming plans or developments?

We are looking to expand geographically and ultimately it would be great to develop an app for the business.

But really I want to maintain a good standard and get our brand better established and well-known.

Once you give a client confidence that you will care for their horse as if it were your own, they will pay for that service.

Contact details
Search 'Equihub' on Facebook and message the team.

OUT & ABOUT



Coombe Stables Riding School

Whether you are a complete beginner or more experienced, we cater for your needs, with open forest 5 minutes ride up the road. There will be a Saturday club for children as well as group and individual lessons during the week.

For more information about Coombe Stables email info@coombeestables.com or call 07989 971865

Norris & Sons

NORRIS & Sons of Beaulieu is a family owned firm staffed by friendly and knowledgeable people. Open 7 days a week with ample free parking. Stocking many types of animal feeds and bedding. Not only for farm and equine, but pets too.

Our philosophy is to keep your animals fed, fit and healthy. Dengie, Baileys, Dodson & Horrel, Top Spec, Spillers and many more. We also stock country clothing, boots and accessories along with firearms and ammunition. Our brands stocked include Barbour, Dubarry, Le Chateau, Percussion and Dublin. We offer a delivery service to your door or stable. We have a Master Saddler who does site visits and stock a large range of tack.

So whether you want something for your pet dog, cat, rabbit, guinea pig, goat, horse, pig, sheep or cow, come and visit us.



Aivly Your One Stop Pet, Feed & Tack Shop

AIVLY is an award winning, family owned and run pet shop, feed store, tack shop & country store based on the edge of the New Forest in Ringwood, Hampshire. Split over two levels, the one stop shop stocks a massive selection of goods including feed, bedding and accessories for pets as well as a massive selection of riding equipment for both horse and rider. The shop boasts an onsite warehouse is home to a massive selection feed and bedding for both the horse and small holder, customers can also benefit from a helpful carry-to-car service.

Customers can take advantage of professional safety fittings, free all day parking, an onsite coffee shop, a free local feed & bedding delivery service and fully trained knowledgeable and experienced staff. This independent shop offers a truly unique shopping experience which is teamed with a personal touch and an outstanding level of customer service.

Pop in and visit us 7 days a week, shop online at www.aivly.co.uk, or call us on 01425 472341.

A family-run riding school offering lessons to both children and adults is now open. Fay will run the stables with the help of her daughter Maria Gozney and another instructor. After hearing Flanders Farm riding stables in Hordle was closing, Fay acquired nine of their horses and ponies.



Eastmoors Riding School

BEAUTIFUL off road Forest trekking suitable for all abilities from the total beginner to the advanced rider. Stunning woodland scenery riding amongst deer and buzzards!

Absolutely no roadwork required. Children welcome and lessons available. A good selection of well cared for horses and ponies. Friendly, professional staff who will

put you at ease!

Ample parking available at the Shamba Campsite. Please call 07904 902188 for more information and to book. Visit our website at www.eastmoorsridingschool.com and find us on Facebook for monthly offers and updates www.facebook.com/eastmoorsridingschool



Ford Farm Stables

FORD farm stables have all sizes of ponies from tiny shetlands to large horses (weight limit 14 stone) offering half hr pony rides onto the forest from 4 years upwards. Hacks for experienced riders go for 1, 1^{1/2} or 2 hours, longer by arrangement, in small groups (max 6) with 2 escorts.

Daily lessons are offered as well as the rides out with instructors including Caroline Crowhurst, Fe-

licia Harvey, Moira London. Children's group lessons available after school and weekends, and adult group lessons available in the mornings and evenings

Throughout the holidays we have kids, camps and fun days open to all, these book up fast, booking forms available from our facebook page ford farm stables or ring 07503507324 or pop in to meet us.

Call 07904 902188 for bookings

- Direct woodland hacking for all abilities with no road work!
- Lessons available for adults and children.
- Total beginners always welcome!
- Part and full livery packages catered for.
- Friendly, experienced staff to put you at ease!
- Find us on Facebook for regular news and deals!

St. Leonards BH24 2SB • www.eastmoorsridingschool.com



Dengie BEDMAX **JAMES WELLS** **SKINNERS** **FAIRFAX & FAVOR**
CHUDLEYS **ARIAT** **Barbour**

Country Attire • Equine • Poultry
Pets • Smallholder • Feed store

FREE Parking **OPEN** 7 Days **FULLY** Trained Staff

Aivly

Crow Lane, Ringwood, BH24 3EA • 01425 472341 • www.aivly.co.uk

Enjoy the freedom of the Forest

FOREST RIDES LESSONS & LIVERIES

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES OPEN TO ALL

- July 30th/31st July & 1st Aug Kids' Summer Camp
- 9th Aug - Fun Pony Day
- 16th Aug Pole Work & Jumping
- 20th/21st/22nd Aug Mini Kids Camp

Please book all activities in advance

01590 623043 / 07503 507324
info@fordfarmstables.co.uk

Offering a Kids' Club on a Saturday

The children will have an hour's riding lesson along with fun games and Stable management.

All abilities welcome. Private and group lessons with a lot more on over the Summer.

We are now fully open. Please follow us on facebook Coombe Stables to see all the latests news on what's on.

Coombe Lane, Sway, Lymington SO41 6BP | 07989 971865

Norris & Sons (2011) Ltd

Feed Merchants & Saddlers

Keeping your animals Fit, Fed & Healthy

AGRICULTURAL MERCHANTS
COUNTRY CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR
EQUESTRIAN CLOTHING • SHOOTING & ACCESSORIES

EVERYTHING FOR HORSE & RIDER

Bulk feed / bedding delivery service

- We have a full range of turnout, stable, show and fly rugs, coolers and fleeces.
- Qualified Hat and Body Protector fitters

As a Registered Firearms Dealer we stock a range of Shooting Equipment, Clothing and Cartridges

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK: Mon-Fri 8.30am-5.30pm
Sat 9am-5.30pm • Sun 10am-4pm

Home Farm • Palace Lane • Beaulieu • SO42 7YG
01590 612215 • www.norrisofbeaulieu.co.uk