

**OLD BERKELEY HUNT (SOUTH)
BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB**

EVENTER CHALLENGE COMPETITION

OPEN TO ADULTS AS WELL AS NON-PONY CLUB MEMBERS

SUNDAY, 27TH APRIL 2025

**MERRIST WOOD EQUINE ARENA
Holly Lane. Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey, GU3 3PE**

PHOTOGRAPHER

PARAMEDICS IN ATTENDANCE

VETERINARY SURGEON ON CALL

REFRESHMENT VAN



Qualifier Venue for Sunshine Tour 2025

Unaffiliated & Amateur Championships

Dressage, Show Jumping, Showing & Eventer's Challenge at The All England Showground, Hickstead on 11th – 14th September 2025.

www.sunshinetour.co.uk

Enter online at Horse Events

All entries are subject to a non-refundable booking fee which will be stated online on a per class basis. If you would like to edit your horse or rider details before the closing date of the event please login to your Horse Events account and edit your booking under the 'MY BOOKING' Tab.

If you would like to change the class please email info@horse-events.co.uk and if there is space available we will do this for you. For **ALL** changes of horse and rider substitutions after the closing date there is a £5 charge. Please fill out the following form online at: <https://www.horse-events.co.uk/rider-horse-substitutions-form/>

Organiser: Anne Sandford, Foliotts, River Road, Taplow, Bucks, SL6 0BG

Tel: 01628 633780 / 07770 476773 (before 21.00 hrs please)

E-mail: aesandford@yahoo.co.uk

Entries close: Midnight, Sunday 20th April 2025

ALL CLASSES OPEN TO HORSES AND PONIES

EVENTER'S CHALLENGE – SHOW JUMPING AND CROSS COUNTRY

CLASS 1	40 cms (approx).	
CLASS 2	50 cms (approx).	Qualifier for 50cm Sunshine Tour Championship
CLASS 3	60 cms (approx).	Qualifier for 60cm Sunshine Tour Championship
CLASS 4	70 cms (approx).	Qualifier for 70cm Sunshine Tour Championship
CLASS 5	80cms (approx.).	Qualifier for 80cm Sunshine Tour Championship
CLASS 6	90 cms (approx).	Qualifier for 90cm Sunshine Tour Championship
CLASS 7	100cms (approx)	

ALL CLASSES ARE INDOORS ON A SURFACE. WARM-UP IS OUTSIDE ON A SURFACE.

THE COMPETITION

The competition comprises a course of Show Jumps immediately followed by a course of simulated Cross Country fences.

The Winner will be the competitor with the lowest number of penalties.

In the event of a tie, the Winner will be based on the following:

- Class 1 – Closest to Optimum time based on a speed of 300mpm
- Class 2 – Closest to Optimum time based on a speed of 300mpm
- Class 3 – Closest to Optimum time based on a speed of 300mpm
- Class 4 – Closest to Optimum time based on a speed of 325mpm
- Class 5 – Closest to Optimum time based on a speed of 350mpm
- Class 6 – Closest to Optimum time based on a speed of 350mpm
- Class 7 – Closest to Optimum time based on a speed of 375mpm

ENTRY FEES

Each Competitor – all classes – includes paramedic fee	£29.00
Discount for OBHS Members ONLY	-£5.00

SUNSHINE TOUR QUALIFIER DETAILS

This show is a qualifier for The Sunshine Tour Championships held at The All-England Showground, Hickstead from Thursday 11th – Sunday 14th September 2025. The Championships are for unaffiliated and amateur competitors in Dressage from Intro to Elementary, Show Jumping from Lead Rein to 1.0m; Showing for lead rein, in-hand, ridden, working hunter, veterans, plus many more, Eventer's Challenge from 50cm through to 90cm.

Qualification: Dressage & Show Jumping 1st – 3rd place; Showing & Eventers Challenge 1st – 4th place.
Qualification does not pass down the line.

Registration of qualification must be completed within 1 month of competition (sooner for late July shows). Restrictions apply to both horse and competitor's previous winnings and amateur status, please check the website for Terms & Conditions.

Visit www.sunshinetour.co.uk for more information, to register and submit evidence of results.

ENTRIES LIMITED IN ALL CLASSES

Rosettes to 8th place

PENALTIES SJ PHASE

KNOCKING DOWN OBSTACLE	4 PENALTIES
KNOCKING DOWN BOGEY FENCE (IF APPLICABLE)	6 PENALTIES
FIRST DISOBEDIENCE OF HORSE	4 PENALTIES
SECOND DISOBEDIENCE OF HORSE IN WHOLE COURSE	8 PENALTIES
THIRD DISOBEDIENCE OF HORSE IN WHOLE COURSE (EACH CIRCLE OR CROSSING TRACKS BETWEEN FENCES COUNTS AS ONE DISOBEDIENCE)	ELIMINATION*
FIRST FALL OF RIDER	ELIMINATION*
FALL OF HORSE	ELIMINATION*
ERROR OF COURSE NOT RECTIFIED	ELIMINATION*
FAILURE TO START OR JUMP NEXT FENCE WITHIN 60 SECONDS	ELIMINATION*
STARTING BEFORE THE BELL	ELIMINATION*
CONTINUING THE COURSE WITHOUT A HAT, OR WITH CHINSTRAP UNDONE	ELIMINATION*

***COMPETITORS ELIMINATED IN THIS PHASE MAY NOT PROCEED TO THE XC PHASE**

PENALTIES XC PHASE

KNOCKING DOWN AN OBSTACLE	4 PENALTIES
FIRST REFUSAL, RUN-OUT OR CIRCLE OF HORSE AT OBSTACLE	5 PENALTIES
SECOND REFUSAL, RUN-OUT OR CIRCLE AT SAME OBSTACLE	10 PENALTIES
THIRD REFUSAL, RUN-OUT OR CIRCLE AT SAME OBSTACLE	ELIMINATION
FOUR REFUSALS AROUND THE COURSE	ELIMINATION
FALL OF HORSE	ELIMINATION
FALL OF RIDER	ELIMINATION
ERROR OF COURSE NOT RECTIFIED	ELIMINATION
HORSE TRAPPED IN OBSTACLE	ELIMINATION
HORSE RESISTING RIDER FOR 60 CONSECUTIVE SECONDS ANYWHERE ON THE COURSE	ELIMINATION
FAILURE TO CROSS THE FINISH LINE MOUNTED	ELIMINATION
CONTINUING THE COURSE WITHOUT A HAT, OR WITH CHINSTRAP UNDONE	ELIMINATION

TIME WILL BE TAKEN OVERALL

EXCEEDING THE TIME LIMIT	ELIMINATION
FOR EVERY COMMENCED SECOND IN EXCESS OF THE OPTIMUM TIME	0.4 PENALTY
EVERY COMMENCED SECOND IN EXCESS OF 5 SECONDS UNDER THE OPTIMUM TIME	0.4 PENALTY
TIME LIMIT IS TWICE THE OPTIMUM TIME.	

OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

- 40cms** – may be led. Lead ropes must only be attached to the Noseband or via a Coupling.
- 50cms** – verbal assistance only
- 60cms and higher** – no outside assistance whatsoever.

HORSE OR RIDER FALL

This will result in elimination. All fallers must be checked by paramedics before riding again.

We will post updates on timing on the day on *Pony Club Results*

HEALTH & SAFETY

The Organisers of this event have taken every reasonable precaution to ensure the health & safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organisers, all Officials and Stewards. Any accident on the premises of Merrist Wood, however small, must be reported by e-mail to the Organiser: aesandford@yahoo.co.uk. The Organisers may take such action as they feel necessary to protect the health and/or safety of horses and/or riders, or anyone attending the event.

RULES

1. Event to be run under Pony Club Rules 2025, a copy of which can be seen at <https://pcuk.org/pony-club-rule-books/>
2. Age is taken as at 1st January 2025.
3. No horse/pony under the age of 5 years may compete.
4. No horse/pony may compete more than once in each class.
5. Horse/pony and rider combinations wanting to compete in two classes may do so, but the classes MUST be consecutive heights.
6. No outside assistance is permitted in the 60cms and above classes
7. The decision of the Organiser, Judges and Stewards will be final.
8. Save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of this event or The Pony Club nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, nor the landlord or his tenant, accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, cars, their contents and accessories, or any other personal property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever. Entries are only accepted on this basis.
9. All non-Pony Club competitors are not covered by The Pony Club insurance and must have their own third-party cover. The OBH(S) Branch of The Pony Club and the organisers of this event are not legally responsible for non-Members and their insurance will not cover you.
10. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse entry without giving any reason, cancel or alter the times of classes or to withdraw any horse thought to be in an unsound or unsuitable condition.
11. All withdrawals must be made via *Horse Events*. After the Closing Date, no cancellations will be accepted. Should the event have to be cancelled, for whatever reason, a £5 cancellation fee (to cover costs incurred) will be retained on all refunds.
12. All competitors must be suitably dressed in correct riding attire and in a jockey skull cap with no fixed peak. The hat must comply with current Pony Club rules and must be worn correctly <https://resources.pcuk.org/rules/>
13. Gaiters or half chaps may be worn. Body protectors are compulsory for all Cross Country phases. <https://resources.pcuk.org/rules/>. As a minimum, shoulders must be covered.
14. Air vests - if you wear an air vest, it must only be used in addition to a normal body protector and, in the event of a fall, it must be fully deflated or removed before continuing. If using an air vest, an elasticated number bib must be worn, this to be provided by the competitor.
15. Head Cams may NOT be worn.
16. Jewellery is only allowable in accordance with Pony Club Rules. <https://resources.pcuk.org/rules/>
17. It is advised that you wear a medical armband if you are unaccompanied.
18. There will be a brief tack inspection, but please note, Competitors (or the accompanying adult) are responsible for their equipment safety and compliance to Pony Club rules.

19. Dogs must be kept on the lead at all times and are not allowed in the Viewing Gallery under any circumstances.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

START TIMES - will be available after 19.00hrs on Friday, 25th April on *Pony Club Results*, on the OBH (South) website <https://branches.pcuk.org/oldberkeleysouth/events/> or by calling 07770 476773 between 19.00 and 21.00 hrs on Friday 25th April.

ENTRIES CLOSE – MIDNIGHT SUNDAY 20th April 2025. Late entries may be allowed if space permits, but will be subject to a late entry fee of £5 per competitor (all classes). *On-the-day entries will not be possible.*

COURSE INSPECTION - the course will be available for inspection from 08.30 hrs on Sunday 27th April.

COMPETITOR NUMBERS – Competitors must print off their own numbers. A template is available to print numbers from Pony Club Results <https://www.ponyclubresults.co.uk/> For those without a cross country bib, please ensure the number is printed on stiff card, in a large font and displayed on the front and back of the competitor. It must be clearly visible to the judges.

DRESS – Cross Country kit – so body protectors and hats without fixed peaks are mandatory.

SPURS – CANNOT be worn by Pony Club members unless they have a Spurs Hat Tag. No exceptions will be accepted.

OBJECTIONS - queries or complaints must be via e-mail and sent to the Organiser within 30 minutes of the incident aesandford@yahoo.co.uk If the objection is NOT upheld, the objector agrees to pay a £20 objection fee – as is standard for all Pony Club events.

TACK INSPECTION – There will be a tack inspection but competitors (or accompanying adult) are responsible for the safety and compliance to Pony Club rules, of their equipment.

STOP WATCHES - may not be used.

RESULTS – available on the day on Pony Club Results <https://www.ponyclubresults.co.uk/>

Rosettes may be collected at the end of each Class – once the results are finalised. If you want your rosette posted you must put your name and address on an envelope at the Secretary's tent and leave £1.60 to cover pack and postage cost.

**NUMBER ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT:
07770 476773 (Organiser) TEXT MESSAGES ONLY PLEASE**