

NEWSLETTER

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The winners of December's award are:

PHOEBE HALL
OCEAN-ROSE EARL



Phoebe and Ocean-Rose are both extremely hardworking members who are always polite and dedicated to the horses and ponies.



VOTE FOR US!



Pinkmead Riding School is proud to have won the KBIS Riding School of the Year Award in 2023 and now seek your nominations for the Equestrian Business Award 2026. Our riding school focuses on creating a safe, supportive environment for riders of all ages and abilities to learn and grow. We appreciate our horses, dedicated team, and welcoming community. If you or your child have benefited from lessons here at Pinkmead, please consider nominating us for Best Riding School. Nominations are free and easy, recognising the care and dedication of the team. Thank you for being part of the Pinkmead family; your support is invaluable.

Please click the link below to nominate us 🙏
<https://www.equestrianbusinessawards.co.uk/nominate>



HORSE/ PONY OF THE MONTH

THIS MONTHS WINNER IS.....

BUZZ



FACT FILE:

Date of Birth: 2003

Breed: New Forest X

Gender: Gelding

Height: 13.2hh

Colour: Dun

Favourite activity: Playing in the field, Buzz loves to annoy all the other horses!

Favourite food: Carrots

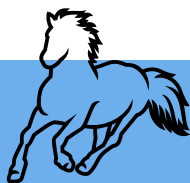
Fun fact: Buzz has a dorsal stripe, which is the dark line that runs down his back.

REASONS WHY YOU CHOSE HIM AS THIS MONTHS WINNER...

“He was the first pony I ever rode”

“He is always so cheeky”

“He really looked after my daughter on her first lesson”



QUIZ


Dressage....

1. In a standard dressage arena, which letter is placed at the entrance where the rider enters the arena?
2. True or False: In a leg yield, the horse is bent in the direction of movement.
3. A long school arena is 20m by ??
4. What is the smallest circle size?
5. At what level can a double bridle be worn?



Answers

Did you find them all?



HORSE



WORD SEARCH



Find the words listed below and mark them.

S	A	E	I	H	P	F	O	A	L	S	R
H	O	R	S	E	O	D	E	J	H	P	E
E	M	O	O	N	N	Q	R	S	I	O	I
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- HORSE
- PONY
- SADDLE
- BRIDLE

- MARE
- GELDING
- STIRRUP
- STALLION

- FOAL
- TROT
- HOOF
- REINS



Well done if you worked out that gelding is the missing word!

Don't forget to read next months newsletter for the answers....



ACTIVITY DAYS 2026!



KIDS KLUB

February: 18th & 19th,
April: 1st, 2nd, 8th & 9th

May: 27th & 28th

July: 29th & 30th

August: 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th,

October: 28th & 29th

December : 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th



OWN A PONY DAYS

Feb 17th

March 31st

April 7th

May 26th

July 28th

August: 4th, 11th & 25th,

October 27th



PONY CARE COURSE



August: 18th to 21st



JUMPING ACTIVITIES

May: 29th

August: 7th,

October: 30th



HANDY HORSEMANSHIP

April: 10th

August: 14th



ADULT HORSE CARE EXPERIENCE

April: 3rd



TOP RIDING TIP

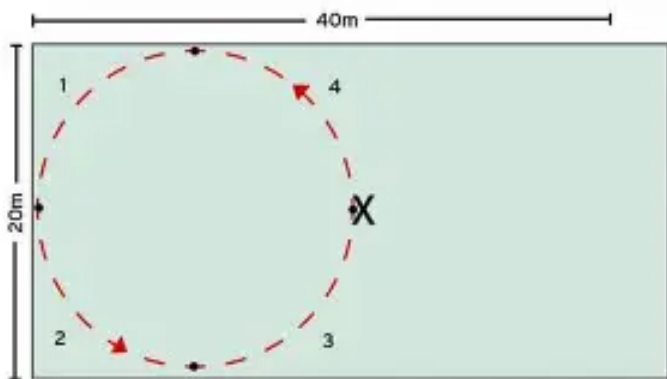
How to ride a perfect 20m circle....

Circles are such a great training tool with many benefits to the horse – not to mention being worth a lot of marks in a dressage test – so it is well worth taking the time to get them just right.

Riding a good circle is mainly about the relationship between suppleness and straightness. You need alignment through the whole horse from nose to tail, so a uniform bend from front to back.

For this example in a 20x40m sized arena, ride a 20m circle on the right rein, starting at A:

1. Ask for inside flexion just before starting your circle.
2. Leave the track at A.
3. Touch the track halfway between K and E
4. Continue your curving line around to X.
5. Touch the track halfway between B and F.
6. Complete your circle at A.
7. Make sure the corner you ride immediately before starting your circle, and then immediately after, are clear and deliberate



TEAM PINKMEAD RESULTS



LIVERY

E-RIDERS

MAIN ARENA PRELIM WINTER
CHAMPIONSHIPS

12th - Carol Johnson & Dynamo -
65.09% - (65.19% & 65%)

WOOD FARM EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
UNAFFILIATED SHOW JUMPING

4th Claire Howes & Mango

CROFTON MANOR UNAFFILIATED
DRESSAGE

6th Ida Strandberg & Hugo 66.80%



If you or your child has moved
up a level this month and would
like to feature in the newsletter
to

please email
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WELL DONE TEAM PINKMEAD!

