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## Your Horse's Future in the Right Hands

Jason Webb and his team specialise in starting young horses and solving equine problems using common sense horsemanship based on a modern approach to traditional Australian methods.

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### Keeping You Up To Date!

Our website [www.australianhorsetraining.co.uk](http://www.australianhorsetraining.co.uk) has a new feature that will keep everyone updated with news of the yard... we have set up a blog that is linked on the home page, check it out when you have a minute!

### NEW FACILITIES

April saw me in Australia and the diggers and dumper trucks move in to Risebridge... its amazing how much gets done when I am out of the way! With Richard Hillier project managing, the equestrian facilities on the farm have had a major facelift. The new barn will hold a staff room, undercover horsewalker, wash down bays, a heated rug room and housing for up to twenty horses.

The existing stable block has undergone refurbishment, with the office and hay store next on the list. The new car/ lorry parking area is very smart and we have had many of the paddocks re-fenced. We now have all weather tracks linking the 100 acres of farmland together, which will make for excellent hacking and training... just the all-weather gallops to go (might have to wait a bit for that!). It is all very exciting and will all go towards improving our service, care and horse management.



### Staff

We have a new Yard Manager in Sarah Muir. Sarah has previously managed high quality livery yards and is an experienced instructor and competitor. She holds a HND in Equine Management and Training and is proving very accomplished at getting me to places on time and keeping the yard highly efficient!

Sarah is joined by Yard Assistant, Joey Corrick, holder of an Equine Science degree and Equine Touch Practitioner. Joey also holds the fort at weekends. Christie Skippen who has been riding alongside Jason for the past year has started a racehorse rehabilitation yard in Maidstone but maintains close links with the yard, and, for this Summer, we are joined by Islay Young from Australia, who will mainly work on our homebred youngsters.



### My Australian Experience



It was a great experience to play for the UK against Australia, New Zealand and South Africa in April. I think my entire family came to the final game – not much pressure then! Although results did not go our way, we were certainly very competitive and it was great to play at that top level again. Hopefully, I will be involved in the South African Test Matches this July at Ashfields Polocrosse Club, Essex.

### Dates For Your Diaries

We welcome you and your friends and families to our Open Day on Saturday 15th August. It will provide a chance to view the new facilities and watch some demonstrations by Jason and some of his clients.

The Kent Target Polocrosse Tournament is being held on 6/7th June at Risebridge Farm. Please visit [www.kentpolocrosse.co.uk](http://www.kentpolocrosse.co.uk) for more details.

We are starting regular Coffee Mornings and Clinic Afternoons. The Coffee Mornings will run from 11am – 12.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month starting on Tuesday 2nd June. Clinic Afternoons will run from 1.30 – 5.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month, commencing Tuesday 16th June.

The Coffee Mornings will provide a chance for clients and visitors to watch Jason work on a horse and have a chat with Jason and Sarah over a cup of tea or coffee. Clinic Afternoons will be a mix of private and group lessons. In both instances, please book with Sarah on 0774 9914267.

### Diesel



Diesel is proving very popular with mare owners this Spring, with endurance, polo, polocrosse, showing and eventing mares all paying him a visit! He (and I!) did a little training with Dressage instructress, Sue McMahon, over the winter, which has been of great benefit, as well as getting very lit up out hunting! Hopefully, he'll get some polo in this Summer if I can find the time!

### Riding School

Due to an increase in demand for riding lessons, we decided to get our Riding School License in order to teach people not only on their own horses, but on our own horses and ponies. A wonderful instructress, Sam Paxton BHSAI, teaches every Saturday and is proving very popular. We even have Bethany School pupils coming for lessons as part of their Physical Education GCSE programme! We are also hoping to apply for Polocrosse Academy status in the near future.