

# Point-to-point

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**PREVIEW**



Byerly Bear in full flight last season. This is one of the horses tipped to do well this years – **PAGES 32&33**

## Join us in the friendly sport of pointing

**BY GILL ARMSTRONG**  
WESSEX POINT TO POINT ASSOCIATION

Variety is the name of the game in the friendly sport of 'pointing'.

There are similarities between pointing and racing 'under Rules' at National Hunt courses such as Cheltenham, Exeter and Wincanton, but below are some FAQs that may help you reach an important decision. That is – come pointing!

### What will it cost?

Admission charges vary. £20 per car including all occupants and free parking tends to be average (often with a discount for a single occupant), but some meetings charge per head, often with under 16s free.

**That sounds good, but then, we will need to eat and drink**



There are racecourses across the West Country – there's bound to be one near you – where you can enjoy point-to-point entertainment most weekends

Bring a picnic and indulge from your car boot. There are no restrictions – bar, of course, the size of your boot. Or, there will be trade stands on course offering a variety of hot and cold food and drinks and often a beer tent.

### What shall we wear?

Anything you like. Play it by the weather – you are out in the English countryside, so anything could happen.

### What if the weather changes?

You will always have easy access to your car, so pack for all eventualities and you can zip back there and change as necessary.

**The dog won't be happy being left at home for our day out in the country. It doesn't seem fair!**

Pack the pooch. He will be welcome, provided you keep him on a lead at all times. Bring his water bowl and any other accoutrements Fido requires. He'll have a whale of a time.

### How will I know which horse is what?

Buy a racecard (typically £2.50) on arrival and keep an eye on the numberboard prior to each race. All horses listed in the card will not run, so – particularly if you're planning to place a bet – listen for announcements or check out the board.

### How do I bet?

It's easy. There will be a row of bookmakers who will have marked up their boards with prices per runner. For example, 20/1 means if you put on £1 and

your horse wins (unlikely, but not impossible) the bookie will give you £20; 1/2 means you will have to hand over £2 to win £1. Watch the horses parade around the paddock, choose one, trot over to the bookies and proffer your chosen amount. Good luck!

### Excited now. How can I get more information nearer the time?

Your *Daily Press* will carry a preview on the Friday of meetings taking place that weekend. Also, each of the areas in the South West has a website you can take a look at: Wessex – [www.pointing-wessex.co.uk](http://www.pointing-wessex.co.uk); West Midlands – [www.pointingwm.co.uk](http://www.pointingwm.co.uk); Devon & Cornwall – [www.p2phorseraces-dc.com](http://www.p2phorseraces-dc.com)

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# National point-to-point fixtures 2014-15

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>Sun 30 Nov</b> Black Forest Club, BLACK FOREST LODGE Cambridge University United Hunts Club, COTTONHAM	<b>Sat 7 Dec</b> Point-to-Point Owners & Riders Club, BARBURY RACECOURSE <b>Sat 13 Dec</b> Hursley Hambleton, LARKHILL <b>Sun 14 Dec</b> Cornwall Hunt Club, WADEBRIDGE <b>Sun 28 Dec</b> Ratcheugh Racing Club, ALNWICK <b>Mon 29 Dec</b> Cambridgeshire Harriers Hunt Club, COTTONHAM	<b>Sun 1 Mar</b> Brocklesby, BROCKLESBY PARK Quantock Staghounds, COTHELSTONE South Herefordshire, GARNONS <b>Sat 7 Mar</b> Brecon & Talybont, LLANFRYNACH Duke of Beaufort's, DDMARION Kingston Blount Racing Club, KINGSTON BLOUNT <b>Sun 8 Mar</b> Blackmore & Sparkford Vale, CHARLTON HORETHORNE College Valley & North Northumbrian, ALNWICK Cottesmore, GARTHORPE Derwent, CHARM PARK Dulverton Farmers, TREBOROUGH HILL Mid Surrey Farmers Drag, GODSTONE Sir W.W. Wynn's, BANGOR-ON-DEE Suffolk, AMPTON <b>Sat 14 Mar</b> Crawley & Horsham, PARHAM Duke of Buccleuch's, FRIARS HAUGH East Essex, MARKS TEY New Forest, LARKHILL <b>Sun 15 Mar</b> Bicester with Whaddon Chase, WHITFIELD Currie & Llangibby, HOWICK Dart Vale & Haldon Harriers, BUCKFASTLEIGH Hampshire, HACKWOOD PARK Holderness, DALTON PARK Ross Harriers, GARNONS <b>Sat 21 Mar</b> Hurworth, HUTTON RUDBY Lancashire & Renfrewshire and Eglington, OVERTON V.W.H., SIDDINGTON <b>Sun 22 Mar</b> Holcombe, WHITTINGTON Lamerton, KILWORTHY Mendip Farmers, STON EASTON <b>North Ledbury, HEREFORD RACECOURSE</b> Oakley, BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN Old Surrey, Burstow & West Kent, PENSURST <b>Sat 28 Mar</b> Avon Vale, LARKHILL Berwickshire, FRIARS HAUGH <b>Sun 29 Mar</b> Badsworth & Bramham Moor, ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE Belvoir, GARTHORPE Puckridge, HORSEHEATH United Pack, BRAMPTON BRYAN <b>Sun 15 Feb</b> Midlands Area Club, THORPE LODGE Percy, ALNWICK Simington, DUNCOMBE PARK South Pool Harriers, BUCKFASTLEIGH Vine & Craven, BARBURY RACECOURSE <b>Sun 22 Feb</b> Albrigton & Woodland (North), CHADDESLEY CORBETT Countywide Alliance Club (Wessex), BADBURY RINGS Currie & Llangibby, HOWICK East Cornwall, GREAT TRETHEW North Norfolk Harriers, HIGHAM South East Hunt Club, CHARING <b>Sat 28 Feb</b> East Devon, BISHOPS COURT Thurlow, HORSEHEATH
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<b>APRIL</b>	<b>Sat 4 Apr</b> Ashford Valley Tickham, CHARING	<b>Sat 6 Jun</b> Pembrokeshire, TRECOED <b>Sun 7 Jun</b> Tiverton Staghounds, BRATTON DOWN <b>Sat 13 Jun</b> Torrington Farmers, UMBERLEIGH	
<b>JUNE</b>			

Tivside & Carmarthenshire, LYDSTEP  
York & Ainsty, EASINGWOLD

**MAY**

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Modbury Harriers, FLETE PARK  
Pendle Forest & Craven, HESLAKER  
Surrey Union, PEPPER HARROW  
Tredegar Farmers, LOWER MACHEN  
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Fennie, DINGLEY  
Radnor & West Hereford, COLD HARBOUR  
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Cattistock, LITTLEWINDSOR  
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Enfield Chase with Cambridgeshire Hunt, NORTHAW  
North Shropshire, EYTON-ON-SEVERN  
Stevenstone, VAUTERHILL  
Wanwickshire, MOLLINGTON  
Zetland, WITTON CASTLE  
**Sat 9 May** Cumberland Farmers, DALSTON  
Four Burrow, TREBUDANNON  
North Cotswoold, PAXFORD  
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South Notts, THORPE LODGE  
South Pembrokeshire, LYDSTEP  
South Shropshire, EYTON-ON-SEVERN  
Staintondale, CHARM PARK  
Taunton Vale, KINGSTON ST MARY  
Vine & Craven, HACKWOOD PARK  
**Sat 11 May** Clifton-on-Teme, ASPATRIA  
Kimblewick, KINGSTON BLOUNT  
Minehead Harriers and West Somerset, HOLNICOTE  
**Sun 10 May** Bisdale, EASINGWOLD  
Four Burrow, TREBUDANNON  
Melton Hunt Club, GARTHORPE  
Wheatland, CHADDESLEY CORBETT  
**Weds 13 May** Weston & Banwell Harriers, COTHELSTONE  
**Sat 16 May** Clifton-on-Teme, UPPER SAPEY  
Fitzwilliam (Milton), DINGLEY  
Gillingae Farmers, LOWER MACHEN  
South Durham, MORDON  
**Sun 17 May** Dulverton West, BRATTON DOWN  
Golden Valley, BREWDARDINE  
Grafton, WHITFIELD  
Knutsford Races Club (formerly North West Point-to-Point Club), TABLEY  
**Sun 24 May** Berks & Bucks Draghounds & Sandhurst Draghounds, KINGSTON BLOUNT  
West Somers Vale, COTHELSTONE  
West Wales Area Club, LYDSTEP  
**Mon 25 May** Albrighton & Woodland (South), CHADDESLEY CORBETT  
South Tetcott, UPCOTT CROSS  
West Norfolk, FAKENHAM  
**Sat 30 May** North Hereford, HEREFORD RACECOURSE  
**Sun 31 May** Border, HEXHAM  
Exmoor, BRATTON DOWN  
Meynell & South Staffordshire, GARTHORPE

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**Sun 7 Jun** Tiverton Staghounds, BRATTON DOWN

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# Meet the champions



Devon and Cornwall area champion jockeys Bryony Frost and Robbie Henderson

## Devon and Cornwall

### Robbie Henderson

Age 19

**How did you get into point-to-pointing?** Through family, and pony racing. Didn't try show jumping with Nick Strelton, but had more pointers on offer than senior show jumpers.

**First winner?** Top Green at Treborth Hill, in my second season

**Best horse ridden so far?** Have to name five, Wee Fly and Fulin for Ross Oliver, Aikideau for the Barber's and Mum and Dad Red Penny and Brackwood for Mum and Dad

**Which horse are you looking forward to this season?** Our homebred four year old, Needinahaysack, can't wait to see how he goes.

**Ambition?** To keep riding well, meeting new connections, staying safe. When asked about training, Bryony's answer was Haddon finds the horses, apart from the homebred ones, and we train them.

**Which other stables do you expect to ride for?** John Head, Carol Lawrence, and if I ride well, then people will notice me.

**Fav P2P course?** Has to be Flee Park, usually nice weather, good crowd, and good picnic. It's a bit of a glam good picnic, though.

**Diet/fitness regime?** Yes I have a personal trainer, he is called Paris Payne and he also trains swimmers in Plymouth. Most of the training is in the gym. I feel 100% fitter and stronger than ever.

**Have you got a sponsor?** No not yet.

**Current day job?** Riding out and helping train Pointers and National Hunt horses. I also ride out for others when needed.

**Favourite leisure activity?** Rock climbing. We live on the edge of Dartmoor. Had to stop climbing when I injured my thumb last season, but have taken it up again.

**Have you got a sponsor?** GG Tape – equine physio.

**Current day job?** I work for Aero Assets Ltd - selling aircraft, aircraft spares based at Exeter airport.

**Favourite leisure activity?** Water sports.



## West Midlands

### Mark Wall

Age 41

**How did you get started in point-to-pointing?** On Max in April 1999

**What was your first point-to-point winner?** Impenny at Mollington in March 2000

**What was your first point-to-point rider?** Just Mammalode at Chaddesley Corbett in May 2000 – finished second but the winner of the rare was disqualified.

**What is the best horse you have ridden so far?** Theatre Queen

**Which horse are you looking forward to riding this season?** Flying Guru

**What is your ambition?** To ride 200 winners and train my first winner under Rules – I am in the final stages of applying for my licence

**Which stables do you expect to be riding for this season?** My own/ Tim Sage/Kim Snelly

**What is your favourite point-to-point course?** Chaddesley Corbett or Dismanton

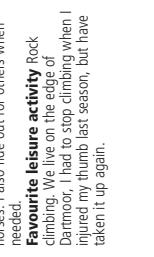
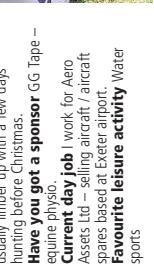
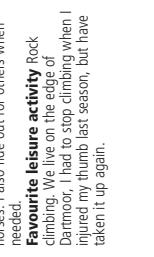
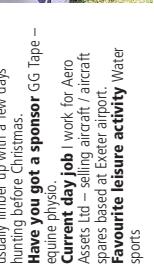
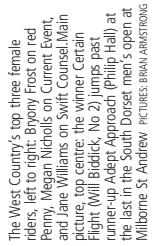
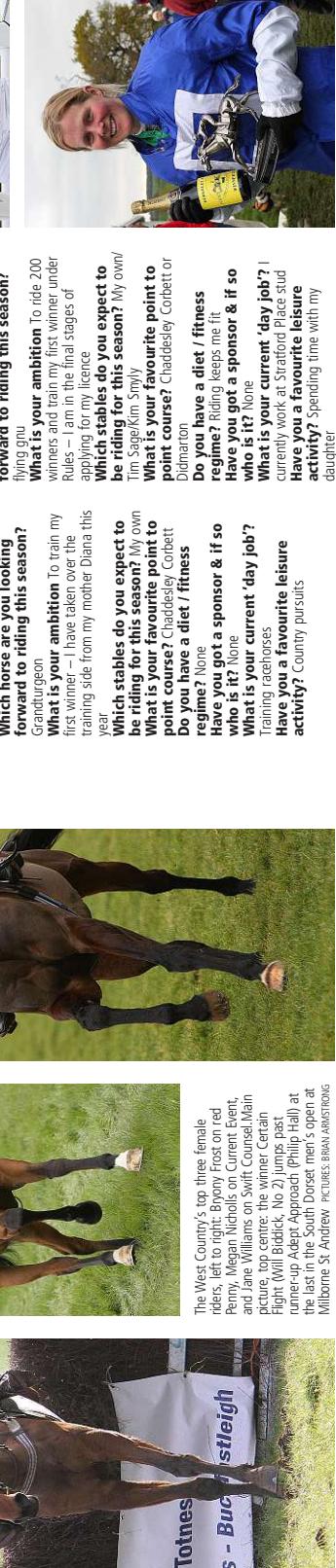
**Do you have a diet / fitness regime?** Riding keeps me fit

**Who is it?** None

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**Have you a favourite leisure activity?** I'm fitting in as much hunting as I can before the point-to-point season starts.



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### Will Biddick

Age 27

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**What was your first point-to-point winner?** The Stewart Family's Gwanka at the Larkhill Racing Club fixture on 5 January 2014.

**Best horse ridden so far?** Join Together. We were beaten in six races between the flags last season.

**Which horse are you looking forward to riding this season?** I'm not riding in point-to-points this season but I'm looking forward to seeing five-time winner Current Event back in action.

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**Which stables do you expect to be riding for next season?** Probably Michael Bell's Newmarket stable.

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# The ones to watch

**WESSEX**

**Aiteen Thirtythree** 10yo bg. Trainer: Kevin Parker.

The 10-year-old looked destined for the top when winning a bumper hurdle race and two chases for Paul Nicholls before achieving a 100% record – four from four – when returning to the pointing field last season. A strong stayer, he is likely to reappear in January, seeking the win needed for Cheltenham Fox-hunter qualification.

**The Mythologist** 5yo crg. Trainer: Guy and Sophie Henderson

Unbeaten in his two 2014 UK outings after two placed efforts in Ireland. Off the course since March, he has had keyhole surgery to remove two bony growths from a stiff joint, but is 100% and going well in training. Scheduled to reappear in January, seeking the win needed for Cheltenham Fox-hunter qualification.

**Ask The Weatherman** 5yo bg. Trainer: Jack Barber

A £19,000 Doncaster May 2013 purchase, Ask The Weatherman overcame a last-fene blunder to win his only race to date at Larkhill in January when trained by Richard Barber. Jockey Will Biddick reported that the 5yo would ‘come on a lot for the race’ and it would be no surprise to see him rapidly progressing through the ranks.

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**Certain Flight** 9yo bg. Trainer: Keith and Janet Cummins

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**Current Event** 7yo bg. Trainer: Rose Lorox

The winner of five steeplechases and a hurdle race, Current Event was unbeaten in five completed point-to-points in a five-week period in May and June. He should continue to prove virtually unbeatable in novice riders’ races and could help his trainer to a second consecutive Connolly’s

Three to follow in the new point-to-point season, which gets underway on Sunday – top to bottom: Ask The Weatherman; Certain Flight; and Byerley Bear; bottom



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## Stunning location perfect to get new season started

BY DONNA HARRIS  
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**Byerley Bear** 9yo bg Trainer: Robert Chanin

One of the most consistent pointers in the country last season when his seven wins landed him the Devon & Cornwall leading horse award. A course specialist at Wadebridge and likely to reappear at that venue at the Cornwall Club meeting in December.

**Granville Taylor**

Described by regular pilot Rob Henderson as ‘a bit underrated’. This gelding’s grandam Dubacilla had finished second in a Gold Cup and fourth in the Grand National. Owned by the enthusiastic Otter Group\* the gelding stays extremely well but was versatile enough to score on the bit at Bratton Down last June. Probably capable of better.

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**Minerfortyniner** 5 year old br. g. Property developer David Maxwell has owned some good horses in the past but they are now approaching the twilight of their careers so the owner has been restocking. Minerfortyniner ran three times in Ireland. He finished third on his debut before pulling up when seen out a month later. There was much to like about his 2nd place in an Avaine Maiden in December 2013 and he was purchased by his present connections soon afterwards. The rider is one of the more experienced jockeys on the Point-to-Point circuit, while Stanton (Broadway) trainer Kim Shilly has good winners to run her ratio. A maiden success to progress even further up the ladder.

**Grandurgeon** 7-year-old gr. g. Who rarely runs a bad race. She is in her element over four miles at Upton Cross and beat the useful Belisima Ron over that trip last April. Her small yard has done extremely well with her and she is always turned out to perfection.

**Minella Fifty** 6bg Trainer: Claire Hitch

By the prolific King’s Theatre, this rather untried gelding changed hands for a huge sum and capable of further improvement.

**Minella Six** 6-year-old gr. g.

Had moderate form under Rules before joining Tom Weston’s yard at Hindlip. Made an immediate impression by winning a 2½/2 Maiden at Barbury Racecourse, but then had the misfortune to be brought down at Horwic. Was just behind the leaders and still going well when parting company with his jockey Matt Hampton at Stoddington. Still young enough to make amends and easily up to winning a Restricted.

**Lienoso** 8-year-old br. g.

Won a three mile Hurdle at Taunton earlier this year and had been placed in Chases prior to that for Evan Williams. He is following in the footsteps of other horses that have made the journey from Wales to William and Angela Rucker stable near Droylsden. Horses from this yard are ridden by Mrs Rucker or her daughter Emily and the former is expected to be in the saddle when they make their debuts between the flags.

**Amron Kris** 6-year-old br. g.

Amron Kris was purchased by Alastair McLeish after winning an Irish Maiden and finishing second in the Black Forest race, in the summer. Next up is The Black Forest Lodge, Club members race, sponsored by Mrs Angela Webber. This has attracted plenty of outside raiders including two from the David Bruce Welsh team Dobe and Cock Of The Rock. The latter won this race last season and went on to score six wins for the season. Joe The Trucker for trainer Zoe Hammond won his

third at Trebbaldon last season, and Jecky from the Kayle Woolsack ran a good third in a Bumper in the summer. Next up is The Black Forest Lodge, Club members race, sponsored by Mrs Angela Webber. This has attracted plenty of outside raiders including two from the David Bruce Welsh team Dobe and Cock Of The Rock. The latter won this race last season and went on to score six wins for the season. Joe The Trucker for trainer Zoe Hammond won his

A game and genuine staying mare



The Mythologist, left, main picture, was unbeaten in his two 2014 UK outings after two placed efforts in Ireland. Off the course since March, he has had keyhole surgery to remove two bony growths from a stiff joint, but is 100% and going well in training. Above right: Safferano is a newcomer to Pointing after winning Towcester and Fakenham handicaps from nine outings for Cowbridge trainer Tim Vaughan. Has a similar profile to former Vaughan inmates Quellilac and latest Trend who have subsequently won eight races between the flags. for the Penny Stable

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