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## Rallies

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## Health & Safety

*For new body protector guidelines  
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## *A word from your DC*

The summer holidays are upon us and we have lots planned for members. Our pony club camps are the highlight of the summer for many. Mini camp starts this weekend at Tresham, followed by Residential camp at Alderley on 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> July and finally Junior camp at West Littleton on 30<sup>th</sup> July - 3<sup>rd</sup> August. There are also rallies for all ages and all disciplines, so whether you want to improve your dressage or jumping, are working towards your C test or want to have a go at polo you will find something to suit. [Click here for full details.](#)

BHPC members have been hard at work over the last few months, competing at home and away. The sun shone at our Eventers' Challenge at Tresham, which was enjoyed by all. Many congratulations to the winners of each section and all those who took part. Thanks to all those who did such a wonderful job putting the day together and to the Hatherells who so generously hosted the event.

More recently our mini one day event was held on 10<sup>th</sup> July, also at Tresham. We had over 120 entries and the day was a great success. Thanks to Tom Hatherell and Marianne Edwards for organising the competition and to Fraser Bush for building four cross country courses.

Good luck to all BHPC members competing at the Area 9 Horse Trials on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at Dauntsey. We are fielding four Novice teams (PC90), two Intermediate (PC100) and an Open team, as well as individuals in this and the unaffiliated sections.

I'm sure all those participating were inspired Harry Meade last week, who came to answer questions from those representing the Beaufort in all disciplines this summer. Thanks to Harry for his time and to the Montgomerie family for so generously hosting the evening.

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## Health & Safety Check

Please make sure that your hats are correctly tagged ([click here for details](#)) and that your body protectors ([click here for details](#)) meet new guidelines. If your hat is not tagged you will not be allowed to ride at all and there will be no cross country without the correct body protector! Also check your tack now, so you can get any necessary repairs carried out before camp (stitching, saddle fitting etc). At the same time it's worth checking that your stirrups are the right size (a new pair of boots might not have the recommended quarter of an inch clearance on either side).

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## Dressage

The Beaufort Pony Club Dressage Squad was very successful at the PC Inter-team competition at the Badminton Dressage Championships on 13<sup>th</sup> July. With the beautiful backdrop of Badminton House and in spite of suffering some mixed weather and in one case the early signs of tonsillitis, the teams performed superbly. The Beaufort Blue team, consisting of Amber Dunne, Amelia James and Sasha Bird secured an excellent second place in

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their section while the Beaufort Buff team consisting of Amelia Hendy, Lauren Dunne and Emilia Harley took fifth place in theirs. Lauren Dunne also took part in the Grass Roots Championships the following day, again at Badminton, and did particularly well to be awarded a Training Bursary for the rider showing the greatest potential. Many

congratulations to her – and to all taking part in these competitions. Good luck too to those participating in the Area 9 Dressage competition at Kemerton Park, Worcester.



## Tetrathlon

It has been a busy time for Beaufort tetrathletes with three competitions over the May half term alone. Bicton proved a great success for the Beaufort, with a plethora of team and individual rosettes in all categories, and the barbecue for over 60 people on Tuesday evening was something to remember! Then five Beaufort Juniors were selected to represent Central England at the Junior Regional Tetrathlon at Moreton Morrell in Warwickshire. Particular congratulations to Poppy Clark who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> individually and was part of the winning Central England Red team.

Finally 22 younger members went to The Elms School Tetrathlon, near Ledbury. Fabulous results all round but perhaps the best story was the rescue of the Pearce family from a breakdown en route. By a supreme team effort three children, 2 ponies, two adults, a trailer and a Land Rover were all picked up separately and delivered to the right places in order to compete and get home afterwards!



The first weekend in July brought the Area Tetrathlon at Gadbury, at which the Beaufort achieved spectacular results. Four teams have qualified for the Championships: the Intermediate Girls' team, made up of Sasha Green, Emma Hatherell, Jess

Telford, Olivia Sealy; the Intermediate Mixed, comprising Amy Peevers, Laura Warren, Tom Edwards, Thomas Kendell; Junior Girls (Poppy Clark, Rachel Hatherell, Isla Green, Meg Stratton) and Junior Boys (Henry Stratton, Tom Connors, Jack Tucker, Harry Barder). Individually Zoe Davison qualified for the Open class and Grace Tucker in Junior Girls. We're hopeful another team, made up of Maddy Adamson, Bea Adamson, Lucy Peevers and Grace Tucker, will also proceed to the Championships.

There was success too for our mini girls and boys. Will Connors, George Stratton & Josh Barker won the Mini Boys class and Belle Edwards was part of the second placed mixed Mini Girls team. Orlo Clark, Monty Adamson, Harry Barker and Xavier Abbots were the winning Tadpole Boys team and Chloe Phillpott, in her first ride off the lead rein, came third individually. These results are the culmination of many months training and commitment from all those involved.

Congratulations to all.

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## Show jumping

The Area Show Jumping was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at Stowell Park, hosted by the Cotswold Hunt Pony Club. We fielded 8 teams and there were the usual thrills and spills. But congratulations to everybody who represented and did their best for the branch, and particular congratulations to the Beaufort Red Novice team, consisting of Isla Green, Meg Stratton, Lucy Peevers and Molly Spearman, who won the Novice Team competition and qualified for the PC Championships, and Maddie Adamson who won the individual Novice competition and also qualifies. In this competition, the Beaufort Blue team was 6<sup>th</sup> and the Gold team 7<sup>th</sup> and Molly Spearman and Tom Connors were also placed individually. In the Intermediate competition we had 2 teams, who came 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> with 3 going forward to the jump off for individual qualifications. Amelia James jumped a fast clear round to win the individual competition and qualification for the Championships. Sasha Green and Jack Beattie were also placed individually. The Open team came 4<sup>th</sup>, with Zara Neill 3<sup>rd</sup> individually and both the Grassroots teams qualified for the new Regional Championship to be held at Rectory Farm at the end of August, with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> team placings. Thanks to Rhian Jones for all the support and encouragement she gave to our members at the Areas.

Congratulations to Maddy Adamson on Saltare Hugo for qualifying as an individual for the British Showjumping Discovery Championships at Stoneleigh in August

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## Rallies

In June alone, organisers put on 20 different rallies for members. A huge thanks to them and the instructors for their time. This included a successful second day rally at the Pickfords field which Pony Club have sole use of as well as XC rallies at Tresham. Across the board from Karen's mini rallies and with a fantastic talk by Mike Tucker on 'Thrills and Spills', there has been a lot going on. If anyone has ideas for rallies - unmounted as well - or wants to get in involved with organising any, please do get in contact with Amanda at [amanda@montgomerie.org](mailto:amanda@montgomerie.org).

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## A member writes

My day at Tresham

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June I set off to Tresham to do the Beaufort Pony Club's Eventers' Challenge with my pony Lownthwaite Muzzy. I did class 1, the 60/65cm. When I got there I went and got my number, which was 28, and then went to walk the course, which was a good course. There were logs, houses and even a train and a show jump at the end to catch people out, but it didn't catch me out. After we walked the course I went to get ready and warm up.

Finally, it was my turn to go I was a bit nervous but excited as well and my mum said to me "have fun and enjoy yourself" so I did. I walked in, trotted around the ring and then the car horn went and so I started. I flew the show jumping and then went straight into the cross country. For the cross country I had to jump a course of 10 fences finishing with a zebra marked show jump. I had finally finished my first



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eventers challenge and it was really fun! Finally, the results were put up and I looked at the results and I had won my class by being the closest to the optimum time by - 1 second. That was my day at Tresham and a very enjoyable day it was.

By Natasha Candy, aged 12

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## Veterinary advice

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Continuing on from the advice in our first newsletter, here are points 6-10 in our check list to help keep your horse fit and healthy this summer:

6. Hoof care. Make a plan in advance and keep your horses feet correctly trimmed and balanced with regular attention from your farrier. Horses' feet should be trimmed at least every 6 weeks and in many cases more frequently.
7. Bio security! In its simplest form this just means good hygiene. Keep grooming kit clean, most of it can go through the washing machine. Keep hoses off the floor, wash out feed and water buckets and wash out stables.
8. Keep a diary. Record the work and training you and your horse are doing. It's fun to look back on too as well as helping you make sure you are working sensibly towards your goals
9. Horse first aid kit. Keep it simple but make sure it is up to date and kept clean and dry. There is good information about what you need at [www.georgevetgroup.co.uk/equine-clinic](http://www.georgevetgroup.co.uk/equine-clinic)
10. Dental care. It is important that your horse's teeth are checked. 25% of horses have dental pain but say nothing! A thorough examination of their teeth, at least once a year, for any signs of disease is essential. Dental care isn't just about teeth rasping.

Good luck and have fun with your horse this summer.

