



As we wave 'Goodbye to 2023' and look forward to 2024

... we can all say 'Happy Birthday' & welcome to our  
'Pony Club Family' to Archie x

Huge congratulations and lots of love to Rosie and Andrew  
from every single one of us x



# Off The Hoof



**THE LUDLOW HUNT**  
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## WHO'S WHO? COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2023

Christine Salter	PRESIDENT
Louise Powell	DISTRICT COMMISSIONER & CAMP ORAGNISER
Claire Radnor	ASSISTANT DC & WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA SECRETARY
Jean Yarnold	GENERAL SECRETARY
Sue Jones	TREASURER
Karen Parry	HEALTH & SAFETY / CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER
Rowena Craig	MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
Alison Holman	PROGRAMME SECRETARY
Sarah Williams	ATTENDENCE SECRETARY
Deborah Powell	HUNT LIASION
Sue Thomas	RALLY & JUNIOR CAMP ORGANISER
Rosie Thomas	CHIEF INSTRUCTOR
Lorna Walsh	PROFICIENCY TEST CO-ORDINATOR
Katie & Rob Harris	PARENTS COMMITTEE ORGANISERS

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### Team Managers:

Natalie Moore	EVENTING TEAM MANAGER
Karen Parry	DRESSAGE TEAM MANAGER
Liz Brown	TETRATHLON TEAM MANAGER
Claire Bradley	SHOW JUMPING TEAM MANAGER
Clare Wall	STABLE MANAGEMENT TEAM MANAGER

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR ACCOUNTS 01 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

INCOME 2023	2022		2023		EXPENDITURE 2023		P & L 2022		P & L 2023	
	£		£		£		£		£	
Subscriptions	£ 1,969.00		1,750.33				£ 1,969.00		£ 1,750.33	
<b>Camps</b>					<b>Camps</b>					
Junior 2022	£ 3,138.59		2,970.00		Junior 2022	£ 3,722.14	£ -583.55	£ 3,720.00	£ -750.00	
Senior	£ 4,929.80		4,500.00		Senior	£ 5,641.00	£ -711.20	£ 6,325.40	£ -1,825.40	
Camp Donations	£ 350.00				Camp Donations	£ -	£ 350.00	£ -	£ -	
Rallies & Instruction	£ 11,890.55		11,546.98		Rallies & Instruction	£ 12,919.38	£ -1,028.83	£ 10,724.28	£ 822.70	
Tests	£ 0		0.00		Tests & Training 2020	£ 1,559.50	£ -1,559.50	£ 895.00	£ -895.00	
	<b>£ 20,308.94</b>		<b>£ 19,016.98</b>			<b>£ 23,842.02</b>	<b>£ -3,533.08</b>	<b>£ 21,664.68</b>	<b>£ -2,647.70</b>	
<b>Competitions - Fundraising</b>					<b>Competitions - Fundraising</b>					
Area Eventing Entries / Sponsorship	£ 12,631.80				Area Eventing	£ 9,874.60	£ 2,757.20	£ -	£ -	
Halloween SJ	£ 510.00	£ 915.00			Halloween SJ	£ 125.00	£ 385.00	£ 199.02	£ 715.98	
Grafton Spring SJ	£ 619.00		682.50		Grafton Spring SJ	£ 162.50	£ 456.50	£ 168.00	£ 514.50	
Valentines SJ	£ -	£ 692.50			Valentines SJ	£ -	£ -	£ 692.50	£ -	
Jubilee SJ	£ 468.33	£ -			Jubilee SJ	£ 125	£ 343.33	£ 0	£ -	
Summer Show	£ -	£ 1,168.00			Summer Show	£ 0	£ -	£ 0	£ 1,168.00	
Christmas Fair	£ -	£ 176.52			Christmas Fair	£ 0	£ -	£ 0	£ 176.52	
	<b>£ 14,229.13</b>		<b>£ 3,634.52</b>			<b>£ 10,287.10</b>	<b>£ 3,942.03</b>	<b>£ 1,059.52</b>	<b>£ 2,575.00</b>	
Rockingham/Gatcomb/Hartbury	£ 650.00	1,448.00			Rockingham/Gatcomb/Hartbury	£ 690.00	£ -40.00	£ 1527.80	£ -79.80	
Gazebos					Gazebos	£ 1264.00	£ -1,264.00	£ 0.00	£ -	
Equipment Hire					Equipment Hire					
Dressage Boards	£ 40.00				Dressage Boards	£ 40.00		£ -		
					Champs SJ entries	£ 75.00	£ -75.00	£ 318.67	£ -318.67	
					Champs Dressage entries	£ 208.30	£ -208.30	£ 237.15	£ -237.15	
					Champs Eventing entries	£ 591.00	£ -591.00	£ 362.00	£ -362.00	
					Champs Tetrathlon entries	£ 353.00	£ -353.00	£ 292.00	£ -292.00	
					Champs Pony Care entries	£ 353.00	£ -353.00	£ 148.33	£ -148.33	
					Regional Champs entries	£ 164.00	£ -164.00	£ 345.70	£ -345.70	
						<b>£ 1,744.30</b>	<b>£ -1,744.30</b>	<b>£ 1,703.85</b>	<b>£ -1,703.85</b>	
Sundries training & DBS checks	£ 25.00				Sundries training & DBS checks	£ 116.00	£ -91.00	£ 22.76	£ -22.76	
Presentation Evening					Presentation Evening	£ 499.10	£ -499.10	£ 844.36	£ -844.36	
Insurance					Insurance Premium	£ 140.26	£ -140.26	£ 156.98	£ -156.98	
					Sundries	£ 309.71	£ -309.71	£ 172.91	£ -172.91	
					Admin/Postage/Web Site	£ 332.24	£ -332.24	£ 113.93	£ -113.93	
						<b>£ 1,397.31</b>	<b>£ -1,372.31</b>	<b>£ 1,310.94</b>	<b>£ -1,310.94</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 37,222.07</b>		<b>£ 25,849.83</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 39,224.73</b>	<b>£ -2,002.66</b>	<b>£ 27,266.79</b>	<b>£ -1,416.96</b>	

Proceeds of £617.5 for Amber



## Financial Review 2023

Our accounting year is 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December

The final accounts for 2023 show an income of £25,849.83 (£11,372.24 decrease on 2022) against expenditure of £27,266.79 (£11,957.94 decrease on 2022) the main factor contributing to this is not running the Area Eventing, so returning us an overall deficit for the year of £1,416.96

This was £585.70 less than the loss in the previous year.

The branch has continued to subsidise:

- Test training by **£895.00**
- Summer camps by **£2,575.40**
- We also subsidised the Championships this year by **£1,703.85** which was down on 2022 by £40.45

The income from rallies is exceeding expenditure by £822.70 but this partly explained by a deposit of £450 that had been returned from Somerford as we have no future dates booked with them. There are also invoices for coaching and venue hire totalling £547 that was not accounted for until the beginning of January.

Fundraising activities raised a fantastic **£2,575**.

At the end of 2023 we have a healthy bank account balance of **£13,708.31** but this is a decrease of **£1,416.96** from last year.

The branch financial accounts for 2023 are completed & have been filed with PCHQ, copies are available on request.

Sue Jones (LHPC Treasurer)



## Branch Organisation

### **President - Christine Salter**

A twice ex-DC of the Ludlow branch, Christine continues to give her help and support in the role of President. She is retired and lives in Oreleton with husband John; Christine's invaluable knowledge and experience means she is always there to offer sound advice.

### **District Commissioner - Louise Powell**

The role of the DC is to make sure the branch runs as smoothly as possible and to provide a link with Pony Club HQ so that all important information is passed onto the Committee. The DC is, nearly always available to answer questions, receive suggestions and hear all about what members have been up to. Louise now has a granddaughter in the LHPC who is enjoying fun with her pony and meeting new friends, just as her own 3 children did, again all being members of the Ludlow. She creates the Off the Hoof magazine, organises summer camps and with the help of team managers organises training, competition teams and the quarterly program.

### **Assistant District Commissioner & Website / Social Media Secretary – Claire Radnor**

Claire supports the club by maintaining and updating all our IT and social media, she has set up the booking system and liaises with HQ on new software and improvements. She supports Louise on all decision making and future plans. Claire leads a busy life with daughters competing and passionate about both ballet and horses. Alongside a demanding full time job, Claire like many of us has the role of groom and transport manager among other things !

### **Secretary – Jean Yarnold**

Jean is a busy Grandmother who works both in Tenbury and at home in the family livestock haulage business. She now has grandchildren in the pony club, so is usually towing trailers, carrying snacks and holding ponies. She still finds time to ride her own horse while being our general secretary and taking holidays off work to provide invaluable help at both junior and senior camp. Jean was also part of the 'Show Committee' and 'Parents Committee' member before joining the main committee.

### **Treasurer - Sue Jones**

Sue has kindly taken over the roll of treasurer from Jon Nock, who kept us in order for many years. Sue has worked in Local Authority finance for 35 years, so we are in safe hands! Her daughter Ellie has been a LHPC member for 9 years and during that time Sue has been an active helper on the Parent's Committee helping out at various social events, fun rides and competitions. Her main hobby is hacking her cob 'Bob'.

### **Sarah Williams - Attendance Secretary**

Sarah currently organises times and groupings for rallies. Sarah checks memberships and liaises with instructors. This job role will hopefully not be needed when the new booking system goes live and Sarah can then have a well earned rest x Thank you for all your hard work Sarah, its been hugely appreciated x

### **Rosie Thomas - Chief Instructor**

Rosie instructs for the branch on a regular basis, but you may see a little less of her this year as she has a new baby Archie, who will also be wanting her attention ! Huge congratulations to Rosie & Andrew, looking forward to Archie joining us soon ! Rosie works with Lorna to arrange and deliver Test training and plans the various examination days. Rosie also assists with Area Team selection and tries to be available for team training sessions throughout the year.

**Sue Thomas - Rally and Junior Camp Organiser**

Sue has been an integral part of Pony Club for many years. She has organised Junior Camp since its inception. She, along with Rosie organise all of our working rallies, arranging instructors and making sure the venue is set-up with arenas and show jumps in advance.

**Karen Parry - Dressage Team Manager & Health & Safety Officer / Child Protection Officer.**

Karen works as a School Business Manager at a local primary school, where along with managing all of the school finance she also looks after Health and Safety. She is also the Designated Safeguarding Lead, which makes her more than qualified to maintain all our risk assessments, Health and Safety issues etc. She has been involved with LHPC since her daughters joined 15 years ago and joined the Committee 6 years ago, when she also began helping at senior camp.

**Lorna Walsh - Proficiency Test Co-ordinator**

Lorna has grown up with horses all her life and started riding at two. As a family they have always bred and produced their own horses, mainly Arabs and Welsh breeds. She was an active member of the Tivyside PC in West Wales until she was 21 and particularly enjoyed tetrathlon and mounted games. She now enjoys watching her children having fun with the Ludlow PC. They have been members for the past ten years and are both riding home bred horses.

**Liz Brown - Tetrathlon Team Manager**

Liz was a member of the LHPC from her early years to 21yrs old. Competing and taking part in all PC events, but tetrathlon always played a major roll. Brenda Dunn (her mother was also a ex LHPC member and Tetrathlon team manager). Liz is married to Martin, another lover of horses and believer in the pony club. They have two boys Charlie and Tom, both club members having enjoyed all elements of Pony Club, especially Tetrathlon. This has led onto Charlie being in the 'European Modern Pentathlon team' competing hopefully in the next Olympics!

**Natalie Moore - Eventing Team Manager**

Along with being Ella's personal groom, trainer and dogs body Natalie is also an Equine sports massage therapist. She used to train and produce competition horses as well as event, but that focus is currently on Ella whilst Natalie concentrates on dressage with her own horse. She also has an 8 year old son who is totally non horsey so she's constantly juggling her time between them... and trying to fit in her ever suffering husband in somewhere too !

**Clare Bradley - Show Jumping Team Manager**

Clare will keep us notified on upcoming competitions. She is on hand for any advice about what to expect, how to enter or what to wear. She fits this in alongside running Abi and her horses around and a busy family life including her successful florist business, where she specialises in creating bespoke flowers for all occasions and working with horses on a daily basis!

**Clare Wall - Stable Management Team Manager**

Clare takes members at all levels for Stable Management sessions, she also helps members working towards and taking all their proficiency badges. She manages this alongside her own business, offering osteopathic treatment for human, canine & equine patients.

**Deb Powell - Hunt Liaison**

Deb is our link with Ludlow Hunt. She has taken over from Frances who retired this year. We are hugely grateful for the very many years that Frances has given up for us. Deb will be organising lead rein trail hunting and other activities put on by the hunt eg hound exercise & kennel visits. She is the person you contact if you have any hunting questions, such as where to park, how much it costs and how to encourage our young members to hunt safely.



**THE HUNT CUP**

Poppy Pritchard

**HUNT CERTIFICATES**

Abi Bradley, Poppy Pritchard & Bea Clarke

**OUTSTANDING PONY CLUB ACHIEVEMENT**

**Championship Qualifiers:**

**Dressage** - Tally Jordan, Ella Perkins (section winner) & Becky Parsonage (sections winner)

**Show Jumping** - (90) Emily Walsh, Chloe Potter, Millie May, Ellenna Lewis, & Poppy Pritchard  
(110) Daisy Brassington & Eliza Hallett

**Eventing** - Oli Smith, Megan Caine

**Eventing 'Chairman's Cup'** - Eliza Hallett

**Stable Management** - Emily Walsh, Abi Bradly & Matilda Wall

**Tetrathlon National Championships Qualifiers:**

Emily Walsh & Dylan Walsh

**Regional Championships Qualifiers:**

**Eventing** - Nancy Potter, Oliver Digwood, Hannah Lawry & Oscar Morgan

**Show Jumping** - Abyssinia Morgan, Oscar Morgan, Anya Smith & Izzy Archer-Gwillam

**Dressage** - Nancy Potter, Olive Goodwin & Millie Wozencroft

**High Performance Award of 2023**

**(Gascoyne Trophy)**

Emily Walsh



**TETRATHLON CUP (Junior)**

Dylan Walsh

**TETRATHLON CUP (Senior)**

Emily Walsh

**THE MIDDLEDALE TROPHY  
(most promising junior partnership)**

Florence Harris & Arley

**THE MAGGIE TROPHY  
(the most promising new Senior Partnership)**

Izzy Hathoway & Queenie

**MR ED MEMORIAL CUP  
(best established Junior Partnership)**

Oscar Morgan & Leo

**THE BRANDY CUP  
(Grass Roots Pony of the Year)**

Islay Craig & Mr Chips

**THE IVOR CUP  
(competition / school master)**

Megan Caine & Mix-Up

**THE JAMIE TROPHY**

Arabella Jordan & Queenie

**BARRY'S BEST CUP  
(self produced combination)**

Eliza Hallett & JP

**THE DONNY AWARD  
(for Pony Club all-rounder)**

Bea Clarke & Sky

**TONY TROPHY  
(most helpful PC members)**

Nyla Yarnold

**THE MINI STAR TROPHY**

Grace & Olive Windsor-Clive

**Rowena Craig - Membership Secretary & Mounted Games Team Manager**

Rowena welcomes all new members and is on hand for any questions or queries, offering help with venue location and any membership problems. She also organises all the mounted games training, which is gaining in numbers and lots of fun ! All this at the same time as running her newly formed veterinary practice 'Mortimer Equine Vets', so she is one busy lady !

**Rob & Katie Harris - Parents Committee Organisers**

Rob and Katie Harris run their mixed family farm and have two children; Florence who is 7 and a member of Ludlow Hunt Pony Club and James who is 3 and desperate to get involved! Both Rob and Katie ride and have already organised lots of wonderful events for us including Picnic rides and Halloween Parties. Rob was a member of Ludlow Pony Club from 1997 till 2019, and is enjoying watching his children follow in his footsteps, having fun and making life long friendships, just like he did !



**Pub Ride and visiting Mrs Salter (our President)**



## Annual Review (2023)

As I grow older time seems to fly by faster and faster, I so wish I could slow it all down. A quick reflection from me of another fabulous year for our wonderful branch, as all our Team Managers have put together lots of information for you to reflect on and enjoy.

Some of the highlights for me have been the summer rally (31 members attended) and show at Grafton, which were both such hot sunny days, when both water and shade were in desperate need for both members and ponies...it seems impossible to imagine as I write listening to the wind blowing a gale outside.

The all day rallies are a great place for parents / carers / grandparents and members to socialise, as there is always time for a picnic lunch, a few games and a good catch-up! .. and there is one in every holiday (weather and ground permitting). Seeing the field at Grafton full of ponies and watching members laughing (and shouting – very competitive) in the mounted games or for us oldies gymkhana games, is fantastic, even more hilarious when those same ponies were then expected to behave beautifully in Regional Dressage Championships the next week; the ponies loved it!

The parents committee and friends kept us supplied with drinks and far too much cake at the show which helped to raise £1,168 which was wonderful. Everyone singing songs in the musical sacks at the tops of their voices, laughing when things went wrong and shouting and supporting family and friends was priceless. All the show jumping competitions at Grafton also contribute hugely to help raise money for funds, all of which are used to subsidise summer camps and test training, (by a total of £2,575.40) which we believe is the very centre of pony club life.

This year Junior Camp moved to a new venue; Twyford, the home of Richard and Fiona Johnson. Everyone agreed it was a perfect spot and the theme of racing was enjoyed by all 34 members who attended. A farm ride through the river was an added bonus and the beautiful weather held out for us. The racing theme was also followed across to senior camp, which was slightly harder as all members had a go at 'jockey training'... squats are seriously hard ! (20 members attended) At senior camp we had a wonderful 'Entertainment evening' on the last night, when hidden talents were spotted in both members and helpers ! (there is video evidence!). Camp to me has always been the main ethos of pony club and to see so many members having such fun, while learning so much about their ponies is always a real joy.

This year we again we had 17 qualifying for the National Championships at Area Competitions, which is a wonderful achievement. Members put in so much training, time and effort it's wonderful to see it all pay off. Pony Club is designed for all ponies / horses, all ages and all abilities. Whether you dream of riding around Badminton, jumping the hedges out hunting around Downton, negotiating your first turn on the forehand in dressage or having fun with mounted games at our all-day rallies. There is something for everyone, but having fun and making friends has to be at the very centre of it all.

Our membership varies between 90 and 100 and our members ages range from us having 2 members at 3 years old to 1 member at 25. We have 6 members between 20 - 25, 22 members between 15 - 20, 26 members between 10 - 15 and 37 members between 3 – 10. Interestingly we have only 12 boys, which is something we'd like to try and change. We would love to see more young people join us, so please spread the word... we are a huge team at Ludlow and everyone is welcome – the more the merrier.

Hope you all have a safe, happy and successful year!

Louise x



## Prize Winners 2023

### **JUNIOR ATTENDANCE SHIELD**

**(most points for attendance & turnout at nominated rallies)**

1st - Olivia Beaumont, 2nd - Elena Yeomans, 3rd - Islay Craig, 4th - Cordelia Dearden, 5th - Edie Nolan, 6th - Orla Yarnold

### **SENIOR ATTENDANCE SHIELD**

**(most points for attendance & turnout at nominated rallies)**

1st - Nyla Yarnold, 2nd - Abi Bradley, 3rd - Megan Caine, 4th - Emily Walsh, 5th - Phoebe Breen, 6th - Ellenna Lewis

### **JUNIOR STABLE AMANAGEMENT**

Edie Nolan

### **SENIOR STABLE MANAGEMENT**

Matilda Wall

### **THE SALTER CUP**

**(most improved junior rider)**

Eva Crompton

### **THE RIDE-ON EQUESTRAIN SURFACES CUP**

**(most improved senior rider)**

Phoebe Breen

### **JUNIOR DRESSAGE SHIELD**

Nancy Potter

### **SENIOR DRESSAGE SHIELD**

Ella Perkins

### **DEB'S LIDDELL JUNIOR TROPHY**

**(Show Jumping)**

Abyssinia Morgan

### **DEB'S LIDDELL SENIOR TROPHY**

**(Show Jumping)**

Anya Smith

### **LUDLOW HUNT PONY CLUB 1981 TROPHY**

**(Eventing Trophy - National Championships)**

Oliver Smith

### **PRB TROPHY**

**(Eventing - Regionals)**

Oliver Digwood



## TEST PASSES 2023

### E TEST

Willow Jacobsen & Connie Spring

### D TEST

Cerys Arnold, Bea Clarke, Edie Nolan, Freddie Spring, Alice Johnson, Abyssinia Morgan, Grace & Olive Windsor-Clive, Rose Osborne, Willow Jacobsen, Leah Johnson, Oscar Morgan & Nancy Potter

### D+ TEST

Cerys Arnold, Cordelia Dearden, Islay Craig, Eva Crompton, Nancy Potter, Leah Johnson, Michaela Trappe, Oscar Morgan & Bea Clarke

### C TEST

Cerys Arnold

### C+ TEST

Cerys Arnold & Anya Smith

### B TEST - RIDING

Abi Bradley

### A TEST

Holly Needham

Well done to all our test takers this year! These tests are a great way to further your riding and stable management ability and are a recognised achievement worldwide. Children can start taking tests from a young age and build up their certificates as they journey through Pony Club. If you would like any further information, please contact me via our Facebook page or WhatsApp group. Best Wishes Lorna



## Eventing Report

Hard to remember the summer with the awful weather we have been having...

As always, a lot to condense!!

This year we took 19 competitors to areas which was just fantastic..

We had two 90 teams the Ludlow Pelhams - Ella Perkins-Moore, Abi Bradley, Poppy Pritchard & Rebecca Parsonage and Ludlow Kimblewicks - Livvy Hathaway, Millie May & Emily Walsh. This year the times were done differently so unfortunately our team members were spread out which made supporting each other hard. Unfortunately, no team placings or qualification due to sheer bad luck but an individual placing for Poppy Pritchard for 8th, which was great.

100 competitors Megan Caine and Oliver Smith both represented the pony club superbly, both riders flew XC for a cracking clear and then were told they had been awarded 'wild cards' to the Championships as they had both gone clear XC ... Yey !!!

80 team - Oliver Digwood, Oscar Morgan and Hannah Lawry. Well, what a team they proved to be as they qualified as a team for the Regional Championships. Oliver also came a fantastic individual 4th.

70 team - Our first ever 70 team and what a delightful group they were, true team spirit at its best (parents were rather lovely too). We had Anya Smith, Daisy Ennis, Abyssinia Morgan, Nancy Potter and Olive Godwin as an individual.

Maybe not quite the results we had hoped for, but they really did pull together and support each other. Nancy Potter and Barney were fantastic riding with sheer determination and qualified for the Championships. All these girls did us proud, especially being our youngest members...

Kelsall Hill Regional Championships - all members were stars! Nancy Potter and Barney were 11<sup>th</sup> and full credit to her for producing this lovely pony. Oliver Digwood did a fantastic double clear on their lovely homebred mare Finest Chilli for 8<sup>th</sup> in a very competitive section. Hannah Lawry and Bluebell were close behind in 17<sup>th</sup> place, a true partnership forming there. Oscar Morgan and Patch produced yet another consistent clear in the Show jumping, cross country didn't quite go to plan, but these are early days with their partnership, their time will come, look out next year!!

National Championships - We had Oliver Smith and Meg Caine as individuals in the 100. Oliver produced a good test followed by a super double clear over another tricky Championship track to finish on a very impressive 8<sup>th</sup> ...

Meg and Mix-Up had a few discussions in the dressage, followed by a stylish show jumping, a slight miscommunication XC for 20 penalties early on but absolutely stormed the rest in fine style.

We also had Eliza Hallett who was competing in the newly formatted 'Chairman's Cup', Eliza self-qualified for this which is no easy feat... They produced a super test followed by a super clear SJ... Eliza felt PJ was getting too tired after his very busy week, so made the absolute right decision and retired ... safety and keeping the horse's confidence is paramount !

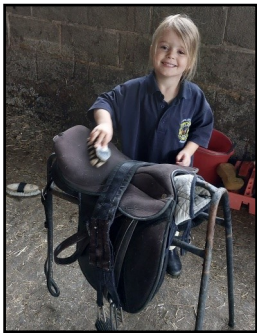
What a great year, with a great group of children, young adults and parents. You all make my job so much fun and I'm very proud to be involved with you all.

Let's do it all again next year ...

Happy Eventing as always. Natalie xx







**Junior Camp**



## Dressage Report

The Area Dressage competition at Onley Equestrian Grounds in Warwickshire proved to be quite a trek for our 13 LHPC members who made the journey. After navigating closed motorway junctions, Saturday morning traffic and diversions, all eventually arrived safely and were immaculately turned out. Thank you to all parents for making this huge effort!

This proved a very successful outing, with Olive Godwin, Nancy Potter and Millie Wozencroft qualifying for the Grassroots Championships. Tallitha Jordan qualified for the Novice Open Championships, Ella Perkins for the Intermediate Championships and Becky Parsonage for the Open Championships.

It was to be a very busy summer and unfortunately our Grassroots members were not able to attend the Championships, however, our other members had a really successful Pony Club Championships at Offchurch Bury, Warwickshire. Tally finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the Open Novice and then 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Intermediate Freestyle to Music.

Ella was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in her section in the Intermediate Championships, which meant that she qualified for the 'Ride Off' where she was placed 7<sup>th</sup>. Becky was placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Open Championship.

All of these are huge achievements! To be placed in a National Championship is amazing and these results are a credit to all of the hard work and training which our members put in throughout the year. We should also thank the dedicated network of parents and families who support them with this.

We are very lucky to have an amazing pony club instructor with Nancy Rollings, who herself was a member of LHPC for many years and has gone on to achieve great results and continues to compete at the highest levels in National dressage competitions. She has a real understanding of the connection between the rider and horse/pony and many of our members train regularly with her and are competing in eventing and show jumping as well as dressage. If you would like to join them, please look out for the regular rallies at Stoke Court and do contact either myself or Nancy if you would like more information.

Karen x



## Senior Camp



## 'First Time at Championships' - Tally Jordan

Where do I begin? - Crippsy Bilbo Baggins was happily grazing in his field when Rosie asked us to represent the PC in Area Dressage. We found out just before we went on holiday so poor BB had to come in, travel all the way to Onley and compete on the day after we were back. All the dressage we had previously done has only been in an arena - so competing on grass was something new to both of us!

Warming up BB didn't feel his best - but we went in smiling and were placed first in the Open Novice Warm up! We then had to do the actual class - a few slips due to the short grass but we were triumphant and placed first again. We had proudly Qualified for Ludlow Hunt PC at the PC Championships.

The Championships soon came, and Mum had also entered me in to the 'Dressage to Music' class there. We did this first which was an amazing experience and we narrowly missed out on first place - but we're very happy with the results as we have not done dressage to music many times before and we learnt that it certainly does ride different on grass to an arena when it comes to timing.

Our Open Novice class went well - BB was not keen on hanging around between tests but we pulled out a top ten placing coming gth.

What a wonderful experience we had at the Championships - the atmosphere was awesome. We had super support from other Pony Club members and their mums. The smoothies were out of this world from there and BB gained invaluable experience as did I.

If you get the chance to go - do it...

Tally Jordan



## Tetrathlon Report

May half term Emily Walsh was selected to represent Central England in the Junior Regional International Championships. Central England won the themed Saturday entertainment competition themed 'Rocky Horror Show'.

Both Emily and Dylan qualified for the National Championship at the Area 7 Tetrathlon at Berriewood in June.

We have a new wave of young tetrathlons coming through. Having taking part at the Elm's, Ledbury mini, Tri's and Tet's [to name a few]. All having a great time, learning new skills, riding ponies and making new lifelong friendships.

The Tet family are very welcoming, always ready to help those newcomers. All welcome, don't hesitate to give it a go. Liz Brown (Tet Team Manager)



## Show Jumping Report

Members have had a busy year out competing at many show jumping competitions including Kings, Hartpury and our own at Grafton. It was such a shame we lost one of my favourite competitions at the start of the season at Rockingham as this was always one of the first on grass. Our big competition was areas.

### Area 7 Competition

A very long day with the first team course walk at 8.20am last Ludlow member jumped at 8pm. The 70cm team were a joint team (Abyssinia Morgan and Izzy Archer Gwilliam) with the West Mids. Team 2nd and Abyssinia individual 10th. Team qualified for the grassroots championship.

The 80cm teams - The Swallows team 7th (Bea Clark, Freya Lawry, Ellie Archer-Gwilliam and Oscar Morgan) The Swifts team 9th (Oliver Digwood, Anya Smith, Nancy Potter and Oscar Morgan). Oscar Morgan had a fantastic win individually in the 80cm on the lovely Patch, A very promising partnership in the making. The Swallows 2nd in the Tack & Turnout.

Anya, Freya and Oscar (on both his ponies) all qualified for the grassroots championships!

The 90cm teams - The Wrens 5th (Poppy Pritchard, Ellenna Lewis, Millie May and Hannah Lawry) and The Larks 10th (Chloe Potter, Emily Walsh and Matilda Wall). The Wrens qualified for the championships!

The 1m team (Abi Bradley, Megan Caine and Cerys Arnold 2 ponies) not their day jumping but Tack and Turnout 3rd.

1.10cm team (Ollie Smith, Daisy Brassington and Eliza Hallet) no team place, Daisy individual 4th and Eliza individual 6th. Tack and Turnout 2nd. Daisy and Eliza qualified for championships!

### Championships

90cm team (Ellenna Lewis, Mille May, Chloe Potter and Emily Walsh) The 2 rounds were causing problems for all teams. The girls rode really well, and the team finished mid division in a very big class of over 50 teams. Great team spirit and wonderful support for each other.

1.10cm individuals both jumped amazingly well. Eliza finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and Daisy 7<sup>th</sup> which is totally fantastic. A very big well-done girls.

### Regional Championships

In BIG classes at Kelsall Hill our members rode fantastically well. 70cm Abyssinia Morgan (33<sup>rd</sup>) and Izzy Archer Gwilliam both competed. Over 90 riders in the class. 80cm Oscar Morgan on 2 ponies and Ayna Smith both rode great rounds finishing mid division. 100 riders in the class!!!!

### Gatcombe

We had a wonderful trip to Gatcombe to take part in the Pony Club inter-branch 100cm Competition. 20 teams were invited to compete at the Gatcombe Festival of Eventing's 40th Anniversary competition. We are so lucky as a pony club to have the opportunity to take part.

Our team of Eliza Hallet, Alice Salwey, Abigail Bradley and Ollie Smith did a wonderful job.

We finished the first round, that did not yield many clear rounds on a score of 8 which kept us very much in the mix. The poles were raised for the second round and once again our team performed well leaving us in 4th place right down to the last 4 teams. We were pipped into 8th place, a fantastic result with such strong competition. We were lucky as the next day the whole competition was cancelled.

## Parent's Committee Roundup

We started the year with a New Year ride in beautiful sunny weather (let's hope that returns soon!). In total we hosted 6 rides from Orleton, varying in distances and trying to cater for all abilities. We have been for rides over to Gatley, Bircher Common and over to the Fishpools. For the younger members we have done shorter rides which have ended up with a watering hole for the walkers and children, stopping at the Maidenhead Pub for a drink, who have very kindly hosted us. We have also headed over to Mrs Salters house, to see our president; she was delighted to see so many young members riding.

The Pony Club Show was held at Grafton, catering was done in-house and proved a great success, with extra funds raised to help keep cost of rallies and camps as affordable as possible.

Clear round show jumping was held on grass in September which was again popular with all ages and abilities. There were a lot of smiles and lovely to see all ages having a go.

We had a fun evening at the Grove Leominster ten pin bowling and food. Everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed it and we plan to do this again soon, it was a great social evening and lovely to see all the children playing and laughing together.

Please come and support us by buying a tea, coffee, cake or a bacon sandwich. Extra hands are always gratefully received so please let us know if you can help in anyway.

We've had a fun year and hopefully we can get back to riding over beautiful Bircher Common when the ground dries soon. We hope that all members and parents have had an enjoyable time, and we are very much looking forward to planning events for 2024, your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Rob and Katie Harris



## Blenheim Eventer Challenge.... 2023

We had two teams compete at the international Horse trials Eventer challenge. Our first team Ella Perkins, Abi Bradley and Megan Caine all competed in the 100. Not only was it full up, very twisty course, causing many problems, but it was also right by all the retail stands so the crowds were surrounding it, creating a massive electric atmosphere.

The girls rode brilliantly... Ella up first on her new mare Mo, they Rode a fantastic clear but unfortunately a sat nav error ie lost fence 8 so got too many time faults for a placing. Next Abi, who was riding 2 horses Penny and Dotty which meant fast work from Mum to change over. Abi Rode both horses so well, just for both to take a dislike to the same fence but finished strong... Both Ella and Abi left that joker last fence up! Meg and the Mighty Mix-up went in-between Abi's rides to finish on a fabulous clear just a few time ... Meg finished in 24th.

90 team..

Unfortunately, on route we heard that Oliver's mare had suffered an injury which just left Livvy Hathaway and Emily Walsh. This meant they couldn't be competitive but an email on route to the fabulous event secretary, meant our girls joined 2 girls from the old Berkshire hunt for a combined team..

Emily and Rosemary jumped a super round for just 4 faults to finish 73rd out of 180 and Livvy stormed round the showjumping just for Brenin to be a tad cheeky which meant they parted ways, but all ok.

It really was a fantastic event and everyone should be proud of themselves as I was certainly proud to be with them..

Thank you, Rosie Thomas & Amanda Barker, for your support and photography. Hopefully we can take 2 teams again next year. Natalie



## Area 7 Winter Qualifiers

Winter qualifiers were a little different this year with no prelim rounds, just an area round at Solihull in Dec. Abi Bradley qualified for the winter Championships in the Spring in the 1m class.

## Grafton Show Jumping

I would like to give a big thank you to Amanda and team for organising the SJ competitions at Grafton throughout the year including Valentines, Easter, Summer and Halloween. Well done to members and parents for the great fancy dress outfits as well as great riding.

Well done to everyone, you always look very smart and make such a great impression for our pony club. This showed with all the great placings in the Tack and Turnout competition at the Area competitions.

Good luck for this coming season... Claire x





Top Left : SJ at Gatcombe, Area 7 Show Jumping at Solihull



## LHPC & Ludlow Hunt - Yearly summary

What a busy last 12 months Ludlow Pony Club members have had with the Ludlow Hunt; with several children's meets, which have been really well attended, including a Halloween meet which was full of fun and laughter despite the rather soggy ground.

Members also had a busy summer at the kennels, attending a Pony club Open Day and BBQ, a Pre - Puppy Show and a rounders match against the hunt and the beaglers followed by a late summer hound exercise at Rochford. One highlight was having the opportunity to name two hound puppies, so many wonderful names were put forward that three names were chosen. Emily Ennis with Mowglie, Emily Walsh with Morgan and the Spring family with Monday.

Three of our members have also achieved their hunting certificates this season. These were well earned by Poppy Pritchard, Bea Clarke and Abi Bradley and there are several other members who are currently in the process of working towards theirs too, so hopefully by the end of the season we will have a few more to hand out. Deb Powell (Hunt Liaison)

