

# Looking at the Year Ahead!

## Area Competitions!

We will be on the lookout for members to form teams and represent us in these competitions. The provisional dates are as follows:

**Area 7 Spring Festival Dressage: 18th January 2025 at Solihull RC**

**Area 7 Spring Festival Show Jumping 18th January 2025 at Solihull RC**

**Area 7 Arena Eventing Qualifier 16th February 2025 at Rodbaston College**

**Area Quiz March 9th 2025**- Please contact Natalie if you would like to represent the branch for the area quiz.

In accordance with The Pony Club Rules, any member who wishes to represent the branch at area, must have attended at least 3 rallies in the year.

Selection for teams will be based on performance at rallies and training sessions.



**Our member, Camilla Martin, tells us all about her experience at Champs!**

We headed down to Offchurch Bury early Friday morning ready for Dressage, this was our first ever eventing test in a 20x60 arena, therefore there was a lot more to remember. He produced the best test we have ever done and in the busy environment he behaved impeccably. Later on in the morning we completed the showjumping round, which there were minimal clears in, where we had three poles down.

In the afternoon I walked the cross country course for the first time, it was a big step up from the area round! Then we had a lovely time watching the 90cm and Chairman's Cup cross country. There was a fabulous atmosphere in the evening and had a good catch up with a few friends. Saturday morning I took George for a leg stretch, then walked the cross country for the second time.

Around 3 o'clock I went cross country, George felt keen for the first 3 fences then soon settled into a forward rhythm and flew every fence and all the tricky combinations. We went clear and inside the time, which I was over the moon with as there was only a 68% clear rate as well as it only being our second 100cm Event. We ended up coming 5th as a mixed team representing Area 7.

We had an amazing time at the champs, I would encourage any member to take part in the area competitions to get the chance to qualify for the Pony Club Championships as it was such a magical weekend.



**Reeva Mason competing this year.**

