**LLPC Newsletter Spring 2019**

Dear Members and families,

We hope you and your equine friends have avoided the flu over the winter months and you are all looking forward to finer weather and the longer days which enable more riding after school in the evenings.

Following on from the last Newsletter, you will find attached the revised list of who to contact for which rally or event in the branch calendar. Please do contact the discipline organiser at the level you are interested in so you can be added to their distribution list and be included in a team at a competition or a rally that is being organised. It is up to you to make sure you are on the list to receive the emails with the details.

You will also find an outline of the regular upcoming branch events, who to contact when you have a query, whether it be about general Pony Club procedure or any Pony Club related topic. Katy Pocock has kindly offered to act as the person for new members to initially make contact with if they are unsure of anything. Hopefully this can be kept easily available for reference.

What would be immensely helpful to each and every volunteer and organiser would be if you can all pay the correct amount at the right time. Chasing missing payments takes up a huge amount of time and is very unproductive and frustrating!

As the summer season gets under way, can we remind you all, parents and members alike, that the Pony Club is run by volunteers who are giving up a significant amount of time to enable riders to join in a rally or competition and that politeness to the officials, trainers/lecturers, as well as your fellow riders, is paramount. Please remember that everyone tries to be efficient, get results out in good time, ride a fabulous dressage test or jump a clear round – sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn’t!  Mutual respect and consideration for all team members helps create a supportive atmosphere amongst a happy and cohesive team and this is everyone's responsibility, remembering that some people find being on a team quite pressurised - next time it might be you who needs the kind word or helpful advice. It is also worth remembering that some riders just enjoy riding – competing isn’t essential! Oh, and believe it or not, the latest gimmick, fancy numnah, fashionable bridle or shiny lorry doesn’t necessarily make you a better or more successful rider!

Please try to support our own events, many of which help raise funds to subsidise other events our members attend, camps and xc schooling etc. The most important upcoming event is the Junior Show on 1st June. It would be lovely to have the classes filled with all the 14yrs and under members on ponies and if you or your pony is too big, please do come along to join in the fun and help the classes to run smoothly.

Many of you will be keen to join in team competitions and will be looking forward to representing LLPC at Area competitions, hopefully with a few Championships qualifiers amongst you but we will still be holding plenty of fun rallies, and of course the Camps, to include all who are less competitive and just enjoy being with and riding their ponies. In case any of you wonder about procedure, for the inter-branch friendly competitions, teams are made up randomly from those who wish to enter. Area teams are selected by the joint DCs in consultation with the team organisers, based on results and team participation with the hope of forming a competitive team to represent the branch to the best of everyone’s ability.

Let’s hope the weather is a little more gentle on the ground than last year and do watch for an imminent flush of grass and keep your ponies trim and comfortable!

Kind regards,

Sue and Clare

**CONTACTS**If you are interested in competitions, please contact the team organiser/manager at the appropriate height to make sure they have you on their list.

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**A couple of useful links to take a look at as the season of posting team pictures on FB is upon us.**

Social networking:

<http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/safeguarding/other_relevant_policies/social_networking/>

Photography:

<http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/safeguarding/other_relevant_policies/photography/>

**REGULAR & ANNUAL EVENTS**

WEEKLY

Summer: “Wednesday Evenings”, Goringlee: May – October half-term Cass Rugginz 07884 446623

Winter: Thursday Evening, Sands Farm: lead rein/just off rally at 5.30pm Ali Graves 07703 397473
 Tuesday Evening, Brinsbury: 40-60cm standard rally at 5.30/6.30 Ruth Gifford 07841 014173
 Tuesday Evening, Brinsbury: C+/B test standard rally Katy Pocock 07590 998420
 These are likely to be adjusted for the 2019 winter season, currently we have Brinsbury
 booked 5-8pm.

MONTHLY
Approx.

Every other Sunday pm: Mounted Games: Vicky Mahon 07958 758361

1st Sunday: Working Rally – all levels

2nd Sunday: Show Jumping Rally – all levels

3rd Sunday: Stable Management/Extra things

4th Sunday: Flatwork/Dressage

**UPCOMING ANNUAL DATES 2019**

LLPC Junior Show, Goringlee, Saturday 1st June 2019 – lots of entries and helpers, please!

Area Competitions: Dressage; SJ & Eventing @ 80cm, 90cm, 100cm & 110cm

 Dressage: 7th July Farley Hill Farm, Reading
 Eventing: 14th July Munstead, Godalming
 Show Jumping: 21st July Wellington, Hook

Camps – please contact the organiser, listed above and on website, if you would like to know what is involved with attending one of the camps.

 Mushrooms Camp:27-29 July – Petworth Schooling Centre (ages 4-7 approx)
 Junior Camp: 27-30 July – Petworth Schooling Centre (7-12 approx)
 Senior Camp: Parwood Equestrian 05-10 August (12 and upwards)

Regional Championships: Rectory Farm, Cirencester
Qualifiers at Area in Dressage, Show Jumping (80/85) and Eventing (80/85)
Teams and Individuals

National Championships, Cholmondeley Castle, Malpas, Cheshire: 16th – 20th August
Qualified at Area in Dressage, Show Jumping (90/100/110) and Eventing (90/100/110)
Teams and Individuals. We often have teams qualify, so please try not to book your holiday at this time!