



LOCHHILL EQUESTRIAN

CENTRE PONY CLUB

LOCHHILL, RINGFORD, BY CASTLE DOUGLAS

AUTUMN 2018

Well, it seems no time since the Spring newsletter....! We've had a good summer with lots of Pony Club members going to successfully to shows and attending Riding of the Marches so well done everyone!

1. Autumn jumping league

We've got started – shame the rain arrived for the first week on 17th August but thank you to all who attended. We have NO jumping on Fri 24th August (well done Becky and Louise for qualifying at Blair...) but there will be jumping on Fri 31st August and Fri 7th and 14th and 21st September with the prize giving on Fri 28th September – all starting at 6pm (**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE DATE FOR THE PRIZE GIVING). We have a fantastic new trophy for Lochhill Pony Club members this year donated by Moira and there will be other awards. We have some volunteers for the tea stall but please take your turn and all home baking will be welcome – list for the tea stall up in the office

2. Pony Club

We start again each second Saturday between 2pm – 4pm after the October holidays – Saturday 27th October until further notice. Cost £10. Working towards our Pony Club badges and tests. We have plans for events specifically for older Pony Club members but you will be needed to help with the younger members please.

3. Pony Club AGM

We hold a brief AGM annually just to update our members – this year it will be held in the indoor school on Saturday 24th November 2018 at 4pm (after Pony Club) – it won't take long. We are delighted to receive offers of help (we have some good friends and families and we couldn't do without you all!!) but you will be delighted to hear we aren't looking for any new office bearers as currently advised....this means you can come along without any fear of being talked into anything....!

4. Christmas

Well....Christmas....

We will be going to the Pantomime in Castle Douglas again – please look out for further information in the office but provisionally Wednesday 19th December 2018. Again, we will pay for members but family members are welcome to join us at their own cost.

Our Christmas fun day will be on Sunday 16th December 2018 when we will have the fancy dress, gymkhana games and Chase-Me-Charlie in the morning with our traditional party in the indoor school in the afternoon. Again please look out for details in the office – team up and pick your pony for dressing up! We will again be pleased if you could join us at lunchtime for soup and sandwiches in the Sit-Ooterie.

The Riding School will then close for the festive break until Saturday 12th January 2019 but if you want to ride over the holidays, please speak to Helen.

5. SWSRC team jumping

We are planning to take teams again this year so sign up in the office! The event is being held at Barstobrick on Sunday 23rd September 2018 and we will sort out who is riding in which team once we know the level of interest. Hire and transport fees will apply and we will sort out dress code etc in due course. Parental assistance will be required but at least you can get a cup of coffee in the tearoom at Barstobrick to keep you going! Older Pony Club members will take younger members round the lead rein class – so if you want to be in Lochhill Leapfrog, Lochhill Locomotion, Lochhill Lightning or Lochhill Lucifer, get your name up!

6. Barstobrick winter league jumping

Barstobrick has a winter jumping league Oct – April one Sunday a month. Please speak to Helen if you might perhaps want to hire a horse or pony to go to some or all of these competitions. Good practice for going out and about to competitions.

7. Plans for next year...

More than happy to listen to any suggestions anyone has for activities....the Royal Highland Show trip was a great success so that's a possibility but please let us have your views about anything you'd like to do...

Speak to Helen if you'd like to try loan-a-pony or regarding Lochhill Equestrian Centre polo shirts, hoodies and jackets. Helen is also happy to provide help and advice if you are interested in buying your own horse or pony and can also help with any livery related enquiries.

Helen, John and staff and the Pony Club committee wish all Pony Club members and their friends and family a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year in 2019