



Pony Club Branch/Centre Bulletin - August 2019

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Members come together to celebrate #PonyClubWorldRide

We could not have been prouder of all the fantastic activities and events that our members organised around the globe on Saturday 3rd August for Ride Around the World. It was a great opportunity for Pony Club members, past and present, to unite all over the world to show their connection with The Pony Club and what it means to them. By sharing pictures and videos of events on social media using the hashtag **#PonyClubWorldRide**, members were able to be part of an international celebration of all things Pony Club.

To find out more click [here](#). To enjoy some of the fantastic photos and videos from the day, visit our social media channels and search using the hashtag **#PonyClubWorldRide**



Royal hugs for Pony Club Pony!

It was wonderful to see the Royal children enjoying their Pony Club gifts after the Ride Around the World Day parade at The Magic Millions Festival of British Eventing at Gatcombe.

Would you like your very own 'Pony Club Pony'? They can be purchased online via The Pony Club Shop powered by Harry Hall, prices start from £55 for a pony and accessory set.

Photo: Magic Millions Festival of British Eventing, Kit Houghton

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THE PONY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

The Pony Club Championships 2019 at Cholmondeley Castle

It was with great sadness and regret that The Pony Club Championship Committee had to make the utterly heart-breaking decision to abandon the 2019 Pony Club Championships, scheduled for 16th - 20th August at Cholmondeley Castle in Cheshire.

Due to heavy rainfall last weekend and an exceptionally wet summer, standing water had gathered on many areas of the site, with the stabling area and lorry park in particular being totally inaccessible. With more heavy rain forecast over the next few days, the organising teams were faced with no option but to abandon all competitions at Cholmondeley Castle on the grounds of safety.

We have had a huge number of supportive messages in response to the very difficult decision made on Monday 12 August to cancel this prestigious and much-loved event. We have of course also received many calls, emails and messages on social media with questions about the event's cancellation. The Pony Club team and Musketeer Events have put together some FAQs, available via the button below, to answer the queries received so far.

[**Championships Abandonment FAQs**](#)



Who do you know that embodies the spirit of The Pony Club?

Pony Club members are hugely creative and resourceful, and we encourage Members to get together to organise your own events over the next few days – whether this is an alternative competition at a local level or simply to come together to have fun with ponies and friends. We have created a special hashtag, **#PonyClubSpirit**, as we did with Ride Around the World, to enable Pony Club members to share and showcase what they get up to over the next few days.

We are also offering five lucky members or supporters the chance to **win a special 'book bundle'** which includes a signed copy of Clare Balding's new book, *The Racehorse Who Learned to Dance* and The Pony Club's 90th Anniversary commemorative book.

To enter, comment under the promotional post on The Pony Club's Facebook page between now and Tuesday 20th August, telling us the name of the person who you feel represents **#PonyClubSpirit** and why. Good luck!



Late summer offers on our Pony Club merchandise

Along with our partners at [HarryHall.com](https://www.harryhall.com) we would like to offer some great deals on our Pony Club clothing and accessories. A selection of favourite items from our 90th merchandise and the wider Pony Club range will be discounted from now until midnight on Tuesday 27th August. Shop the range via the button below.

(Please note that not all items are included in the offer)

[Visit The Pony Club Shop](#)



The 90th anniversary commemorative book arrives next week

We are delighted to share the news that our book celebrating 90 years of The Pony Club will be dropping through the doors of those who have pre-ordered it next week.

This stylish coffee table book recollects the origins of The Pony Club, explores the fantastic stories from over the years and celebrates the organisation we know and love today. Purchase yours directly by contacting Sue Horton-Barr via email on sue.horton-barr@pcuk.org or call 02476 698316.



The Pony Club Tetrathlon Championships 2019

This year's Pony Club Tetrathlon Championships were strongly contested, with more than 300 competitors travelling from across the UK to take part. Held at Offchurch Bury in Warwickshire from 9th - 12th of August, the Championships saw titles awarded at Open, Intermediate, Junior and Grassroots levels.

The Ride phase involved a challenging cross-country course, which proved to be highly influential to the overall result, with only six clear rounds within the time at Open level and three at Intermediate. The competition was rounded off by the Run phase on Sunday morning, prior to prize giving and dispersal in monsoon-like conditions on Sunday afternoon.

For a full report and results, click the button below.

Photo: [Ultimate Images](#)

[Tetrathlon Championships Results 2019](#)



Season final  for Pony Club Polo

A fantastic season of Pony Club Polo culminated with the 2019 Pony Club Polo Championships, which were held at the prestigious Cowdray Park Polo Club, West Sussex from Friday 9th - Sunday 11th August. The Championships is a full weekend of polo for all ages and involves all seven sections from Jorrock to Gannon!

For results and images from the Polo Championships visit [The Pony Club Polo Facebook page](#) and for more information on the sport of Pony Club Polo [click here](#).

Photo: Ellie Osborne Photography



The Pony Club Endurance Championships 2019

On Thursday 15th August the Pony Club Endurance Championships took place at **Euston Park Endurance** alongside the HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Endurance Cup Festival UK Endurance Masters. This provided our Pony Club Endurance riders with an opportunity of a lifetime, to be part of an International event where professional Endurance riders from all over the world are competing.

To see images from the day [click here](#).

Full results will be available on The Pony Club website shortly.



Travelling safely with NFU Mutual

Friday 9th August saw the launch of **#HBSafety** – a collaboration campaign between The Pony Club and our long-standing sponsors NFU Mutual. You can download their handy horsebox safety guide and watch the full range of educational videos about transporting horses and ponies via their website by clicking below:

[NFU Mutual Website](#)



September Capitation

Capitation templates for the September round of capitation will be distributed by 13/09/2019 and are required to be returned, complete with payment by 14/10/2019. If you have any concerns regarding these deadlines, please contact the finance team on finance@pcuk.org

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