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BRIDGEWATER RIDING CLUB

The final countdown...

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Hi all,

Well, this is it... The countdown to the final show of the season! Those of you looking at the points will know if you are in the running for trophies or not. A few surprises are always thrown up, as well as the extra trophies we don't tell you about until Presentation Night, so keep Saturday 26th November free! Tickets will be on sale at the September show, so get yours and ensure a front row seat!

We will be at Holiday Inn Runcorn, as you know, and we are hoping to negotiate room discounts for those of you wishing to stay. I'll keep you informed as I get the details.

We have our Junior quiz and newsletter as usual, make sure you get your completed quizzes sent in with your pre entries, or bring along on show morning to hand in ready for the prize draw from all correct entries. We always have some lovely

prizes!

Ok, enjoy your newsletter, get your pre entries in and see you at either the Blue Chip North West Showing Championships, or the September show!

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A FANTASTIC WEEKEND!!

Congratulations to all of you who came along and did so well at the North West Show Jumping and North West Working Hunter Championships. We had 2 fab days of competition which even the typically rubbish Bank Holiday weather couldn't spoil. Bridgewater members did very well, particularly in Working Hunter. I was extremely proud of all of you, and was delighted with how well you rode and presented the face of the club.

Our cool new jumps both terrified and delighted everyone. All weekend all I heard from other club's competitors was 'No one has jumps like this', 'The dice look great', 'OMG did you see the grave in the workers?!' It was great to see such appreciation! Particularly for my friend Charlie who spent the weekend hanging out at one particular jump...

Pictures are on the website as normal (taken by us), and also the official photography site www.gemineye.co.uk

See below for a few snaps!



BLUE CHIP NW SHOWING CHAMPS

It's approaching very fast..... Are you coming? Plenty of you have qualified, including some at late shows. So we have decided to waive the late entry fee. Because it's our first year of running, and obviously, we're lovely. Please send your entries in as normal to the address on the entry form. Don't forget if you qualify for the championships, you are entitled to enter whichever classes you are eligible for! I would just ask though, that classes like most appealing face and Thelwell type are entered in the spirit they are intended. I would hope none of our members would pot hunt for an easy rosette!

Anyway, best of luck to you all. Very excited now!!



Northern Horse Magazine

Northern Horse Magazine has been visiting us a lot lately! They are building up to be the Horse and Hound for the grass roots rider and are packed with features, advice, fixtures and interviews. Check out the latest issue with a big report on our July show, and the next issue will feature the North West Show Jumping and North West Working Hunter Championships. We have the magazine on sale at our events for just £2, so make sure you get your copy!

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TROPHY RETURNS!!!

Ok, it's that time of year again.... If you were lucky enough to win one of the perpetual trophies at our September Championship Show, you need to return it **as soon as possible**. On the show day is **NOT** acceptable. Please contact Rowena to arrange returning your trophy on 07759079729.

For Presentation Night perpetual trophies, these **MUST** be returned by the September show. Every year we have to chase one or two, and it's ridiculous that we risk someone not receiving their trophy on the big night due to someone being too thoughtless to return it. Believe me, you do **NOT** want a visit from me the night before Presentation to collect it! So keep your chairman happy and return them all to the September show.

Thanks!



Scroll on down for our great Junior section, catch up with Charlie and Poppy, and enter our fab quiz!!



Hi All Junior members!

Can't believe how fast the year is passing!

Did you have a good time at the NW Show Jumping and NW Working Hunter Championships? We were all very busy helping to run clear round and steward in both rings. Some of our junior members did very well. Congratulations go to Helen Thornhill, Lucy Hassall, Jake Smith, Hannah Henshall, Olivia Johnson, Ria Ince, Hannah Fallon, Mia Brown, Izzy Tomkinson, Sarah Warburton and Nicola Malkin who all got placed at the finals.

Hope you are looking forward to the Blue Chip Showing Championships! We are very excited. The entries are pouring in and we are really hoping our junior members do well. Don't forget, in every class you go in, you will receive a rosette, even if you are not placed! Very good luck to all of you. See you there!

Charlie and Poppy have had some sad news this month.... We have to deal with the bad times with ponies, as well as the good, and C & P are no different. They are remembering a four legged friend below. If you have gone through the same thing, you will understand, and hopefully reading their column will help make you feel a little better.

We have another quiz for you too, fill it in and send with your pre entries, or bring along on show day for the chance to win a great prize!

Hope to see you all soon,

Sophie, Megan, Rebecca, Jade, Josh and Matthew



Remembering a Friend



Charlie and Poppy this month heard the sad news that one of their old friends had died. Those of you who have lost a pony (or cat, dog, goldfish or anything) will know how sad this is.

The thing to remember is that your friend is no longer hurting or sick, and that if it was sudden, that he or she never had to get old or suffer. Though you still miss them, you will always remember and love them, and knowing they have no suffering makes it hurt just a little bit less.

Bright Little Monarch (Monty) will be remembered for his talent at working hunter. He was a lovely pony to ride and taught a few young riders the ropes! He and his rider, Chloe Beard, had a lovely time together and can be seen below jumping at the North West Working Hunter Championships this year. Monty was 21 years old, and this year he and Chloe jumped a lovely clear round at Cheshire County Show, and those of you who have seen the WH courses there know how hard that would be!

Monty died suddenly in the field, with no illness, sickness or even one sorry day. Charlie and Poppy would like to say that if ponies could choose, that's exactly the way they would choose. Eating grass, snoozing, and generally enjoying life.

Charlie, Poppy, Ruth and the rest of the club would like to offer their sympathies and best wishes to Chloe and her family, and to Monty's owners Rowena, Carol and Nick.

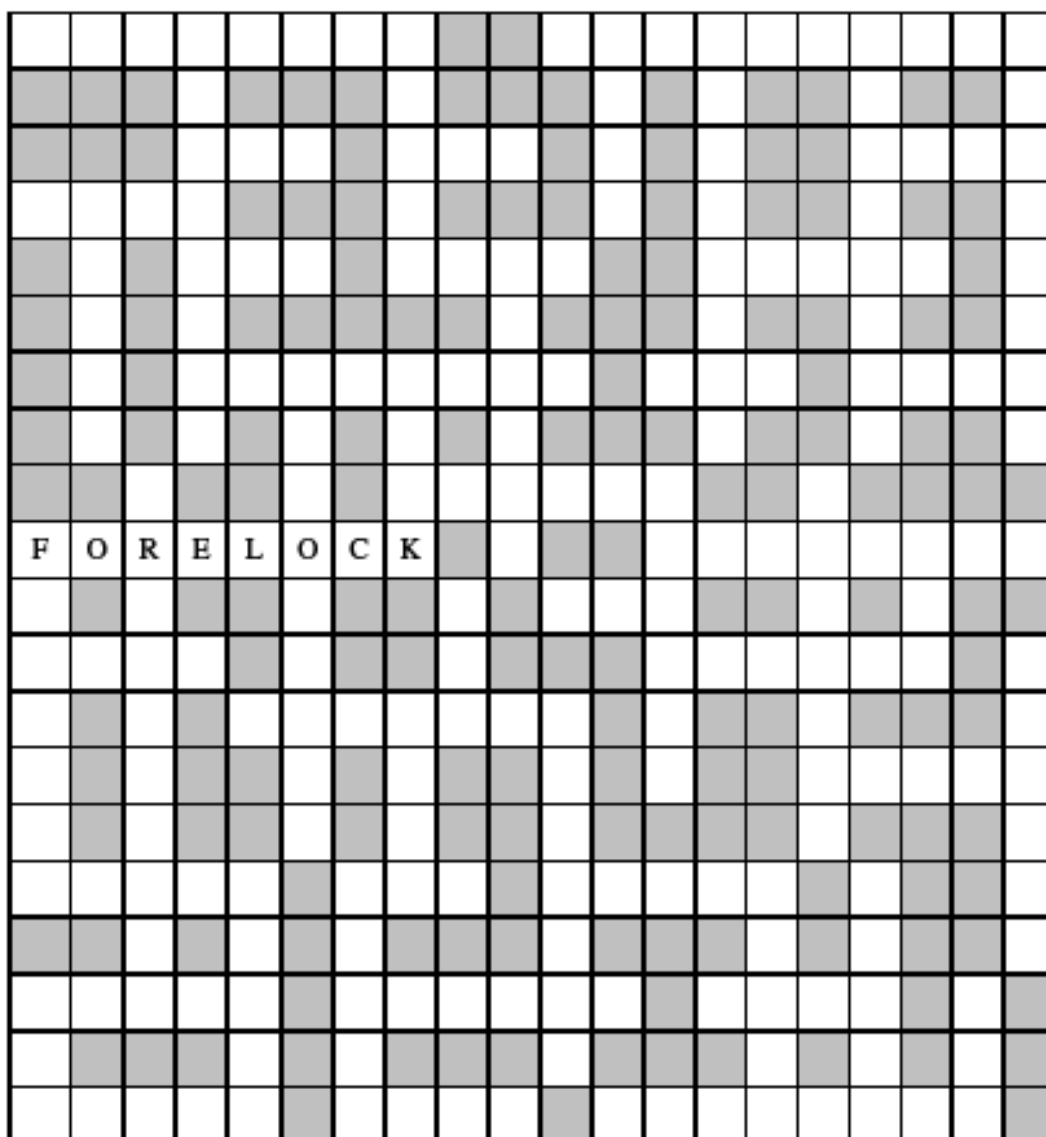


**BRIDGEWATER RIDING CLUB – JUNIOR QUIZ
CRISS CROSS PUZZLE**

Place the horsey related words below into the white spaces in the grid to complete this puzzle. One word has been completed to start you off.

Send your completed form with your Pre-entries for September’s show, or hand into the entry and Membership trailer on Show day.

The winner of the Junior Quiz will be announced in the afternoon on show day. **Make sure you write your name underneath!!**



Name:



3 Letters	4 Letters	5 Letters	6 Letters
Age	Aids	Arena	Bridle
Bit	Back	Elbow	Canter
Dun	Ears	Flash	Clench
Eye	Hock	Girth	Hunter
Fun	Hoof	Green	Numnah
Hay	Knee	Groom	Tendon
Mud	Pace	Hands	
ODE	Ring	Orbit	
Off	Tack	Owner	
Rug	Tail	Reins	
		Spurs	
		Straw	

7 Letters	8 Letters	9 Letters	10 Letters
Bandage	Chestnut	Schooling	Headcollar
Farrier	Dressage		Transition
Snaffle	Forelock		
Withers	Gymkhana		
	Leadrope		
	Lungeing		
	Noseband		
	Rosettes		
	Unsaddle		

