

# ANGLESEY BRANCH PONY CLUB BRANCH CAMP, 2024 25<sup>th</sup> to 28th July 2024

## General Information

#### Venue

Mostyn farm ride and XC is situated in Tre-Mostyn nr Holywell, Flintshire. They provide safe horse riding on their off road 9km trail along with a professionally built and maintained XC training course. There are also two grass show jump arenas with quality FEI standard jumps. Ponies/Horses have the option of being stabled in Cheval Starbox stables or turned out to grass, members are expected to provide electric fencing to ensure ponies are contained with their field mates or individually if not opting for a stable. There are a very small number of fenced paddocks only available to those ponies where electric fencing is unsuitable. There will be a very small number of temporary stables available on a first come first serve basis, an additional cost of £40 per stable per night is applicable. There is equine rape straw bedding available on site, there will be a small additional cost for this TBC, you are welcome to bring your own bedding with you. Stables must be completely cleared of all bedding and debris on your last day of use.

Children over 8 are permitted to share tents with their friends but will be expected to behave appropriately and considerately and may be moved at the discretion of night watch. Children are expected to stay in their allocated tent/trailer, after curfew, tent swapping or wandering will not be allowed due to safeguarding controls. Camp cost includes camping fee for 1 tent per member, additional tents/caravans etc will incur a £5 per night fee. There will be awake night-watch people on duty each night of camp to ensure the childrens safety and wellbeing at all times, all committee members hold an enhanced DBS, first aid and safeguarding certificate. Parents are welcome to stay at camp for the duration, under 8s must have a parent or guardian staying overnight. All attending adults are asked to familiarise themselves with the code of conduct again prior to camp, please sign this and return with your camp documentation. Can I also take this opportunity to remind everyone that pony club camp is strictly NO ALCOHOL and NO SMOKING ON THE PREMESIS this includes within your vehicle/accommodation, any parents or guardians staying overnight at camp must have a valid enhanced DBS certificate, this must be shown to Louise (safeguarding) or applied for via the branch at a cost to the applicant of £10 per application paid via the branch PayPal/BACS before the application s submitted. There is a large town nearby where provisions can easily be bought however parents are welcome to join the members for meals at a cost of £15 per person per day.

The full postal address is –

Mostyn farm ride Wern Home Farm Plas Uchaf lane Tre Mostyn, Whitford Holywell, Flintshire CH8 9AR

## Cost

There will be a competition for all members on the last day (details TBC). The cost this year is £210 for senior members and £150 for under 8's. There is a limited number of day spaces at a price of £60 for the day. The camp fee includes all training, stable management, all meals, member camp t-shirt and goody bag<sup>1</sup>. We have some excellent coaches booked for camp including Henry Church Huxley, Tas Green, Francess Ifan and Claire Williams.

Payment can be made in full on booking or split into a non-refundable £50 deposit on booking plus an additional £50 if booking stabling, and full balance by the July 1st. Booking is via Horse Events. Payment should be made in full by 1st July. A refund minus deposit will be given for any cancellation made before the 1st July 2024. Cancellations made after 1<sup>st</sup> July will be refunded in full only if your space can be filled. Last minute cancellations and those that can't be filled will be subject to a deduction of all costs incurred.

#### Children

We put a lot of work into getting the rides right for camp; children find it embarrassing to move groups so we try to get it absolutely right first time. This includes ensuring that children needing to be stretched are in a more challenging ride and those that may benefit from consolidating recent advances are in a ride they are totally comfortable with. We also consider the mix of children's personalities and their confidence levels. Please put as much detail as possible on your booking form to assist us.

Training will begin at 10am to approx. 4pm each day, on the 25<sup>th</sup> we will start at 11am to allow you all to arrive on site. Children must be ready to ride at 10am each day (11am on day 1), there will be activities in the evenings. We will confirm timings and other relevant instructions in due course.

Please remind children that during camp they will be representing the club and that any offensive language or disruptive behaviour will be frowned upon. Children are reminded to please remove all **jewellery** prior to ridden activities, **long or false nails** are actively discouraged. Children are not permitted **mobile phones** between 10am and 4pm, if observed with a phone during this time it will be confiscated for the remainder of the day.

#### Catering

Catering will be provided throughout camp for each attending member within the cost of camp. If you have any dietary requirements please provide those details when booking on Horse Events.

## **Activities**

Activities should be available to suit all abilities with emphasis on safety, good instruction, fun and gaining confidence. Please remember that this is not an intensive training week.

There will be an award for best turned out rider and pony in each ride to encourage the children to clean their tack at the end of each day.

There will be organised outdoor non-ridden activity so please bring appropriate outdoor clothing, trainers/appropriate footwear and a swimming costume. If we go to the beach, it is the responsibility of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The day camp fee does not include the Tshirt and Goodie bag but these can be purchased for an extra charge of £20.

the parent or guardian to supervise their own child if they are entering water. There will be no trained lifeguard in attendance.

Your child and pony must have attended a **minimum of 2 ridden training rallies in the 12-month period prior to camp**, details are to be provided on the application form. Attending rallies prior to camp allows the instructors and DC the opportunity to assess your child and pony and ensure that they are placed in the correct ride. This is particularly important if the child and rider are a new combination or you have a young or inexperienced pony.

If there are any equestrian activities you do not wish your child or pony to participate in, (e.g. mounted games, riding bareback/ without stirrups etc), you must highlight it on the booking form. If the instructor wishes to schedule this activity we will try to organise for your child to be moved to a different ride whilst this activity is happening. If this is not possible, we will ensure your child is excluded from the activity. Please note that all instructors have a wealth of experience, but if you wish for your child/pony to be excluded we will respect that.

## Ponies/horses

All ponies must be vaccinated against Equine Flu in order to attend Camp. Please refer to the Pony Club website for correct vaccination details www.pcuk.org. Ponies will need to have had a flu booster within 12 months prior to Camp. They should not have received any vaccination within 6 days prior to camp.

Your application form will be completed in your Horse Events booking this year. Your vaccination certificate will need to be provided separately on email to anglesey@pcuk.org

Please do not bring very young or inexperienced ponies – ponies under 5 will need special permission from the DC. Ponies who may kick, please wear a red ribbon, or tape.

Don't forget your pony will be ridden twice a day for three days so will need to have been ridden regularly before camp.

Should it be necessary to call out a vet to your pony we will endeavour to contact you, however you will be liable for any vet's fees incurred.

#### **Parents**

Parents are encouraged to allow the yard manager and group leaders to take charge of the children when preparing for and during activities as we like to encourage independence. There will be a coach and an assistant, where possible, allocated to each ride so children will not be left unattended. Younger and less experiences members will understandably require some parental assistance when preparing to ride. Parents are asked to please familiarise themselves with the enclosed parents code of conduct prior to camp and adhere to the advice. Any outside interference during activities is frowned upon, the coaches will ask for your input should it be required. **Parents are expected to poo pick arenas when watching activities.** 

Trailers and Lorries can be left during the day, parked in the designated area.

## **Booking**

Please make your booking on Horse Events as soon as possible with deposit as soon as possible – entries close on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024. We will endeavour to offer a place for all children booked in by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Applications can only be accepted from fully paid up members of the Pony Club. Cancellations made before 1st July will be refunded in full minus deposit, after that date we will refund costs incurred unless we are able to fill your place in which case a full refund will be issued.

## Camp Committee 2024

The Organising Committee is -

Jill Owen – 07855663817, Louise Richardson – 07964731228, Sarah Riches - 07858792455

We look forward to welcoming your child and pony at Camp, and hope they have a fun and happy time.

If you have any particular queries, please do get in touch with one of us, and we'll be pleased to help.

## Confidential medical form

The confidential medical form should be submitted on email to <a href="mailto:anglesey@pcuk.org">anglesey@pcuk.org</a> by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Should any rider require reasonable adjustments to be made to support their participation at the event, please make these known at the time of the entry in the confidential medical form so they can be agreed and approved in advance of camp.

In the event of an accident, I hereby authorise for the organisers to make any decision that they deem necessary