

Farlingaye Flyers

It's been a busy few weeks for the members of the Farlingaye Flyers riding club.

On Saturday, January 28th Grace Hayward and Beth Fewings competed at the NSEA County Challenge Show Jumping competition at The Jays, Bury St Edmunds. It was Grace's first time out with her new horse, Lizzie, and had a lovely clear round in the 80cm class and an unfortunate pole in the 90cm class. Beth and her horse, Sean, put in a sound performance with a clear round in the 90cm class and then went on to jump in the 1m class.

On Monday, February 6th, Haydn Sykes, Grace Hayward and Olivia Lewis attended a show jumping clinic at Poplar Park.

During half term the riding club ran a Pony Morning at Newton Hall Equitation Centre. The event was well supported by local businesses including Happy Horse, Kings of Suffolk, Absolute Horse Magazine, Allen & Page, Harry Hall and The Pony Club. We would like to thank all these businesses for their much appreciated and generous contributions. Thanks also go to Rossie Theobald at Newton Hall and to Flyers; Beth Fewings, Shannon Smith and Fredrika Anderson for assisting on the day.

Issy Murison (91) who attended has written this about the morning.

'Over half term I went to Newton Hall Equitation Centre with the Farlingaye Flyers. We all met at 10.00 am and then went into a beautiful barn to have a chat about safety around horses. Once this was finished, we then did our best to groom two very wet and dirty ponies called Storm and Corporal, it was hard work but we had fun. We also learnt the names of all the tack. At 11am another two ponies were tacked up and we all lead our ponies to the large indoor arena where we met a lovely lady called Rossie who was going to give us our lesson. We all took it in turns to walk and trot and I was able to canter and learnt that "counter canter" can also be called a true and false canter. At the end we all played a really fun game where we had to walk our ponies as fast as we could to the end of the arena, touch the wall, dismount and run back. I had such a great time and love the fantastic bag of goodies we were given'.

Well done to Issy Murison, Summer White, Leah-Rose White and Olivia Baker who came along and took part.

Finally, Sunday, February 19th saw the flyers once again out competing at The Jays in Bury St Edmunds in the NSEA Show Jumping and Windsor qualifiers. Haydn Sykes, Grace Hayward, Beth Fewings and Olivia Lewis participated, all wearing the new and very smart team stock which has been very generously supplied by Kings of Suffolk.

We hope to be organising another event over the Easter holidays, possibly a Gymkhana, suitable for all levels of ability and remember, you don't need to have your own pony to join the riding club, if you are interested in joining please see me.

Mrs Gray