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Hello everyone,

Can you believe the summer is now over and all we have left is HOYS, the pinnacle of the season!

Well, what an up and down time we had in Ireland. The journey over to Ireland (on Wednesday) was going so smoothly - until our car started leaking oil. Fortunately, we managed to get there in one piece! When we arrived we were made to feel very welcome and soon got to know our bearings around the most amazing equestrian centre I've ever seen. Thursday was a day of much needed rest for the ponies but for their riders there was the young judges competition, which turned out to be a very Welsh dominated affair! Following this was the welcome party when we had the chance to meet everyone and where we were presented with polo shirts donated by the main sponsor of the competition – Horseware Ireland.

The international competition began on the Friday with the dressage, followed by a parade of competitors, where each participating country's National Anthem was played. Saturday saw the completion of the event with a morning of workers, then an evening of show jumping followed by a very late presentation! Thankfully the journey home on Sunday was as smooth as the one over and the amazing experience was over. Congratulations to England for winning so convincingly.

Results from Ireland:

13hh

Grace Gibbon (Crabbswood Nutmeg) – 9th Dressage, 2nd WHP, 5th SJ
L'Toni Roberts (Orielson Beamish) – 4th Dressage, 9th WHP, 7th SJ

14hh

Bea Meyrick (Sannan Valley Ovation) – 10th Dressage
Beth Williams (De Vossebelts Nibbit) – 2nd Dressage, 9th SJ

15hh

Jenna Davies (Park Playboy) – 7th Dressage, 3rd WHP, 5th SJ
Beth Lewendon (Wiscombe Bonita) – 8th Dressage
Jordan Roberts (Griannagh Marcus) – 3rd Dressage, 8th WHP, 10th SJ

Intermediate

Kirsty Fudge (Tarr Commodore) – 5th Dressage

Young Judges Results:

1st - Wales Cleddau (Beth Lewendon, Grace Gibbon and Beth Williams)
2nd - Wales Bala (Kirsty Fudge, Jenna Davies and Bea Meyrick)

6th - Wales Conway (Jordan Roberts, Kirsten Roberts and L'Toni Roberts)

Thank you so much to Lynne Lloyd our Chef d' equip and to Anthony Williams for all your help and support. Also, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone else who made the trip possible.

Lynne Lloyd also sends a message to everyone: 'Well done to the Welsh squad in Ireland. I am very proud of you and your ponies' performance.'

While we were in Ireland the Royal International Horse Show was going ahead and here are some of our members results:

Katie Roberts had three wins at The Royal International Horse Show. The first was on **Chaddock Over The Limit** in the 143cms S.H.P. Her second win was on **Cusop Jackaroo** the 128cms S.P and they also came reserve champion. The third win was on the 138cm SP **Wesco Regal Charm**.

Gemma James came 4th on **Intuition** the Large Intermediate SRT. She also came 5th on the Section D **Nebo Johnny Jones** for the Davies family. They were the highest placed Welsh cob. Gemma also lead 5yr old **Shannay Langdon** on 5 year old **Gwauniarll Ruth** in the M&M Lead Rein.

Katie Lewendon and **Trewithion Woodrough** came 8th in the not exc 138cm M&M WHP.

Also, 5 year old **Libby Grota** and her home produced pony **Ysselviedts Nanique** came 1st in the M&M Lead Rein and Reserve Mini.

Other News:

Beth Lewendon and **Wiscombe Bonita** 5th in the Open 15hh WHP at NPS Summer Chamionships

Jenna Davies and **Park Playboy** gained their HOYS qualification coming 1st and champion in 153cm WHP at Chard. The combination also came 3rd at the Royal Welsh in the 153cm WHP and 2nd in the 153cm SHP.

Jenna also took her Intermediate WH **Colman Caletto II** to the Royal Welsh where they won.

I also went to the Royal Welsh where I came 4th on my Intermediate WH **Tarr Commodore**.

Gemma James came Champion at Northleach Show on **Millcroft Iska Rock** for Sam Roberts. **Katie Roberts** also competed at Northleach where she qualified the Langdon family's section A **Brynodyn Sirius** for Olympia and came overall supreme.

Brynodyn Sirius also went to the Royal Welsh ridden by **Laura Davies** where they came Mini M&M Champion after winning the M&M Lead Rein class. Also at the Royal Welsh **Gemma James** and the Dartmoor stallion **Newoak Furious**, owned and bred by Joyce Newberry, gained their HOYS qualification at only his fourth ever show.

Gemma James qualified Hannah Binks' Intermediate SH **Fwannee River** for HOYS at the New Forest Show.

At North of England, Gemma qualified Veronica White's **Intuition** the Large Intermediate SRT for HOYS and came Reserve Champion. The £1000 Overall Pony Supreme at North of England went to another of the Debbie Thomas' ponies, **Hollowmarsh Oliver** ridden by **Lizzie Smith** who were Champion SP.

Gemma also wanted to say thank you to **Katie Roberts** for qualifying **Rhosenharley Ban Rion Laura** for Olympia at Connemara Breed Show.

Thank you all so much for your news and don't forget to send me your results from the BSPS Summer Championships, Welsh Championships and anywhere else you venture to. Please send me your news by the 12th September.

Hope everyone had a fantastic time in Grantham and at Broome's. Next stop HOYS, see you there.

Kirsty
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