

COURSE CHAT

OVERHEARD from spectators admiring the carvings at the Kidney Pool: "I hope those are native rather than American crayfish, but whatever they are that one has sunburn!"

HE is going to Specsavers...

Walking up to the dressage, Bill Levett turned to Beanie Sturgis and said, "Oh look mate, the hounds are out exercising."

"They're sheep, Bill — you need your eyes testing," said Beanie, to which Bill replied: "Funny you should say that — I'm going tomorrow."

JAMES PLANT was doing sterling work with his new toy — a guttler roller.

"A version of it was demo'd at the Burghley ground work day," said James. "I spoke to Wox, the importers, and told them what I wanted it to do. They suggested the guttler and it does a fantastic job of leveling the ground, without compressing it too much."

PAUL TAPNER was flagged down by the jump judges after missing out fence nine. His "Where was fence nine?" query was answered as quick as a flash by the jump judge: "In the trees before fence 10."

RUMOUR has it that the biker collecting the scores jumped the ditch at Hadrians much better on two wheels than most of the horses.



Left: one sunburnt crayfish (inset). Above: Polly Stockton's son Charlie in his 'playpen for the day'