



BERKELEY HUNT BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB



Welcome to our Spring Newsletter, it's so good to see the sun is shining, the grass is growing and the days are getting longer!

It's been a whirlwind start to the year with Test Training happening at every level, dismounted and mounted competition training and a huge amount of rallies. We hope you are enjoying the wide variety of activities on offer, but please do feedback to us and suggest ways we can improve.

All our camps and competitions local, regional and national are held on grass, it is at the essence of Pony Club and we are looking for a field to use this Summer from mid May to Frampton Camp and/or Frampton Camp - end of September.

If you know of or have a field with established grass cover and good vehicular access, we would be very interested in having a chat. Please contact Anya or Paula.

Berkeley Hunt Branch President

We are delighted to announce Vicki MacDonald will be our Branch President. Vicki continues to offer so much to our branch and is an invaluable support, being kind, compassionate, knowledgeable and passionate about all things PC! Not only has she been a longstanding branch committee member and our chief instructor, she has been a PC Coach, examiner, national training committee member, parent, friend and volunteer for a very long time (longer than Vicki would like us to say!!) She will always greet you with a smile, so please do say hello when you see her as she loves to hear all about your day on your pony.

WhatsApp Community

We hope you are finding the new community an easy way to stay up to date with what is going on.

Entrymaster

Did you know you can create a profile? This means you can easily view what rallies you have booked and paid for. This will also save time when entering events/rallies, instead of entering the information manually you will choose from your saved information in a dropdown list.

When next logging in select "Register" create your profile.

Rally closing date

Please make sure that you have booked on before a rally closes. Late requests cause our rally organisers a lot of additional work and they already do so much, we don't want to overload them. Any available spaces will be posted in our WhatsApp Community.

First Aiders

We are required to have a trained First Aider with a DBS check at every rally in addition to the Coach so we are very grateful to all our Parents who volunteer to take on this role. We offer free training and a DBS.

Thank you to the 12 parents who attended our First aid at Work one day course on March 22nd and huge thanks to the Daly family for hosting.

If you hold a One Day First Aid at Work Certificate and are happy to help please let us know.

Reasonable Adjustment

We want to accommodate every member as best we can so please complete and send to us a [Reasonable Adjustment Form](#) if you want us to take any additional needs into account. If you have previously completed one, it would be good to have an annually updated version so we can provide the best experience for your children.



Fancy Dress at Frampton Show

Would your child like to be part of a Pony Club Fancy Dress parade at Frampton Show on Sunday 14th September? This will be our third year in the Countryside Arena and there are 15 spaces available. Please let us know if you would like to take part, ponies need to be capable of dealing with a busy show environment.

[Badminton Course Walk](#) with Daisy Berkeley - Wednesday May 7th - 5pm at Jump 2.

We are excited to be able to run again this year, the cost is £5 per person (child & adult) with **all** funds going to Badminton's chosen charity; Guide Dogs.

We are hugely grateful to Olympic rider & Pony Club parent Daisy Berkeley for hosting the walk and sharing her knowledge of the course. Daisy is one of the commentators on Badminton Radio for the Event which is well worth tuning into if you are attending.

Open to all PC families and PC friends, it is a longish walk so we understand if you don't want to go all the way round. The event is free of charge to enter after 4pm on Wednesday only this year and a great opportunity to understand the course in advance of Cross Country Day. Bookings are open on [Entrymaster](#).

Cubitt Award

The Cubitt Award recognise the commitment and dedication of Pony Club volunteers that have given 20 years or more. We are delighted this year to nominate Rollo Clifford for the 50 year award, which will be presented at Windsor Horse Show in May.

Rollo Clifford has been involved in Pony Club polo for the last 50 years. Asked by the then DC Mrs Robey to start polo using the ground outside Frampton Court to encourage boys to join the club, he has since inspired hundreds of children to enjoy the sport, riding and their ponies. Rollo particularly enjoys encouraging the grassroots players who play on their own pony club ponies. He has sent a huge number of teams to the championships over the years and many that he has taught have gone onto play polo professionally.

We are especially grateful that he and his family have provided Frampton Court Estate for the us to hold numerous rallies, camps and competitions over the years and especially for our wonderful main summer camp.

Show Jump Team Training

We have arranged a series of training leading up to **Saturday May 31st** which is Area 9 Show Jumping Competition at Moreton in the Marsh. All rounds at all heights 70-110 are on grass.

April 20th at Rectory Farm with Ellie Chirnside in Arena 2 10am - 1pm

April 27th at Tumpy Green with Ellie Chirnside on grass from 10am

May 8th at Tumpy Green with Sophie Hulme on grass from 5pm

May 18th at Rectory Farm with Ellie Chirnside on grass from 10am

We also have two Thursday evening sessions on grass:

May 8th at Tumpy Green with Sophie Hulme on grass from 5pm

May 22nd at Tumpy Green with Sophie Hulme on grass from 5pm

A little helpful reading: Pony Club [Show Jumping Rule Book 2025](#)

A Parent's Guide to Competition Prep

We understand that taking your child to a competition requires a huge range of skills as not only do you have to be top groom but you also need to provide the emotional support. We hope these two free sessions will give you helpful advice, a tool kit of knowledge and some top tips to make a competition day enjoyable, successful and as stress free as possible.

Wednesday April 23rd Parent's Guide to Competition Preparation Part One on Zoom at 7pm with Sophie Hulme & Chloe Dawes

Wednesday May 14th Parent's Guide to Competition Preparation Part Two (practical) 6.30pm - 7.30pm at Helen Du Heaume's Yard

Both these sessions are free and open to all parents from Very Mini's to Seniors, please book on [Entrymaster](#).

2025 Berkeley Hunt Pony Club Camp Dates

Pontispool Cross Country Junior & Senior Day Camp	April 14th
Very Mini, Mini & Junior Spring Camp	May 24th & 25th
Stockland Lovell Residential Camp - open to Yr7 and above	May 26th - 29th
Tresham Very Mini, Mini & Junior Half Day Camp	Early July
Very Mini, Mini, Junior & Senior Frampton Summer Camp	July 23rd - 27th
Ace Cross Country Very Mini, Mini & Junior Day Camp	Sep 6th
Rectory Farm Junior & Senior Day Camp	Sep 27th

2025 Area 9 Competitions & Test Dates - entry by invitation of DC

April 12th 2025	Area 9 Horse and Pony Care - Cotswold	Andoversford, GL54 4LQ
April 15th 2025	B & lunge Test	Rectory Farm, GL7 7JW
April 18th 2025	Area 9 Pony Racing	Cheltenham Racecourse
May 4th 2025	Area 9 Mounted Games - CVF	TBC
May 4th 2025	Quiz Final	Sheffield Wednesday Football Stadium
May 17th/18th 2025	Area 9 Mounted Games friendly	Three Counties Showground
May 31st 2025	Area Show Jumping - North Cotswold/Malvern	TBC
June 28th/29th 2025	Mini International Tetrathlon	Oxstalls, GL6 8HZ
June 29th 2025	Eventing PC 110 Qualifier for Wellington BE	Howick BE
July 6th 2025	Area 9 Dressage - Croome	Spetchley Park, WR5 1RS
July 12th/13th 2025	Area 9 Tetrathlon - Ledbury	Gadbury, GL19 4PP
July 19th 2025	Area 9 Eventing - Beaufort	Oxstalls, GL6 8HZ
Aug 5th 2025	B & lunge Test	Rectory Farm, GL7 7JW
Aug 8th - 10th 2025	Tet and Polo Champs	Offchurch Bury
Aug 9th - 17th 2025	Main Pony Club Championships	Offchurch Bury
Aug 23rd - 25th 2025	Regional Championships	Rectory Farm, GL7 7JW
Sept 8th 2025	AH Test - Area 14	Skylands, DT10 2SW

2025 Branch Competitions - open entry to all

April 5th 2025	Tri Area 9 qualifier - Cotswold & Minchinhampton	Dean Close, GL51 6HE
April 13th 2025	Area 9 Spring Show	Rectory Farm, GL7 7JW
April 24th 2025	Show Jumping - Minchinhampton	CCR Equestrian, GL4 0XA
May 5th 2025	Two Phase (SJ & XC) - Ledbury	Hartpury, GL19 3BE
May 17th/18th 2025	Tetrathlon - Ledbury	Gadbury, GL19 4PP
June 7th 2025	Mounted Games Friendly - North Herefordshire	Abbey Dore, HR2 0AL
June 7th 2025	Summer Show - Ledbury	Gadbury, GL19 4PP
June 8th 2025	Mini ODE - Beaufort	Tresham, GL12 7RW
June 15th 2025	Pony Show - Beaufort	Bowldown, GL8 8UD.
June 22nd 2025	Mini Two Phase (SJ & XC) - Ledbury	Gadbury, GL19 4PP
June 28th/29th 2025	Mini International Tetrathlon	Oxstalls, GL6 8HZ
Aug 9th 2025	Mini ODE - Ledbury	Gadbury, GL19 4PP
Aug 17th 2025	Mini Dry Tri - Ledbury	Gadbury, GL19 4PP
Sept 6th 2025	Arena Eventing - North Cotswold	Moreton Show, Moreton in the Marsh
Sept 14th 2025	ODE - Beaufort	Shipton Moyne, GL8 8PW

Dressage

We've had some fantastic mid-week dressage rallies with Chloe Dawes over the last few months, with many members gaining their 'intro to dressage' badge! We'd love to welcome new faces, so if you are interested in coming along, please do reach out to **Hannah on 07790 254412**.

Coming up, we have two sessions running at the weekend (5th April and 4th May) where members can have a 45 min 121 session with Chloe to run through a dressage test, and get valuable feedback for maximising marks! This will help for any upcoming dressage competitions you may have, or the area competition on 6th July (please save the date if you are interested in going along)! Everyone is welcome 😊

E Test

We are delighted to share the news, 12 members recently passed their E test, and showed brilliant knowledge about looking after their ponies and keeping them happy and healthy. Congratulations to all who took part!

B Test

We have 3 members taking either the theory or riding parts of the B test in April. They have all worked very hard training over the winter with coach Kate Scott so best of luck to them!

Mounted Games

The New Year has been characterized by an unfailing ability to hold games rallies in the wind and driving rain! Tumpy has been a wonderful venue allowing us to shelter from the worst of the weather but with the space to see what fast really turns out like! We enjoyed two more visits to Middle England Mounted Games Competition, once again avoiding the worst of the weather in the lovely indoor facilities. More recently, we held a joint training rally with Berkeley South (in the sunshine!) which everyone seems to have enjoyed a great deal. We will do this again in the future when our diaries permit.

We are now entering the competition season and hope that some of our new less experienced riders will take the plunge and join our more experienced riders at one (or more) of the events over the coming months. We always try and find a place for riders who wish to have a go. Games is about progression and gaining confidence with your pony.

If you want to find out more, book on to one of our rallies or get in touch. We train everyone from minis to seniors so there is a group for you...

Contact Julian on 07872 631396

Triathlon and Tetrathlon

Our Berkeley Hunt Shoot Competition is well underway! 16 members, ranging from 7-14 years have already begun shooting their targets. The results from the two age groups are very impressive and making for an interesting competition! Well done to Edward and Rory who are having a great time learning to shoot!

Berkeley is very proud of all the results achieved by our members. There are just too many to mention – what an awesome predicament!

Well done to Harry H who competed in his first tetrathlon and came 2nd! Well done Grace on your terrific run scores and to Alice on your recent 920 shoot! A spectacular well done to Rory, Ben and Tabitha, who are currently top of the Area 9 Tri Series Leader board. Edward R, Mabel, Maisey and Will J are also creating tough competition and in for a chance of finishing within the top 3. Good luck everyone competing in the Tri Series Final on 5th April!

Finally, Good Luck to Tabitha who is competing at The Pony Club Winter Triathlon Championships in Grantham on Sun 30 March. Tabitha has also been selected for the Area 9 team, and thoroughly deserves her place – Well done!

Tri/ Tet Dates for your Diary	
05 Apr	Minch & Cots Tri, Dean Close.
26 Apr	Warwickshire PC Dry Tri/Bi, Morton Morrell.
17 & 18 May	Ledbury Tetrathlon, Gadbury.
24 & 25 May	Area 14/15 Tet, Pontispool.
08 June	The Elms School Tet & Triathlon
28 & 29 June	Mini International Tetrathlon, Oxstalls, Stroud.
12 & 13 July	Area 9, 10 and 14 Tet Qualifier, Gadbury.
27 and 28 Sept	Wyllye Valley Tet and Hunter Trials.
02 Nov	Berkeley Hunt Triathlon, Archway School, Stroud. (PLEASE PUT US IN YOUR DIARY!)

We would love more members to come and join us – any time is a great time. Tetrathlon season is about to begin, although triathlons will continue throughout the summer. Triathlon really kicks off again in the Autumn and is a great way to keep fit and active and be part of a team over the winter.

For more information, please contact **Emma Watson via 07841 717763** or email Tetrathlonberkeleyhuntpc@outlook.com

Pony Racing

Good Friday, 18th April, sees the Annual Area 9 Pony Club Raceday at Cheltenham Racecourse and we are fortunate enough to have 6 members entered to race on the day. Hopefully, the sun will shine and no doubt much fun will be had. We encourage as many supporters as possible to come along and cheer on our members. Entry is free into the iconic racecourse. Timings to be confirmed. If you have any questions, then please contact our racing representative, **Karen Perry on 07747 847795**. Our regular cantering rallies cater for everyone and are ideal for those just starting out cantering up or those members preparing for pony racing.

Polo

Would you like to try polo? Then please come along with your pony or just yourselves on foot to our **FREE RALLY** on Wednesday 9th April. This is an Intro to Polo rally for members aged 6 and over – Kites Nest – 6.30pm to 8.3pm. It will be a fun and informal introduction to polo. Please book via Horse Events.

Further rallies will be held on:-

26th April at Frampton Court – 5pm – Intro to Polo

3rd May at Frampton Court – 5pm

17th May

31st May

7th June

14th June

21st June

5th July

28th July

Berkeley Polo Competition at Frampton Court Estate on 12th July.

Please contact **Georgie Daly** if you are interested in playing polo for the club or would like to know more information on **07771 547702**

Quiz

Congratulations to all our members who took part in the Area 9 Quiz on Sunday March 9th. It was a close competition, especially between the top 10 teams in each of the Minis and Juniors/Senior Sections. So proud that FOUR teams qualified today for The Pony Club National Quiz Final in Sheffield on May 4th!!



Mini Competition Results

Team 2nd Alice, Olive, Bea and Tilly (qualified)

Team 3rd Izzy, Max, Harriet and Lucy (qualified)



Junior/Senior Competition Results
Team 1st Lily, Flo HS, Flo H and Tabitha (qualified)
Team 2nd Ella, Emily, Daisy and Isabel (qualified)
Team 7th Grace, Lauren, Wren and Molly

The quiz is a test of equestrian knowledge and everyone has worked so hard with their learning over the last two months.

None of this would have been possible without Senior member Lily who organised the training, taught all the sessions as a volunteer AND participated as a member of the winning Junior/Senior team. Thank you Lily!!

Horse & Pony Care Area Competition

Good luck to all our members taking part in the competition on Saturday 12th April at Andoversford. This year, we are submitting mini, junior and senior teams.

Yela

Thank you to all our Young Equestrian Leaders who volunteer their time to help at Pony Club and other equestrian organisations. If you would like to know more about this YELA Award (similar to Duke of Edinburgh Award) please contact **Hannah Harkley – 07712 300796**

Plus lots more..... Please keep checking the website programme for everything on offer.

As always, please get in touch if you have any suggestions or want to get involved. BHPC is run solely by volunteers who give hours of their time to ensure your children have the best time at Pony Club. Please remember no one is paid- please be kind!

***See you all very soon,
Anya and Paula***