



BERKELEY HUNT BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB



Welcome to our Summer Newsletter and especially to the 13 new members who have joined us since March. We offer a wide variety of equestrian and sporting activities both dismounted and mounted and there's lots to look forward to in July, August & September.

Frampton Camp

The highlight of our year is our 5-day Camp at Frampton Court Estate by kind permission of the Clifford family. The Clifford family have been long time supporters of Pony Club and we were delighted to nominate Rolo Clifford for his 50 years volunteering award called the Cubitt Award which was presented at Royal Windsor Horse Show earlier this year.



Camp consists of 4 ridden days and 1 dismounted day in the middle to rest the ponies. Members are placed in rides of 6 for the whole camp and cover a variety of activities both mounted and dismounted. We normally have around 100 members attend.

Set up day is Sunday July 20th at 3pm. Frampton is a pop-up Camp in a grass field; all equipment needs to be set up. If your child is attending Camp you are required to help set up or send a family representative if you can't make it. There are plenty of jobs for all abilities: we have 7 dressage arenas, 3 show jumping course, 3 marquees, Mounted Games, 40 Cross Country portables, 2 grids and roping to be done. Many hands make light work, we will be issuing a digital sign-up form shortly. It's a fun and sociable family event.

Please note - bookings close on July 9th!

Fundraising

The Tea Tent will be popping up at Frampton Camp again this year selling teas, coffees, sweets and cakes. It is a fantastic way to fundraise, both delicious and sociable so please support us!

The Fundraising Team are requesting cakes for Frampton please to sell, if you are a baker or would like to offer a few hours to serve please message **Sarah Pearce 07467 495955**.



**** Save the date**** for a Pony Club Fun Ride with a provisional date of October 5th - more details to follow and we will be asking for your help on the day.

Everyone needs a pair of Berkeley Hunt Pony Club Socks!!!!!!



Look out for the order form on WhatsApp!

These Coolmax Performance Technical Long Riding socks will make fantastic gifts.

We will be batch ordering so please order & pay in full by midnight (BACS - details on order form) on Sunday 13th July for delivery by 10th September.

If demand is high we will place a second order for Christmas.

Training

Test Training has taken place at every level since the last newsletter and we are delighted that 67 members have now achieved a new Test level. Well done to everyone for studying and practicing and achieving so much.

Pony Club is a training organisation at its heart and learning is key to developing skills and knowledge. We place a lot of emphasis on training and subsidise rallies in order to keep it as affordable as we can.

Training will take place over next winter for B, C & C+ and we encourage you all to take part in the dismounted Quiz & Horse and Pony Care training as this feeds straight into the Test Levels and puts members ahead in their learning. You will be invited to join the training by email.

For more information on Tests: [Pony Club Tests | The Pony Club UK](#)

D & D+ Tests

Over the last couple of months, we've seen 4 members achieve their D test, and 19 members achieve their D+, which is wonderful news! For members who are eligible to take their D & D+, but didn't manage to take the test this time, there is further training planned in August, with a September test date. If you are interested, please reach out to Hannah Bryant if you have any questions, or book directly via entrymaster.



B Test

We are delighted three of our members successfully pass each of their sections of the B test at Rectory Farm in April.

Maddie, Tahli and Jack worked hard through the winter learning the rigorous syllabus training with coach Kate Scott.

The B test is equivalent to a GCSE level exam which is recognised internationally. They were beautifully turned out, representing our branch with good manners and respect, giving support to each other on such an important day. They have learned all these qualities from pony club over and we are very proud of them all. Well done!



Area Show Jumping

24 members represented the Branch at Moreton showground at the end of Half Term. The hot weather made the grass slippery and very influential. Our members rode excellent rounds and were wonderfully supportive of each other. It was a brilliant day out made even better by the results:

90 Team 1st Place & qualified for National Pony Club Championships at Offchurch Bury

80 Team Hounds 2nd Place & qualified for Regional Championships at Rectory Farm

80 Team Foxes 17th out of 23

70 Team Yellow 7th out of 25 & qualified for Regional Championships at Rectory Farm

70 Team Green 8th out of 25

Plus individual qualifications for Maisey, Laura & Bow.



Dressage

Chloe Dawes continues to run fortnightly dressage rallies at Nupdown which have been very well supported. It has been a great way for members to fine tune their flatwork for upcoming events!

We've recently added fortnightly dressage lessons for Junior/Seniors with Jo Lees. These sessions have also been very popular, and we'll look to start these sessions back in September after a short break in August.

We're proud to share that we have 20 members taking part in the upcoming area dressage on 6th July, which is fantastic! Wishing all of our members who are taking part, the very best of luck!

Area Eventing is coming up in July. Entries close on Friday 4th July.

Mounted Games

We started the Spring with our first BHPC friendly competition hosted by Wylve Valley Pony Club. Laura and Bella were joined by two guest riders. The team grew stronger and learnt a lot as we progressed through the weekend finishing 6th with the Berkeley girls praised for being welcoming, encouraging and supportive to their guest riders as well as being kind to their ponies.

The main Area 9 competition came next with BHPC fielding two teams and our first pair. First up were our Junior Novice Team of Cooper, Lis, Willow and a guest rider from Beaufort Pony Club who were placed a fantastic 3rd. Next came the Senior Team of Bella, Grace, Jenson and Laura who had a tough challenge up against last year's HOYS winners in the heats and brought home a brilliant 5th place. Finally Laura and Bella made up our first pair bravely stepping up to the

U19 competition and were the only pair not from North Hereford. They were tied after the final race and entered a run off for fourth place which unfortunately didn't go their way. 5th place was a great achievement.

Two weeks later we were off again to the Area 9 Friendly stay away at the Three Counties Showground. Our Junior Novice Team of Annie, Cooper, Harriet, Max, Willow and Lis put in a sterling effort and sailed through to the A final. An extremely close final it all came down to the final race, unfortunately, it wasn't our day with the team placed 5th but with only 3 points between 3rd and 5th place the children can hold their heads up high. The Senior Team of Bella, Grace, Jensen and Laura were joined by Max assisting on foot. They stepped up to the challenge and were placed 4th. The Senior Team also brought home 6th place in the Tack and Turn Out competition - no mean feat when you are a pony down on your competitors.

It was great to have Lis and Harriet join the teams this year in their first competitions and to also welcome Willow and Grace to our BHPC teams.

Mounted games is so much fun and everyone can have a go. 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**

Pony Racing

Congratulations to our members, Tilda, Tabitha, Alice H, Max & Layla who had great fun competing at Cheltenham Racecourse on Good Friday at the annual Area 9 Raceday. Podium places for Tilda 4th & Tabitha 6th. Tilda & Alice have subsequently gone on to compete at both Wincanton & Exeter PC Racedays with excellent results- Tilda - 2 x 2nds & Alice winning at Exeter in the Novice race - well done girls.

With a quiet few months ahead in the racing calendar now is the perfect time to encourage our younger members to attend an Intro to Canterng rally in an enclosed circular track- members can be on or off the lead rein & don't necessarily have to have cantered before - we can cater for all abilities. Keep an eye out for dates soon to be on Entrymaster.



If you have any questions, then please contact our racing representative, **Karen Perry on 07747 847795.**



YELA Calling all BHPC members between 13 and 25 years old!!!!

The **Pony Club YELA (Young Equestrian Leaders Award)** is an introduction to volunteering and promotes personal development and is a similar principle to the Duke of Edinburgh Award and will look great on your cv.

Currently, we have several members volunteering, so their hours count towards their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Ella Woolls recently received her Gold Award at The Royal Windsor Show. Thank you for volunteering your time to help.

We have lots of volunteering opportunities coming up at our summer camp at Frampton.

If you would like to know more about this YELA Award (similar to Duke of Edinburgh Award) please contact **Hannah Harkley – 07712 300796** and join our “Yela” WhatsApp group on our Berkeley Hunt Pony Club Community Page.

Tetrathlon & Triathlon

SAVE THE DATE!

BERKELEY HUNT PONY CLUB

TRIATHLON

SUNDAY 2RD NOVEMBER 2025
GL5 4AX



Schedule coming soon

We will be organising our Triathlon again and we'd like **EVERY BHPC member to consider having a go and entering!** All children will have the chance to compete in a Berkeley PC Team, against lots of other PC branches – it's great fun and the perfect opportunity to make friends!

Starting this summer we also have **Triathlon Swim Rallies** – suitable for all ages and abilities.



- Helping our younger members learn to swim confidently through the deep end with woggles, floats, fins, as needed.
- Find the best tactics for each child to compete in triathlon.
- Starts, tumbles, stroke, stamina work.
- Pool side and block dive certificates for those ready.

These sessions will be available to book on Entrymaster soon.

Well done to our 13 members that had a blast at The Elms Tet and Tri.

TEAM 1st and 2nd from BHPC! Whoop whoop!

And, it's never too early to start!

Look out for our Triathlon Taster session coming up this summer (Date TBC). Perfect for having a go and finding out more.



Well done Tabitha –1000 shoot with our PC shoot instructor, Geoff!



Shooting training is FREE to PC members and takes place EVERY Thursday and Friday from 3pm. All equipment provided.

We would love more members to come and join us – any time is a great time. Full triathlon season fully kicks off again in September, although Tri and Tet will continue all summer.

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

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 **Emma Watson** know if you would like to take part, ponies need to be capable of dealing with a busy show environment.



Also, would any Pony Club Dad's like to take part in the Tractor Pull Race at Frampton Show? It was great fun with lots of members cheering them on, plus we have a title to retain!!!

Contact Emma Watson.

Dodson and Horrell Pony Club National Quiz Finals in Sheffield

A hugely successful day for Berkeley all thanks to our quiz coach Lily. This year the Quiz was a far larger competition with more teams and tricky rounds. It was a fantastic experience and great fun all staying away at the same hotel together!! We are very proud of all our members



🎉 Team 2nd 🏆 out of 47 teams for our Stripes Junior/Senior Team:

🏆 Lily, Flo H, Flo H-S and Tabitha

Also competing were:

Yellow: Ella, Emily, Daisy and Isabel

Greens: Grace, Lauren, Wren and Maddy

🎉 Team 5th out of 50 teams for our Foxes Mini Team:

🏆 Olive, Bea, Tilly and Alice

Also competing were: Hounds Team: Max, Harriet, Lucy and Izzy



Area Horse and Pony Care Qualifier

Another very successful day for Berkeley at the Area 9 Horse & Pony Care Qualifier. They were all amazing, with some super high scores. We have qualified for National Champs in August at every level. We would like more members to take part as the training sessions for these competitions

will help to improve your knowledge for the efficiency tests. Huge thanks to our Young Coach and Senior member Lily for organising and teaching the revision sessions 🌟🌟



Senior Competition

🏆 1st place: Grace, Lily and Flo H-S (Q)

🌟 Lily was also awarded a special prize for being the stand out Senior competitor too!!

Junior Competition

🏆 3rd place: Tabitha, Flo H and Daisy (Q)

🌟 8th place: Lauren, Bella and Isabel



Mini Competition

🏆 2nd place: Alice, Tilly and Max (Q)

🌟 Bea, Annabel and Izzy

Polo

Would you like to try polo? Then please come along with your pony or just yourselves on foot to one of our rallies. It will be a fun and informal introduction to polo. Further rallies will be held on 5th July and 28th July.

Berkeley Polo Competition at Frampton Court Estate on 12th July. Look out for more information on WhatsApp.

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

Social Report

We are looking forward to our evening trip to Chepstow races on 11th July which includes an evening of 80s music. Just a quick reminder to those booked, please could you make your final payments for tickets and taxi via bacs to pony club account.

We have also been planning lots of fun for our pony club dismounted days. Details on this will follow but we can promise you lots of ponies and fun with your friends!

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.

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.

Please keep checking the website programme for everything on offer. There is something for everyone!!

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