



BERKELEY HUNT BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB



Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter, the very hot, long summer seems a distant but very happy memory now.

Frampton Camp at the start of the summer holidays was a joy as always and we were blessed with good weather. Huge thanks to the Clifford Family for allowing us to use the Estate.



The social committee were busy organising the dismounted days for camp. Our Minis and V Minis had the best time with around 40 wonderful members making their own hobby horses. Everyone got to paint and decorate their own side of a horse which we put together with a partners to make a hobby horse.

We let their imaginations run wild! Some painted their own ponies 🐾, some went magical ✨ 🦄

We then had a lovely picnic in the sunshine to boost the energy levels ready for the hobby horse gymkhana/mounted games. It was brilliant to see all the wonderful hobby horse designs and team spirit amongst all our minis 💖

The setting was perfect with views of the Severn and wall to wall sunshine, all made for a top dismounted day. A huge thank you to Laura Horner for allowing us to use the amazing facilities at Oldbury Primary School and for pitching in to help build hobby horses - Thank you 🙏

We then took 56 junior and senior members to Hartpury College for a tour of the Equine Therapy Unit and a taster session at the Rider Performance Centre.

We were shown horses using the two treadmills and shown how the equipment is used to rehabilitate horses after surgery or injuries. Then we were introduced to the gym and horse simulators including Margaret the eventing simulator.

Thank you to the Hartpury Equine Events team for a fantastic morning, everyone is super keen for a return visit to ride Margaret again!



We were so lucky to have glorious sunshine for the last day of Autumn Camp. Thank you to the Rowe and Hirst families for hosting. It was lovely to welcome so many new members to their first camp and introduce members to Tet and Tri. We hope you are inspired to get involved and enter our Triathlon on November 2nd! To find out more contact our Tet and Tri manager Emma Watson.

Welcome to our 14 new members who have joined since June, we currently have 153 members covering the full spectrum of ages from 2 to 25.



We hope you have enjoyed the activities on offer over the Summer, if you have any ideas or thoughts on additional items we could offer or how we could improve, we would be really keen to hear from you. We will be sending out a survey in October and holding an AGM by zoom in November for your feedback.

Looking forwards to Autumn/Winter, we will be offering Test training for those working towards B with E, C+ and C training coming in the New Year. D & D+ will be offered again in Autumn 2026.

<https://pcuk.org/tests/>

Tests are benchmarks of learning and are progressive so as you get older, the knowledge level and height of jumps increase. There is also a pathway from D+ that allows members to take the dismounted Care sections only at C+, B, The Lunge Test, B+ and finally AH. So if you do not have the horse power you can still progress with your knowledge!

🎄 🎄 Christmas Parties 🎄 🎄

🎄 Firstly, a date for your diaries.....Sunday 21st December, 2-4pm at Charfield Village Hall. A Christmas party for year 6 and under, full of magic, music and entertainment, it may even snow! We also hope to be lucky enough to get a visit from a very special person 🦋 so make sure you are on your best behaviour!

🎄 Bounce into Christmas with a fun filled evening at AirHop for Year 7 and above!! Friday 12th December at 6pm followed by pizza and refreshments.

All will be available to book on entrymaster very soon!

Team Success

Congratulations to our members who took part mounted and dismounted in Area Competitions this year and qualifications for Regional and National Champs, you made us very proud. We are often complimented on our Members turnout, politeness and horsemanship. It is also very exciting to see our members moving up the levels and becoming more and more successful at Area, Regional and National levels so well done Team Berkeley!!

Pony Club Quiz and Horse & Pony Care Area qualifying competitions happen in the Spring each year. You do not need a pony to compete and the training is open to all. It is a great way to improve your knowledge for the Test Levels and be part of a Team.

Look out for details of the training with Lily Clarke coming soon!

<https://pcuk.org/bluecross-horse-and-pony-care/>

<https://pcuk.org/pc-quiz/>

Competing is a skill that's learnt best in practice. Often it is all about repetition and ring craft as there are so many elements to perfect. Our Mini & Junior Rally Organiser Jen Wookey organises some really encouraging "Have a Go" competitions to give members the confidence and experience to go out and start competing. Jen has plans for more competitions over the winter so look out for these.



Area Dressage - July 6th 2025

30 members competed at Spetchley Park with many members competing for the first time.

Huge [Congratulations](#) to:



Grassroots: Individual 3rd Isabel Fry with 69.75%

Novice: Individual 4th Olivia Sheldon with 67.27%

Intermediate: Individual 1st Grace Clarke with 74%,
Individual 3rd Tilly Dowsing with 70.67%

Intermediate: Team **WINNERS**: Grace Clarke, Tilly Dowsing
& Lily Clarke

Open: Individual 3rd Lily Clarke with 70.96%

Open: Team 2nd Grace Clarke, Ella Woolls, Tilly Dowsing
and Lily Clarke

Regional Qualifiers: Maisey Du Heaume, Isabel Fry, Ellie-
May Woodward, Olivia Coolman

National Qualifiers: Olivia Sheldon, Grace Clarke, Ella
Woolls, Tilly Dowsing and Lily Clarke

Area Eventing - July 19th 2025

16 members represented Berkeley at Oxstalls and we fielded 2 Grassroots 80 teams and a 90 team.

Huge [Congratulations](#) to:

Grassroots 80: Individual 2nd Millie Guess with 28.5%

PC90: Individual **WINNER** Grace Clarke with 28.9%

Regional Qualifiers: Isla Hughes, Millie Guess, Alice
Perry, Emmy Leach, Tabitha Watson, Maisey Du
Heaume, Sophia O'Hara, Laura Pearce, Harriet Cox

National Qualifiers: Olivia Sheldon, Grace Clarke and
Lily Clarke



National Championships at Offchurch Bury in August 2025

<https://pcuk.org/national-championships/>



Qualifying for a National Champs is a huge achievement and we are very proud of everyone who competed. It was also incredibly hot which provided additional challenges.

Huge Congratulations to:

Horse & Pony Care Finals:

Junior Team 2nd Flo Hall-Smith, Tabitha Watson and Lauren Parry

Dressage Finals Intermediate:

Individual 2nd Grace Clarke with 69.67%,

Individual 3rd Lily Clarke with 75.67%

Highest Placed Branch and Intermediate Team 2nd – Tilly Dowsing, Lily and Grace Clarke



Eventing Finals:

PC90 Individual **WINNER** Grace Clarke
and 4th individual Olivia Sheldon



Regional Championships at Rectory Farm in August 2025

The end of a very long hot summer was the Regionals, with competitors from Branches all across the South and Wales.

Huge Congratulations to:

Show Jumping: PC70 Team **WINNERS** Hattie Rowe, Alice Hendy, Alice Perry and Willow Taylor



Well done to everyone who competed at the Championships!!

PCIA Pony Club International Alliance Online Quiz 2025



We are thrilled to announce that Lily Clarke has been selected as one of four team members to represent the UK competing in an online International Quiz in December. Lily was selected from applicants across the UK and we are very proud of her achievement.

<https://pcuk.org/news/pony-club-international-alliance-uk-online-quiz-team-2025/>

PCIA Pony Club International Alliance Virtual Dressage Show 2025

Grace and Lily Clarke were delighted to be selected for an exciting opportunity to take part in an International Virtual Dressage Competition representing the UK. This year the competition has been organised by United States Pony Club, which meant learning an American dressage test! Videos have been uploaded and they are waiting to hear the final results.

[Pony Club International Virtual Dressage Show 2025](#)



Young Coaches

Lily is both a Senior Member and Young Coach. We have many Coaches who were once Pony Club members and learnt to be Coaches through the Pony Club, names you will know from Camps this year are: Kirsty Camm, Chloe Dawes, Abby Withers and Tilly Dowsing. There are opportunities for our older members to start on a pathway of coaching from the age of 16, to find out more contact us. It is a fantastic edition to your CV for Uni and for life skills!

<https://pcuk.org/become-a-coach/>

Area Eventing 2026 & 2027

Branches take it in turns to host Area Competitions on a two year cycle, Berkeley Pony Club are hosting Area Eventing for the next two years over the Howick Horse Trials course at Chepstow. This is for all Branches in Area 9, alongside us will be Area 10's qualifier too. The date for 2026 is provisionally **Saturday July 11th** (awaiting confirmation of British Eventing Calendar) and we will be running PC70 to Chairman's Cup (110).

We will be seeking Tack Checkers, Fence Judges and Dressage Writers (full day or half day). If you or a family member would like to help do 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.

<https://pcuk.org/reasonable-adjustment/>

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.

<https://berkeleypc.entrymaster.online/index.php?id=14>

TRI something new in November!

PLEASE support our BHPC fundraiser - there is a class for every member!

Triathlon offers members opportunity to proudly represent Berkeley Hunt Pony Club, competing not only as an individual, but in a BHPC team against other branches. And, it's a great way to spend time on the ground with PC friends!

If your child enjoys running or swimming then please come join us!

Link to enter is found in the attached schedule. Entries close 22nd October.

**Individual
& Team
Prizes!**

For all members that are 5 years & under (or are 6 years now, but were still 5 on the 1st January '25) PLEASE could they enter our **BABY BEANIE BIATHLON** class. No swimming involved! We have beanbag targets for children to practice on. No one in this class goes home without a prize!

We would like our members that are 8 years and under to enter the **BEANIE TRIATHLON** class. Members that are 8 years on the 2nd Nov '25 - you have a choice, **BEANIE TRIATHLON** or the **TADPOLE** class. Members between 8-25 years should consider entering your age class as per schedule **TADPOLES, MINIS or JUNIORS**.



SWIMMING

ALL age groups are invited to our swim rallies, especially if you're unsure or want to learn more about the swim phase (enter via BHPC Entry Master). We'll aim to send you fully prepared ahead of the competition!

For all classes with a swim phase, children need to be happy and confident in the water and able to at least travel through the water using a float, woggle or a similar floatation vest/fin.

SHOOTING

Members entering classes with a shoot phase (Tadpoles and above) need to learn to shoot safely ahead of the competition, however, our Tetrathlon club is **incredibly fortunate** and is able to help make that happen - if you take action now!

Shoot practice is free to members, taking place in Cam, Dursley, after school and into the evening, **EVERY Thursday and Friday, ALL YEAR LONG!**

FOR CHILDREN THAT DON'T KNOW HOW TO SHOOT: Geoff, our shoot instructor, welcomes you to visit for some extra fast track 1:1 sessions, any **Wednesday** after school, between now and our triathlon on 2nd November.

Please read our schedule and contact Emma for further information - 07841 717763.

Efficiency Tests

We've had a busy few months with pony club tests and ongoing rallies!

Congratulations to Harriet Cheaker and Edie Foster for passing their mini road rider badges!



Huge congratulations to Willow for recently passing her D test; to Grace, Olive, Chloe and Macy for passing their D+; and to Edie F and Harriet C for achieving their D&D+ awards! The turnout standards were high, and members received some brilliant feedback from examiner Tiffany Rix.

B Test

We currently have 2 members hoping to take their sections of the B test at the end of October.

We have a B test winter training programme in place with coach Michelle Spokes and our very own Lily Clarke, working towards the test next spring/summer. For those that have been invited via email, please contact Hannah Harkley to confirm if your child will be doing the training. It takes commitment and dedication as this is a rigorous test – please read the syllabus carefully to see what is involved. Any questions, just ask.

Rallies

Regular dressage rallies for our Junior/Seniors with both Chloe Dawes and Jo Lees will continue between now and Christmas, as well as a regular mid week working rally for junior/seniors with Tilly.

Monthly SJ rallies for Junior/Seniors with Jason Ferguson will continue, along with opportunities for arena eventing too.

For our V Mini, Mini and Juniors, we have a range of working rallies and SJ opportunities on the horizon, as well a fun Halloween themed rally during October half term, which promises to be spooktacular! 🎃

Badge Rallies

We are pleased to announce that our winter series of badge rallies are now available to book on entymaster. They will be run by Lily Clarke.

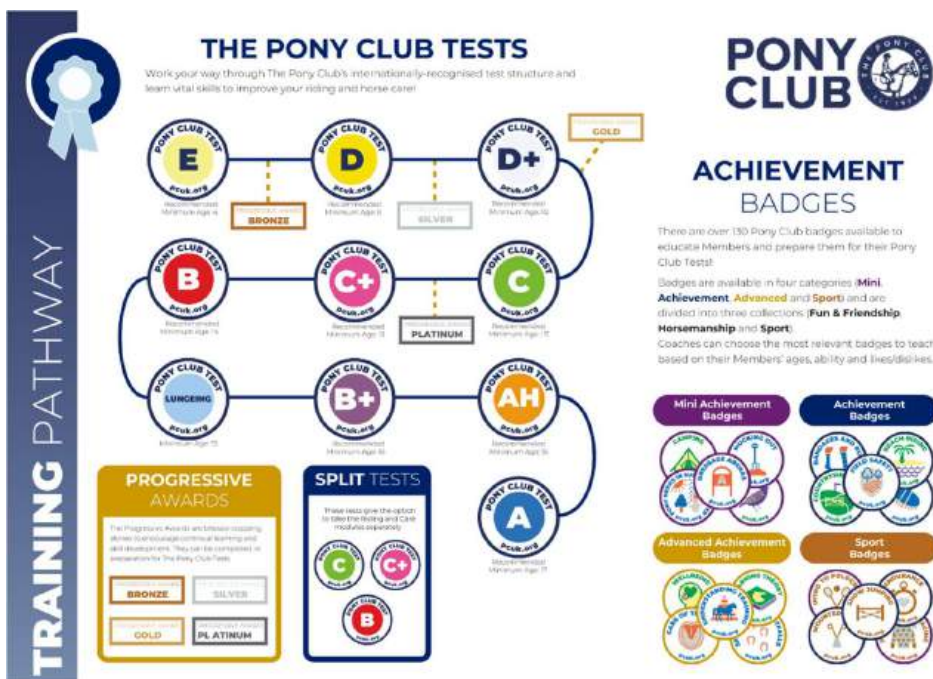
This year, as well as the usual mini and junior badges, we have included some advanced badge rallies and some v. mini ones too so hopefully there will be something for everyone.

V. Mini = working towards E test

Mini = working towards D & D+ tests

Junior = working towards C & C+ tests

Advanced = working towards B test and above



Badge rallies are a fun way of gaining the knowledge required for the Pony Club efficiency tests whilst receiving a badge to wear on your PC jumper. They are also a great starting point for the Pony Club Quiz and Horse & Pony Care competitions.

Within the series, we have also included 3 more badges that go towards earning the mini and junior Blue Cross Equine Welfare Awards. Look out for the Check List at the end of this newsletter. We hope to be able to present some of these badges at the awards ceremony next year.

Please do check the syllabus' which are on entrymaster bookings so you can judge whether you think your child can achieve the required level of learning.

If you are unsure or you have any questions please contact **Kirsty King - 07970 975115**

Polo

Sarah and I have had an absolutely fantastic season taking 9 Berkeley kids through to the beautiful Cowdray Park Polo Club Pony Club - Polo Championships. The teams played absolutely beautifully over 3 days playing and 4 days camping. An enormous thanks to all the organisers and to the parents of both Berkeley and non-Berkeley parents for managing both kids and ponies.

The final mounted parade before prize-giving is one of the largest and spans riders from 6-21yrs.

The results were:



- Rex in his North Cotswold team - JOPPS



- Hattie, Bridget, Mia and Ruby (subbed in for poor Imogen) for Berkeley - SUR 3

5th - Millie and Buster with their Cambridge Team - SUR 3

4th - Tali with her Cowdray team - LOR 1



- Bea, Carmel, Rosie and Henry who all played for our Berkeley team - LOR 2

An enormous thank you to the Clifford family for allowing us to play at the court and to Nelson Rowe for all his coaching, who is now qualifying to become a professional coach. Our thanks also to Col Rollo Clifford and Andrew Kerr for all their coaching and advice. We now play arena polo (both matches and practices) at Beaufort Polo Club or Longdole polo club until next May when we go back to Frampton Court to play most Sunday evenings.

We were also thrilled that the pony club presented Col Clifford with his 50 year Cubitt Award at the Royal Windsor Horse show earlier in the season. Please do give Georgie a call if you are interested in getting involved in polo next year.

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

Pony Racing

Massey Rowe runs our Pony Racing/Fitness/Confidence Building Sessions at both, The Pritchards, Purton and Tucks at Didmarton. These rallies are open to all, so do come along for a controlled, safe circular gallop with good viewing. This is a great way to improve fitness, stamina, build confidence, especially on new or novice horses/ponies. Always good fun and lots of smiley faces. Look out for the next rally on entrymaster! We look forward to seeing you!

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



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.

Fundraising Update

What a wonderful year it has been for our fundraising community – full of cups of tea, delicious cakes, and plenty of laughter! The much-loved tea tent has once again proved itself to be the heart of our gatherings, bringing together riders, families, and friends to share stories of pony fun over a slice of cake.

At both spring and autumn camp, the sun shone and the tea tent was buzzing with chatter. A huge thank you goes to Roy, whose generous donation of an urn has made our tea-serving duties so much easier (and faster!). At Frampton Camp, the tea tent took on an extra-special role – it became a cosy hub where everyone came together to relax, catch up, and swap tales from the saddle. It was lovely to see how many new friendships were forged over mugs of tea and slices of homemade cake.

The Frampton Country Fayre gave us the chance to throw open our tent flaps and welcome in members of the public, proudly promoting our wonderful Pony Club. Even though the afternoon rain dampened the crowds, the smiles inside our tent stayed as bright as ever. The younger visitors had a fabulous time decorating rosettes – and themselves – with glitter. The smell of fresh scones and the sparkle of Pimm's (both kindly donated by our generous bakers and families) ensured that everyone who popped by left with happy hearts and full tummies.

At autumn camp, our tireless bakers came up trumps once again. Early mornings were made much easier for parents and helpers with the promise of strong coffee and plenty of cake. We cannot thank enough all those who donate their baked goods, sweets, and treats – your kindness keeps our community fuelled and smiling! The tea tent really has become an important hub, not only for raising funds but also for building friendships and strengthening the spirit of our club.

Our ongoing fundraiser, "Guess the Name of the Pony," will continue through the winter months, with the exciting prize of a year's free Pony Club membership to be drawn in January. Don't miss your chance to take part – it's proving to be a popular game and a lot of fun.

Looking ahead, we're already busy making plans for the next 12 months. Highlights include a Fun Ride, generously hosted by the Garrett Family, more of our beloved tea tents, and – fingers crossed – a barn dance! (If anyone knows of a suitable barn, do let us know – it could be the perfect place for an evening of music, dancing, and laughter.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us this year – whether you've baked, bought, poured tea, washed mugs, or simply joined us with a smile. We are always delighted to welcome new volunteers, and we would also love to hear your ideas for future events. Together, we can keep the Pony Club spirit thriving.

Here's to another year of fun, fundraising, and friendship – with plenty more tea and cake along the way! We have raised £709.42 from the Tea Tent towards new kit!!

Thank you to all our wonderful Volunteer Organisers who make our Pony Club such a vibrant community and create so many exciting opportunities and experiences both mounted and dismounted.

See you all very soon,

Anya and Paula

Dates for your diaries to avoid booking family holidays!!

Branch Team Competition Dates 2026

March 1st - Area 9 Quiz at Leonard Stanley Village Hall,

April 3rd - Pony Racing at Cheltenham Racecourse

May 16th/17th - Area 9 Mounted Games Competition

May 30th - Area 9 Show Jumping at Moreton-in-Marsh Showground, GL56 9AJ

July 5th - Area 9 Dressage at Waverton House, GL56 9TB

July 11th - Area 9 Eventing at Howick Farm, NP16 6BL

July 18th/19th - Area 9 Tetrathlon at Oxstalls Farm, GL6 8HZ

Camp Dates 2026

May 25th - 28th - Berkeley Residential Camp at Stockland Lovell, TA5 1JJ
(open to year 7 & above)

July 29th - Aug 2nd - Berkeley Frampton Camp (open to all ages)

16+, Spring and Autumn Camp dates to follow!

ACHIEVEMENT BADGES



BLUE CROSS EQUINE WELFARE ACHIEVEMENT BADGE CHECKLIST

Earn your Blue Cross Equine Welfare Badge by completing each of the ten Achievement Badges listed below. Use this handy checklist to keep track of your progress!



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