

# LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

I'm not sure what to call the month we have just had as Summer doesn't seem quite right! We didn't really get the hot weather we have been used to but then this is probably a bonus. August saw junior camp, the mini ode, mini dry tri as well as the main Pony Club Championships at Offchurch Bury and the Grassroots Championships at Rectory Farm. Looking forward we are planning an Autumn filled with training and rallies.

## Future Dates

### September

16<sup>th</sup> - lead rein/beginners/novice/nervous/new partnership lessons at Gadbury 1 hour £10

17<sup>th</sup> - Open Schooling at Gadbury 10am-3pm

19<sup>th</sup> - C+ test Assessment at Gadbury 6pm

20<sup>th</sup> - Pizza and Quiz evening 6pm-7.30pm will include a group training for c/c+ test, venue tbc

21<sup>st</sup> - Visit to Dynamics at Newent

23<sup>rd</sup> - Show Jump Training at Moores Farm

Every Tuesday evening 6:40-7:40 there is Swim training at Tewkesbury School Pool – all welcome





### Junior Camp

August kicked off with over 50 children attending this year's camp it was another busy one. The space at Gadbury means having 9 rides isn't too difficult but it does take some organising. We were very lucky with the weather as the predicted heavy rain turned to showers and these were short lived and few and far between.

On the Tuesday, after the ridden activities the children enjoyed the slip and slide and a great bbq. There were talks throughout the camp from Emma Bolt physio, a working dogs display, tent pegging display and mock battle, a meet and greet from the Ledbury Hunt hounds, a mini biathlon competition and the usual quiz and activity afternoon on the Wednesday. On the last afternoon the majority of the children took part in a very fun hunt relay style race.

At the presentation at the end of camp rosettes were given out as well as medals. There was the presentation to Heather Maclain, our chief instructor of her Cubitt award for 20 years of volunteering to the Pony Club. We also awarded the Summer Show points trophy which this year was won by Thomas H.

We were lucky enough to have Sarah Aldridge of SA Photography with us for the whole of camp and she took some great photos of all the children during all the activities. Please do check out her Facebook page and order some pictures.

Thank you to Sue Clements, Emily Hall and Louse Calverley for all your hard work.





A raffle was organised by Claire Allen and Sarah Morgan to raise funds and the prize was a Crafty Pony and books. The draw took place at the presentation at Junior Camp and it was won by Harvey F who attended mini camp. The raffle raised £77.



### Pony Racing

Pony racing was held at Wolverhampton and one of our members, Ollie S took part in the 138 open race. He is riding the Knowles pony; Taz and they have had a great season. This outing was no exception with a great 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

## Pony Club Show Jumping at Gatcombe Horse Trials.

Although the final day of this year's horse trials had to be cancelled due to the wet weather two of our members were able to jump on the Friday in the 100cm show jumping in the main arena. Georgie A and Alice K were in a mixed team. The course was very much up to height and the arena is always a challenge with the crowds and the undulating ground. Georgie had two lovely rounds with just a pole in each and Alice had three poles in both rounds. A great experience for both. Thank you Jane Austin for the report.



## Mini One Day Event

This event is normally one for children who have never done a one day event before and this year was no exception with lots of the children taking part in such an event for the first time. There was a good number of entries across the two classes and Ledbury results are as follows:

45cm Led

1<sup>st</sup> – Faye O - Best Ledbury & Best Dressage

45cm Assisted

1<sup>st</sup> - Martha D – BL & BD

3<sup>rd</sup> – Ella J

4<sup>th</sup> – Casper W

6<sup>th</sup> – Amelia T

45cm Unassisted

1<sup>st</sup> – Isaac C – BL

4<sup>th</sup> – Henry H

5<sup>th</sup> - Emily A



60cm Assisted

1<sup>st</sup> – Toby B - BL & BD

2<sup>nd</sup> – Olivia K

60cm Unassisted

1<sup>st</sup> – Isabel E - BL & joint BD

3<sup>rd</sup> – Bonnie B

6<sup>th</sup> – Oscar T

Evie C – joint BD



## Open Schooling

The one bonus of this wet summer is that the ground is good and lots of activities can take place. We were able to take advantage of this and hold open schooling at Gadbury the Sunday after the mini one day event. With parents volunteering to help man the day each were able to take an hour slot and it was not in vain. Lots turned up to take advantage of being able to use our great course and we raised just over £750. These funds will help go towards the running of Gadbury with the maintenance, grass cutting (lots to do due to the weather!) and improvements. The next open schooling will be Sunday 17th September.



### Pony Club Championships at Offchurch Bury

The Championships last for nearly a week and over that week there are many different disciplines for members from across the British Isles to take part in. It starts with the tetrathlon but there is also mounted games, polocrosse, Horse & Pony quiz, eventing, dressage, show jumping and the musical ride. It is great to just go and watch the competitions and visit the fan zone to hear talks and take part in games.

The Championships start with the tetrathlon. On the Friday the shoot and swim were held, where all four members got off to a good start, PBs in the swim for Tom, Seren and Felix (no blocks) putting them into first place in one of the most competitive Mixed Team sections for many years.

Saturday was the ride with a long, testing and technical Cross Country course proved challenging for many. Seren rode a strategic course for a fabulous clear, with Felix and George powering round to keep their 1400 ride scores.

Sunday, the heavens opened just in time for the run. The girls did cracking runs on a very slippery course, with Seren managing another PB. Felix had a storming PB in his run and Tom had an incredible run, taking over 30 seconds off his previous PB and getting best run in an extremely competitive boys section.

In a tough Junior Boys section both Tom (6th place) and Felix (7th place) finished in Top 10, with three of their Beaufort friends, meaning Area 9 had 5 boys finishing in Top 10. The Team were leading from the start and **WINNING** a very competitive Mixed Junior Section.

Thank you to Heather Westgate for the report.





In the dressage we had one member make the journey. Lucy W was competing in the Novice class and also did a warm-up class. This proved to be a great experience for her and she gained some great scores. Being placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the warm-up and 22<sup>nd</sup> in her section I know she is keen to be back at champs next year.

The dressage was then followed by the show jumping. Again, we had just one member competing, Alice K. She took part in the 100cm team and individual classes. There weren't many clears in either class and Alice was unlucky to have poles in all her rounds but they were tough courses.

Next up was the Horse & Pony Care competition. We sent two mini teams and they had a great day. All six girls had been preparing hard for this competition with the help of their manager Jen Clements. Scores were very tight in their class with not a lot separating the positions. The Ledbury Purples – Fliss E, Emily A and Isabel E had a score of 418.5 to be placed 33<sup>rd</sup> and the Reds – Bella B, Olivia C and Sophie A had a score of 412 to be placed 38th, the winners got 463.



The last discipline we had members competing in was the eventing. We had three members in the 90cm, Felix, Tom and Georgie. All posted good dressage scores for their sections and Georgie and Tom had clear show jumping rounds. The cross country was a great track over undulating terrain with Felix and Georgie going clear in the time and Tom just having an unfortunate stop going into the water but was still inside the time. With rosettes to 10<sup>th</sup> place it was right down to the last horses with Felix and Georgie both being placed 10<sup>th</sup> in their sections. As a team they were 14<sup>th</sup> out of nearly 40 teams.

### Mini Dry Tri

We had over 90 entries for this years mini triathlon held at Gadbury. It was a great day with many entries from clubs outside of area 9 and many entries from our own members. Results for our members are as follows:

Class 1 Baby Beanies  
- Boys  
Hugo B – 8<sup>th</sup>

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- Girls  
Faye O – 5<sup>th</sup>

Class 2 Big Beanies  
-Boys  
Sebastian A – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Class 2 Big Beanies  
- Girls  
Sophie A – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Annabelle B – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Amelia T – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Annabelle BI – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Alexa C – 20<sup>th</sup>

Class 3 Tadpoles  
- Boys  
Archie A – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Isaac C – 4<sup>th</sup>

Class 3 Tadpoles  
-Girls  
Bethany H – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Isabel E – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Emily A – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Isla M – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Greta B – 9<sup>th</sup>

Class 4 Novice Minimus  
- Boys  
Thomas H – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ben O – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Toby M – 6<sup>th</sup>

Class 4 Novice Minimus  
- Girls  
Lexi W – 1st  
Jenny W – 4th  
Lily M – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Pheobe B – 10<sup>th</sup>





### Grassroots Championships at Rectory Farm

The bank holiday weekend is a busy one with three days of competition and many of our members competing, some all three days. The Saturday started with the PC70cm show jumping and the Grassroots dressage.

In the PC70 we had four members competing. They have two rounds to jump and if clear in both then they go through to a third jump off round. Henry B managed a double clear in both rounds, with 4 faults each for Lucinda and Molly in the first round but both clear in the second. It wasn't Ollie's day with an unfortunate E in the second round. The team were placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 26 with Henry placed individual 17<sup>th</sup> out of 40 in the jump off and over 120 in the class!



In the Grassroots dressage we had three teams of four members competing. Each member of the team rides in one of the four sections and then the top two from each section go forward to a ride off, where they ride the test again and this then determines the overall individual places after the section places.

Ledbury Purple team placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. In this team Georgie S was 1<sup>st</sup>, Seren W 7<sup>th</sup>, Sophie B 8<sup>th</sup> and Sophie C 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ledbury Green team were placed 6<sup>th</sup>. In this team Ollie S 9<sup>th</sup>, Lexie VU 15<sup>th</sup>, Issy T 5<sup>th</sup>, Jamie O 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ledbury Blue were placed team 18<sup>th</sup>. In this team Chloe W 21<sup>st</sup>, Isabelle W 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jasmine G 10<sup>th</sup>, Sophie B 20<sup>th</sup>.

So Georgie S was through to the ride off where she did another amazing test and was awarded top marks for 1<sup>st</sup> place.







Sunday saw the PC70 dressage and the Grassroots 80cm show jumping. The morning saw our 80cm team jump their two rounds. Sophie C, Sophie B and Seren W all jumped clear in the first round with Georgie S just picking up 4 faults. In the second round, Seren and Sophie B both had 8 faults, Sophie C jumped another great clear and Georgie had 11 faults. Sophie C was then through to the third round along with Issy T, who competing as an individual jumped two great clears. The team were placed 20<sup>th</sup>. Sophie C decided not to jump in the third round but Issy put up a competitive time, unfortunately she had 8 faults and was placed 32<sup>nd</sup>.

We had a good number of members competing in the PC70 dressage with two teams and one individual. Ledbury Orange were team 7<sup>th</sup>. With Alice P 5<sup>th</sup>, Henry B 11<sup>th</sup>, Evie H 10<sup>th</sup> and Molly M 16<sup>th</sup>. Ledbury Red were team 10<sup>th</sup>. With Evie C 9<sup>th</sup>, Isabel E 21<sup>st</sup>, Tilly J 25<sup>th</sup> and Lexi W 1<sup>st</sup>. Individual - Charlotte B 14<sup>th</sup>. Lexi was then through to the ride off for overall individual placings. Her pony wasn't too keen on the flowers at C so had a spook but Lexi rode well and was placed 8<sup>th</sup>.



The final day was the turn of the eventers. The PC70 competitors were on in the morning. We had two members competing, Florence D and Molly M. Both had good dressage scores and both jumped clear show jumping and cross country. Florence was placed 8<sup>th</sup> and Molly 9<sup>th</sup> in the same section. In the Grassroots competition we had two teams of four competing. This was a very competitive class with all our members doing very well. Ledbury Burgandy were 1<sup>st</sup> consisting of Georgie P, Georgie S, Lexie VU and Sophie C. Ledbury Gold were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with Georgie S, Issy T, Jamie O and Sophie B being part of this team. Individual placings were Section F Georgie P 9<sup>th</sup>, Section G Issy T 5<sup>th</sup>, Georgie S 6<sup>th</sup>, Section H Jamie O 4<sup>th</sup>, Lexie 13<sup>th</sup>, Section I Sophie C 1<sup>st</sup> and Sophie B 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Well done to all members competing across the three days. Many families spent the whole weekend there! Thanks to those that came to support even when not competing.



## Tests

Two of our senior members, Tom R and Felix W-W have been working very hard over the summer holidays preparing for the Pony Club B test. The test, held at Rectory Farm consists of a ridden section where you have to do flatwork, a course of show jumps and cross country jumps and ride other members horses commenting on their way of going. The care section is based on set topics covering shoeing, fitness, feeding, training and management. This test can be taken in two parts. Tom was unable to take the ridden part due to it being full but passed the care section. Felix was able to take both parts and successfully passed both. Many thanks go to all the help Jennie Clements and Heather McLain gave both candidates.



Test training for all levels will take place over the winter with care sessions taking place via zoom and weekend ridden sessions at Moores Farm.

## Members Committee

The first meeting of our members committee was held in August. Organised by Jennie Clements a number of members came along and had some great ideas of what they would like to do to help raise funds for the club as well as dismantled activities they would like to organise. The next meeting will be held at the start of September where roles on the committee will be decided. If any members would like to get involved please contact Jennie or any member of the committee for details.

## Competition Dates

### September

- 10<sup>th</sup> – Area 9 show jumping at Rectory Farm
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Beaufort One Day event at Shipton Moyne
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Heythrop mini Eventing Challenge at Swalcliffe
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Elms Tet
- 30<sup>th</sup> – North Cotswold Arena Eventer Challenge at the Unicorn Centre

### October

- 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> – Ledbury Tetrathlon at Gadbury
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Malvern Show Jumping at Kings Equestrian
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Berkeley South Spring Festival Dressage at Burrows Court
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Members Committee Table Top Sale
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Wrye Forest Dressage at Kings Equestrian

### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> – PRA/PC Pony Racing Training Day at Caradoc
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Croome Show Jumping at Hartpury College
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Wyre Forest Show Jumping at Kings Equestrian
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Worcestershire Spring Festival Arena Eventing at Allens Hill
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Ledbury Mini Christmas Show at Moores Farm

### December

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ledbury Christmas Show at Hartpury College

Ledbury Hunt  
**PONY CLUB** 

# Open XC Schooling

10am-3pm, Sunday 17th  
September

at Gadbury, Glos GL19 4PP / W3W [wizards.confident.dove](http://wizards.confident.dove)

- ★ £20 Adults and non Ledbury PC members
- ★ £15 Ledbury PC members
- ★ £10 Lead rein
- ★ Under 16's MUST be accompanied by an adult
- ★ No booking required, cash on the day