

LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

Another month has flown by and thanks to the false Spring we experienced we were able to do loads over the half term. It was a busy one with general rallies, racing, badge sessions and hunting organised by the Ledbury Hunt. Some of you have been representing the club at a variety of competitions with show jumping, tetrathlon/triathlons, mounted games etc. Earlier in the month a great social evening was held, the Beetle Drive which was attended by a range of members. Many were new to the game but thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Dates for your diary

March

Wed 8th – Gymnastic Polework with Julie Mansell at Moores Farm

Sat 11th – Mounted Games Training – Glovers Farm Tewkesbury

Sun 12th – Arena Eventing with Claire Deuten at Broadfield Farm

Tues 14th – Showjumping with Emma Slater at Hillview

Sat 18th - Mounted Games Training – Glovers Farm Tewkesbury

Sat 25th – Rally for all at Moores Farm

Wed 29th - Showjumping with Emma Slater at Hillview

April

Sun 2nd – Working rally and Pre camping camp rally at Gadbury *Weather permitting

Sun 2nd – Mounted Games Training at Gadbury *Weather permitting

Tues 4th – XC Training at Wayfarer with Claire Deuten - jumping 80cm above

Tues 4th - Horse Dentist at Work—Dismounted rally to watch and ask questions

Wed 5th – XC Training at Ace

Fri 7th – Easter Working Rally with Easter egg hunt at Gadbury

Sat 8th - Mounted Games Training at Gadbury

Tues 11th – XC Training at Deer Park with Saskia Davies - jumping 85cm above

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NEWS

Beaufort tri and tet

Juniors

The girls were in a huge class of 35 and put in some impressive and consistent performances. Lexi had a super shoot of 940 and a strong run and swim to take 9th place. Georgie A was really cool under trying conditions with gun misfiring and had to borrow one to get an impressive 900 shoot, which was a PB. She then had a brilliant run to take 30 seconds off her time and another PB and a good swim to finish 13th. Seren also had a good shoot, run and swim to finish 17th. Together they finished a well-deserved team 4th out of 10 and with no drop score.

Tom and Felix were again out representing the boys from our club. Tom decided that leading from the front with fastest boy best run was too easy he'd do the run with one shoe, having lost his spike at the beginning of the race. He had a great shoot of 940 and a good swim to consolidate his lead and take 1st place. Felix had an ok shoot, better run, but stormed in the pool to get another PB of 9 lengths, 3 metres, getting best boy swim and finishing in 5th place. The boys were in a mixed team of 3 with a member from the Berkeley, again no drop score and finished 1st place team.

Minis and Tadpoles

We have a strong group in this section and they were out in force and were rewarded with some excellent results. Bethany H was 3rd with a PB on the run, Lily M 5th with shoot and swim PBs cracking the magic 4 lengths, Isobel E 25th and Emily 26th to give the Ledbury girls team 6th. Beth RC, who smiled throughout the run was 32nd out of a huge field of 34 and team 9th with a few friends from other clubs. The minis also had huge and competitive fields to contend with. Lexi paced the run and picked people off at the end to get 5th, Mimi 12th and Molly 18th. They were joined by the sole Ledbury boy, Thomas (11th) to get 6th team.

Seniors

Sole Senior representative at the Beaufort Tri today, EJ put a in a great performance to finish 12th.

Geriatrics

At the Beaufort they have a class for the older age group. In the team one member does one of the disciplines, so Vanessa R covered the shoot, Jane A the run and Samantha H the swim. This proved to be a hotly contested class and they finished a brilliant 11th place.

The following weekend they held the ridden part at Rectory Farm.

Tadpole Girls – Lily M had a great ride moving her up to 2nd, Isabel E got a 1400 ride ending up 8th and Bethany R-C 10th.

Junior Girls – Georgie A had a great ride for a maximum score of 1400 and finishing 4th. Junior Girls novice 80cm Lexi V-U had a great 1400 score ride and was 1st and Seren W 3rd.

Junior Boys – Tom R and Felix W-W were both taking out their new horses for this season, Tom had a 1400 ride and Felix, with just a few time saults wasn't far behind with 1390 to finish 1st and 2nd.





Area 10 Monmouth tri

Beanie Girl – Bean Bag and Run – Faye O 2nd and Alexa C 18th – mixed team 2nd
Beanie Boys – Bean Bag and Run – Oliver B 3rd and Jasper W 5th – mixed team 1st
Tadpole Boys – Tri – James B 4th and Isaac C 11th – mixed team 3rd
Mini Girls – Tri – Jenny W 1st and Bonnie B 5th – mixed team 1st
Mini Boys – Tri - Archie B 5th and Ben O 6th – mixed team 2nd

Barrier Health Spring Championships

Evie B was our sole representative at the Championships. Over the weekend she competed in three class with some great results.

PC Challenge 95cm warm up class 7th
PC Challenge Championship 90cm – 11th
PC Challenge Championship 1meter – 42nd



Cotswold Vale Farmers Hunt Show at Hartpury

This was a popular show with our members with lots of you competing.

Class 1 50cm – Lily M 18th
Class 2 60cm – Phoebe B 7th, Lily S 11th
Class 3 70cm – Lucinda F 9th, Isobel W 12th, Lily S 17th,
Phoebe B 18th, Florence D 20th, Ellen A 23rd, Jasper A
26th – Team 3rd & 5th
Class 4 80cm – Isabella D 6th, Isobel W 10th, Jamie O
16th, Lucinda F 35th, Lucy D 36th, Florence D 40th Jasper
A 42nd, Ellen A 51st – Team 5th & 9th
Class 5 90cm – Isabella D 8th, Cressie F 16th, Jamie O
18th, Lucy D 29th, Alice K 34th, Lucy D 41st – Team 5th &
8th
Class 6 100cm – Cressie F 6th, Lucy D 12th, Alice K 13th
– Team 2nd



Worcestershire Pony Club Show Jumping at Gracelands

One of our members Lucy W was competing with two in the 90cm. Results haven't been published but I'm sure she had a good day.

Croome Show Jumping at Hartpury

Class 1 70cm – Oscar T 9th and 12th, Emily W 23rd – Team 3rd

Cotswold Hunt Pony Club Arena Eventing at CCR

Class 3 50cm unassisted - Isabel E 6th, Evie C 9th
Class 4 60cm – Emily W 3rd, Isabel E 6th, Evie C 7th
Class 5 70cm – Emily W 3rd
Class 6 80cm – Eddie R 1st, Alice R 4th & 5th, Georgie A 8th, Charlie R 12th
Class 7 90cm – Emma-Jane A 1st

Half Term

The weather was so kind to us over the half term which was great as it was full of activities. Monday saw a general rally at Moores Farm.



Tuesday, we held two three hour sessions for the juniors at CCR. They did flatwork, show jumping and covered two badges – clipping and loading. The feedback from this was brilliant and we hope to hold another in the Easter holidays.



Wednesday the Ledbury Hunt held a children's meet at Hasfield courtesy of the Houldey family. The day catered for all ages, from lead-rein to the older, more confident child. The hunt had planned a route which saw members tackling hedges and rails across the country. A great experience for all and to watch them fly along the flood plans was brilliant.



Thursday Julie Mansell held a racing rally. With support from Area 9 we were able to take advantage of the experience of Mark Wall and Stan Sheppard was also on hand. The children got to use the exerciser and went through some fitness training before taking a spin up the gallops.

On Thursday evening Jenny Clements held an area quiz session with 34 of you attending. These sessions have been very well supported and we were able to put forward 5 teams for the Area Quiz. This will be reported on in the next newsletter.

Friday was a CPD event at Hartpury college organised by our senior manager Wendy Grimsby. Much was learnt by those who went, thanks goes to Doctor Jo Winfield FBHS and her team and the members who took part, you all were a credit to the club.

Mounted Games at Kings Equestrian



Towards the end of the month the North Hereford Pony Club held a mounted games friendly competition. A great warm up for the Area competition which will be held in April we sent one junior novice team which consisted of Archie, Faye, Amber, Catrin and Annabelle. They did amazingly well as there were lots of new combinations finding their feet, so to come 4th in the A final was a brilliant result.



Lastly this month saw the team selection for the Junior Regional Tetrathlon competition in May at the Royal Windsor Horse Show. Tom R was selected from Areas 7,9 &12 to be a part of the Central England Pony Clubs team. Only 3 tetrathletes are selected from all the nominees so very well done Tom.



Future Competition Dates

March

- 19th - Arena Eventing - North Cotswold Unicorn, GL54 1JZ
- 21st - Area 9 CPD - 'Bringing Learning Theory into the Pony Club' Cheltenham
- 26th - Area 9 Dressage Training - Jo Lees – Abbey Dressage

April

- 1st - Triathlon – Cotswold - Wycliffe Prep School, GL10 2LD
- 2nd - Mini Eventing Challenge Qualifier – Heythrop - Swalcliffe, OX15 5E
- 6th - Evening Dressage - Gadbury, GL19 4PP
- 7th - Area 9 Pony Racing, Cheltenham Racecourse
- 10th - Area 9 Mounted Games - North Herefordshire -Three Counties Showground
- 10th - Arena Polo Tournament - Beaufort Beaufort Polo Club, GL8 8QW
- 13th - Show Jumping Ind & Team - Minchinhampton CCR, GL4 0XA
- 14th - B Test & B+ Test Rectory Farm, GL7 7JW
- 15th - Area 9 H & PC – Wyre Forest - Lincomb, WR12 2QH
- 16th - Area 9 Show Jumping - Rectory Farm, GL7 7JW
- 20th - Evening Dressage - Gadbury, GL19 4PP

May

- 1st - Arena Eventing – Ledbury, Hartpury, GL19 3BE

If you though February was busy wait till next month! There will be lots to report on with vets visits, Area quiz, more tets and tri's, rallies, competitions and lots more.

Please keep any news you have coming in and please send pictures

