

LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

In this month's newsletter there will be a range of reports from Area Show jumping at Rectory Farm, Tetrathlons, eventing, Camping Camp, Summer Show, Mini Two Phase and more. Thank you to those that have written reports for me to include.

Dates

July

5th - Dressage Team Training

6th - Event Team Training

7th - Mounted Games Training at Gadbury

8th - Pre-Camp Rally and open to all members at Gadbury

12th - Senior Pre-Camp Rally and Event Training at Gadbury

15th & 16th - Mini Camp

20th - Evening Rally TBC

25th - 28th - Senior Camp

31st - 3rd - Junior Camp

August

9th - Rally and Test Training

22nd - Rally and Test Training





Junior International Tetrathlon held at Morton Morrell

Just a week on from the Inter Area champs our same three tetrathletes headed to Morton Morrell to take part in the Junior International Tet.

Georgina, Tom with Felix were selected to represent Central England at the Junior International Tetrathlon Competition. This in itself is an honour and reflects the talent and effort they commit, but in addition from all the England squads there, both Tom and Felix were selected to represent England in the Nations Competition. It was extremely hot, but the camaraderie in the team (and Parents) was incredible. Many laughs, helping each other out, making sure the competitors were where they were supposed to be for each phase, log burners and practice for the Musical performance on the Saturday night.

There was some serious competition from over 150 competitors - the Irish and Scottish in particular, but they all had a fantastic tetrathlon. The Cross-Country course, as always, was a very tough course with 5 or 6 very complex and technical jumps which caught many out, with very few 1400 rounds.

Absolute highlights: Tom coming 3rd Individually in the Boys competition, with a PB in the swim and one of very few to get a 1400 ride.

Felix and Tom, with Miles (Beaufort), Theo (Beaufort) and Ronan were impressive to get 3rd Team place for Central England, and then Tom and Felix also were placed 3rd Team representing England in the Nations Competition.

That was all brilliant and for three Ledbury members to represent Central England at this level was excellent.

But the piece de resistance and the first time EVER Central England has achieved it Alex Connors was WINNING the musical performance on the Saturday night with their version of the TIME WARP.

Huge thanks go to Fred and Gill Church and Alex Connors for the support, encouragement and guidance. Definitely one for the calendar – an incredible weekend.

Thank you to Heather Westgate for the report.



Area Show Jumping at Rectory Farm



The day started off with a bang for our club with a win in the 110cm for Olivia H. A double clear followed by the most amazing jump off round saw her take an easy win. This means she has qualified for the main Championships at Offchurch Bury but she was also awarded the Horsemanship award for that class.

Also off to the Champs at Offchurch Bury is Alice K in the 100cm class. She came individual 4th and was in a mixed team to also be placed 4th.

In the 90cm we were able to field two teams. It was a mixed day for all with Lucy W gaining 9th place individually.





We were also able to send two teams in the 80cm class. This was a very competitive class with lots of great rounds. Our teams were placed 3rd and 12th and the 3rd place team qualifying for the Grassroots Championship at Rectory Farm in August. This means Georgie S, Sophie B, Sophie C and Seren W will be off to Rectory. Georgie S was placed individual 3rd. Also qualifying for the Champs was Issy T as an individual.

In the PC70plus Clarabella P was competing, she was placed 3rd and also qualified for the Champs at Rectory.

Another very competitive class was the 70cm. We had a team of four in this class and they all rode amazingly to not only take team 1st but individual 3rd for Henry B, 4th for Molly M, 5th for Lucinda F and 6th for Ollie S. Henry was also awarded the horsemanship award for this class.

Thank you goes to the team trainer Emma Slater for being there on the day and Davinia Jones, our show jumping manager.



Beaufort Hunt Mini ODE at Tresham

The Ledbury were well represented at the event and each member had a brilliant day

Results are below:

50cm

Lily M 4th

60cm

Section 1

Toby B 1st

Lucinda F 2nd

Bethany R-C 3rd

Ben O 9th

70cm

Henry B 2nd

Molly M 4th

Section 2

Phoebe B 2nd

Lily S 3rd

Bethany R-C 4th

Evie H 5th

Team Results

Ledbury Lions Team 1st

Ledbury Leopards Team 2nd





Camping Camp

Due to the very hot weather last summer it was decided to move Camping Camp to earlier in the year. I think all that attended this year's camp will agree that this was a good decision and a brilliant camp was had by all. For those that don't know Camping Camp runs over three days and is held at Gadbury. Children, ponies and parents camp at Gadbury, the children in tents, the ponies in pens. All ponies settle well in this environment and are very happy in their pens. Everyone

mucks in at camp with food to be prepared and cooked, activities to plan and run and a lovely social time in the evening. This year there were 28 children that attended with 6 instructors. They all covered the usual with flatwork, show jumping and cross country with stable management sessions. On the last day all the children took part in a relay race and much fun was had by all.

A big thank you goes to Sarah Bowness who organised this year's camp. It was agreed by all that it was a great success and will be kept to the same time next year.





Summer Show 11th June

Our annual Summer Show was held at Gadbury once again this year, proving a great introduction to Pony Club fun and games to the smallest riders in our community. Over £1,000 was raised for the club.

A team of over 50 volunteers once again gave up their time before, during and after the event. Gadbury was once again looking at its best with some last minute rain helping the ground and the Show Jumping courses built by ex-Ledbury Hunt members Dan Norrell and Julie Mansell jumped well. Other ex-members Alyson Sheppard and Anita Gibbons kindly gave up their time to judge our Showing and Working Hunter classes. The Working Hunter ring was very generously supplied and run by the Wilesmith Family.

The LHPC stunning Bronze Trophy for the Ledbury Hunt Pony Club member gaining the most points during the day was won by Thomas Harris after gaining a clear advantage after winning both the 50cm and the 60cm Showjumping classes. Well done Thomas. Thomas will receive his trophy at the Junior Camp presentation afternoon in August.

Both the Showing and the Working Hunter Championships and fabulous cups were won by non-Ledbury competitor, Georgia Wookey from Quedgeley. Let's hope we can have a Ledbury member win these back next year. Thank you once again for the fabulous team effort, making it another very enjoyable day for all.

Thank you Eugenie Cameron for the report.



Mini Two Phase at Gadbury

The LHPC Mini Two Phase took place on Saturday 24th June at Gadbury and saw both LHPC members and non-members competing. It was a fantastic morning with 9 different classes taking place between 30-60cm. There were lots of happy smiley faces from all those that entered as they completed their Show Jumping and Cross-Country phases. There were even more smiling faces with visits to the ice cream van afterwards. It was a great opportunity for some of our younger/less inexperienced members to get out and ride round on an open XC course. We even managed to get some water in the water jump, despite the hot weather. There were lots of individual successes on the day from LHPC members which included: –

Amelia T and Oscar B – joint winners of the 30cm lead rein class (fenced arenas)

Olivia C – winner of the 30cm assisted class (fenced arenas)

Henry H – winner of the 50-60cm class (fenced arenas)

Ella J – winner of the 40cm assisted class (open XC course)

Emily A – winner of the 40cm unassisted (open XC course)

Isabel E - winner of the 60cm unassisted class (open XC course)

Other placings included – Molly M 2nd, Lily M 3rd, Martha L 4th, Lilly M 6th, Sophie A 2nd, Estee W 5th, Perdi W 3rd, Eleanor H 4th, Martha D 6th, Greta B 3rd, Bethany R-C 3rd, Ruben B 4th, Charlotte B 5th and Lily S 6th. Thank you Emily Hall for the report.





This month also saw the Dressage Series Championship Show. Thanks goes to Pauline Williams who, yet again put on a great series and big thanks go to Equi-Bing-UK for their continued support and sponsorship. I don't have a full set of results but many of our members, parents and great supporters took part and qualified with rosettes and sashes a plenty.

The new set of planks that the club were able to get from the grant awarded to us from Hazelwoods have been put to good use. The first to jump them were the children competing at the Summer Show and then the children competing at the mini two phase,



In other news our mounted games Junior team have been awarded a wild card and will be competing at the Zones in July. They have been busy practising for the competition with some new equipment for the new races they have to learn.

Also awarded a wild card were our second mini team who competed at Area Horse and Pony Care. They were joint third but on a deciding round they were placed 4th. This now doesn't matter as they are off to Champs with our other mini team in August!

With all these competitions going on there has still been time for rallies and training, Many of our members have been training hard with Jo Winfield for area dressage, there has been mini event training and a host of pre camp rallies. Its great to see so many of you attending these sessions.

Next month the newsletter will contain Grassroots eventing, with lots of members having a successful day. Area Dressage, Area Tetrathlon, mini camp and at the end of the month senior camp—another busy month!!

If anyone would like to write a report for the newsletter, send images or news please do!

Dates For Your Diary

July

- 8th Mini Eventing Challenge Qualifier – Heythrop, Swalcliffe, OX15 5E
- 9th Area 9 Dressage – Beaufort, Badminton, GL9 1DD
- 15th Area 9 Eventing – Heythrop, Upton House, OX15 6HT
- 22nd & 23rd Area 9 Tetrathlon – Beaufort, Park Farm

August

- 5th-6th Senior Regional Tet, Aylesford, Melton Mowbray
- 11th-19th Main Pony Club Championships - Offchurch Bury, CV33 9AW
- 12th Mini ODE – Ledbury, Gadbury, GL19 4PP
- 13th Mini Eventing Challenge Qualifier – Heythrop, Swalcliffe, OX15 5E
- 20th Mini Triathlon – Ledbury, Gadbury, GL19 4PP
- 21st B Test Rectory Farm, GL7 7JW
- 26th - 28th Regional Championships, Rectory Farm, GL7 7JW

September

- 4th AH test Rectory Farm, GL7 7JW
- 10th Area 9 Show, Rectory Farm, GL7 7JW
- 17th ODE – Beaufort, Shipton Moyne
- 17th Mini Eventing Challenge Championship – Heythrop, Swalcliffe
- 30th Arena Eventer Challenge - North Cotswold, Unicorn, GL54 1JZ

