



LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

March saw the sad return of rain and mud! The false Spring was much enjoyed by all but now we can look forward to the clocks changing and giving us more daylight and a return to drier weather, hopefully!!

In this newsletter there will be a report on the Area Quiz, the Area 10 winter tri series final as well as the trip to the Three Counties Equine Hospital and what to wear at Pony Club lessons and rallies.

Dates For Your Diary

April

- 3rd - Horse and Pony care session - Venue to be confirmed
- 4th - Demo by equine dentist 3pm at Elm Farm, Corse Lawn, Open to all
- 7th - Easter Egg Hunt/rally at Gadbury 10-12, will include training for D+ and D Test
- 8th - Mounted games training at Gadbury
- 11th - Event training at Deer Park for members jumping 80cm and above
- 11th - Showjumping Training with Emma Slater at Hill View
- 12th - Rally 10-12 for all members, including test training and test for D and D+
- 13th - Visit to Tweenhills Stud – Booking essential
- 15th - Rally at Lincomb for those jumping 40-60cms, 11am-2pm limited numbers
- 22nd - BBQ/fence painting at Gadbury weather permitting
- 23rd - Visit to Badminton Stables, arrive for 11.30, an hour tour, then bring your own picnic for after tour. Book online so we know numbers.
- 26th - Show Jump training with Emma Slater at Broadfields Farm
- 29th - Rally at Gadbury, pre camping camp and other members, 2 hours

May

- 2nd - Visit to the Three Counties Equine Hospital – 6pm-7:30pm
- 4th - Flat work training
- 10th - Dismounted evening training for seniors, those working for C,C+ and towards B tests
- 11th - Flat work training
- 16th - Show Jump training with Emma Slater at Broadfield Farm
- 17th - Flat work training
- 19th - Mini Event Training, 2 hour evening rally, just leaving the ground to 80cms
- 20th - Open Schooling at Gadbury tbc
- 20th - Lead rein, novice, nervous, new horse, 1 hour lessons at Gadbury
- 24th - Evening rally for all seniors
- 26th - Mini event training 2 hour evening rally, just leaving the ground to 80cms
- 27th - Picnic rally for all members, bring picnic to share.
- 30th - Flat work training
- 31st - Show Jump Training with Emma Slater at Hillview

News



Area 10 tri series final

This was the final of 3 competitions hosted by Area 10.

Juniors – They put on a strong performance with the Girls Jess, Seren and Lexi being placed team 2nd. Jess had a PB shoot, swim and run, gaining individual 9th place. Seren had a PB shoot and run and Best Girl shoot, being individual 6th and Lexi got a PB swim and run, Best Girl run and individual 2nd. For the Junior boys Felix had a PB shoot, great swim and run, to get Best boy shoot, run and swim, individual 1st place and he won the Area 10 Tri series.

Tadpole Boys – Charlie V-U, James B and Isaac C did really well for a team 2nd. Charlie V-U had an amazing run, James had a PB shoot and PB Swim and missed out on best run by 0.3 of a second. Isaac had a good run and a PB a shoot. Individual placings were 8th for Charlie, 6th for Isaac and 3rd for James.





Area Quiz

Jen Clements did a brilliant job preparing 15 of our members for the Area Quiz hosted by the Malvern Pony Club. We had two mini teams, a new section for this years competition and three junior/senior teams. The minis were 5th and 2nd with the junior/seniors being 11th, 13th and 16th. The next competition is the Area Horse & Pony quiz at Lincomb.



Visit to Three Counties Equine Hospital

A brilliant visit was organised by Lucy Middlecote to the Three Counties Equine Hospital at Ripple. 30 members got a tour of the facilities which included the x-ray room, MRI and bone scan rooms, operating theatre with lots of information being absorbed by the members.

We have more visits planned to the Tweenhills Stud at Hartpury and a tour of Badminton Stables with a picnic afterwards.



Pony Club National Winter Triathlon Championships at Stoke Mandeville.

We had four members qualified for the champs in three different age groups. In the senior girls Emma-Jane got off to a strong start with a seasons best shoot, a good run and swim coming individual 29th and team 6th place.

In the minimus girls Mimi had a PB in the shoot and run being placed individual 24th and team 15th.

In the junior boys section Felix had a PB for his run, great swim breaking 9L and a good shoot to get 9th place individual. Tom had a great swim and good shoot to get 13th place and help the Area 9 Junior Team to 2nd place



Ledbury Hunt Gloucester Races and Country Fair.

One of our members, Ollie, was competing at Maisemore in the 138cm pony racing. This was Ollie's third race of the season where he rode superbly to be placed 2nd.



Dress Code for Rallies/Lessons

With rallies about to get into full swing at Gadbury and there being so many new members I thought I would add the Pony Club dress code for you all.

Rider

Correct Dress – What to wear is based on being firstly safe and secondly sensible. New clothing is not expected, but what is worn must be clean, neat and tidy.

✦ For Rallies members should wear the Ledbury Hunt Pony Club sweatshirt. This should be worn over a shirt with Pony Club tie. A Ledbury Hunt Pony Club XC skin is acceptable for rallies. If the weather is warm then sweatshirts may be taken off at the discretion of the instructor however a long sleeved shirt must be worn.

✦ For shows jackets should be tweed or navy with the Pony Club badge on the left lapel, positioned (for safety) 4cms below the collar bone. Pony Club badge should be worn for all Pony Club activities for insurance purposes.

✦ Shirts should be white, pale yellow or light blue, worn with a Pony Club tie. Collarless riding shirts should be worn with the pony club stock (or a white one) if you wear a navy jacket the shirt can be cream or patterned with a tweed jacket.

✦ Jodhpurs should be plain with no logos and can be any neutral colour.

✦ Gloves – black, brown, beige/cream. Gloves are used to protect your hands and give you grip on the reins. Gloves are not usually used for Pony Club games as you also need to hold the games equipment.

Half chaps/gaiters may be worn but must match your boot colour, Jodhpur boots with jodhpur clips (or elastic underneath) or long riding boots. Only standard riding or jodhpur boots with a fairly smooth, thin sole and a well defined square cut heel may be worn. No other footwear will be permitted, including wellington boots, “muckers” or trainers. Boots with interlocking treads are not permitted. When the boot is in the stirrup there must be 7mm (1/4”) clearance on either side of the boot.

✦ Long hair should be tied back and safely secured. No long plaits down the back.

✦ Jewellery is not recommended for safety reasons, other than a wristwatch, a wedding ring, a stock pin worn horizontally or a tie clip. Stud earrings are now permitted but no hoops or dangly earrings.

✦ Riding hat/silks can be blue, black or brown (if you use a hat silk it must also be plain) and of current safety standard. For the current safety standards please refer to the Pony Club website. Hats must be worn at all times when mounted, with the strap fastened (and should be worn at prize giving too). **All hats must be tagged.**

Body Protectors: The Pony Club does not make the use of body protectors compulsory, except for cross-country riding and Pony Racing whether it be training or competing. When worn, body protectors must fit correctly, be comfortable and must not restrict movement.

Horses/Ponies

At rallies we expect you to turn up with a clean pony. They should be fit for the work they are being asked to do and in good health.

Tack

Must be clean, in good condition and fit your pony. Check stitching to make sure it is safe. Black, dark blue, brown or white Numnahs or saddle cloths are preferred. When going to competitions it is important to check the rules for the particular discipline to ensure that your tack complies!

Another thing to make you all aware of is the Pony Club Code of Conduct. Please take the time to read them and the older members will be asked to read and sign them before Camping Camp and Senior Camp.

<https://pcuk.org/media/maslyk45/updated-code-of-conduct-for-members-final-version-13092022.pdf>

<https://pcuk.org/media/aqwdm1sj/updated-code-of-conduct-for-parents-final-version-13092022.pdf>

<https://branches.pcuk.org/eastdevon/files/2021/05/code-of-conduct-for-coaches-revised.pdf>



Ledbury Hunt
Pony Club **PONY CLUB** 

Friday 31 March
6-8pm
Corse & Staunton
Village Hall GL19 3RQ

- ★ Sellers £10 per table
- ★ Entry £2 per adult, kids free
- ★ Refreshments available
- ★ Sellers set up from 5pm
- ★ Doors open 6pm

To book call 07828 908958 or
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Competition Dates

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
- 15th/16th – CVFH Tetrathlon – Ace, Tewkesbury
- 16th - Area 9 Show Jumping - Rectory Farm, GL7 7JW
- 20th - Evening Dressage - Gadbury, GL19 4PP

May

- 1st - Arena Eventing – LHPC, Hartpury, GL19 3B
- 13th/14th – LHPC Tetrathlon – Gadbury
- 18th - Evening Dressage - Gadbury, GL19 4PP
- 20th/21st – NHHPC Mounted Games – Three Counties Showground
- 25th - Evening Dressage - Gadbury, GL19 4PP
- 27th – North Cotswold 14 and under show
- 31st – Beaufort Summer Polo Tournament

June

- 3rd – Heythrop Mini Eventer Challenge – Swalcliffe
- 4th – Area 9 Show Jumping at Rectory Farm
- 8th - Evening Dressage - Gadbury, GL19 4PP
- 11th – LHPC Summer Show – Gadbury
- 11th - Beaufort Bowldown Show

Despite the rain and the mud even what seems to be a quiet month has a lot to report on!

Next month there will be the Area Horse & Pony care competition, Area Mounted Games, Racing at Cheltenham, as well as the Easter activities and other Pony Club competitions.

Look forward to seeing you out and about and keep sending me your news

