

LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

Another month has passed by and still no let up in the rain! This has not dampened spirits and yet another month when you have all been busy with rallies, training, competitions and fun. The Area competitions started with great results at Area Quiz. The mounted games children have been busy with three competitions and the pony racers have been training hard so fingers crossed the Cheltenham meeting goes ahead in May.

Due to the wet weather, we will need a great deal of help preparing Gadbury for when we are able to use it. We have the dressage series coming up as well as the branch tetrathlon in May.

Please take a look at the new Pony Club website

<https://branches.pcuk.org/ledbury/>

Not only does it have branch news but access to the main Pony Club website.

Diary Dates

April

- 3rd - 2 hour working rally at Gadbury for all members
- 4th - Climbing at Warehouse Gloucester
- 7th - Badminton Stables and Kennels Visit
- 12th - Table Top Sale at Hartpury Village Hall.
- 13th or 14th - Mounted Games practice tbc
- 14th - Lead rein/novice/beginners/new combinations lessons Gadbury.
- 17th - Show jumping training at Moores Farm
- 18th - Evening Dressage Series
- 26th - Mini event training Gadbury

May

- 2nd - Evening Dressage Series
- 3rd - Mini Event Training at Gadbury
- 6th - Two Phase Areana Eventing at Hartpury College
- 11th - Showjumping Training with Emma Slater
- 16th - Evening Dressage Series
- 18th/19th - Branch Tetrathlon
- 21st - Evening Rally at Gadbury
- 23rd - Evening Dressage Series
- 25th - Picnic Rally including Show-jumping training on grass at Gadbury



Competition and Training News



Area 9 Quiz

The quiz was again hosted by the Malvern Pony Club. We sent four teams to compete in the mornings mini section. There were 19 teams competing and, as with the afternoon, scores were very close. Our team, the Ledbury Bays were 2nd and qualified for the National Final in Sheffield next month. The Ledbury Skewbalds came 12th, the Roans 13th and Chestnuts 14th. A brilliant lunch, laid on by the Malvern was then enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon it was the turn of the Junior/Senior members. We had two teams entered in this competition. Most of them were first timers to the competition and much younger than others taking part. The scores again were close and they did a great job representing the club.



Mounted Games

North Hereford Friendly Mounted Games

With this clashing with the Area 9 Quiz three members made the trip to the popular mounted games series that the North Hereford have organised over the winter. Freya and Alice took part in the lead rein pairs competition and came 3rd. Rosie was second in junior novice individuals and was also awarded the most improved over the series.

West Warwickshire PC's winter series at Solihull

Our members have been making great use of the competitions on offer this winter and their match practise has paid off with another great competition, this time at Solihull. Mums spent a happy Mother's Day taking their children but it was a successful one. This competition was the final of West Warwickshire PC's winter series. Up first was Annabelle and Amber who joined forces with WW to form a 'Ledbury and friends' team in the junior improvers. They won the B final by a mile, winning every race apart from one. In the afternoon Freja and Hugo also formed a 'Ledbury and Friends' team and came 3rd in their final.



South Hereford Mounted Games Competition

March has been a busy month for the mounted games competitor's and they finished the month in fine style. Our lead rein pair, Sophie B and Rosie, won their class; Amber and Sophie A won the A final in junior novice pairs and new pair Lily and Emily were 4th in junior pairs. Roll on area mounted games next month!



Tetrathlon/Triathlon

Monmouth Tri Series

Beanie Girls – Faye O 6th

Tadpole Girls – Bethany H 1st, joint best shoot, best run and best swim

Mini Boys – Toby M 2nd, Archie B 6th

Junior Boys – Thomas H 6th, Ben O 8th

Junior Girls – Jess B 11th

Winter Triathlon Championships

The Pony Club Winter Tri Champs were held at Grantham and we had three members qualify, Tom in the seniors, Seren in the juniors and Lexi in the minimus.

Seren and Lexi were also picked to be in the Area 9 teams in their classes. These champs cover all Pony Club areas so competition is fierce.

Open Boys – Tom R 14th out of 34

Junior Girls – Seren W 36th out of 54 - Team 11th

Minimus Girls – Lexi W 33rd out 54 – Team 17th

Beaufort Tet Camp at Stockland Lovell

Every year the Beaufort Pony Club hold camps which they open up to Area 9 members and this year Seren and Lexi took full advantage of their brilliant camps and went along to their tetrathlon camp at Stockton Lovell. During the weekend the girls got to practise their shooting, had run training and were lucky to get some cross country training on grass!!



Show Jumping and Arena Eventing

North Cotswold Arena Eventing at the Unicorn Centre

Three of our members represented the branch at this competition. In the 50cm Eleanor H was competing, she did a lovely clear but was just out of the placings. In the 70cm Evie H and Isabel E, Evie and Isabel both went clear with Isabel being 5th and Evie just out of the placings.

Worcestershire Pony Club Show at Gracelands

The Worcestershire Pony Club held a mini show jumping show at Gracelands. One of our members, Wren went along to the show and had a great day with a clear and 5th in the 40cm unassisted and a win in the 50cm unassisted.

Pony Racing

In this month's newsletter I had hoped to be celebrating the success of our members that had entered the Pony Racing at Cheltenham Racecourse but sadly, due to the weather this has been postponed and we will have to wait till the May newsletter. We do have members racing at Ascot in April so that will be reported on next month.

One of our members has been racing though. Ollie S competed at the Beaufort event and was 6th.



Fund Raising.

Over the winter months many of our members have made use of the training we have been able to offer at Hartpury College. These sessions, under the guidance of Dr Jo Winfield and Becky Coleman have not only helped our members but the Hartpury Students gain practical experience in coaching. The money raised from these sessions has meant that we have been able to purchase a portable defibrillator which can be taken to all our events and rallies.

We are always looking at ways to raise the necessary funds to run the club so any suggestions and help is gratefully received.



This month we have held our usual lessons and rallies at Hartpury and Moores with online training for those looking to do tests in April. During the Easter holidays we held a rally at Lincomb which many of our members benefited from. The weather has meant that we haven't yet got to Gadbury but as soon as it is dry enough for vehicles it will be full steam ahead!

Entries are now open for our Two Phase Arena Eventing at Hartpury in May and the first of our Evening Dressage Series at Gadbury will (hopefully!) be held next month.

Competitions and Area Training

April

- 3rd – Area 9 Training with Richard Waygood at Rectory Farm
- 4th – Minchinhampton Show Jumping at CCR
- 6th – Area 9 Horse & Pony Care at Lincomb
- 7th – Area 9 Spring Show Jumping at Rectory Farm
- 14th – OBH Team Show Jumping at Unicorn Centre
- 18th - Evening Dressage at Gadbury
- 21st – Area Mounted Games at Salters Hill

May

- 5th - Mini Junior Show, OBH, SN7 7QH
- 6th – LHPC Two Phase at Hartpury College
- 18th/19th - Area 9 Mounted Games friendly, Three Counties
- 18th/19th – LHPC Tetrathlon, Gadbury,
- 23rd—Lunge CPD - Carole Broad, Unicorn Centre
- 25th – NCPC Pony Show, Guilting Power, GL54 5UY
- 25th – Beaufort Pony Show, West Kington, SN14 7JL
- 30th – Area 9 Step 1 Coaching, Wotton Under Edge, GL12 8JP
- 30th - Croome Show Jumping, Hartpury College

TABLE TOP SALE

2nd Hand Equestrian and Craft sale
 Hartpury Village hall
 GL19 4BJ
 Fri 12th April
 Doors open 6.30pm

£10 per table
 Set up 5.45pm sale start: 6.30pm
 To book table 07891688218 or jclements2019@aol.com
 Entrance £1 under 16's free, refreshments, raffle, cake sale

Fund Raiser for Ledbury Pony Club Members committee.