

LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

May has been a busy month with our branch hosting quite a few competitions, which many members entered, but also attending Area and friendly competitions.

This month the Pony Club had an event at The Royal Windsor Horse Show where they award volunteers who have served the Pony Club for many years. Two of our volunteers, Sue Clements and Audrey Brewer were on the list for their 30 year Cu-bitt Award. Neither were able to attend so we will be presenting them with their certificates and badges later in the year.

The rain has still not left us, although the sun has started to make an appearance. We have been able to hold some rallies and events but sadly we lost Camping Camp in half term as the water table is just so high that any amount of rain just made the ground too wet and camping in the rain is not fun!

June

- 6th – Dressage Series Championship Show
- 8th – Mounted Games Practise at Gadbury
- 9th – Summer Show at Gadbury
- 11th – Mini Event Training at Gadbury
- 18th - Mini Event Training at Gadbury
- 15th – One hour rally at Gadbury, lead rein, nervous, novice
- 20th – Dressage/Flat Work with Jo Winfield at Gadbury
- 23rd – Mini Two Phase competition at Gadbury
- 24th – Talk/Demo by Equine Podiatrist
- 27th – Dressage/Flat Work with Jo Winfield at Gadbury
- 30th – One hour rally at Gadbury, lead rein, nervous, novice

July

- 6th – 7th – Area Tetrathlon at Gadbury

Please keep checking Entrymaster as new rallies and events are added all the time
<https://ledburypc.entrymaster.online/index.php?id=126>



Competition News

Evening Dressage Series

This month we held three competitions and were so lucky with the weather. Some were a little damp but you all came out and danced round the arenas. The Championship show will be on the 6th June and there are classes for those who haven't qualified.

The results that follow are just for our branch members that were competing.

Thursday 2nd May

Class 1A - Intro B (10 & Under)

Emily A 1st

Ella J 2nd

Greta B 4th

Eleanor H 5th

Class 1B - Intro B (16 & Under)

Charlotte C 1st

Charlotte B 2nd

Casper W 3rd

Class 1C – Intro B (Over 16)

Emily W 2nd

Chloe W 4th

Class 2A – Prelim 7 (12 & Under)

Isabel E 1st

Evie C 2nd

Evie H 3rd

Charlotte B 4th

Emily A 5th

Lily H 7th

Charlotte C 8th

Class 2B – Prelim 7 (Over 12)

Georgie S 1st

Lexi V-U 2nd

Seren W 4th

Isabell W 5th

Chloe W 9th

Class 3A Prelim 14 (16 & Under)

Alice R 1st

Lexi V-U 3rd

Isabel E 4th

Seren W 5th

Evie C 6th

Class 3B – Prelim 14 (over 16)

Jasmine G 2nd



Thursday 16th May

Class 1A – Intro B (10 & Under)

Martha D 1st

Emily A 2nd

Greta B – 3rd

Henry H 4th

Class 1B – Intro B (16 & Under)

Casper W 1st

Class 2A – Prelim 12 (12 & Under)

Jemima V-U 1st

Isabel E 2nd

Emily A 3rd

Thursday 23rd May

Class 1A - Intro C (10 & Under)

Henry H 1st

Class 1B - Intro C (16 & Under)

Alice P 1st

Class 2A – Prelim 13 (12 & Under)

Charlotte C 1st

Class 2B – Prelim 13 (Over 12)

Georgie P 6th

Class 3A – PC70

Evie C 1st

Marissa P 2nd

Clarabella P 3rd

Class 3B – PC80

Evie C 1st

Jasmine G 3rd

Lily H 4th

Charlotte C 5th

Pheobe B 6th

Class 3A Prelim 18 (16 & Under)

Lexi V-U 1st

Evie C 2nd

Isabel E 3rd

Class 3B Prelim 18 (Over 16)

Jasmine G 1st

Henry P 2nd



Thank you to Lucy for organising the evenings and all the helpers and judges. Also thanks to our Sponsors Equibling Uk for the prizes.

See you at the Championship evening!

Hartpury Two Phase

We are always grateful to have this event as we don't have to worry about the parking or the going with the weather being as unpredictable as it seems to be! Entries were good with 131 rounds over the day and many of members going home with smiles and rosettes. Next year's date will be Monday 5th May 2025!!

Class 1 60cm

1st & BL – Bethany H

2nd - Lily M (LL)

10th - George B

13th - Martha L (LL)

15th - Lily M (LL)

Ledbury Leopards 3rd

Class 2 70cm

1st & BL – Lucinda F (LF)

2nd – Evie H (LF)

3rd – Marissa P (LLe)

4th – Darcy S (LLe)

7th – Molly M (LM)

9th – Chloe W (LLe)

11th – Henry B (LM)

14th – Ruben B (LM)

15th – Alice P (LL)

18th – Lexi W (LL)

21st – Molly M (LM)

23rd – Lily H (LF)

25th – Charlotte C (LL)

27th – Lily S (LF)

29th – Lottie T (LL)

30th – Chloe W (LLe)

Ledbury Monkeys 2nd (LM)

Ledbury Foxes 3rd (LF)

Ledbury Lizards 4th (LL)

Ledbury Lemurs 5th (LLe)

Class 3 80cm

7th & BL – Ellie H (LH)

13th – Seren W (LP)

16th – Marissa P (LH)

17th – Chloe W (LH)

18th – Chloe W

21st – Lucinda F (LP)

22nd – Lottie T (LP)

Ledbury Hedgehogs 4th

Ledbury Peacocks 5th

Class 4 90cm

6th & BL – Alice R

8th – Ellie H

11th – Henny P

Ledbury Koalas 2nd

Class 5 100cm

9th & BL – Henny P



Area 9 Pony Racing at Cheltenham

With this amazing event being postponed from April it was a credit to members to maintain the fitness of their ponies for the great experience of galloping up the famous Cheltenham hill. We had 7 members competing across the races and they all enjoyed the chance to explore the racecourse and access areas normally not open to the public.

Race 1 Novice 128

4th Tilly J

5th Isla B

10th Olivia K

Race 4 Novice 138

4th Oscar T

Race 5 Novice 138

9th Isabel E

Race 6 Intermediate 138

10th Ollie S

Race 9 Open 138

5th Molly M



Area Mounted Games

This competition was delayed due to the wet ground but the new date worked well as all competitors were able to enjoy a glorious day in the sunshine. This year the event was hosted by the Cotswold Vale just outside Tewkesbury.

In the Junior section we were represented by Isabel E, Isla B, Lily M & Emily A. They produced some great races and really worked well as a team which paid off with 3rd place and qualifying for the Zones final. Special thank you goes to Ruben B for helping with the equipment. The Juniors also won the tack & turnout.

We had two Junior novice teams. All the winter competitions and training have really paid off with our first team of Annabelle, Amber, Amelia, Sophie & Rosie winning all the races in their heats. The second team of Harvey, Lara, Freya & Ophelia were unfortunately down to just four when Hugo took a tumble in the warm up and ended up with a broken arm. They all stepped up and came home with a brilliant 3rd place. We all wish Hugo a speedy recovery. Thanks go to Maddie & Emily for helping with the equipment in these races but also to Jenny Barnes for being a line judge for the day.



Area 9 Friendly Mounted Games at Three Counties

This is a great weekend to experience. Pony Club members travel from across the country to compete at this brilliant event where they have competitions over the two days and get to camp in the glorious setting of the Three Counties Show-ground (the glorious weather helps to!). Parents are not left out with a fun but fierce competition for them on the Saturday evening.

We sent 2 partial teams and a full team to the competition so those in partial teams made lots of new friends.

Our littlest 3 riders joined the Beaufort's junior novice team as two of our riders are out with broken arms!! Beaufort had never done a games competition before. Their Ledbury team mates were great at helping them with rules and tactics and guided them to a fantastic 1st place in the D final today. Well done Lara, Harvey and Freja. Our bigger junior novice team were great and in the first heat on Saturday morning scored more points than any of the other 30 teams. We peaked a bit too soon and finished day 1 tied in 5th place (still amazing). After a run off today to decide which final they would be in, the team just missed out on the A final (by a whisker) but it turned out fine as they won the B final comfortably and also got 4th overall in the tack and turnout competition. Well done Maddie, Amber, Annabelle, Sophie and Rosie. A special well done to Rosie for riding when feeling poorly too.

Last but not least, 2 of our brilliant junior riders joined Atherstone's B team in order to get some practice at the new zones races ready for July. They finished the Saturday middle of the pack and rode so well to maintain that position throughout the B final on the Sunday. They were 5th in their final, and were 2nd overall in the tack and turnout competition. Well done Emily and Isla.

Oh, and the parents won the parent's races too!!

Thanks to Jenny Blades for the reports and all her hard work.





Branch Tetrathlon

What a great weekend we had for our branch tetrathlon with over 140 Pony Club members competing. A huge thanks go to all that volunteered at the event. The tet is a massive thing to organise and takes a great many people. We are hosting the Area Tetrathlon at the beginning of July so if you are free and able please let us know as many hands make light work!

Big Beans Boys

1st & BBB Oscar B

4th Arthur H

7th Noah S

Tadpoles Boys

2nd & BR Oliver B

5th Toby B

Tadpoles Girls

2nd BS & joint BR Bethany H

4th & joint BS Ella J

6th Isabel E

Mini 70 Boys

2nd Joseph W

Mini 70 Girls

2nd Lexi W

Junior Girls

8th Seren W



In the Tadpole girls it was a team win for Bethany, Ella and Isabel

Area 15/16 Open and Inter Area Tetrathlon

Held at Pontispool one of our senior members took a break from his exam revision to compete. Tom R had a good run and was only one of two clears in the cross country and came away with 3rd place.

Pony Club Tests

Tom has also used the half term to take the riding part of the B test. He got the pony and care section at the end of last year and today he passed the ridden the section. Well done Tom.

Members Committee

The members committee organised a trip to watch a vaulting competition at the Unicorn Centre. They got to watch a brilliant day of vaulting which was enjoyed by all.

Events

Fund raising is always something we are looking at and so after the tetrathlon, making use of a flagged course and jumps being sorted we held an open schooling evening. Over two hours we had over 40 people turn up and we raised nearly £800 for the club.

This newsletter should also be full of pictures of Camping Camp, but as already said it just wasn't to be. We were able to hold an all day session on the Thursday and there was the rally at Ace which many members attended. We will look to see if there is any opportunity for something at a future time.

Competition Dates

June

- 1st & 2nd – Junior Reginal Tetrathlon at Moreton Morrell
- 2nd – Area 9 Showjumping at Rectory Farm
- 8th – North Hereford Mounted Games Friendly
- 9th – Summer Show at Gadbury
- 9th – Beaufort mini ODE at Tresham
- 9th – North Hereford Arena Eventing on grass
- 10th – Showjumping CPD at Rectory Farm
- 16th – Beaufort Pony Show
- 22nd - LHPC Mini Two Phase at Gadbury
- 29th & 30th – International mini tetrathlon

July

- 1st & 2nd - 16+ Clinic at Rectory Farm
- 6th & 7th - Area Tetrathlon at Gadbury
- 7th – Heythrop Mini ODE, Swalcliffe, OX15 5EX
- 13th – Croome Area Dressage at Spetchley Park, WR5 1RS
- 16th – Area 9 Step 3 Coaching course at Rectory Farm
- 20th – Beaufort Area & Grassroots Eventing at Oxstalls, GL6 8HZ
- 30th – Cotswold Polo Qualifier at Cirencester, GL7 6JT

