



LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

September has allowed us to catch our breaths from a very busy summer and plan the winter schedule. There are lots of training, lessons and rallies planned at various settings with various coaches. All bookings are done through Entrymaster but if you do have to send payment separately, please do a BACS payment as we no longer use PayPal.

As of January 1st 2025 a new Spur test is being introduced. For members who wish to use spurs they must complete the training and pass the test to get a hat tag allowing them to use spurs at all Pony Club activities including lessons/rallies. During October we have two fund raisers for ex member Saffron Cresswell. The talk by Cheltenham Vets on the Horses Head and the Frog Racing evening will have proceeds going to the fund for her.

Dates

October

- 7th Pizza & Quiz evening at Berrow Village Hall
- 10th Student led rally at Hartpury College
- 11th Show jumping training with Emma Slater at Hillview
- 13th Introduction to Pony Racing
- 16th Flatwork Training at Moores with Jo Winfield
- 18th Table Top sale
- 20th Halloween Trail at Gadbury
- 23rd Pole/Grid Work at Moores
- 25th Evening lessons with Saskia Rioux (Davies) at her yard
- 26th Frog Racing Fund Raiser at Hartpury Village Hall
- 28th Half Term rally at Moores
- 28th PRA Training Day at Caradoc
- 31st Lincomb Rally, arena eventing & Show jumping

Ledbury Hunt Pony Club
HALLOWEEN TRAIL
Sunday 20 October, 10am-12pm, Gadbury GL19 4PP

- A mounted Halloween trail around Gadbury - find the clues and collect the stamps
- Optional fancy dress
- Goody bags for all riders
- Under 12's - open to non-members
- All children must be accompanied by an adult
- £7 non-members / £5 Ledbury PC members - pay on the day
- Clear round SJ and mini XC available - £5 per round
- Entries on Entrymaster: <https://tinyurl.com/GadburyGhosts>
- Limited entries accepted on the day. *Weather dependent - check LHPC Open Events Facebook page in case of bad weather

Frog Racing

Saturday 26th October

Hartpury Village Hall

Raising money for Saffron Cresswell
and LHPC



Doors open at 6:30

First Race at 7:00

Adults £15, under 16's £5

CASH ONLY BAR

Light supper included

Tickets via Entrymaster or contact
Lavinia Westlake 07976372593

November

- 2nd Family Bonfire at Gadbury
- 3rd Lessons for all at Moores 1hr
- 6th Flatwork Training at Moores
- 7th Student led rally at Hartpury College
- 9th Presentation Evening at Apperley Village Hall
- 13th Pizza & Quiz evening at Berrow Village Hall
- 15th Pole/Grid Work at Moores
- 17th Weekend lesson at Moores 1hr
- 21st Evening show jumping training
- 23rd All About the Horses Head,
Cheltenham Equine Vets talk/demo
- 24th Mini Christmas Show at Moores
- 27th Flatwork Training at Moores
- 30th Weekend lesson at Moores 1hr

December

- 1st Christmas Show at Hartpury
- 4th Flatwork Training at Moores
- 5th Student led rally at Hartpury College
- 6th Table Top sale at Hartpury Village Hall
- 7th Weekend lesson at Moores 1hr
- 8th Eventers training at Ruth Popes
- 9th Pizza & Quiz evening at Berrow Village Hall
- 13th Pole/Grid Work at Moores
- 14th Junior Christmas Party at Bushley Village Hall
- 22nd Christmas Rally at Moores 1hr
- 29th Eventers training at Ruth Popes



As you can see there is a lot going on but please check Entrymaster and Facebook as new or alterations will be made. Some of the weekend Moores lessons and the badge evenings will be used for training towards the new Spurs Test



For those who do not have their C+ test and will need to take the Spurs test the syllabus for the test can be found on the Pony Club Website along with the syllabi for all other PC tests.

<https://pcuk.org/tests/>

Also over the winter months Heather McLain BHSI will be holding test training sessions for Horse & Pony care D to B test (D & D+ will start after Christmas). These will be interactive presentations delivered via zoom and are designed to develop knowledge and understanding of caring for horses & ponies welfare, behaviour, training horses & ponies, safety, health, feeding, shoeing, conformation and more.

Series of 8 sessions starting in November. All details are on Entrymaster.



Pony Club could not happen without the great many volunteers that step up to organise and help at all events, training and running of branches. This year two of our volunteers were awarded their 30 years Cubitt award for their service to the organisation and our Branch. Thank you, Sue Clements and Audrey Brewer, for all that you have done.



News and Results



Bugboarding

Organised by the members committee many members enjoyed a great visit to bugboarding in Maisemore. They got to race down the hill and all had great fun.



Area 9 Show Rectory

60cm

5th Ben O

8th Bethany H

1st Mixed Team

70cm

16th Ben O

38th Olivia K

9th Mixed Team

80cm

44th Olivia K

Beaufort PC ODE at Shipton Moyne

80cm

9th Seren W

Open Schooling

We had a lovely afternoon for the open schooling. In just two hours we raised just over £550 for the club. Thank you to all that came and to Emily and Sarah covering.



Mounted Games at Usk County Show

The junior mounted games team was invited to Usk show to take part in a demo/competition in the main arena. It's such a lovely show, and much bigger than anywhere else they have competed, so it was a great experience for all. The team of Emily, Isla, Sophie, Amber and Annabelle were brilliant. They coped amazingly with the crowds and atmosphere, a borrowed pony and 2 new races, and came 3rd overall.

Mounted Games at Blenheim Horse trials

On the Saturday of Blenheim Horse Trials a mounted games competition was held and our novice team of Amber, Sophie, Annabelle, Lara and Rosie were competing. In the morning competition they took second place, but in the afternoon session they went one better to take the win with a neck and neck run off with North Warwickshire.

A brilliant experience for them all to compete with the 4* competition fences literally running right past the arena. Another bonus was parking right next to William Fox Pitt!

Thank you Jenny Blades for both reports



Our mounted games teams have come on so much in the past couple of years as, thanks to Jenny Blades and Jennie Clements they have been able to have regular, all round training and thanks to parents they have been taking part in lots of different competitions. But we must also mention and thank another member of our branch that many of you will not know and that is Heidi White.

Heidi came to Pony Club fairly late in comparison to many, being 9 when she discovered games. Coming from a showing background we turned to the first rally in long boots, a peaked hat and gloves!

She was quickly hooked though and soon caught up with her age group by practicing whenever she could. When she was still only 13 she was selected for the England team at Royal Windsor and performed in the pageant in front of the late Queen. That same year they were part of the European Champions team and the HOYS ppc winning team. The following year they were again European Champions and HOYS Champions. This year she has been selected to ride in Italy and France, gaining bronze medal at The World Championships and Gold medal at the European Championships. Now she is out of the PPC age group she is looking forward to encouraging new riders develop their skills in the sport.

Thank you Heidi for all your hard work helping to train members for our branch.





Blenheim Arena Eventing

On the Friday of the Blenheim Horse Trial a Pony Club Arena Eventer Challenge competition was held. We sent a team for the 90cm and the 100cm competition. In the 90cm we had Lucy W, Sophie C, Alice R and Cressie F representing the branch. With eventer challenge competitions it is not about speed but a clear round closest to the optimum time. Watches cannot be worn and the optimum time isn't published so you just have to work out a good rhythm and pace and try not to get too many penalties for going too fast or too slow!

There were over 150 entered for this class alone so our team did amazingly to come 5th with individual placings of 11th for Lucy W with a clear round, 42nd and 44th for Cressie and Sophie with clear rounds and 83rd with just 4 faults for Alice. In the 100cm our team of Charlotte N, Tom R, Hattie S and Georgie A were placed 16th. There were over 100 competing in this class, they all did a brilliant job.

The Pony Club race day held at Cheltenham racecourse is always an amazing day for members and parents to experience the thrill of pony racing and getting to explore parts of the racecourse the public don't normally have access to. There are also other racing fixtures for pony club members throughout the year are various racecourse, including Ascot but you have to be signed off as safe in order to take part in a race. One of the ways to do this is at a PRA training day and the next one local to us is held at Caradoc, near Ross on Wye in October. To book in please follow the link <https://www.ponyracingauthority.co.uk/race/west-mercian-south-pra-pc-training-day/> To take part your child must be confident and safe to canter in a group in an open space. We are holding a racing rally on 13th October with Julie Mansell who can go through all you need to know for the training day or just come along and have fun cantering with others, learning about your position and control.

Let's Go Racing!

A FUN & FREE DAY AT THE RACES

Are you interested in the horseracing industry and its different career options?

We are pleased to offer a unique **FREE** day at the races to go behind the scenes and gain an insight into the UK's largest sporting employer.

Events at racecourses during the October break

28th October
Redcar racecourse

29th October
Chepstow racecourse

Groups will be able to gain entry to the racecourse before gates are open to the public and take part in fun and informative activities in areas usually restricted from racegoers.

For those young people hoping to combine their love of ponies with a future career, the team will be able to advise on, and provide details of, the pathways into the wide range of career choices the Horseracing and Thoroughbred Breeding Industries have to offer.

And for anyone who thinks they may like to give racing a try, why not start off in the sport of Pony Racing...?

Book your place online HERE
or at <https://www.racingtoschool.co.uk/pony-racing-pathway/>

"The Pony Club provided the perfect stepping stone to a career in racing for me and loved being a member! These taster sessions are a brilliant opportunity for young people to try something new and get a feel for the opportunities available."

Hollie Doyle, former Pony Racer and Racing to School Ambassador

Registered charity number: 1040590 | www.racingtoschool.co.uk

Competitions

October

- 5th – Warwick Pony Racing
- 6th – Show Jumping at Kings – Malvern PC
- 8th - Training Show at Star Farm - Minchinhampton
- 20th - Spring Festival Dressage Qualifier - SH&RH at CCR
- 26th – Area 9 Dressage Training with Jo Lees
- 27th – Dressage – Malvern & Wyre Forest PC, Bromyard
- 28th – PRA Training Day at Caradoc
- 30th - B & lunge Test at Rectory Farm
- 31st - Team Arena Eventing at Unicorn - OBH
- 31st – Step 1 Coaching Course, Wyre Forest at Lincomb

November

- 2nd - Spring Festival Show Jumping Qualifier at Hartpury - Croome
- 3rd - Area 9 Training – Nick Gauntlett at Unicorn
- 3rd – Area 9 Winter Tri Series, Berkeley
- 10th – Show Jumping, Wyre Forest at Bromyard
- 17th - Spring Festival Arena Eventing Qualifier at Allens Hill - Worcs
- 23rd – All About the Horses Head – Cheltenham Equine Talk
- 24th - Mini Christmas Show at Moores farm - Ledbury
- 24th - Area 9 Dressage Training with Jo Lees

December

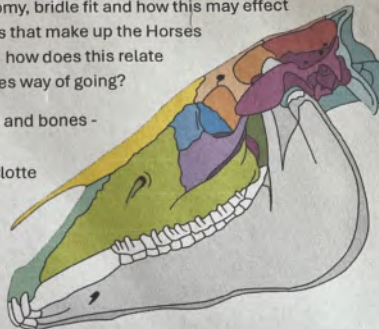
- 1st - Christmas Show at Hartpury – Ledbury
- 8th - Area 9 Training – Nick Gauntlett at Unicorn
- 23rd – North Hereford Christmas Yard at Bromyard
- 29th – OBH Show Jumping at Unicorn
- 29th - Area 9 Dressage Training with Jo Lees

All About the Horses Head

All proceeds going to **Saffron Cresswell**, former member of Ledbury PC. Great Witcombe, GL3 4TR, Sat 23rd November 10 till 1pm light refreshments provided.

How much do you know about head anatomy, bridle fit and how this may effect your horses ability? Learn about the bones that make up the Horses skull and see them. Dentistry and feeding how does this relate back to connection, contact and our horses way of going?

- Dentistry and Head anatomy, Skull and bones - Cheltenham Equine Vets
- Bridle fit and Head anatomy - Charlotte Fountain, Master Saddle Fitter
- Feeding and Nutrition – Heather McLain, Stage 5 performance coach



Aimed at PC Member's working towards their C+ and B test in Area 9, anyone wishing to attend out of Area please email and will accommodate if space allows, thereafter Adults welcome.

£30 per person

Enter on Entry Master
<https://ledburypc.entrymaster.online/index.php?id=85&order=YjJUCeJ5RW93clFuUHhMOVZKb1NpZz09&details=1>

Presented by **Cheltenham Equine Vets** and **LHPC**.

TABLE TOP SALES

2nd Hand Equestrian and Craft
sale

Hartpury Village hall

GL19 3BJ

Friday 18th October

Friday 6th December

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,
cake sale

Fund Raiser for Ledbury Pony Club Members committee.