



# LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

October didn't get off to the best start! Our first event of the month, the hunter trial had to be cancelled due to lack of entries and the rain also made parts of Gadbury very wet! The day was not completely lost as we were able to do quite a bit of tidying up and sorting out. Due to the wet ground rallies and lessons were all moved to arenas and many of you have been booking in. Sadly the rain also made it impossible to run the Halloween Trail and the Frog Racing evening has been postponed till the New Year.

In November we will be holding our annual Bonfire evening and the following weekend the AGM and Presentation evening. It will be great to see many of you there. At the presentation evening we will be launching the 2025 100 Club for you to sign up to and there will be a questionnaire for our senior members to fill out. This will also be emailed out.

## Dates

### November

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

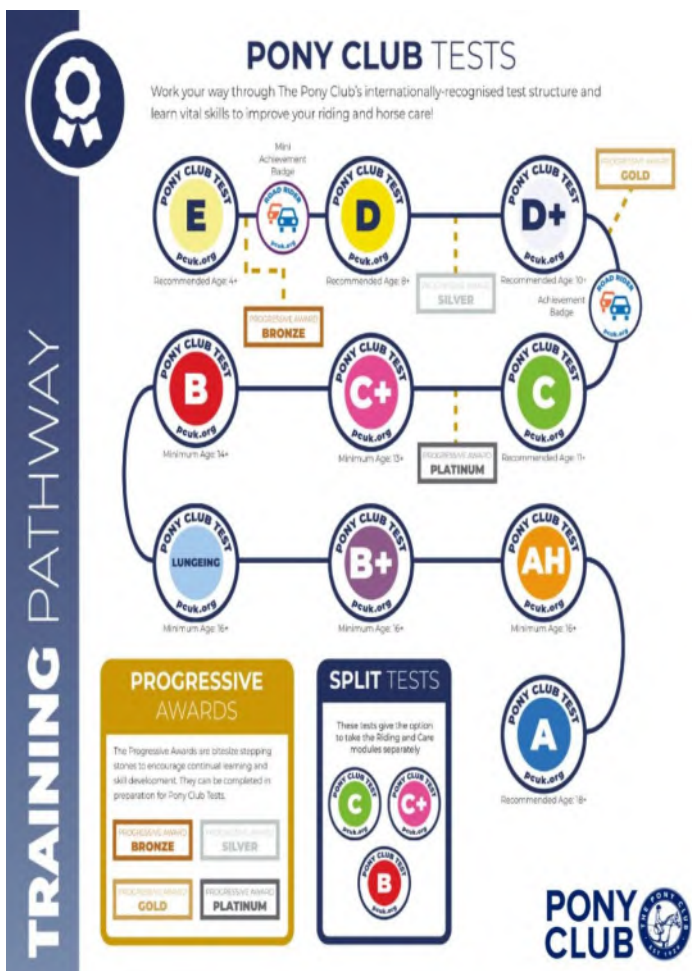
### December

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



## Training

Over the winter months we like to try to use this time to concentrate on training for Pony Club tests. Thanks to our chief instructor, Heather McLain we can offer zoom sessions to not just our branch members but members from other branches as well. Each test from D to B will have 8 sessions with each session covering the topics for these tests. If your child does want to do the tests but is unable to do all or some of the evenings, please do book in as the sessions will be recorded and you will be able to watch them at your convince. There will also be sessions for the Riding and Road Safety test which is taken after the D+ test. These training sessions are a great way to pick up the knowledge needed even if you are not quite old enough to take the tests but want to start learning the topics.



### C Test Training

6 – 7pm

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Jan

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan

Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

### C+ Test Training

7 – 8pm

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Jan

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan

Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

### B Test Training

Sunday Evening 6:30 – 8pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

10<sup>th</sup> Nov

17<sup>th</sup> Nov

24<sup>th</sup> Nov

12<sup>th</sup> Jan

19<sup>th</sup> Jan

26<sup>th</sup> Jan

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb

## D Test Training

Monday Evenings  
5:30-6pm

13<sup>th</sup> Jan

20<sup>th</sup> Jan

27<sup>th</sup> Jan

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

10<sup>th</sup> Feb

24<sup>th</sup> Feb

3<sup>rd</sup> Mar

10<sup>th</sup> Mar

## D+ Test Training

Monday Evenings  
6:00-6:45pm

13<sup>th</sup> Jan

20<sup>th</sup> Jan

27<sup>th</sup> Jan

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

10<sup>th</sup> Feb

24<sup>th</sup> Feb

3<sup>rd</sup> Mar

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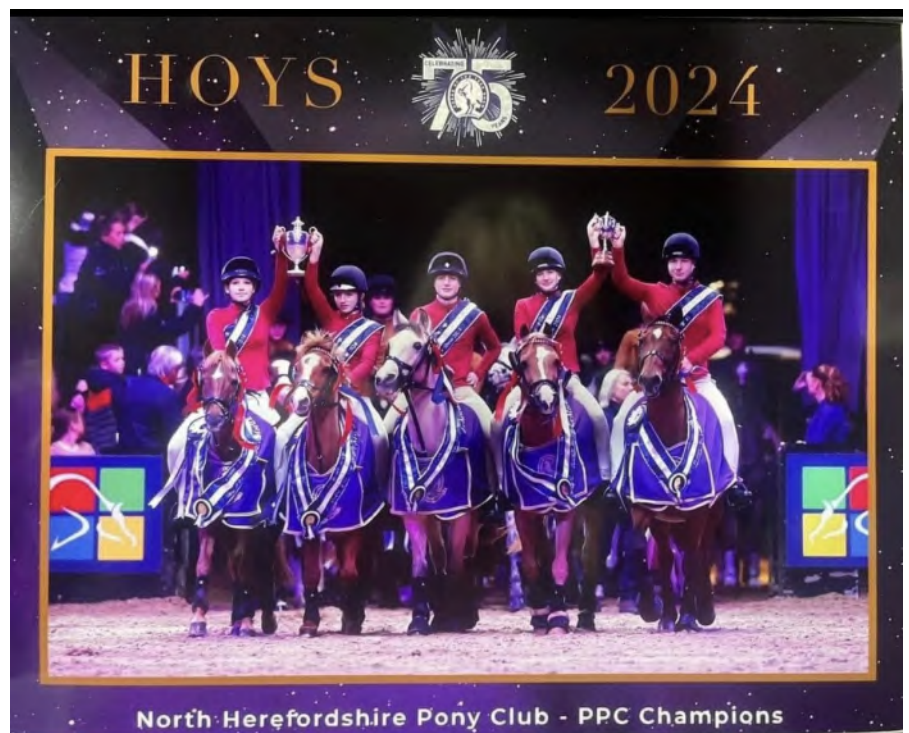


I'm sure you all now know that the Pony Club has introduced a spur test and that from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 if you want to use spurs at ANY pony club activity, whether it be a Pony Club competition, training, rally camp, you need to have a spur hat tag. You can only get a spur hat tag if you have your C+ test (or above) or have taken the spur test. There has already been one zoom presentation with other dates being set and there will be test days in November. These test days will not be done in branch. They will be done as a central place and there will be external examiners. For those that have their C+ or above and want a hat tag please contact myself and I can obtain a tag for you.

## Horse of the Year Show

It's no mean feat just qualifying for the Prince Philip Cup at Horse of the Year Show but to win it three times on the trot is just amazing. Very well done to the North Hereford Pony Club for achieving this.

## News and Events





## Malvern Pony Club Show at Bromsgrove Equestrian

<u>50cm</u>	<u>60cm</u>	<u>70cm</u>	<u>80cm</u>
19 <sup>th</sup> Isla M	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ben O	1 <sup>st</sup> Lily M	1 <sup>st</sup> Lily M
	6 <sup>th</sup> Fliss E	4 <sup>th</sup> Ben O	
		10 <sup>th</sup> Martha L	
		Team 1st	

## Warwick Race Day

Some of our members have been having great fun taking part in Pony Club race days that take place through the year at different racecourses. One of the last ones was held at Warwick racecourse with 6 of our members competing. They all had a brilliant time under the watchful eye of our racing manager, Julie Mansell. Results are as follows:

<u>128cm Beginners</u>	<u>138cm Beginners</u>	<u>138cm Novice</u>	<u>138cm Open</u>
4 <sup>th</sup> Tilly J	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bethany R-C	4 <sup>th</sup> Oscar T	5 <sup>th</sup> Molly M
8 <sup>th</sup> Isla B			
9 <sup>th</sup> Toby B			



## Spring Championships Dressage Qualifier

Hosted by the South Hereford and Ross Harriers the Area 9 qualifier was held at CCR. We had three members competing in the Novice, Sophie C was joint 11<sup>th</sup>, with Hattie S and Georgie S being joint 17<sup>th</sup>. In the Intermediate class Hattie was 6<sup>th</sup>.



### [PRA Training Day Caradoc](#)

The Pony Racing Authority hold training days across the country giving children the opportunity to learn about the race days and what it takes to be a jockey. Five of our members, Beth R-C, Isla B, Martha D, Ellen B and Molly M went along to the Caradoc training day. In the morning session they had dismounted fun learning about balance and fitness, followed by a workout on the Equicisors. In the afternoon they had the ridden session where they warm up in a school and learn the basics before having a go on the gallops. All 5 girls passed and are now eligible to take part in the race days in 2025. There are other opportunities to be allowed to take part in any of the 2025 races. Please contact Julie Mansell for details.







SH&RH Mounted Games Pairs competition at Aberhall

We had a great representation at this friendly competition organised by the South Hereford & Ross Harriers Pony Club. There was lots of great team work and cooperation with some of our members also joining other branches too. In the first lead rein heat, Freja and Ellie were 1st and Sophie joined Amelia from Brecon pc to get second place. In the second heat Freja kindly joined Amelia from South Hereford as her partner was poorly and they also won!

Ellie filled in brilliantly for Harvey in the first few races as he was running late but between them and Hugo they stormed into 3rd place. In the assisted, the Ledbury presence was strong and showed so much progress since the summer competitions. In the A

final, Annabelle and Darcy were 2nd; Matilda and Amelia were 3rd; and Rosie and Maddie were 5th. In the B final, Sophie and Maddie won.

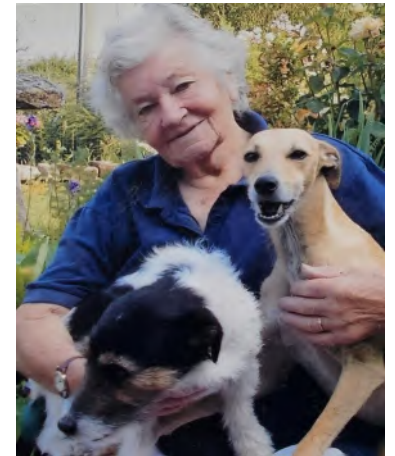
Thank you Jenny Blades for the





## Rallies and Lessons

During October our winter sessions have started with mounted and dismounted sessions. The popular pizza and quiz evenings where members learn stable management and work towards badges have started along with the student led lessons at Hartpury College. We have had discipline specific training with Jo Winfield and Emma Slater which will continue through the winter months with eventers training starting next month. We have had lessons with Saskia Rioux at her yard in Tibberton and Julie Mansell had a session at Martin Jones's gallops. The half term holidays saw a popular rally at Moores Farm at the beginning of the week and a rally at Lincomb on the last day of the month. Next month is just as busy with the weekend lessons at Moores starting and much more.



Sadly this month also saw the passing of Bridget Bainbridge. She was a DC of the branch in the 1980's and was always a great supporter of Pony Club activities.

## Competitions & Training

### November

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

### December

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

