



LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

The end of February is upon us and hopefully the weather will start to improve. It can be hard to imagine that in another months' time we will (hopefully!!) be back using Gadbury....

This months newsletter there will be report from tets and tri's and show jumping. Coming up we have lots of rallies and training, with a spurs test coming up as well as other tests.

The position of treasurer has been filled by Sally Smith, but we are looking for a secretary and some willing volunteers to help organise some of our shows and events. The dressage series and Hartpury two phase will be our next events which are good fund raisers for the branch.

Dates

March

- 2nd Rally at CCR with Nicki White
- 6th Student led evening lessons with Jo Winfield at Hartpury
- 8th Weekend lessons at Moores 1hr
- 14th Evening Rally at Moores to include Spurs test training
- 15th Show Jumping training with Emma Slater
- 16th Racing & Fitness, Redmarley
- 20th Rally at Saskia's – Grid type bounce session
- 21st Road Ride Zoom Training
- 22nd Weekend lessons at Moores 1hr
- 26th Flat work training at Moores Farm with Jo Winfield
- 28th Roller Skating Social
- 29th Mounted Games at Glovers Farm

April

- 5th Two hour rally open to all at Gadbury
- 12th Show Jumping training with Emma Slater
- 13th Road Ride Test run through and test at Gadbury
- 15th XC rally at Ace
- 16th Test Training for C & C+ - Ridden and Care
- 19th Zoom Spurs Training
- 20th Easter Rally with egg hunt at Gadbury
- 22nd Rally at Lincomb
- 23rd Spurs Test and C & D+ Test at Gadbury



PONY CLUB

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**LHPC EVENING
DRESSAGE SERIES
- SAVE THE DATES**

GADBURY, GLOS GL19 4PP

**24 APRIL
1 MAY
22 MAY
5 JUNE**

Schedule to follow, enter via Entrymaster.

Pathway to Pony Club Championships

You may be starting to plan for your competitive year ahead and want to know when Area, grassroots and main championships are and how you get there.

Dates for Area Competitions and Championships

March

9th Area Quiz – Minchinhampton – Upton ST Leonards

April

12th Area Horse & Pony Care – Cotswold PC – Andoversford

18th Area 9 Pony Racing – Cheltenham Racecourse

May

4th Area Mounted Games – Cotswold Vale Pony Club – TBC

4th Dobson & Horrell Pony Quiz Final - Sheffield

31st Area Show Jumping – North Cotswold/CV FH – Moreton Show Ground

June

28th/29th Mini International Tet - Oxstalls

July

6th Area Dressage - Croome – Spetchley Park

12th/13th Area Tetrathlon – Ledbury – Gadbury

19th Area Eventing – Beaufort – Oxstalls

19th/20th Mounted Games Zones

August

8th – 17th Main Pony Club Championships – Offchurch Bury

23rd – 25th Regional Championships – Rectory Farm

The above are the competition dates for the different disciplines.

Area show jumping and eventing start at 70cm and go up to 110cm. The 70cm and 80cm classes are grassroots level and if you were successful you could qualify for the Regional Championships at Rectory Farm. The 90cm and above classes qualify you for the main Championships at Offchurch Bury.

At area dressage, if you compete in the 70 or 80 tests you would qualify for Rectory, with the higher tests qualifying you for the main champs.

Successful teams at Area Horse & Pony Care qualify for the main champs, with successful teams at Area Quiz having separate champs held in Sheffield.

If you are a successful junior or above at Area tet, you would qualify for the main championships. Strong tadpoles and minis would be aiming for the June mini international competition.

For mounted games, if you are successful at the area competition you go forward to the central zones in July.

When competing at Areas you need to speak to the discipline managers in advance so they are aware of your intentions to compete. They can then add you to training lists. In previous years we have been able to send multiple teams to compete at the various heights but if you wish to be selected for teams we will be having criteria for members to meet.

- We would like to see members at training sessions on the ponies/horses they wish to compete leading up to competitions
- They must be active members of the branch, whether volunteering at events or attending rallies, training etc.
- If you go to areas and are successful we do expect you to go onto champs or make us aware that you are unable to make the August champ dates.
- You must have a proven track record at the height you wish to compete at at Areas.

What we expect of you as a team member

- Attend training sessions leading up to the competition.
- You have made yourself aware of the rules for each discipline.
- Tack and clothing comply with rules and you have PC branch clothing
- Course walk with your team and the trainer
- Attend prize giving

If you have any questions please contact the discipline managers.

Eventing – Ruth Pope

Dressage – Lucy Middlecote

Show Jumping – Davina Jones

Tetrathlon – Pauline Williams

Mounted Games – Jenny Blades

Pony Racing – Julie Mansell

Quiz's – Jennie Clements

Area 9 Rule re Eligibility to Represent the Branch at Area Competitions

In order to be eligible to compete at Area Competitions, members from all branches in Area 9 and their horse/pony must have actively taken part together in at least 3 rallies, qualifying coaching or training sessions during the previous 12-month period unless prevented from doing so by illness, absence from home, or any other reason which in the opinion of the DC and Area Rep justifies absence.

For the purposes of this rule a rally, qualifying coaching or training session is one which is organised by a branch committee, the Area Rep, or by the training committee and must be a minimum of 1 hour in length. Camp shall be counted as a separate rally, qualifying coaching, or training session.

In addition to demonstrating loyalty to the branch, the combination of horse and rider may also be required to prove their competence, safety, plus fitness of horse or pony, in the specific sport and level that the member wishes to participate at.

Competitions

Area 10 Tri Series part 2

Tadpole Boys

3rd Oliver B BR

Minimus Girls

8th Fliss E

16th Isla M

Junior B

3rd Ben O

4th Toby M

Beanie G

3rd Faye O

Croome Show Jumping at Hartpury

60cm

10th Wren D

70cm

39th Wren D

CVFH Show Jumping at Hartpury

Class 1a 50cm

4th Emily W (part of a mixed team placed 1st)

Class 2 60cm

5th Martha L

8th Wren D

12th Isla B

Team 1st

Class 3 70cm

1st Lilly M

5th Martha L

11th Isla B

Team 1st

Class 4 80cm

1st Lilly M

15th Georgie P

Class 6 1m

6th Alice R



Great example of what to wear at a prize giving!



Beaufort Tri & Tet

This event, run by the Beaufort PC is held over two weekends. The first weekend is the triathlon competition and we had a number of members competing.

Minimus Girls Tri

11th Bethany H

28th Isabel E

33rd Lily M

Junior Girls Tri

23rd Molly M

25th Lexi W

Junior Boys Tri

15th Thomas H

Senior Girls Tri

6th Seren W

The following weekend the ride phase was held at Rectory Farm and some of the above were competing.

Minimus Girls Tet

5th Isabel E

Junior Girls Tet

6th Molly M

Senior Girls Tet

3rd Seren W

Minimus Girls Novice Tet

1st Bethany H 1400 ride

7th Lily M 1400 ride



Friendly Quiz

This was our second year hosting this lovely event. We had 15 teams entered across the two classes and some great prizes to be won from our sponsors. Thank you to all involved and the afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

Mini Section

1st Ledbury Piebalds

Isabel E

Ella J

Amber H-S

Annabelle B

3rd Ledbury Bays

Sophie A

Amelia T

Ellen B

6th Ledbury Chestnuts

Perdi W

Estee W

Faye O

Matilda M

Junior/Senior Section

3rd Ledbury

Katie H

Olivia M

Alice B

Emily A





South Hereford Mounted Games Competition

A brilliant day for members at the South Hereford PCs mounted games competition. Rosie and Hugo stormed to double wins in both lead rein heats. Not to be beaten, Annabelle and Darcy won the assisted heat and final with Sophie and Amber close behind in second. Great racing from all and a great experience for new combinations.

We're really close to having a junior team this year. If there are any under 11s riding independently who are keen to have a go please get in touch with the team manager, Jenny Blades

Training and Rallies

Over the half term some of our senior members and some from other Area 9 branches had a day at Hartpury College, All thinking about getting fit to compete ...these lucky 10 children had a day of horse fitness & HR monitoring, rider psychology, rider agility, balance & core strength exercises as well applying it all and correcting positional work on Margaret the simulator. Massive thanks to Dr Jo Winfield FBHS, Hayley and the Hartpury team and students who were delivering and coaching throughout the activities - they were super! The kids have gone home with their goal setting and exercise booklets ...and are looking forward to their personalised analysis reports that will set them up for success in their competition season!

Thank you to Pauline Williams for organising.



During half term there were also rallies at Moores, a racing & fitness rally at Martin Jones's, mounted games, polocrosse and a session with Saskia.

The Ledbury Hunt also held a gate jumping competition with some of our members competing in the junior competition. Well done to Seren for taking the win and to Molly and Pheobe for coming joint 2nd.

With so much always going on it does take an army of helpers. Please do look at the volunteers rota which has been emailed out and make a note of which events you have been assigned to and if you are able to help at any others I'm sure the organisers will love to hear from you!

Competition & Area Training Dates

March

- 1st/2nd Spring Championships at Addington
- 9th Area 9 Quiz at Upton St Leonards
- 16th Area 9 Polocrosse Training at Longdole
- 22nd Worcestershire PC Show Jumping at Gracelands
- 23rd North Cots Arena Eventing at Unicorn Centre
- 23rd Area 9 Dressage Training with Jo Lees at Abbey Dressage

April

- 6th North Hereford Show jumping at Bromyard
- 10th OBH Show Jumping at Unicorn Centre
- 12th Area 9 Horse & Pony Care at Andoversford
- 13th Area 9 Spring Show Jumping at Rectory Farm
- 18th Area 9 Pony Racing at Cheltenham Racecourse
- 24th Minchinhampton Show Jumping at CCR

