



LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

September has been a chance to reflect on what has been achieved over the summer and plan for the winter. As you can see there is lots in the diary and there will be a few more things added as we go along. Keep checking Entrymaster and Facebook as well as the monthly newsletter.

November will be the AGM & Presentation evening, can last years winner make sure their cups are cleaned and engraved and returned as soon as you can to a committee member.

Over October we will be having some sheep grazing Gadbury to help the ground going into next year so some activities will be changed.

Dates

October

- 4th Show Jumping Training with Emma Slater
- 9th Evening Student Led Lessons at Hartpury College
- 11th Show Jumping rally at Hignham Court
- 15th Pizza/Quiz/Badge Evening at Berrow Village Hall
- 19th Halloween Trail at Gadbury
- 25th C+ Test at Gadbury
- 25th Saturday Lesson at Moores Farm
- 29th Half Term Rally at Moores Farm

November

- 8th Family Bonfire at Gadbury
- 9th Sunday Lesson at Moores Farm
- 13th Evening Student Led Lessons at Hartpury College
- 15th Saturday Lesson at Moores Farm
- 19th Pizza/Quiz/Badge Evening at Berrow Village Hall
- 22nd AGM & Presentation Evening at Apperley Village Hall
- 23rd Sunday Lesson at Moores Farm
- 29th Vet Talk – All About the Heart & Lungs – Cheltenham Equine TBC
- 30th Mini Christmas Show at Moores Farm

December

- 3rd Pizza/Quiz/Badge Evening at Berrow Village Hall
- 6th Saturday Lesson at Moores Farm
- 7th Christmas Show at Hartpury College
- 11th Evening Student Led Lessons at Hartpury College
- 13th Rally at CCR TBC
- 21st Sunday Lesson at Moores Farm

News, Competitions, Tests and Training

Camp Feedback

Thank you to all who filled in the camp feedback questionnaire. There were not many replies but they were largely positive.

There are a few things that need comment.

Timetables

All camps send parents a rough timetable, these are flexible and can be altered on the day to allow for changes in weather and opinion of coaches and organisers on the day. It is not possible/necessary for more details to be issued and, unless the parent is on duty, no need to know minor daily changes which, at junior camp, were available daily in field shelter.

Coaches are sent their groups before every camp.

This year's pre-camp rallies were very poorly attended which meant that some coaches had not met any of their ride before camp, it also makes it difficult to suitably allocate members to rides. This is a huge disadvantage to members and coaches and why pre camp rallies must be attended.

Problems

If a parent has a problem with groups, activities or coach please speak to camp organiser, chief instructor or DC as soon as possible, as explained above unless we see members regularly it is difficult to make suitable rides and we recognised that sometimes change is required.

We are all volunteers and want our members to have a good time at camp.

Awards at end of camp

This is a tricky one, there are many view points, none all the same, competitive, improvement, effort or achievement and unfortunately it is not possible to find something to suit everyone. We have tried different options over the years, if anyone has any ideas do let us know.

Off site visits

It is not possible to do off site trips during junior camp due to insurance and safeguarding issues transporting other peoples' children. The cost of hiring a bus would be prohibitive, we do try to keep all camps as affordable as possible as it is at the heart of pony club activities.

The Ledbury Pony Club Committee

Winter Zoom Training

Over the winter we will be having online Zoom test training with Heather McLain. I will email parents what tests their member should be working towards so they can book in if they wish to.

C & C+ Test

8 Sessions

Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Jan 11th, 18th, 25th

Feb 8th

B Test

8 Sessions

Nov 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Jan 12th, 19th, 26th

Feb 9th

D & D+ Test

6 Sessions

Jan 8th, 15th, 22nd

Feb 5th, 12th, 19th

Pony Racing

It is coming to the time of the year when we start prepping for the 2026 racing season. The PRA run a series of training days all over the country where if you attend and pass the assessments you and your pony will be qualified to race at any of the pony club race days next year. Full details of the training days are available from the PRA website.

In previous years Area 9 PC have run a training day at Caradoc but this year it is NOT happening. The nearest PRA training day to us is one in Warwickshire on the 2nd Nov. The training days are a great experience but the children and ponies need to be ready to canter at speed in groups and there will be more PRA days after Christmas. If you think your child may want some more experience I suggest they attend some of our racing rallies to gain more experience before attending a training day so they can enjoy the experience and pass the day.

We will be running a series of racing/galloping rallies over the winter for fitness and to prepare our younger less experienced jockeys in a fun safe environment. The first racing/galloping rally will be on the 27th Oct soon to be on Entrymaster. Our racing manager is Julie Mansell and will happily answer any questions.



BugsBoarding

A group of members had a great morning at BugsBoarding near Maisemore at the beginning of the month. They got to try grass sledging and dirt scooting.



Arena Eventing at Moreton Show

Just one of our members, Seren W took part in this competition. It is a great venue for the class and a challenging course of show jumps followed by cross jumps was set up in an arena. Not only do you have the challenge of the course but also the crowds, noise and flags etc around the arena. This competition is open to all, with nearly 100 competing in the class. Seren and her pony Toppa had a great round with just 4 faults to end in 30th place.



Agria Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials

Earlier this year The Pony Club held a competition for members to be ambassadors and take part in the Agria Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials opening ceremony. Applications were received from members all over the British Isles and one of our members, Martha D was selected. She had had to write a letter outlining the reasons why she wanted to be there and make a short video, all of which she did herself.

She had an amazing day and got to meet riders from all over the nation, as well as her favourite GB riders. The best part of the day was having her picture taken with Laura Collett, who went on to be crowned European Champion.



Eventer Challenge

To compete at Blenheim is quite an experience and we had eight members representing our branch with a team in the 90cm and 100cm. The class takes the form of jumping 8 show jumps and then onto a course of cross country jumps all in the one arena. The last jump, after jumping solid fences is a joker show jump which, if you knock it down you get 6 penalties. With all those jumps in the arena and a large crowd watching it is quite an experience!

In the 90cm class we had a team of Ollie S, Molly M, Georgie P and Seren W. As a team they finished in 8th place. With Ollie being the highest placed with his great clear and taking 20th with over 150 competing in that class alone!

In the 100cm our team was made up of Georgie S, Lucy W, Henny P and Georgie A. Both Georgie's completed their rounds with Georgie A having a great clear and Georgie S just picking up 4 faults.



Autumn Hunting

With summer now over and autumn firmly taking hold the autumn hunting has now begun. Many of our members have been out on the early morning meets and have been having a great time, If you wish to go children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult and please get in touch and we can let you know who to contact at the hunt.



Mounted Games

Well done to our mounted games crew who were competing at Amberley Court for the first of North Hereford PC's winter competitions. Freja and Rosie both rode as individuals with Rosie being crowned Champion. It was then a busy afternoon with Freya and Fearne coming 4th in the lead rein pairs (but both half the size of the other competitors and grinning like Cheshire cats the entire time). Ollie and Hugo 4th in junior novice pairs, Annabelle and Amber 3rd in junior pairs with Sophie and Jemima 2nd in the same class. There were lots of new races that we hadn't done before, and so much improvement from everyone since we were here this time last year.

We are in need of more junior level riders and above. Juniors need to be under 11 on 1st Jan next year and riding completely independently, with control in a snaffle bridle. We have lots of competitions and practices lined up, and a keen team that are super focused on getting to champs next year, however we need more riders to join us!

Lead rein and little riders are always welcome too. Please get in touch for more info. Thanks to Jenny Blades, discipline manager for the report.





Competition & Area Training Dates

October

- 5th Malvern Show Jumping at Kings Equestrian
- 12th B+ Training with Carole Broad at Tumpy Green
- 12th Dressage Training with Jo Lees at Tumpy Green
- 18th B+ Training with Carole Broad at Tumpy Green
- 19th SH&RH Dressage Spring Championship Qualifier at CCR
- 19th Ledbury Halloween Trail at Gadbury
- 26th Croome Show Jumping Spring Championship Qualifier at Hartpury
- 27th B & B+ Test
- 28th Area Awards Evening at Andoversford
- 31st Cotswold Show Jumping at CCR
- 31st Heythrop Show Jumping at Unicorn

November

- 1st OBH Arena Eventing Spring Championship Qualifier at Unicorn
- 2nd Area 9 Training at Unicorn
- 2nd Berkeley Area 9 Triathlon
- 5th Pony Club Conference in Edinburgh
- 16th Wyre Forest Team & Ind Show Jumping at Kings
- 30th Atea 9 Training at Unicorn
- 30th Ledbury Mini Christmas Show at Moores Farm

December

- 7th Ledbury Christmas Show at Hartpury
- 21st Area 9 Training with Jo Lees
- 23rd Heythrop Arena Eventing at Unicorn
- 29th OBH Show Jumping at Unicorn
- 30th Heythrop Show Jumping at Unicorn





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HALLOWEEN TRAIL

Sunday 19 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
- 🦋 £8 non-members / £6 Ledbury PC members - pay on the day
- 🦋 Clear round SJ and mini XC available - £5 per round
- 🦋 Entries on Entrymaster: <https://tinyurl.com/SpookyGadbury>
- 🦋 Limited entries accepted on the day. *Weather dependent - check LHPC Open Events Facebook page in case of bad weather




