



LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

A new year and we have some new faces on our main committee. I would like to welcome Sophie Turpin, Claire Allen, Jenny Blades and Jennie Clements. They don't have specific roles (yet!!) but we look forward to their valuable input and ideas. If you would like to know more about the committee then do get in touch and next month I will be organising an open evening where you can come along and ask any questions regarding the branch, about activities, competitions, registering interest for areas, discussing new rules, getting a hat tagged, tests, training, whatever you need to know or don't realise you need to know!

A new year also brings a new parents rota. Next week a questionnaire will be going out asking you to choose two or more events to help out at over the course of the year. All events need to help to run and if we can't run the events we can't afford to run the branch. ALL parents are expected to help so if you don't choose you WILL be allocated two events.

Dates

February

7th Friendly Quiz Competition at Apperley Village Hall
14th Saturday Lesson at Moores Farm
16th Day Camp at Hartpury
17th Half Term rally at Moores Farm
19th Mounted Games Practise – The Chase
20th Training Day at Hartpury
26th Evening Student Led Lessons at Hartpury College

March

7th Showjumping Rally at Highnam Court
14th Mounted Games Practise – The Chase
15th Sunday Lesson at Moores Farm
26th Evening Student Led Lessons at Hartpury College
28th Saturday Lesson at Moores Farm

Farm

31st Arena Eventing Rally at Lincomb



Area 9 Performance Day

Hosted by Ledbury PC and Hartpury Equine
Monday 16th February 2026 0930 – 1600hrs
Led by Dr Jo Winfield with Equine Sport Coaching
students

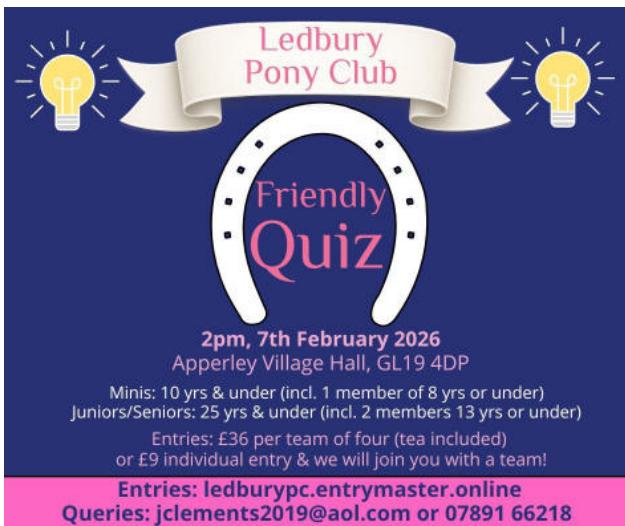
£40 LHPC members
£50 other A9 members



This day is designed with Tetrathletes and Eventers in mind (13yrs +)

- Pre-season preparation workshops focusing on:
 - Rider position – jumping focus on 'Margaret' the simulator*
 - Rider Psychology – competition prep & managing focus between phases
 - Rider Nutrition
 - Strength & Conditioning
 - Cardio & Fitness

*We will be classroom / gym based at the Sports Academy & Equine Centre. Participants should wear clothing suitable for exercise/being on the simulator, including bringing riding boots.



Our first event of the year kicks off with the Friendly Quiz. This is a great warm up competition for those wanting to go to Area competitions. This year we have some amazing prizes up for grabs which have been donated by Redpost who have given some Le Mieux merchandise, Pioneer Feeds in Ledbury, Treehouse Sporting Colours, Feedmarks and New Hunt. Look forward to seeing members there next weekend.

News and Results

Children's Meet at Houldey's

The Christmas holidays are always a great chance for members to get out on the hunting field and these holidays have been brilliant with good going and good weather. On 2nd January the Ledbury Hunt held a children's meet kindly hosted by the Houldey family at Hasefield. A great number of members turned out on a chilly day and all were able to enjoy with lead rein up to older members being catered for. There were plenty of jumps and opportunities to gallop across country.



Area 7 Winter Triathlon Qualifier

One of our senior members made the trip to Walsall to compete at this tri. Emma-Jane came 9th in the senior girls class.



Area 18 January Triathlon

Three of our members were due to compete at this tri but sadly the weather conditions forced a cancellation so they went for a run instead!!

Area 9 Mounted Games Study Day

Held at Hartpury College Area 9 organised a mounted games study day showing which races would be at this years Area competitions. Our discipline manager Jenny Blades went along with her daughter and they got to have a go at the races and get lots of ideas to bring back to branch.



STRUK Pony Club Team Friendly Series at David Broomes

Two of our junior members, Annabelle and Amber joined some of our friends from Malvern and Cotswold Vale pony clubs for a STRUK competition at the David Broome centre where they ran through every 2026 area and zone race. This was such a great experience as there are new races and equipment to get used to. Lots learnt and some great team work for 6th place.

Area 10 Winter Tri Series 1 of 3

The first of the Area 10 winter Tri series was held in Monmouth on a very chilly Sunday. We had a few members competing over the various classes.

<u>Open Girls</u>	<u>Junior Boys</u>	<u>Mini Boys</u>	<u>Tadpole Girls</u>
8 th Seren W	5 th Ben O	12 th Oliver B	12 th Faye O
13 th Molly L	Mixed Team 2 nd	Mixed Team 3 rd	Mixed Team 2 nd
Mixed Team 4 th	<u>Junior Girls</u>	<u>Mini Girls</u>	<u>Beanie Girls</u>
	9 th Molly M	2 nd Bethany H	11 th Sophie B
	12 th Jenny W	Mixed Team 1 st	Mixed Team 3 rd
	13 th Lexi W		
	Team 4 th		

Malvern PC Winter Tri

<u>Beanie Girls Tri</u>	<u>Tadpole Girls</u>	<u>Minimus Girls</u>
6 th Sophie B	11 th Faye O	3 rd Bethany H BR
<u>Junior Boys</u>	<u>Junior Girls</u>	<u>Senior Girls</u>
4 th Ben O	4 th Lexi W BR	3 rd Seren W

Area 9 Tri Series Leader Board

Well done to two members Bethany H and Ben O who top the leader boards in the mini girls and junior boys sections.

January has been rather a wet month but the nights are drawing out and spring doesn't feel too far away! The calendar is starting to fill and we will be making plans for Area competitions as well as the branch events. It won't be long till we are back at Gadbury and thoughts are already turning to camping camp as well as rallies and test days. Keep checking Entrymaster and make sure you get your entries in in plenty of time for organisers to know exactly who is attending.

Competition & Area Training Dates

February

- 1st Worcestershire Show Jumping at Gracelands
- 7th Croome Show Jumping at Hartpury
- 7th LHPC Friendly Quiz Competition at Apperley Village Hall
- 8th Beaufort Area Winter Tri Series
- 15th CVFH Show Jumping at Hartpury
- 15th Dressage Training with Jo Lees at Abbey Dressage
- 24th Pony Club Coaches Conference

March

- 1st **Area Quiz hosted by Minchinghampton & Stroud**
- 22nd Dressage Training with Jo Lees at Abbey Dressage
- 22nd Winter Triathlon Championships at Grantham
- 22nd North Cotswold Arena Events at Unicorn
- 28th-30th Spring Championships at Addington

April

- 3rd **Pony Racing at Cheltenham**
- 5th Wyre Forest Show Jumping at Bromyard
- 9th Minchinghampton Show Jumping at CCR
- 10th **Area Horse & Pony Care Andoversford**
- 11th OBH Show Jumping at Unicorn
- 11th Minchinghampton Triathlon at Dean Close
- 12th **Area Mounted Games**
- 19th Quiz Final at Loughborough University

May

- 4th LHPC Two Phase at Hartpury
- 16th/17th LHPC Branch Tetrathlon
- 16th/17th Mounted Games Friendly at Three Counties
- 24th Area 9 Show Jumping at Rectory Farm
- 30th **Area Show Jumping at Moreton Showground**
- 30th/31st Junior Home International Tetrathlon

