



LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

The nights are drawing out, the ground is drying up and it is warming up (honestly!). Thank you to those that helped at Gadbury to get ready for our first rally of the year. We have been able to chain harrow and roll the ground and it is all looking amazing.

There will be more jobs that need doing. The cross country jumps need moving and ground bolts putting in and we have a collection of wooden show jumping poles that all need painting as well as the cross country jumps.

There are lots of ways to get involved with branch activities and to help with the general up keep, please let us know if you can help.

Don't forget I will be stepping down from the DC roll next year so if it's a roll you think might be of interest do get in touch.

Dates

April

- 2nd Test Day at Gadbury
- 5th Rally & Easter Egg Hunt at Gadbury
- 7th Visit to Tweenhills Stud
- 8th Eventing Training & XC rally at Ace
- 13th Dressage Training with Saffron Cresswell
- 16th Evening Dressage Series at Gadbury
- 25th GlazyDayz Pottery Painting
- 23rd Show Jumping Training with Emma Slater
- 25th XC & Tetrathlon Training at Gadbury
- 30th Evening Dressage Series at Gadbury

May

- 4th Two Phase Arena Eventing at Hartpury
- 16th/17th Tetrathlon Competition at Gadbury
- 26th-28th Camping Camp at Gadbury



**Ledbury Hunt Pony Club
Unaffiliated Evening
Dressage Series 2026**



Thursday 16th April
Thursday 30th April
Thursday 14th May
Thursday 4th June
(Championship)

On grass at Gadbury,
Eldersfield, GL19 4PP



Open to members and non members

**The 2026
Thelwell
Art
Competition**

Let your creativity shine with our annual Art Competition! Submit your masterpiece to have it judged by professional artists.

**This year's theme is...
'Pony Club Fun Memories!'**



Entries close 30th April! →

News and Results

Area 9 Quiz

This month kicked off with the Area 9 Quiz hosted by the Cotswold and Minchinhampton branches.

In the morning the mini teams were competing with 19 teams taking part. We had three teams entered and they had to do 7 rounds lasting 8 minutes per round with many different subjects to cover. The maximum score was 420 with the Ledbury Skewbalds (Amber H-S, Ella J, Sophie A and Estee W) getting 410!! The Ledbury Greys came 5th (Annabelle, Anna, Eloise & Emily W) and the Ledbury Bays (Cece, Lara, Connie & Hugo) 16th. After the quiz they got to enjoy a lovely lunch and then the prize giving. The Skewbalds now get to compete in the final at Loughborough University.

In the afternoon the junior/senior competition took place. This competition had 8 rounds and there were 17 teams taking part. We had one team in this class with Isabel E, Erica S, Emily A and Perdi W. They had some great scores and took 7th place. They then got to enjoy a great tea and prize giving.



Area 10 Winter Tri Series (3 of 3)

Always a great series that helps members to prepare for the summer tetrathlons. The last of them was held in March with a number of members taking part.

Tadpole Girls
4th Faye O

Junior Girls
6th Jenny W

Junior Boys
5th Ben O

Training

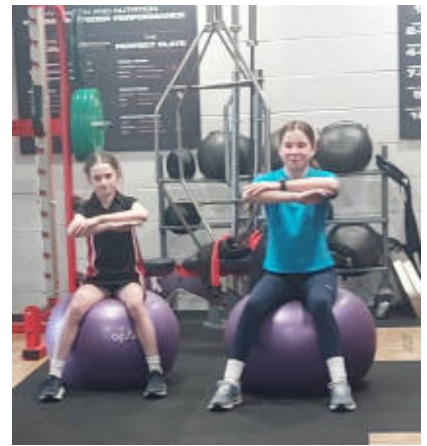
Our eventers have been to Swalcliffe for some cross country practise on grass. All some great sessions and are looking forward to the season ahead.

Seren and Lexi W joined the Beaufort for their two day tet camp. Being put through their paces in all the tet disciplines.

The last of the of our indoor lessons took place this month. We have held our usual sessions at Moores Farm and the student led sessions at Hartpury College.

For those looking ahead at camps there are bookings on Entrymaster for those to register interest for mini, junior and senior camp. It helps the organisers know how many are wanting to go so they can book demos and instructors in plenty of time.

The tet members have also started the Tetrathletes Fitness Academy hosted at Hartpury and delivered by their Elite Rider Academy Strength and Conditioning coaches in conjunction with Dr Jo Winfield FBHS. These sessions will be over 5 weeks and will be specialist training to help improve their core strength, flexibility, balance and all round fitness & riding. What amazing opportunities these kids have on the doorstep!



Winter Triathlon Championships.

We had four members competing at the Championships held in Grantham.

In the open girls section Seren W and Emm-Jane A had qualified. It was a large section with 50 girls competing. Seren was placed 30th and Emma-Jane 37th, with their Area 9 team being placed 10th.

In the junior girls section Lexi W was competing. It was another large competitive section with Lexi being placed 50th and her Area 9 team being placed 16th.

In the minimus girls section Bethany H was competing. With 56 competing in her section Bethany did brilliantly to be placed 4th and her Area 9 team were 6th.

Very well done to all for qualifying and competing at the championships.



Mounted Games at Aberhall

Well done to our mounted games members who went to Aberhall for their friendly mounted games competition.

Our senior pair of Isabel and Emily started the day and rode well for 2nd in the B final.

Lots of improvements seen in the junior novice riders as legs grow longer and after a winter of riding they were all flying. Well done to Ollie, Freja, Sophie and Rosie.

Keep an eye out for training over Easter once we can get to Gadbury





England & Wales Spring Festival Championships

We had one member qualify for this event sponsored by Barrier Health. Isabel E took part in the Grassroots Dressage and was placed 6th in her section. A brilliant result when competing against members from all over the British Isles.



Ascot Race Day

Three members headed to Ascot for the Pony Club race day. They all had a brilliant day in the sunshine. First up was Archie who was competing in the 128cm beginner race. They had a great race and came 6th. Next was Tilly's turn in the 128cm novice. Her race proved to be more a learning day with another competitor becoming unseated at the start which caused confusion and delay while it was caught. She came 7th which was great but very frustrating for them. Our third member was Sophie, this was her first experience of pony racing and she was in the 138cm beginners race. She and her aptly named pony Fly, flew up for 3rd place. They also won the Best Turned out (thanks to her sister/groom!). Well done to all and look forward to seeing them and other members out again at the Area 9 day.





Competition & Area Training Dates

April

- 1st Heythrop Show Jumping at Unicorn
- 1st North Hereford Show Jumping at Bromyard
- 3rd Pony Racing at Maisemore
- 5th Wyre Forest Show Jumping at Bromyard
- 9th Minchinhampton Show Jumping at CCR
- 10th Area Horse & Pony Care Andoversford**
- 11th OBH Show Jumping at Unicorn
- 11th Minchinhampton Triathlon at Dean Close
- 12th Area Mounted Games
- 16th LHPC Evening Dressage at Gadbury
- 19th Malvern PC Spring Show at Hill View
- 19th Quiz Final at Loughborough University**
- 26th Elms School Tet & Tri
- 30th LHPC Evening Dressage at Gadbury

May

- 4th LHPC Two Phase at Hartpury
- 14th LHPC Evening Dressage at Gadbury
- 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**

June

- 6th/7th North Hereford Mounted Games Friendly
- 7th Beaufort Mini ODE at Tresham
- 7th LHPC Summer Show at Gadbury
- 14th Team Show Jumping at Three Counties Show
- 21st LHPC Mini Two Phase at Gadbury
- 27th/28th Mini Home International Tetrathlon**

