



LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

August has been, as most months seem to be another busy one! We had members competing at both Pony Club Championships and Regionals. I know, for some they may not have gone as hoped but you should still look back and take positives from the experiences, every day is a learning day!

The nights are drawing in and the rain dancing has worked as there is a tinge of green to the grass. The autumn/winter programme of rallies and training is being finalised and there are lots of competitions coming up.

Dates

September

6th Test Day at Gadbury

8th Racing Rally at Martin Jones's Redmarley 5pm

12th Presentation and Picnic Afternoon at Gadbury

13th Racing Rally at Martin Jones's Redmarley 10am

23rd Racing Rally at Martin Jones's Redmarley 5pm

26th XC Training Rally at Ace with Steph Lynn



October

4th LHPC Dry Tri

10th Tour of Jo Davis's Racing Yard

15th Hartpury student led and fitness training

17th Saturday Lessons at Moores Farm from 1pm

25th Racing & Fitness Rally at Martin Jones's

27th Half Term Rally at Moores Farm from 10.30am

29th Dismounted Fitness Training at Hartpury

November

7th Family Bonfire at Gadbury

8th Sunday Lessons at Moores Farm from 9am

12th Hartpury Student Led Lessons and Dismounted Fitness Training

14th Saturday Lessons at Moores Farm from 9am

22nd Racing & Fitness Rally at Martin Jones's

26th Dismounted Fitness Training at Hartpury

29th Mini Christmas Show at Moores Farm

December

5th Saturday Lessons at Moores Farm from 9am

6th Christmas Show at Hartpury

10th Hartpury Student Led Lessons and Dismounted Fitness Training

13th Racing & Fitness Rally at Martin Jones's

20th Sunday Lessons at Moores Farm from 9am



News and Results

B Test

A lot of hard work and dedication goes into Pony Club tests as you go up the levels. One of our senior members, Ollie S took his B test and passed both parts, the riding and the horse & pony care.



Senior Home International Tetrathlon

Held at Pontispool three of our senior members were competing over the three days. They had a brilliant weekend of competition and fun with competitors from all over the British Isles.

Molly M was competing in the triathlon class and she had a great competition and was placed 8th. In the tetrathlon class and representing the Central Region we had Seren W and Emma Jane A competing. There were nearly 60 competing in their class and they had some great scores to be placed 30th and 37th with their team being placed 4th. Tetrathlon is always a lot more than just the competition and a lot of great memories were made for all that went!



Mini ODE/2 Phase and Mounted Games at Gadbury

A lovely morning was had at Gadbury with nearly 30 competitors taking part in classes from 30cm up to 60cm.

Class 1 30cm

Lead Rein

Joint 2nd Florence D

Two Phase

1st India L H

2nd Hugo B

Class 2 40-50cm

Assisted

2nd Annabelle B

Unassisted

6th Florence D

Class 3 50-60cm

Unassisted

4th Amber H-S

5th Sophie A

In the afternoon a friendly pairs mounted games was held with classes from lead rein up to unassisted. A lovely afternoon was had with lots of prizes won by all.



Pony Club Championships at Offchurch Bury

The Championships is always a great place to visit with lots going on over the two weeks.

It kicked off with the tetrathlon, polocrosse and mounted games with the polo competition being held at Cowdrey.

Tetrathlon

Six of our members qualified for Offchurch. In the Stepping Stones, representing the Central England team we had Bethany H and Thomas T. Bethany had another great event bringing home an individual 6th place with that sought after 1400 ride. Thomas also had a great round as the smile through the water shows. He was placed 17th.

In the junior class Molly M and Lexi W qualified. It was a massive class with 80 entered. Both had PB's in the swim and lots of fun along the way. Our two seniors entries, Seren and Emma Jane got off to great starts with brilliant shoot scores and swims. For the ride they have hired horses when their own have been off game. This is a credit to them to ride strange horses round tough open tet tracks and come home with great scores. They were part of a mixed Area 9 team that was placed 3rd.



Dressage.

With the Monday being a rest day at champs and a time to reset the Tuesday saw the start of the dressage and show jumping. We didn't have any representation in the show jumping this year but in the dressage we had four members competing. In the Novice class Georgie S was riding on her sisters horse Mary. They had a great test and were placed 4th in their section.

On the Wednesday it was the Intermediate dressage. We had a team for this competition with Hattie, Georgie and Emma Jane competing. Sadly Issy's horse went lame and was not able to compete.

In their sections Emma Jane was 15th, Georgie 11th and Hattie 2nd, as a team they were placed an amazing 7th out of nearly 40 teams! Hattie's 2nd place meant she qualified for the ride off where overall individual places are done and she beat her original score and WON the intermediate class!!!

To top that she was also taking part in the dressage to music. This is a direct entry and her music and floor plan took a brilliant score of over 79% and she won the open class. This also meant she qualified for the ride off with the novice and intermediate winners and she also won so it was definitely a wonderful Wednesday!

Thursday was the Open dressage competition. We did have a team with Hattie, Emma Jane and Issy but with Issy unable to compete the other two were now competing as individuals.

Emma Jane was placed 23rd in her section and Hattie was 3rd.



Horse & Pony Care

The Thursday saw the start of this competition for our Mini members. Our team was made up of Sophie A, Amber H-S and Estee W who had a brilliant time. There were 48 teams competing and they were placed an amazing 6th and were the highest placed Area 9 team.

The Friday was the Junior competition. In this class we had Isabel E, Erica S and Emily A. They are a young team compared to others competing but they held their own and were placed 26th out of 44 teams.



Eventing

The last discipline we had members competing in was the eventing.

In the 90cm class we had two individuals, Evie H and Georgie S.

This was Evie's first time competing at PC Champs and she had a brilliant competition. Producing their best dressage of the season and a clear show jumping they got off to a great start. The cross country was a tough track as expected with a Championship course with lots of faults and eliminations. Evie set off well and completed the track with just one stop in the water but a thoroughly brilliant round. She was placed 12th in her section.

Georgie S had a brilliant dressage score and just one pole in the showjumping which didn't affect their lead in their section. They went out onto the cross country with determination and came home with a brilliant clear round, inside the time to take the win in their section.



In the 100cm class we had three members competing, Lucy W had two rides, Cressie F and Georgie P. After the dressage sadly Lucy had to withdraw one of her rides but went clear show jumping on her other with Georgie also going clear and Cressie just picking up 8 faults.

The Saturday was cross country day and again this championship track was proving a tricky course. Sadly Georgie was eliminated on the course but both Cressie and Lucy went clear. Lucy was placed 3rd in her section and Cressie was 4th in hers. Very well done all.



The Saturday was the last day of the champs and the last competition was the Musical Ride. We didn't have a team but it is great fun to watch.

Very well done to all that went to Offchurch Bury. It is a great achievement to qualify let alone compete. Thankfully it wasn't too hot this year and the odd spell of rain did keep the dust down a bit!

Regional Championships at Rectory Farm

What a weekend to end a great summer of Pony Club competition. The long awaited rain did finally arrive but it was only Saturday that got the worst of it.

Dressage

Saturday started with Grassroots PC80. We had two members competing, Martha D and Isabel E. Isabel was competing on two ponies across two arenas to take 12th place and 2nd place. The 2nd place meant she was eligible for the ride off which established the top 12 individual placings across the whole competition, an achievement in itself! With another fantastic score, Isabel secured 5th place. Martha also achieved a great score to achieve 13th place in her arena.





Sunday was the Foundation PC70 competition. After a great start to the day for Anabelle B with 11th place in the warm up test, the team competition got underway. All four members had super performances, scores and placings, Isabel E, Martha D, Erica S and Annabelle B finished TEAM 6TH (out of 32 teams!!!). In addition, Isabel E was 1st in her arena and for the second day running qualified for the ride off which established the top 10 individual placings across the whole competition. With another fantastic score, Isabel secured 4th place overall. There also has to be a special mention to Stan who was ridden by Isabel and Anabelle and competed in SEVEN dressage tests over the two days and put his all into all of them.

Show Jumping

Saturday was the 70cm competition with competitors jumping two rounds over two different courses in two different arenas. If you go clear over both courses you then qualify for the jump off round at the end of the day. We had one member competing, Bethany H and she produced two great clears and qualified for the jump off along with nearly 50 other members to produce another great clear to be placed 3rd out of over 150 in the whole class!!



Sunday was the turn of the members competing in the 80cm competition. We had five members competing and all jumped so well.

Tilly J was the only member to get the clear in both rounds to qualify for the jump off round. Here she pulled out all the stops but unfortunately rolled two poles to finish 38th. The other girls, Lily M, Isabel E, Olivia K and Ella J all had great rounds but were just unlucky with falling poles. There were over 130 competing in this class! The team of Isabel, Tilly, Olivia and Lily were placed 16th.



Eventing

Due to the lack of rain and hard ground Rectory did an amazing job making the cross country element a round of arena combined with grass. This course was definitely up to a championship track and caused a far few issues across both the 70cm and 80cm classes.

In the 70cm class we had two members competing, Isla B and Bethany H. Bethany had a good dressage score and then a clear show jumping with a great clear cross country. She took 4th place in her section. Isla had a very unlucky pole in the show jumping and two stops on the cross country but still finished 14th. Well done to both.

In the 80cm we had five members competing. In the first section we had Isabel E and Molly M competing. Both had great sub 30 dressage scores, Isabel clear show jumping and Molly just having a very unlucky pole. Isabel then had a great clear round the cross country to finish 3rd while Molly was sadly but spectacularly dropped by her ride who decided the ditch under the log was not for jumping, thankfully they both walked away unscathed.

In the next section we had Lily S competing, she added nothing to her dressage score with two great clears to take home 8th place.

The third section we had Lottie T competing. She had a great dressage score and clear show jumping but sadly her pony was not keen on the cross country track and they did not complete.

In the final section Tilly J was competing. They had a lovely clear show jumping and a confident clear cross country to be placed 7th.



Even with all the competitions going on there has still been some rallies with test training going on but the ground and the weather did make things a lot more challenging!

Over the months to come there will be the popular pizza and badge sessions as well as other activities so do keep checking Entrymaster and the WhatsApp groups.

The Pony Club will be running some Kahoots Quiz training sessions which are free to join and are a great learning tool. The dates for these are November 12th, December 10th, January 12th, and February 12th.

In other news I reported on the success of our member Mimi V-U at Bishop Burton but now she has also gained an amazing qualification to Badminton Grassroots 2027 in the 100cm. Very well done and we will all look forward to following how you get on.



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Competition & Area Training Dates

September

- 6th Berkeley Show Jumping at CCR
- 20th North Cots Arena Eventing at Unicorn Centre
- 20th Blenheim Team Jumping
- 27th Minchinhampton Training Show

October

- 4th Ledbury Dry Tri at Gadbury
- 18th Spring Festival Dressage Qualifier at Allens Hill
- 18th Malvern Team Show Jumping at Bromyard
- 24th Spring Festival Show Jumping Qualifier at Hartpury
- 26th B Test at Talland
- 28th North Hereford Show Jumping at Bromyard
- 27th Area 9 Awards Evening at Frogmill
- 29th Spring Festival Arena Eventing Qualifier at Unicorn
- 30th Heythrop Show Jumping at Unicorn

November

- 1st Berkeley Triathlon
- 15th Wyre Forest Show Jumping at Bromyard
- 29th LHPC Mini Christmas Show at Moores Farm

December

- 6th LHPC Christmas Show at Hartpury College
- 29th Heythrop Show Jumping at Unicorn

