October Newsletter Issue 57

LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

What a glorious month October has been, lovely weather, softening ground and growing grass! Even the darker nights can't take away from the lovely autumnal colours. Members have, as always been busy. Not just representing the branch in various competitions but taking tests, going to rallies and training as well as autumn hunting.
Looking ahead we have our two Christmas shows coming up, please support these events and get your entries in!
Our Annual Meeting is coming up. This is open to all and a great opportunity to come and have a chat to the committee, ask questions and make suggestions. This year it is being held at The Swan in Staunton and there will be a food van and we have use of the skittle alley.



Ledbury Hunt Pony Club community
WhatsApp community

Dates

November

7th Family Bonfire at Gadbury
8th Sunday Lessons at Moores Farm from 9am
12th Hartpury Student Led Lessons
12th Online Kahoots Quiz Training
14th Saturday Lessons at Moores Farm from 9am
16th Evening Rally with Julie Mansell at Ledbury Equestrian
21st Annual Meeting and Social Evening at The Swan
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
10th Online Kahoots Quiz Training
13th Racing & Fitness Rally at Martin Jones's
14th Evening Rally with Julie Mansell at Ledbury Equestrian
20th Sunday Lessons at Moores Farm from 9am
29th Christmas Rally at Hartpury with dismounted H&P Care

Competition and News

Pony Club Racing at Warwick

With the Pony Racing series coming to an end we had five members head off to Warwick to compete.





138cm Beginners
4th Thomas T
7th Sophie A
138cm Intermediate
2nd Jack Y
148cm Novice
2nd Phoebe B
5th Tilly J

In the overall standings for 2026, in the 138 section Sophie A is 26th and in the 148 section Phoebe B is 19th with our branch being in overall 9th place for branches and centres.

Ledbury Dry Tri at Gadbury

Well done to all that helped with the running if this event and to all that competed. It was another busy one, well done to Pauline for pulling it all together.

Open/Inter
1st Seren W
2nd Emma-Jane A
3rd Molly L

Junior
1st Molly M
3rd Lexi W BR
Mixed Team 1st

Minimus Boys
1st Thomas T BS, BR

Minimus Girls
4th Isla F-P



Big Beanies
2nd Fred Hale – 1400 Ride
6th Hugh B
7th Hugo B
Team 4th

Baby Beanies
2nd India L-H JBR

Area 10 Tetrathlon

Held over two weekends the competition started with the riding which was held at David Broomes.
We had three members competing in the tet classes with Molly M and Bethany H both getting 1400 ride scores to get their competition off to a great start.
The following weekend was the shoot, run and swim with Molly M taking 2nd place in the Junior Girls class. Thomas T had a great competition and won the Mini Boys class with Bethany H winning the Mini Girls with the best run and swim score.
In the Mini Girls tri Isla F-P was placed 3rd.

Area 9 Spring Festival Dressage Qualifier at Allens Hill

PC 80	Novice PC90	Intermediate
Section A	5th Georgie S	6th Georgie S
*5th Isabel E	8th Alice P	
*17th Alice P	Mixed Team 1st	
Section B		
*8th Chloe W		
9th Chloe W		
18th Annabelle B		
*Team 4th		



Malvern PC Show Jumping at Bromyard

30cm X Poles – 1st Faye O
40cm – 13th Faye O

Spring Festival Show Jumping Qualifier at Hartpury

Hosted by the Croome they had a great entry for this show and not just from our branch. It was lovely to see so many members competing.

70cm	80cm	90cm
2nd Bethany H	4th Bethany H^ (Q)	2nd Toby B^ (Q)
3rd Martha L	16th Isabel E^	3rd Seren W (Q)
7th Lily M	17th Olivia K+	20th Georgie S^
10th Ella J	18th Emily A”	23rd Georgie S
13th Emily A	20th Lexi W*	31st Oscar T
25th Oscar T	24th Marissa P*	34th Isabel E^
	34th Martha L	^Team 4th
	36th Toby B+	
	37th Ella J	
	40th Chloe W”	100cm
	47th Oscar T*	3rd Seren W (QT)
	50th Oscar T”	8th Hattie S (QT)
	52nd Lily M^	10th Georgie S (QT)
	55th Chloe W+	Team 1st
	*Team 5th	
	^Team 6th	
	“Team 9th	
	+Team 11th	

Well done to all and well done to those that qualified for the Spring Championships on 20th and 21st March 2027 at Addington.

B Test at Talland



Two of our senior members Cressie F and Chloe W went to Talland School of Equestrian with other Area 9 members to take their B test. Both girls have worked so hard preparing for the test with the help of Jennie Clements and Heather McLain and this was rewarded by both passing and some lovely comments from the assessors.

Area 9 Awards Evening



Held at the Frogmill, Andover this events is for our Area's senior members and celebrates their efforts over the past 12 months. There are awards for competition success but there are also awards for those obtaining the higher level Pony Club tests, volunteering in branch and the wider Pony Club community. Members and families get the chance to dress up, enjoy a lovely meal and dance the night away after a packed award ceremony.
From our branch Emma Jane attended the evening picking up for award for tetrathlon team success at the Pony Club Championships.
Head to the Area 9 Facebook page and you will see all the members that attended from the various branches and collected their awards from the various categories.

Half Term Events



Over the half term we held a rally at Moores Farm, a dismounted clipping and trimming session thanks to the Clement's family, polocrosse and mounted games as well as the popular Halloween Trail at Gadbury. This year's trail was lucky to have great weather which brought lots of children out the see Gadbury turned all spooky. Thanks to Emma Horton-Smith and her happy band of helpers who gave all a lovely morning.





Spring Festival Arena Eventing Qualifier at Unicorn

The last of the Spring Champs qualifiers was hosted by the Old Berkshire Hunt at the Unicorn Centre.
A twist course was built with a mix of show jumps and simulated cross country jumps.

70cm	80cm	90cm	100cm
5th Lily M	4th Lily M^	3rd Seren W	2nd Seren W Q
8th Emily A	6th Olivia K*	14th Molly M	Mixed Team 1st
9th Martha D	14th Emily A^	19th Lexi W	
Team 1st & Qualifying	15th Tilly J*	Team 4th	
	23rd Alice P^		
	24th Isabel E*		
	27th Martha D		
	^Team 2nd		
	*Team 3rd		











Heythrop Show Jumping at Unicorn

Two members were competing at this show. Well done to Beatrice and Matilda who both had great results.

40cm Assisted	50cm
4th Matilda S	13th Matilda S
7th Beatrice S	

With October coming to an end that sees us hand back Gadbury to the hunt. We still have a bit of clearing up to do and packing up of equipment so please contact Sue Clements if you have a couple of hours to spare.

Competition & Area Training Dates

November

1st Berkeley Triathlon
1st SH&RH Halloween Show at Moores Farm
15th Wyre Forest Show Jumping at Bromyard
29th LHPC Mini Christmas Show at Moores Farm

December

6th LHPC Christmas Show at Hartpury College
13th Senior Training with Jonquil Hemming & Jo Lees at Unicorn
19th CVFH Triathlon at Dean Close
21st North Hereford Show Jumping at Bromyard
29th Heythrop Show Jumping at Unicorn

January 2027

3rd OBH Show Jumping at Unicorn
30th LHPC Friendly Quiz

February

7th Beaufort Winter Tri Qualifier
14th CVFH Show Jumping at Hartpury
20th Croome Show Jumping at Hartpury
28th Area Quiz

