

PONY CLUB



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GARTH SOUTH PONY CLUB

MARCH NEWSLETTER

This issue will highlight recent competition results, celebrating the achievements of our members and ponies. It will include details of upcoming rallies, ensuring members are fully prepared for training opportunities ahead. A special feature will spotlight our Pony of the Month, recognising an exceptional pony and partnership. The newsletter will also provide important updates on forthcoming Pony Club competitions, helping members plan and prepare for the season ahead.

RECENT COMPETITION RESULTS

Area 9 Winter Triathlon Qualifier - 8th February 2026

- Daisy Gibbons - 4th in the Tadpole section with a PB swim and a great shoot of 920
- Nia Rees - with a lot of distractions she stayed focus and had a good shoot and got a massive PB for her swim
- Elin Rees - 4th in section and swam a new PB also earning herself 'Best Swim' in her section
- Maidie Day - 11th in her section even with the awful run conditions, a consistent shoot and her swim is improving every time

Dressage @ Fair oak Grange - 8th February 2026

- Ethan Parkes - 7th (64.50%) in the walk & trot
- Jack Gibbons - 9th (63.65%) in the walk & trot, 6th (62.80) in the PC70
- Eloise Marshall - 11th (62.75%) in the walk & trot
- Niamh Bew - 2nd (70.68%) in the novice, 1st (70.33%) in her first intermediate test
- Isabel Wilson - 8th (68.18%) in the novice

Milbourne St Andrew Pony Racing - 17th February 2026

- Isabelle O'Carroll - 4th place

Area 13 Winter Shooting League

- Daisy Gibbons - 1st in the Tadpoles
- Molly Robson-Rowan - 3rd in the Tadpoles
- Ethan Parkes - 6th in the Tadpoles
- Nia Rees - 4th in the Mnis
- Elin Rees - 1st in the Juniors
- Ellie Robson-Rowan 4th in the Juniors
- Maise Day - 4th in the Opens



Area 13 Winter Triathlon Qualifier

- Daisy Gibbons - 2nds in the Tadpoles
- Ethan Parkes - 8th in the Tadpoles
- Molly Robson-Rowan - 10th in the Minis
- Nia Rees - a really strong run in the Mnis
- Elin Rees - 5th and qualified in the Juniors
- Ellie Robson-Rowan - 10th in the Juniors
- Maisie Day - 4th Overall in the Seniors but 2nd within Area 13, meaning she qualified

Area 13 Horsemanship Quiz Qualifier - 2nd March 2026

- Ethan, Aurelia & Jack 5th in the minis
- Daisy & Eloise were a member down in the minis but did really well
- Maisie, Ellie & Charlie 7th in the Juniors/Seniors

Garth South 'Have a Try' Tri

- Tanya Dean 9th parent shoot
- Lloyd Gibbons 10th in the parent shoot
- Gareth Corry-Pope 11th in the parent shoot
- John Coburn 2nd in the parent run
- Fiafh Corry-Pope 3rd in the Baby Beans
- India Dean 13th in the Beans
- James Calthorpe 17th in the Beans
- George Coburn 19th in the Beans
- Team 4th in the Beans
- Molly Robson-Rowan 1st and Best Swim in the Tadpoles
- Daisy Gibbons 2nd and Best show in the Tadpoles
- Ethan Parkes 9th in the Tadpoles
- Aurelia Coburn 10th in the Tadpoles
- Team 1st in the Tadpoles
- Nia Rees 5th in the Minis
- Elin Rees 1st, Best Swim and Best Run in the Junior Girls
- Ellie Robson-Rowan 3rd in the Junior Girls
- Team 1st in the Junior Girls
- Maisie Dat 1st, Best Shoot, Best Swim and Best Run in the Open Girls

Winter Triathlon Championships - 22nd March 2026

- Elin Rees individual 8th in the Junior Girls section and also ran a PB at 5mins 54seconds
- Maisie Day her first Year in the Open Girls so this was an amazing experienc. Coming individual 46th and area 13 team 14th

UPCOMING RALLIES



We have a great programme of rallies coming up, offering training opportunities for members at all stages.

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Tetrathlong Training - Bournefield Farm

6:00pm onwards

Matt Rees

Entries closed

Saturday 28th March 2026

Working rally - Wellington Riding

12:00pm-3:00pm

Hannah Lejasmeiers

Entries close: Tuesday 24th March 2026

£10

Saturday 28th March 2026

Unmounted Learning - Wellington Riding

3:00pm- 4:00pm

Susy Butler

Entries closed

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Easter Mounted Games - Wellington Riding

12:00pm-2:00pm

Sharon Waymon

Entries Close: Tuesday 24th March

£15

Monday 6th April 2026

XC rally - Fairoak Cross Country

12:00pm-3:00pm

Hannah Lejasmeiers

Entries Close: Monday 30th March 2026

£45

Tuesday 7th April 2026

Fun Easter Egg Polocrosse - Venue TBC

11am

Abi Cottingham

£18

Wednesday 8th April 2026

Flatwork & Poles - Hale Farm

10:30am-2:30pm

Sophie Fouracre & Kate Brooks

Entries Close: Wednesday 1st April 2026

£25

Saturday 18th April 2026

Dressage training - Fairoak Grange

1:00pm-4:00pm

Melissa Dawes

Entries close: Friday 10th April 2026

£28

Sunday 19th April 2026

D/D+ Ridden and Pony Care Training - Wellington riding

12:00pm-2:00pm

Entries Close: Thursday 9th April 2026

£32

Saturday 26th April 2026

Working rally - Wellington Riding

12:00pm-3:00pm

Josh Hawksworth

Entries close: Friday 17th April 2026

£10

Saturday 9th May 2026

Dressage training - Fairoak Grange

1:00pm-4:00pm


Melissa Dawes

Entries close: Friday 1st May 2026

£28

C/C+ MOCK TEST & TRAINING




Tuesday 7th April 2026

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 Bournefield Farmhouse, RG7 6AA


 09:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Prepare for your C or C+ Pony Club tests! 

-  **Riding section**
-  **Care section**
-  **Or both together**

£17.50 per section

 **AREA 13 PC MEMBERS ONLY**

 Entries close: Wednesday, 1st April 2026

BOOK NOW! garthsouthpc.entrymaster.online



PONY OF THE MONTH



This month's Pony of the Month goes to Darcy, ridden by Sydney Miles-Darby. Darcy is a 7-year-old mare who, despite her age, is still quite green and can sometimes feel more like a 4-year-old. She is a very intelligent pony with a sharp mind, which means she can be a challenge at times. However, over the past few months Darcy has made fantastic progress. She has settled into her work, become much less stressed, and is growing in confidence as her trust in her rider develops.

Sydney has done a brilliant job bringing Darcy on with patience and consistency. Together they are building a strong partnership, and it's exciting to see how much potential Darcy has for the future as a fantastic competition pony. Well done to both of them!

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS



We have a busy and exciting calendar of Pony Club competitions coming up, giving members plenty of opportunities to compete and represent the branch.

- Saturday 28th - Sunday 29th March: Pony Club Spring Festival Championships @ Addington Equestrian Centre
- Tuesday 31st March: Lord Leconfield Pony Racing @ Ascot Racecourse
- Sunday 19th April: Hunter Trial @ Fair oak Cross Country
- Sunday 26th April: One Day Event @ Bisley Pony Club Field
- Monday 4th May: Intro to Eventing @ Woodhouse Farm

These competitions are a fantastic opportunity for members to gain experience, build confidence and enjoy the team spirit of Pony Club. Further entry details and deadlines will be on the Area 13 Website.



SHOWING – OPPORTUNITIES YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT

Showing at major events can often appear out of reach, with many riders assuming that the biggest stages are reserved only for professionals or highly experienced combinations. In reality, there are a wide range of opportunities designed specifically for amateur riders, and many of them are far more accessible than people realise.

One well-known pathway is the SEIB Search for a Star series. These qualifiers run throughout the season and are aimed at amateur riders and owners, offering everyday competitors the opportunity to compete at a high-profile level. Successful combinations qualify for the SEIB Search for a Star Championship at Horse of the Year Show (HOYS). There are also separate SEIB qualifiers leading to finals at Your Horse Live, providing another excellent opportunity to compete at a major national event.

In addition to these series, several major shows offer dedicated amateur classes. The London International Horse Show hosts amateur showing championships, giving non-professional riders the chance to compete in the prestigious indoor arena during the Christmas show. Similarly, the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead runs amateur championships that riders can qualify for throughout the season.



SHOWING – OPPORTUNITIES YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT

Large shows closer to home can also provide excellent opportunities. For example, Royal Windsor Horse Show offers a wide range of showing classes across many different types and levels. In many cases, participation simply requires joining the relevant society, ensuring eligibility for the class, and carefully reading and following the rules and qualification requirements.

Showing is also extremely popular at unaffiliated level, which can provide an excellent introduction to the discipline. Many unaffiliated shows offer qualification opportunities for major championships such as the Sunshine Tour Championships at Hickstead and the Cricklands Championships. These events attract competitors from across the country and give riders the chance to compete at well-known venues without the need to compete in affiliated classes.

Overall, showing offers a wide range of opportunities for riders of all levels. With careful planning, attention to the relevant rules, and by entering the appropriate classes, these experiences are often far more achievable than many people expect.

We have opportunities open to everyone at our shows at Wellington Horse Trials and the Newbury Show, where we will be offering a variety of classes so there is something for everyone. We would love to see many of our members there trying new disciplines.



BIG ACHIEVEMENTS

At the beginning of the month we delivered some well deserved Gold Achievement Awards. These are for members who have earned 21 achievement badges. Well done to Charley Rochfort, Maisie Day, Peter Miller-Cook, Elin & Nia Rees.



ASCOT PONY CLUB PONY RACING

DAY – 31ST MARCH 2026

We're really looking forward to Ascot Pony Racing on 31st March and would love to see lots of our Pony Club members and families there to support!

This is a brilliant, fun day out during the Easter holidays, with free entry and a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. It's a great chance to enjoy pony racing up close and cheer on our riders as they take part.

The PRA have kindly organised an unmounted training session at Ascot before the racing starts. This is aimed at people who are interested in pony racing and have the opportunity to learn more. To book a space on this training session please click [here](#).

We are very proud to have several of our members racing throughout the afternoon. Pony racing is a fantastic opportunity for young riders to gain experience and confidence, and it's exciting to watch them be part of such a special day. You'll be able to see everything, from the ponies in the pre-parade ring, to the riders preparing, heading through the parade ring, and then out onto the track to race.

Racing is expected to start at around 1pm, and there will also be prize givings in the winners' enclosure after each race. It's a great way to support our members and see what pony racing is all about, it may even inspire some of our younger riders to give it a go in the future!

Please note that no dogs are allowed beyond the car park.

Let's come together as a club to support our riders and make it a really enjoyable day for everyone, we hope to see you there!



Garth South Pony Club Easter Bunny Bop Social & Fundraiser

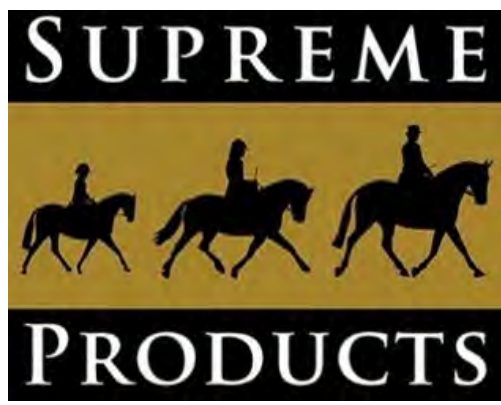
Easter Fun for Everyone!
Bunnies, Eggs, Bouncy Castle
Book on Entrymaster for £15 per child
Saturday 4th April



BRILLIANT RAFFLE PRIZES UP FOR GRABS AT THE EASTER SOCIAL ON SATURDAY 4TH

APRIL:

Raffle tickets available in advance if you are unable to attend. Full prize list will be published soon



EASTER ART COMPETITION

Do you enjoy creating artwork?

Hannah (Chief Instructor) is running an Easter Art Competition for all members.

The theme is Springtime Ponies! But anything goes!

Over the Easter holidays, when you are not riding your pony or coming along to rallies, why don't you set aside some time to create some fun pony artwork?

Be creative! Your artwork does not need to be created using a specific medium, it could be made from cake , from horse hair , made from sand etc. Equally you could use pens , pencils , chalk, paints or even make a 3D model.

To enter, please send photos of your artwork to Hannah at hlejasmeiers@gmail.com before the end of April.

The entries will be split into age categories:

Under 6 yrs

6-8 yrs

8-11yrs

12+ yrs

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each category.

Good luck! Get creative! Have fun



KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Members have lots to look forward to over the coming months, including camps and competitions:

- Garth South Easter Social: 4th April 2026
- Junior Camp: Friday 24th - Sunday 26th July 2026
- Main/Senior Camp: Sunday 26th - Wednesday 29th July 2026
- Wellington Horse Trials Show: Sunday 30th August 2026
- The Newbury Show: Saturday 19th September 2026

Further details for each event will be shared closer to the time.



SUPPORT WITH 'REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS' IN OUR BRANCH

The Pony Club is committed to ensuring that all members are able to access and enjoy every aspect of our Branch activities. Reasonable Adjustments are changes or support put in place to help reduce barriers, allowing members to take part fully and demonstrate their skills, knowledge, and understanding without giving any unfair advantage.

These adjustments may be used for Tests, activities, and competitions, and should be discussed and agreed in advance. Wherever possible, they will reflect the member's usual way of working. Reasonable Adjustments are designed to create a level playing field, ensuring every member has the opportunity to succeed while maintaining the integrity of Pony Club standards.

A formal diagnosis or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is not required to access support. We aim to be inclusive and encourage any member who may benefit from additional help to come forward. All arrangements are handled sensitively and in confidence, and information will only be shared with appropriate consent.

We are very fortunate to have **Mary-Lou Robson** as part of our committee. With her professional background and experience, she has already supported many of our members and families in putting effective adjustments in place and is always happy to offer guidance and advice.

If you would like to find out more or feel your child may benefit from additional support, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can email:

dc.garthsouth@pcuk.org

and we will be happy to put you in contact with Mary-Lou directly.

Together, we can ensure that every member feels supported, included, and able to thrive in their Pony Club journey.