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GARTH SOUTH PONY CLUB

MAY 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

What a fantastic day for Garth South Branch at the Blue Cross Horse and Pony Care Quiz! We were proud to have five teams representing the branch, with an incredible three teams qualifying for the Pony Club National Championships in August.



Results

Minis

- 1st – Molly, Nia and Aurelia (Qualified)
- 5th – Jack, Ethan and Nancy
- 9th – Elin, George and Fíadh

Juniors

- 2nd – Ellie, Elin and Daisy (Qualified)

Seniors

- 1st – Grace (Qualified as part of a combined team with Silvermere)



This is a huge achievement for the branch and reflects the hard work and dedication all the members have put into their training. A special mention goes to our youngest competitors – Fíadh (4), George (5), and Elin (8) – who were absolutely amazing throughout the day.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the teams, to DC Rachael for the continued use of the therapy yard and much-needed cold drinks and ice lollies, and to Megan, our Education Lead, for all her hard work preparing the teams. Thank you also to Susy for all the pony care sessions with our younger members over the past few months.

Congratulations to everyone involved, and good luck to those heading to the Championships in August!

UPCOMING RALLIES

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

Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Tetrathlon Training

- Instructor: Matt Rees
- Time: 6:00pm
- Venue: Bournefield Farm, Bradfield
- Price:
 - Tadpoles – £8
 - Mini & Junior – £8
 - Intermediate/Open – £8
 - First Timer/Novice – £12

Saturday 6th June 2026

C/C+/B training

- Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- Venue: Bournefield Farm, Bradfield
- Price: £12

Tuesday 26th June 2026

Gymnastic Gridwork Jumping

- Instructor: TBC
- Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
- Venue: TBC
- Price: £18

Sunday 14th June 2026

Working Rally: Bending and Curves

- Instructor: TBC
- Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm
- Venue: Wildmoor Farm
- Price: £10



Wednesday 17th June 2026

Tetrathlon Training

- Instructor: Matt Rees
- Time: 6:00pm
- Venue: Bournefield Farm, Bradfield
- Price:
 - Tadpoles – £8
 - Mini & Junior – £8
 - Intermediate/Open – £8
 - First Timer/Novice – £12

Friday 19th June 2026

Evening Working Rally

- Instructor: TBC
- Time: 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Venue: Wildmoor Farm
- Price: £10

Saturday 20th June 2026

Working Rally

- Instructor: Hannah Lejasmeiers
- Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm
- Venue: Wildmoor Farm
- Price: £10

PONY OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Pipa and Isabelle O'Carroll on their Pony of the Month nomination!

Pipa has been part of the family for the past five years and, in that time, has truly been the perfect Pony Club pony. Whether it's Mini Camp, racing, regional dressage, regional eventing, mounted games, polocrosse, fancy dress, Easter egg hunts, or becoming an Area 13 Winter League Champion, Pipa has turned her hoof to absolutely everything.

No matter the activity, Pipa always shows up ready to give her all, putting her heart and soul into every challenge. Her versatility, enthusiasm, and kind nature make her a fantastic all-rounder and a much-loved member of the Pony Club community.

A very deserving nomination for a pony who really does do it all, well done Pipa!

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.

- Sunday 7th June: Open dressage, Jumping and showing show, West Stoke Farm
- Sunday 7th June: Open one day event, Wheatlands Farm
- Sunday 14th June: Area 13 Tetrathlon qualifier Ride 80cm+ , Bonefluer (4th July 40-70cm ride. Woodhouse Farm, 5th July run, shot, swim)
- Sunday 21st June: Area 13 PC70, PC70+, PC80 Eventing qualifiers, Heath farm, Munstead
- Sunday 5th July: Wokingham Summer Show
- Saturday 11th July - Sunday 12th July: Area 13 dressage and showjumping nationals and regionals qualifier, Coombelands Equestrian
- Sunday 19th July: Area 13 PC90, PC100, PC105 eventing qualifiers, Brightling Park

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.

BIG ACHIEVEMENTS

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Congratulations to Our Test Candidates!

It has been a busy and successful period for Garth South members, with riders and pony clubbers achieving a range of Pony Club tests and progressive awards.

At our D/D+ Assessment Day, congratulations go to:

- Eloise Marshall – D Test
- Elin Crockford – D Test
- Nancy Bonner – D Test and Silver Progressive Award
- Aurelia Coburn – Silver Progressive Award
- Ethan Parkes – Silver Progressive Award
- Olivia Graham – D+ Test
- Jack Gibbons – D+ Test

We also held our C Test and Gold Progressive Assessment Day. Despite a very hot afternoon, all candidates demonstrated their hard work, knowledge and commitment.

Congratulations to:

- Molly Robson Rowan – Gold Progressive Award & C Test Care
- Daisy Cox – D+, Gold Progressive Award & C Test Care
- Charley Rochfort – C Test
- Nia Rees – C Test

These assessments require a great deal of preparation, both in riding and pony care, and all of the candidates should be extremely proud of their achievements. Their success reflects the hard work they have put in over many months, supported by instructors, volunteers and parents.

Well done to everyone who took part, Garth South is incredibly proud of you all, and we look forward to seeing your continued progress through the Pony Club training pathway.

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PONY CLUB NAF REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Pony Club NAF Regional Championships are a fantastic opportunity for Branch and Centre Members to compete as part of a team in Dressage, Show Jumping and Eventing. These championships provide an excellent pathway for riders aiming to progress to The Pony Club National Championships in the future.

To qualify, each Pony Club Area hosts qualifying competitions, where teams and individuals can secure their place at their Regional Championship. Competitors must ensure they meet the relevant eligibility criteria for their chosen discipline.

Upcoming Area 13 Qualifiers:

- Sunday 21st June

Area 13 PC70, PC70+ and PC80 Eventing Qualifiers

📍 Heath Farm, Munstead

- Saturday 11th July – Sunday 12th July

Area 13 Dressage and Show Jumping Nationals & Regionals Qualifiers

📍 Coombelands Equestrian

PONY CLUB NAF REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - SCHEDULE

Friday 28th August

- Open Unaffiliated Show Jumping
- Classes from 40cm – 1m in Arena 2
- Approximate start time: 2pm
- The Pony Club Mini Major Qualifier & Warm Up
- Warm Up class begins from approximately 1pm in the Main Arena

Saturday 29th August

- The Pony Club 70 & 70 PLUS Regional Team & Individual Show Jumping Championships
- First round in Arena 2, second round and jump-off in the Main Arena
- Open Unaffiliated Show Jumping (60/65cm – 80/85cm)
- To begin after the PC70 Championships
- The Pony Club Grassroots Regional Team & Individual Dressage Championships
- All dressage and warm up on grass
- Warm Up Test: BD Prelim 2 2024
- Championship Test: Grassroots PC80 Dressage Championship Test 2026

Sunday 30th August

- The Pony Club Grassroots Regional Team & Individual Show Jumping Championships
- First round in Arena 2, second round and jump-off in the Main Arena
- The Pony Club 70 & 70 PLUS Regional Team & Individual Dressage Championships
- All dressage and warm up on grass
- Warm Up Test: BD Prelim 2 2024
- Championship Test: Foundation PC70 Dressage Test 2026
- Open Unaffiliated Dressage
- Test: BD Prelim 2 2024

Monday 31st August

- The Pony Club Grassroots Regional Team & Individual Eventing Championships
- Dressage on grass and Show Jumping in the Main Arena
- The Pony Club 70 & 70 PLUS Regional Team & Individual Eventing Championships
- Dressage on grass and Show Jumping in the Main Arena
- Dressage Tests:
 - Grassroots PC80 Dressage Championship Test 2026
 - Foundation PC70 Dressage Test 2026
- Open Unaffiliated 70cm and 80cm Eventing

PONY CLUB JCB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Pony Club JCB National Championships are the pinnacle of Pony Club competition, bringing together riders and teams from across the UK to compete at the highest level in a wide variety of disciplines at Offchurch Bury, Warwickshire.

2026 Championships

📍 Offchurch Bury, Warwickshire

📅 14th – 22nd August 2026

Championship Disciplines

- PC90 Show Jumping Championships and above
- PC90 Eventing Championships and above
- PC Novice Dressage Championships and above
- PC Horse & Pony Care Quiz Championships
- Pony Club Tetrathlon Championships
- Many many more

Area 13 Qualifier Dates

- Sunday 14th June – Area 13 Tetrathlon Qualifier, Bonefluer
- (4th July 40–70cm ride at Woodhouse Farm, 5th July run, shoot & swim)
- Saturday 11th July – Sunday 12th July – Area 13 Dressage & Show Jumping Nationals and Regionals Qualifier, Coombelands Equestrian
- Sunday 19th July – Area 13 PC90, PC100 & PC105 Eventing Qualifiers, Brightling Park

We are delighted that we already have members qualified for the Horse & Pony Care Quiz Championships and wish them the very best of luck representing the Branch.

The Championships celebrate Pony Club achievement, teamwork and sportsmanship, with disciplines ranging from Eventing and Dressage to Tetrathlon, Mounted Games and Polocrosse.

Good luck to all members hoping to qualify this season!

PONY CLUB JCB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - SCHEDULE



Week 1 Timetable

	Friday 14th August	Saturday 15th August	Sunday 16th August	Monday 17th August
Tetrathlon	Junior, Intermediate & Open Shoot & Swim Stepping Stones Shoot, Swim & Run	Junior, Intermediate & Open XC Stepping Stones Ride & Prize Giving	Junior, Intermediate & Open Run. Prize Giving	CHANGE OVER DAY
Mounted Games	Junior	Intermediate & Pairs	Senior	
Polocrosse		Polocrosse	Polocrosse	
Other		PARTY	Endurance Fun Ride	



Week 2 Timetable

	Tuesday 18th August	Wednesday 19th August	Thursday 20th August	Friday 21st August	Saturday 22nd August
Dressage	Novice & Specialised Ability	Intermediate & Dressage to Music	Open & Elite		Musical Ride
Show Jumping	PC90 Team PC100 Individual	PC90 Individual, PC100 Team & Elite	PC110 Mini Major		
Eventing Dressage			PC90 Team Chairman's Cup	PC90 Individual, PC100 & Chairman's Cup	
Eventing Show Jumping			PC90 Team	PC90 Individual PC100	Chairman's Cup
Cross Country				PC90 Team Chairman's Cup	PC90 Individual PC100
Horse & Pony Care		Home International	Mini	Junior	Senior
Other	PARTY Centres Sleepover	Centres Day	Polo Matches PARTY		Search for a Star Art Competition Presentation

VACCINATION REMINDER

As we move into the busy summer season of rallies, camps and competitions, we would like to remind all members to ensure their horse or pony's vaccinations are up to date.

To help us maintain accurate records, please send copies of your horse or pony's passport vaccination pages to garthsouth@pcuk.org by 22 June.

Please remember that horses and ponies with vaccinations that are not up to date are not permitted to attend Pony Club rallies, competitions or other branch activities until they have met the required vaccination rules.

If a vaccination course needs to be restarted, the timetable is as follows:

- Vaccination 1 – Day 1
- Vaccination 2 – Day 21
- A further 7 clear days must then pass

This means your horse or pony will not be eligible to attend Pony Club activities until Day 28.

We strongly encourage members to check their vaccination records now to avoid disappointment later in the season. If you are unsure whether your horse or pony's vaccinations comply with Pony Club rules, please contact the branch for guidance.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep all horses and ponies attending Garth South activities healthy and protected.