



# LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

If you thought July had been busy, August has been a mad one! In this newsletter there will be reports from camping camp, Pony Club Championships, Grassroots Championships, our first Mounted Games friendly competition, mini tet, rallies, trips and social.

As you will see below just because the summer holidays are over Pony Club doesn't stop. There is lots planned with rallies and training as well as visits and competitions. We have open schooling coming up and the hunter trial. If you are free to help for a few hours please get in touch as we can't run these events without your help.

## Dates

### September

- 7<sup>th</sup> Bug Boarding Maisemore
- 15<sup>th</sup> Lead rein/beginners/novice/new combinations, 1hr lessons at Gadbury
- 15<sup>th</sup> Open Schooling at Gadbury 12:30-2pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Show jumping training at Moores Farm
- 29<sup>th</sup> 2hr rally at CCR

### October

- 5<sup>th</sup> Hunter Trial at Gadbury
- 10<sup>th</sup> Student led rally at Hartpury College
- 16<sup>th</sup> TBC Flatwork Training at Moores
- 18<sup>th</sup> Table Top sale
- 20<sup>th</sup> TBC Halloween Trail at Gadbury
- 23<sup>rd</sup> TBC Pole/Grid Work at Moores
- 26<sup>th</sup> Frog Racing Fund Raiser
- 28<sup>th</sup> TBC Half Term rally at Moores Farm
- 31<sup>st</sup> Lincomb Rally

### November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Bonfire at Gadbury
- 6<sup>th</sup> TBC Flatwork Training at Moores
- 7<sup>th</sup> Student led rally at Hartpury College
- 9<sup>th</sup> Presentation Evening at Apperley Village Hall
- 15<sup>th</sup> TBC Pole/Grid Work at Moores
- 17<sup>th</sup> Weekend lesson at Moores 1hr
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 'All about the Head', talk with Cheltenham Equine Vets, at Little Witcombe, aimed at C+ and above, open to Area 9
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mini Christmas Show at Moores Farm
- 27<sup>th</sup> TBC Flatwork Training at Moores
- 30<sup>th</sup> Weekend lesson at Moores 1hr

## December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Show at Hartpury
- 4<sup>th</sup> TBC Flatwork Training at Moores
- 5<sup>th</sup> Student led rally at Hartpury College
- 6<sup>th</sup> Table Top sale
- 7<sup>th</sup> Weekend lesson at Moores 1hr
- 13<sup>th</sup> TBC Pole/Grid Work at Moores
- 14<sup>th</sup> Junior Christmas Party at Bushley Village Hall
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Weekend lesson at Moores 1hr

Once a month there will also be Pizza and Quiz evenings!



## News

### Camping Camp

Thank you to Claire Allen, Mel Pigott and all the other helpers that stepped up to run this years camping camp. Twelve members had a brilliant three days at Gadbury with lots learnt and lots of fun had by all. They were divided up into three teams and with an Olympic theme they all took part in many challenges and competitions on and off their ponies.





### Mini Dry Tri

With over 70 competitors it was a busy day which all went very smoothly. Thanks go to Pauline and the parents but also to the senior members who stepped in to help run the bean bagging, running and do various other jobs.

#### Results

##### Baby Beans Boys

Hugo B 7<sup>th</sup>

##### Big Beans Boys

Arthur H 1<sup>st</sup>

Noah S 2<sup>nd</sup>

Freddie T 4<sup>th</sup>

##### Tadpole Girls

Ella J 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ellen B 6<sup>th</sup>

##### Baby Beans Girls

Freja D 5<sup>th</sup>

Emily W 6<sup>th</sup>

##### Big Beans Girls

Rosie D 7<sup>th</sup>

Faye O 11<sup>th</sup>

##### Novice Minimus Girls

Isabel E 4<sup>th</sup>

### Pony Club Championships

These championships cover two weeks and consist of Polocrosse, Horse & Pony Care, Show Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Tetrathlon, Mounted Games and Musical Ride. We had 21 members qualify to compete in the various competitions starting with the tetrathlon.



## Tetrathlon

Molly M made her debut in the Stepping Stones having been selected for the Central England team and had a great learning experience, wow she put her all into the run with 4.19 and especially the swim where she stormed ahead leading her heat to reach 5 lengths, a pb. Just one pole down in the show jumping and she joined her team in 11th place.

Seren W, as our only junior this year in a massive class of 94 girls put in a great performance, Toppa gave her a few challenges on the xc at the non jumping challenges of gate and slip rail, but she sat up and rode on to go direct routes at the difficult jumps and some very tricky combinations, including straight through the water jump that catches many out! They finished mixed area team 12th.

Our mixed Inter team jumping a metre course were Tom R, Georgie A, EJ A and newest team member, pulled out of tet retirement and on holiday from Uni, Harry H, who just had a few weeks training to step up to the plate.

Tom got best boys Intermediate Shoot with 940 to start the intense Friday with swimming, course walking and riding horses that are fully stabled it's always a challenging day! The heat made it all more tiring and poor EJ was not feeling well after the swim, only to then walk over a bees nest at fence 8 on the area course walk and was stung multiple times.

Unfortunately George and EJ's horse developed an allergy cough. She didn't run xc, so the girls had to dress in riding gear and walk through the xc start on foot! Sad to miss the best bit.

Harry led the way xc for the boys and just picked up some faults at the water. Tom picked up exactly the same penalties and some time faults, but both boys finished strong over a tough course with lots of technical lines equal to a 1\* BE course.

Party time on the Olympic theme and our members choose to wear togas carrying their Olympic torches! So lots of fun dressing up for Saturday night. The disco finished at midnight and the run started Sunday morning at 8.30 am!

This year, for the run they missed the heat, ran with new chip and pin timing at one minute intervals and ran xc through the water jump!

Results were out at high speed, with two dropped ride scores the inter team had a share of bad luck, so points wise finished 4th, EJ and George put in great run performances. Tom squeezed into the rosettes in 7th individual after a good run as fifth home of the boys.

Thank you Vanessa for the report



## Dressage

We had one member qualify for the dressage. This was Hattie S in the Intermediate section. She did a brilliant test to come 2<sup>nd</sup> in her section which qualified her for the ride off. The top four from the four sections competed in the ride off and Hattie was up against some top class combinations. She produced another brilliant test to be placed 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Show Jumping

For the show jumping we had a team in the 90cm and a team in 100cm. For both heights members jump two rounds in two different rings and then, if double clear go through to a third jump off round in another ring! In the 90cm competition we had Georgie S, Sophie C, Alice R and Isabella D competing. These courses were full up to height and had all the distractions of fillers, trade stands and spectators, as expected at a championship. There were over 260 entered for this class alone so it was a long day. In the first round Georgie, Sophie and Alice all jumped clear but sadly for Isabella her pony struggled through a double with horse distances and they parted company. In the second round again Sophie, Georgie and Alice jumped clear and all three were through to the jump off. Having all jumped in the morning they had a long wait for the jump off but it was worth it as all three jumped clear again with Georgie 22<sup>nd</sup>, Alice 29<sup>th</sup> and Sophie 32<sup>nd</sup>. They were placed team 3<sup>rd</sup> so got to be on the podium and take home some great prizes. In the 100cm we had Cressie F, Jasmine G and Alice K. There were over 200 competing in this class. Cressie had a clear in the first round and an unlucky 8 faults in the second to finish 111<sup>th</sup>. Alice had 4 faults in the first round and sadly took a tumble in the second round. Jasmine was eliminated in the first round due to three stops.





## Horse & Pony Care

There were 47 teams in the mini section, one coming all the way from China! We had 2 teams made up of Ella, Beth and Fliss - Ledbury skewbalds and Sophie, Isabel and Emily - Ledbury Bays.

They all had a brilliant, if long day! There is so much for the children to see and do at Champs, lovely to support other Ledbury members and for our mini's to aspire to.

Ledbury Skewbalds finished 32<sup>nd</sup> with 427 points and Ledbury Bays finished 4<sup>th</sup> with 470 points, only 8.5 points behind the winners!

Thank you Jennie Clements for the report



## Eventing

Our last competition at the championships was the eventing. In the 90cm competition we had Georgie S, Alice R, Lucy W and Issy T competing. On the Thursday they had their dressage tests and show jumping rounds.

In section A Lucy had a 33 dressage and clear show jumping. In section B Georgie had a 27.8 dressage and just 4 faults show jumping, Section C saw Alice have a 33.2 dressage with a pole and time faults in the show jumping. Issy was in section D with a 33.6 dressage and two poles show jumping. Friday was the cross country day and as you would expect with a championship course it was causing a fair few problems at a variety of fences. All four of our members jumped brilliant rounds for all to go clear and only Alice and Issy picking up some time faults.

Final placings saw Lucy take 2<sup>nd</sup> in her section, Georgie take 11<sup>th</sup> in hers, Alice came 27<sup>th</sup> and Issy 16<sup>th</sup>. In the team placings the girls came home with an amazing 4<sup>th</sup> out of over 50 teams.



The 100cm competition started on the Friday. We had three members competing, Hattie S, Georgie A and Charlotte N.

In the first section Charlotte had her best dressage score to date of 31.4, in Hattie's section she had a score of 29 and in Georgie's she had 36.4. In the show jumping they all jumped brilliant rounds with all just having an unlucky pole. On the Saturday they all took to the up to height cross country course with lots to think about with off set combinations, narrow fences and some good rider frighteners! Georgie and Charlotte stormed round the course both clear just with a small number of time faults. Hattie, so close to coming home clear had a very unfortunately run out but had a great round. Charlotte finished 15<sup>th</sup> in her section, Georgie 18<sup>th</sup> in hers and Hattie 24<sup>th</sup> in hers. As a team they finished 17<sup>th</sup> out of over 30 teams.

That's the championships completed for another year. All our members are a credit to our branch. Thanks go to all the parents for getting them there and the discipline mangers who all went along to support.



## Friendly Mounted Games Competition

Thanks go to Jenny Blades, our mounted games manager for organising our first mounted games pairs competition. There was a great turnout not just from our members but from other branches.

Everyone rode beautifully and thank you to Rory Horton-Smith of Altech UK for sponsoring the prizes, everyone loved them! We had visitors from Beaufort, South Hereford and Ross Harriers, North Hereford, and South Shropshire and the competition was fierce! The poor lead rein kids had the worst of the weather but battled on through the rain. Hugo and Harvey were 2nd place by one point to Beaufort, and Eleanor and Matilda were third. In the assisted, Sophie and Madison came second with Rosie and Amelia coming third, and then in the unassisted Isla and Emily came third with Annabelle and Amber coming fourth. A big thank you to Jen Clements for being the starter and keeping track of the scores, and to everyone who helped with equipment etc. It was a lovely educational day, and the sun made an appearance in the end.

Thank you to Jenny Blades for the report and for organising what I hope will now be a regular fixture on our calendar.



## Reginal Championships Rectory Farm

### Dressage

Saturday was the start of the Reginal Championships at Rectory and it began with the 80 Dressage. Representing the branch we had Chloe W, Mimi V-U, Lexie V-U and Alice P. They didn't have the nicest of days with rain making it a typical summer bank holiday weekend! Each were in different sections and they were placed 8<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. These great placings meant they took the team win (out of nearly 40 teams!) and Mimi qualified for the ride off. The ride off is where 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in each section ride their test again. Mimi pulled off a great test to take individual 12<sup>th</sup> place.

On Sunday it was the turn of the 70 Championship. Our team was made up of Charlotte B, Isabel E, Lexi W and Evie C, riding as an individual we had Alice P. They were placed 33<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with Alice being 16<sup>th</sup>. They were team 10<sup>th</sup> out of nearly 40 teams and Isabel qualified for the ride off. After a long wait Isabel was able to ride her test again and rode another brilliant test to gain individual 7<sup>th</sup> place! Well done all.



## Show Jumping

Saturday the members that qualified for the 70cm show jumping got to compete. We had two teams and one individual competing on the day. For this competition you have to jump two rounds and then if you have a clear in both rounds you get to compete in the jump off for the individual placings.

In the Ledbury Swifts we had Lily M, Lucinda F, Evie H and Lily H. Lily M and Lucinda both jumped double clears and so were through to the jump off. As a team they were placed 10<sup>th</sup> out of just over 30 teams. In the Ledbury Flyers we had Charlotte B, Isabel E, Alice P and Toby B. Unfortunately for this team Charlottes pony pulled a shoe in the first round so was unable to finish and Toby heard the bell for the other ring and was sadly eliminated. Isabel and Alice were both double clear but decided not to go through to the jump off. Our individual competitor was Ben O who had two great clears to go through to the jump off.

There were 67 in the jump off. Lily and Lucinda were both unlucky to have 4 faults each and were 33<sup>rd</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> but Ben had another clear for 24<sup>th</sup>. A great bunch who all rode superbly.

On the Sunday it was the 80cm championship. We did have two members qualify from areas but they were unable to compete on the day.





## Eventing

The bank holiday Monday was the eventers day. It started with the 70cm competition. We had a team of four and one individual. In the team we had Lottie T, Lucinda F, Evie H and Isabel E. All did good dressage tests and jumped clear in the show jumping and cross country. They were placed 9<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in their sections and as a team were joint 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our individual, Lily H had a good dressage, clear show jumping but sadly had to retire on the cross country.

In the 80cm we had two members competing. This was Marissa P and Chloe W. Chloe had a great sub 30 dressage and a double clear to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in her section with Marissa having a double clear to just add a few time faults to her dressage score to finish 12<sup>th</sup>.

Special mention must go to Isabel E who was the only member this year to qualify and compete in all three disciplines.



## Members Committee Farm Visit

Many thanks to the Ester & Bob Bowness for showing the members around the working dairy farm. It was great for the children to be able to see exactly where milk comes from and the amount of hard work, time and dedication that goes in to get it!

Bob was very knowledgeable, so we all learnt lots! It was very apparent that the welfare for the cows were a top priority. Great afternoon. Thank you for showing us all around. Thank you Vicky Oseman for the report.

## Test Rally and Family Social

On the last day of August a two hour rally was held at Gadbury and two members took tests. Congratulations to Emily A who passed her C test Horse & Pony care and Sophie A who passed her D+ test.

In the evening a family social with BBQ was held. Thank you to all that went and supported the evening and those that covered the BBQ.



Another action packed month and lots to keep up with! As you will see from the calendar of events there is still a lot to come and as always keep an eye on entrymaster.

We have open schooling at Gadbury on September 15th and some table top sales. Please get in contact with the committee if you would like to be involved.



## Competitions

### September

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – AH Test
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Moreton Show
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Area 9 Autumn Show at Rectory Farm
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Mini ODE Champs – Heythrop
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Arena Eventing - North Cotswold
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Beaufort ODE at Shipton Moyne
- 21<sup>st</sup> – CVFH Show at Gretton
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Blenheim Team & Ind Show Jumping

### October

- 5<sup>th</sup> – LHPC Hunter Trial at Gadbury
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Warwick Pony Racing
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Show Jumping at Kings – Malvern PC
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Training Show at Star Farm - Minchinhampton
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Spring Festival Dressage Qualifier - SH&RH at CCR
- 30<sup>th</sup> - B & lunge Test at Rectory Farm
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Team Arena Eventing at Unicorn - OBH

### November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Spring Festival Show Jumping Qualifier at Hartpury - Croome
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Area 9 Training - Caroline Moore at Unicorn
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Spring Festival Arena Eventing Qualifier at Allens Hill - Worcs
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Mini Christmas Show at Moores farm - Ledbury

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Show at Hartpury - Ledbury

**TABLE TOP SALES**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Equestrian and Craft sale  
Hartpury Village hall  
GL19 3BJ  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Doors open 6.30pm  
£10 per table  
Set up 5.45pm sale start: 6.30pm  
To book table 07891688218 or [jclements2019@aol.com](mailto:jclements2019@aol.com)  
Entrance £1, under 16's free, refreshments, cake sale  
Fund Raiser for Ledbury Pony Club Members committee.

Ledbury Hunt  
**PONY CLUB**  
**Open XC Schooling**  
12.30-2pm, Sunday 15th September  
at Gadbury, Glos GL19 4PP / W3W wizards.confident.dove  
★ XC £20 Adults and non-Ledbury PC members  
★ XC £15 Ledbury PC members  
★ XC £10 Lead rein  
★ Under 16's MUST be accompanied by an adult  
★ No booking required, cash on the day