

LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

And with that another month comes to an end! May has been a busy one with lots of Pony Club activities, competitions and training. This month started with our two phase competition at Hartpury with many members taking part and finished with Area Showjumping.

We are now looking firmly towards the summer holidays with mini, junior and senior camp fast approaching. If you are intending to book into junior camp please don't delay as it helps to know numbers so groups and activities as well as instructors can be organised.

We have a spurs test coming up, held at Gadbury for those still needing to obtain the yellow tag and for our older members there is some training for the B test in preparation for a test in August at Rectory Farm.

A lot of news and upcoming events is posted to our branch Facebook page, make sure you are aware that unless you adjust your settings it doesn't always show the posts in time order. You can alter this by going into Manage Notifications and then hopefully you won't miss any relevant information.

Dates

June

- 5th Dressage Show at Gadbury
- 7th Summer Show at Gadbury
- 12th Flatwork with Jo Winfield at Gadbury
- 13th Event Training at Gadbury
- 14th Rally for Nervous, Lead Rein or New Combinations at Gadbury
- 19th Flatwork with Jo Winfield at Gadbury
- 21st Spurs Test at Gadbury
- 22nd Mini Two Phase competition at Gadbury
- 26th Flatwork with Jo Winfield at Gadbury
- 26th B Test Training
- 28th/29th Mini Camp at Gadbury

July

- 2nd B Test Training
- 5th Rally & Pre Camp Rally – at Gadbury, open to all
- 14th B Test Training
- 17th Step 1 Coaching Course at Gadbury
- 20th B Test Training
- 21st-24th Senior Camp at Lincomb
- 28th-31st Junior Camp at Gadbury



News and Results

Hartpury Two Phase

Always a fun event with lots going on this event saw a great days jumping over the two courses of jumps. Lots of our members were competing.

60cm

3rd Erica S & BL
7th Bethany R-C
11th Isla M

70cm

3rd Lily M & BL
9th Ben O
21st Bonnie B
22nd Ella J
Team 4th

80cm

2nd Aimee D & BL **
3rd Lottie T **
8th Lucy E *
9th Isabel E *
11th Georgie P *
16th Marissa P **
17th Lily M **
22nd Ellie H *
24th Lucinda F ***
25th Lily H ***
27th Isabella D ***
28th Lily S ***
* Team 1st
** Team 4th
*** Team 8th

90cm

4th Tom R & BL *
7th Marissa P *
9th Lucy E **
10th Georgie A **
12th Lottie T *
18th Ellie H**
* Team 2nd
** Team 4th

100cm

1st Tom R & BL
2nd Lucy W
3rd Lucy W
5th Georgie A
Team 1st

Massive thank you to all that helped with the event and came and supported.



Area 9 Mounted Games

Hosted by the Cotswold Vale Farmers Hunt a lovely day of competition.

We had a junior novice team, which consisted of Hugo, Freja, Amelia, Lara and Rosie and they came 2nd in their section. We were unable to send a junior team with some being at the quiz final but Sophie A was invited to join the Cotswold Vale junior team, who were 2nd and then she was part of a mixed Area 9 senior team, who came 4th. Both of those teams won the all important tack & turnout competitions.



Dobson & Horrell National Quiz Final - Sheffield

Having qualified from the Area Quiz competition our mini team set off to Sheffield to compete in the final. Isabel, Annabelle, Ella and Amber had a great time, not only competing in the competition but also getting a guided tour of the Sheffield Wednesday Football stadium where the competition was held. With 50 teams competing in their age group they did amazingly well to be placed 16th.



Area 9 Mounted Games at Three Counties Showground

A brilliant weekend for our mounted games teams at the Three Counties Showground two day competition. We ran 3 teams in the Junior Novice, some at their first competition for Ledbury, with a mix of lead rein, assisted and independent riders.

All rode well in two heats on Saturday (after an 8am tack check for two of the teams!!) putting Ledbury A into the A final, Ledbury B into the B final, and Ledbury C into the D final (out of 5). We had a great evening with the kids joining in with hobby horse jumping competitions and Chase Me Charlie's well into the evening, and then most of us camped, overnight, next to our ponies.

Sunday morning was nail biting with both the B and C teams having to run off after tie breaks between 2nd and third places in each of their heats.

Results:

Ledbury C (Hugo, Ollie, Sophie B, Freja, Eleanor) 3rd in heat D with most doing lots by themselves by the end.

Ledbury B (Connie, Lara, Rosie, Amelia) 2nd in heat B after winning their run off race.

Ledbury A (Annabelle, Sophie, Fearne, Amber, Jemima (Cvfp)) won all but one race today to become overall novice champions!



Huge thanks to all the parents for supporting the teams, coming to set up on Friday, getting kids and clean ponies on site early Saturday, and everything in between. Well done to those running two kids, especially when both still need leading. Thanks to Rory, Charlotte and Helen for organising super generous prize donations, and to Helen for letting us use Turbo Tim when clashes meant Trev couldn't be in two places at once. Report thanks to Jenny Blades – Mounted Games Manager





Branch Tetrathlon

This event always takes an army of volunteers to run and thank you to all that helped as the weekend all went very smoothly. There were over 130 competing across that range of classes with 25 different PC branches being represented. Competitors came from as far as Cheshire and Wales and camped over at Gadbury.

This event is a great build up for Areas which we are hosting so not just a good build up for competitors but organisers as well!

Baby Beanies

Girls Dry Tri

6th India L-H

7th Mollie W

9th Sophia B

Team 4th

Big Beanies

Boys Tet

3rd Noah S

Big Beanies

Girls Tri

1st Faye O

Tadpoles

Girls Tet

5th Ella J

Novice Minimus

Girls Tet

3rd Bethany H

6th Bethany R-C

Minimus

Girls Tet

5th Lily M

6th Isabel E

Junior

Girls Tet

7th Lexi W

9th Molly M

Boys Tri

1st Ben O

Girls Tri

Jenny W

Open

Boys Tet

1st Tom R

Girls Tet

4th Seren W

6th E-J A

Area 15 Tetrathlon at Pontispool

Our keen tet members made the trip to Pontispool to take part in this event and all had a great weekend.

Senior Boys

8th Tom R

Senior Girls

5th Emma Jane A

17th Seren W

Junior Girls

25th Lexi W

Mixed Novice Minimus

12th Bethany R-C



Evening Dressage Series

May saw the 2nd and 3rd of our evening dressage series. We have been very lucky with the weather this year and both these evenings saw many members and non members taking part and gaining lots of experience.

May 1st Evening

Class 1A Intro 2 (10yrs&Under)

1st Sophie A & BL
2nd Martha D
3rd Amelia T and Best Turned Out

Class 1B Intro 2 (12yrs&Under)

2nd Isla S
3rd Olivia K

Class 2A Prelim 1 (12yrs&Under)

1st Lexi W BL

Class 2B Prelim 1 (16yrs&Under)

1st Seren W BL
2nd Marissa P



Class 3A Prelim 2 (12yrs&Under)

1st Isabel E BL
2nd Bonnie B
5th Lexi W

Class 3B Prelim 2 (16yrs&Under)

1st Seren W

Class 4 Novice

1st Isabel E BL



May 22nd Evening

Class 1A Intro 3 (10yrs&Under)

1st & BL Greta B
2nd Connie T
3rd Freddie T
4th Martha D
5th Sophie B

Class 1B Intro 2 (12yrs&Under)

2nd & BL Emily A

Class 2A Prelim 2 (12yrs&Under)

1st & BL Isabel E

3rd Isla B

Class 2B Prelim 2 (16yrs&Under)

1st & BL Georgie P
2nd George C

Class 2C Prelim 2 (Open)

1st & BL Henny P

Class 3A Prelim 3 (12yrs&Under)

1st & BL Isabel E

Class 3B Prelim 3 (16yrs&Under)

1st & BL George C

Class 5A PC70

1st & BL Emily A

2nd Phoebe B

3rd Tilly J

Class 5B PC80

1st & BL Isabel E

2nd Isabel E





Camping Camp

The weather has helped this year enabling us to hold the first of our camps, Camping Camp early in the year, Organized by Claire Allen and an army of helpers 13 members had a brilliant three days at Gadbury. The theme of the camp this year was Badminton Horse Trials and lots of activities, talks and the overall competition being centred around this. There was a jump building competition, the straightest centre line and a jumping round on horse as well as on foot!



On the last morning members and parents were treated to a talk from Tom Woodward and Audrey Brewer. Many may not know that our previous DC, Audrey competed at Badminton 50 years ago and Tom competed this year so it was a very insightful talk about Badminton and how it has changed.



The members also had a brilliant polocrosse demonstration from our polocrosse managers, Matt Hale and Hayley Marsh.

South Devon Moorland Pony Club Racing Day At Exeter Racecourse

One of our members made the long trip to Exeter to take part in the Pony Club racing. Sadly Tilly J was unable to compete at Cheltenham due to a broken bone but now that it is healed and not wanting to miss a chance to race they made the long trip a success one taking the win in their race!



Area 9 Show Jumping at Moreton Showground

Hosted by the North Cotswold branch we had a busy day with members competing at all heights. In all classes you have to jump two rounds with the 90cm and above classes having a third, jump off round if they jump a double clear. The 70cm and 80cm competitors were competing for a place at the Regional championships held at Rectory Farm and the 90cm and above competing to qualify for the Pony Club Championships at Offchurch Bury.

In the 70cm we had a team of four, Lily M, Isla B, Bethany H and Martha L. In the first round they all did a great clear round and went into the second round with great confidence. For this class and the 80cm you move rings and the second ring was a more challenging course, not just for the height of the fence but the fillers and the undulating ground. Lily and Isla both came away with 4 faults each but sadly Bethany and Martha were both eliminated. Isla and Lily have though both qualified for Regionals as individuals.

80cm classes were held towards the end of the day as there had been so many entered for the 70cm. There were also lots in the 80cm. We had three members competing, Lexi W, Lily S and Lily H. In the first round Lily H had a great clear with Lexi having just 4 faults and Lily S 8. In the second round it wasn't Lily H day and she was eliminated



with Lily S and Lexi both having 8 faults each, but jumping so well.



On to the 90cm and we had two teams of three competing. In the first round all 6 went clear. In the second round all but one went clear meaning that 5 were through to the individual jump off but our 4 faulter still had to jump for team placings. Our one team, Sophie C, Lexi W and Alice R were already off to champs as only 4 teams were on a score of 0 and 5 teams go through. Our second team,

Lucy E, Lucy W and Isabel T had to battle it out for the final spot but unfortunately a unlucky pole meant they ended up 6th, still a brilliant result. So off to champs in the 90cm we have a team and we are able to add Isabel T to make a team of 4.



For the 100cm we had two members competing, Georgie A and Lucy W. Georgie had a brilliant competition putting up two clear rounds and a clear in the jump off to take 3rd and an individual place at champs. Lucy was unlucky to have 8 faults in both rounds. Thank you to Davina, our show jumping manager who was there all day to support our members and parents and Emma Slater, our show jumping trainer who helped the 70cm and 90cm teams.

During May we have had some rallies and lessons to include the Event training on a Friday evening and there is much more to come so make sure you keep checking Entrymaster and Facebook. Please support the rallies as they are a key part of the Pony Club and a core part of training, ridden and non ridden. They also help to keep you up to date with rule changes and the pre camp rallies are vital in helping to sort camp rides and rally groups.

The Pony Club have Codes of Conduct that most of you are aware of but these have been updated. Please follow the links so you are aware of the changes and what is expected of a Pony Club parent and please make your children aware of what is expected of a Pony Club member. There are also codes that coaches and assessors have to follow.

Parents Code of Conduct

<https://resources.pcuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Code-of-Conduct-for-Parents-and-Persons-with-Parental-Responsibility.pdf>

Members Code of Conduct

<https://resources.pcuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/updated-code-of-conduct-for-members-final-version-13092022.pdf>

Competition & Area Training Dates

June

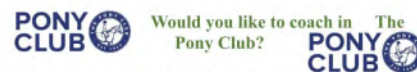
- 5th Evening Dressage Series at Gadbury
- 7th Ledbury Summer Show at Gadbury
- 7th North Hereford Mounted Games Friendly at Abbey Dore
- 8th Elm tetrathlon
- 8th Beaufort Mini ODE at Tresham
- 8th North Hereford Team & Individual Show Jumping at Gwatkins Cider Festival, HR2 0AL
- 15th Beaufort Pony Show at Bowdown
- 15th PC Team Show Jumping at Royal Three Counties Show
- 22nd LHPC Mini Two Phase at Gadbury
- 25th Area 9 Black Tie Fund Raiser for Saffron Cresswell
- 28th/29th Mini International Tetrathlon at Oxstalls
- 28th PC 110 Qualifier for Wellington at Howick BE

July

- 6th Area Dressage – Croome
- 12th/13th Area Tetrathlon – Ledbury
- 19th Area Eventing – Beaufort

August

- 5th B, Lunge Test and B+
- 8th-10th Tet & Polo Champs
- 10th Intro to Eventing & Mounted Games at Gadbury
- 9th-17th Main Pony Club Championships
- 17th Ledbury Mini Dry Tri
- 23rd-25th Regional Championships at Rectory Farm



Come & join other senior members from Area 9 on the:

INTRODUCTION TO COACHING COURSE – Step 1

Coach Tutor: Heather McLain

Thursday 17th July 2025

12am – 6.30pm

Cost - PC members £35 plus £10 subsidy from their Branch and £10 from Area 9

Cost for Non PC members £55

Details of who can attend this course are listed on attachment below

Venue: Gadbury, Eldersfield, Gloucester, GL19 4PP

If you wish to attend, please complete the slip below and send

to Heather McLain at hmclain@hotmail.co.uk

Closing date for entries 4th July 2025

You can book on via the link below

<https://ledburypc.entrymaster.online/>

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and priority given to PC Members, if there is enough demand another course will be held

Please bring a packed lunch and refreshments

Saffron Fundraising Auction

Wednesday 25th June 2025
7pm - 11pm
Gold Cup Suite
Cheltenham Racecourse

£85 Drink on arrival
3 Course Dinner
Black Tie

After Dinner Speaker
GB Performance Manager & Raconteur
Dickie Waygood

As Saffron builds a new sporting life, after a fall in June '24 left her paralysed from the chest down, we intend to fund the training needed for her to regain independence, with a Sports Media career.

Tickets
[H E link here](#)

TWEENHILLS CHARITY OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE

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