

# LEDBURY HUNT PONY CLUB

Another month comes to an end with April seeing lots of sunshine and our own branch events starting. We have had rallies, competitions with lots more on the calendar. In order for these to happen there has to be a lot of preparation. With the branch Tet only a few weeks away there are jumps to be painted and ground bolts to be hammered in. If you have a spare couple of hours please think of Gadbury! To keep up with all the things happening in the branch we are launching a new Ledbury PC WhatsApp community. Within the community there will be groups for all disciplines as well as others. There will be announcements for rallies, discipline training, competitions etc. Please scan the QR code in the newsletter and join the community. It will be a work in progress but hopefully it should help keep track of all that is on offer.

## Dates

### May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lead Rein Novice/Nervous & New Combinations rally at Gadbury
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mounted Games Training for all at Gadbury
- 4<sup>th</sup> Two Phase Arena Eventing at Hartpury
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mounted Games Training for all at Gadbury
- 14<sup>th</sup> Evening Dressage Competition at Gadbury
- 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Tetrathlon Competition at Gadbury
- 18<sup>th</sup> Event Training over a flagged course at Gadbury 70cm upwards
- 21<sup>st</sup> Event Training at Gadbury 30cm upward
- 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Camping Camp at Gadbury

### June

- 4<sup>th</sup> Evening Dressage at Gadbury
- 7<sup>th</sup> Summer Show at Gadbury
- 12<sup>th</sup> Event Training at Gadbury 30cm upward
- 18<sup>th</sup> Evening Flatwork/Dressage Training with Jo Winfield at Gadbury
- 24<sup>th</sup> Event Training at Gadbury 30cm upward
- 25<sup>th</sup> Evening Flatwork/Dressage Training with Jo Winfield at Gadbury
- 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Mini Camp

### July

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Evening Flatwork/Dressage Training with Jo Winfield at Gadbury

**Ledbury Hunt Pony Club**  
**Unaffiliated Evening**  
**Dressage Series 2026**



Thursday 16th April  
Thursday 30th April  
Thursday 14th May  
Thursday 4th June  
(Championship)



On grass at Gadbury,  
Eldersfield, GL19 4PP

Open to members and non members



## News and Results

### Heythrop Show Jumping at Unicorn Centre

Two members made the trip to compete at this show. They were both in the 40cm assisted class. Beatrice S had a great clear for 14<sup>th</sup> place with Matilda S having an unlucky 4 faults for 19<sup>th</sup> place.



### Area 9 Pony Racing at Maisemore

Normally held at Cheltenham racecourse this year there was a last minute change. Thanks to the Mrs Vanessa Wegmann for kindly letting Area 9 use Maisemore Park and to Dave Mansell and team for preparing the track and ground for use.

The first race, 128cm and under All Type race was the busiest for our branch with three members competing. There were 11 in this competitive race with Archie M taking 10<sup>th</sup>, Tilly J 7<sup>th</sup> and Martha D 4<sup>th</sup>.

The second race was the 138cm Novice division 1. Sophie A was competing in this and came 9<sup>th</sup> and in division 2 we had Isla B competing who was 10<sup>th</sup>.

Race 6, 148cm and under Novice Race was the last one for one of our members. Phoebe B was riding in this and she was placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.

These members have put in such hard work to make sure their ponies were fit and ready to run. It's not all about the final placings but understanding the process of getting them fit, understanding the rules and reacting to situations when things might not be going quite your way. They also have to go to training days and be signed off as safe to run so as not to cause harm to themselves and others.

Big thanks has to be given to Julie Mansell, our racing manager who always goes that extra mile for all who are keen to race and take part. There are other race days throughout the year so get in touch if you would like to find out more.





### Minchinhampton Show Jumping at CCR

#### 40cm

9<sup>th</sup> Matilda S 4<sup>th</sup>  
12<sup>th</sup> Beatrice S  
S  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mixed Team

#### 50cm

Emily A  
10<sup>th</sup> Sophie A  
18<sup>th</sup> Amber H-S  
Team 4<sup>th</sup>

#### 60cm

7<sup>th</sup> Anna W  
15<sup>th</sup> Amber H-S  
18<sup>th</sup> Sophie A  
Team 4<sup>th</sup>

#### 70cm

5<sup>th</sup> Isla B



#### 80cm

5<sup>th</sup> Isla B  
28<sup>th</sup> Lexi W  
5<sup>th</sup> Mixed Team

#### 90cm

10<sup>th</sup> Seren W  
12<sup>th</sup> Lexi W  
4<sup>th</sup> Mixed Team

#### 100cm

4<sup>th</sup> Seren W

### Area Horse & Pony Care hosted by Cotswold PC

Held at the Andoversford Hunt Kennels we had a brilliant turnout of members sending seven teams across the three age groups.

#### Mini

1<sup>st</sup> Piebalds qualifying for Offchurch Bury PC Champs in August.

Amber H-S, Sophie A (Best individual), Estee W

5<sup>th</sup> Bays - Annabelle B, Ella J, Poppy J

13<sup>th</sup> Skewbalds - Eloise, Amelia T, Emily W

19<sup>th</sup> Greys - Anna, Connie T, Lara TL

Out of a total of 22 teams, a brilliant achievement and all enjoyed Easter eggs and beautiful rosettes.

#### Junior

3<sup>rd</sup> Appaloosas qualifying for Offchurch Bury Champs.- Isabel, Emily, Erica

5<sup>th</sup> Chestnuts - Perdi, Bonnie, Wren

There were 19 teams in their section and it was a very close finish with only a few point separating teams.

#### Senior

5<sup>th</sup> - Olivia M, Sophie C, Marissa P



This was a first go at this type of competition for some of our members, who all represented our branch to a very high standard and were complemented on their turn out and politeness throughout the day.

Thank you to all their parents for transporting and supporting them in training sessions and at the competition. Thank you to Claire Allen for the report.



### OBH Show Jumping at Unicorn

<u>30cm X poles</u>	<u>40cm</u>	<u>50cm</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> Eloise G	11 <sup>th</sup> Beatrice S*	16 <sup>th</sup> Annabelle B
10 <sup>th</sup> Oliver B	15 <sup>th</sup> Matilda S*	16 <sup>th</sup> Hugo B*
	Team 4 <sup>th</sup>	

\*Qualified for the PC Mini Champs at Bicton in August 2026

### Cotswold & Minchinhampton Triathlon at Dean Close

The final event of the Area 9 tri series was held at Dean Close. We had four members competing across the age groups.

In the tadpole girls class Faye O was 5<sup>th</sup>, she had a great 840 shoot. In the junior girls we had two members competing. Jenny W was 3<sup>rd</sup> and took best run. Bonnie B, who hasn't competed in triathlons for a while came back with a good day and 9<sup>th</sup> place. In the junior boys Ben O had a great day taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



### Area 9 Winter Tri Series

With the last event held the final scores were in and congratulations go to our members for their consistent strong performances throughout the series.

#### Overall placings

Tadpole Girls - 9<sup>th</sup> Faye O  
 Mini Girls – 1<sup>st</sup> Bethany H  
 Junior Boys – 1<sup>st</sup> Ben O  
 Junior Girls - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny W  
 Senior Girls - 3<sup>rd</sup> Seren W





### Area Mounted Games hosted by North Hereford PC

It was a day of 3<sup>rd</sup>'s (so fingers crossed for some wild cards) but this really doesn't reflect the improvement they have all made in the last year, they were all brilliant.

- mixed senior team 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> tack and turnout- Emily and Isabel joined Malvern to form a mixed team
- junior team 3<sup>rd</sup> - Annabelle, Anna, Amber, Sophie and Rosie
- junior novice checks team 4<sup>th</sup> - Hugo, Fearne, Amelia, Rosie and Eleanor
- junior novice stripes team 3<sup>rd</sup> (joint 2<sup>nd</sup> but last race points decided placings) - Freja, Freya, Ollie, Sophie and Lara

Thanks to the riders, ponies and parents who have committed to training and gave up their Sunday to watch in very mixed weather conditions. Huge thank you also to those who happily shared ponies and allowed everyone to take part and have a fab day.

Thank you to Jenny Blades for the report.



## LHPC Evening Dressage at Gadbury 1/4

The first evening of the evening dressage series was a great success with over 50 tests on a lovely evening.

It was great to see so many members taking part.

<u>Class 1 Intro 1</u>	<u>Class 2 Prelim 1</u>	<u>Class 3 Prelim 2</u>	<u>Class 4 Novice 1</u>
<u>12 &amp; under</u>	<u>12 &amp; Under</u>	<u>12 &amp; Under</u>	<u>Open</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Emily A	1 <sup>st</sup> Isabel E	1 <sup>st</sup> Isabel E	1 <sup>st</sup> Emma- Jane A
4 <sup>th</sup> Annabelle B	3 <sup>rd</sup> Isabel E	<u>16 &amp; Under</u>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Alice R
<u>16 &amp; Under</u>	4 <sup>th</sup> Emily A	1 <sup>st</sup> Alice R	4 <sup>th</sup> Chloe W
1 <sup>st</sup> Molly M	5 <sup>th</sup> Catrin B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Seren W	
	6 <sup>th</sup> Olivia K	3 <sup>rd</sup> Seren W	
	8 <sup>th</sup> Violet B	4 <sup>th</sup> Bonnie B	
	<u>16 &amp; Under</u>	<u>Open</u>	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Mimi V-U	1 <sup>st</sup> Emma-Jane A	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Seren W	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chloe W	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lexie V-U	5 <sup>th</sup> Ellie H	
	4 <sup>th</sup> Seren W		
	5 <sup>th</sup> Marissa P		
	<u>Open</u>		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Emma-Jane A		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Emma-Jane A		
	5 <sup>th</sup> Ellie H		

## Dengie National Quiz Final at Loughborough University

Having qualified for the final our four members have worked so hard in the build up to the final. Amber H-S, Sophie A, Ella J and Estee W had a fabulous day taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the mini section out of 37 teams!

The teams they were up against were from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, all who have come either 1st or 2nd in their Area competitions to qualify for this national final.



## Elms School Tet & Tri

It was a great turnout from members competing at this popular tet and tri event.

<u>Junior Boys Tet</u>	<u>Mini Girls Tet</u>	<u>Intro Boys Tri</u>	<u>Beanie Tri</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ben O BS	1 <sup>st</sup> Bethany H BR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Max M-L	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fred H BR
<u>Junior Boys Tri</u>	9 <sup>th</sup> Isla M	<u>Intro Girls Tet</u>	7 <sup>th</sup> Hugo B
1 <sup>st</sup> Toby M BS & BR	<u>Mini Girls Tri</u>	4 <sup>th</sup> Bronte T	9 <sup>th</sup> Hugh B
<u>Junior Girls Tet</u>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Isla F P	5 <sup>th</sup> Juniper T	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Molly M			
<u>Junior Girls Tri</u>			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jenny W BR			

## LHPC Evening Dressage at Gadbury 2/4

Another lovely evening of competition with members gaining lots of experience.

### Class 1 Intro 2

12 Years & Under

1<sup>st</sup> Eleanor H BL

2<sup>nd</sup> Beatrice S

3<sup>rd</sup> Martha D

5<sup>th</sup> Matilda S

16 Years & Under

1<sup>st</sup> Erica S BL

### Class 2 Prelim 1

12 Years & Under

=2<sup>nd</sup> Emily A & Martha D

16 Years & Under

1<sup>st</sup> Evie C BL

### Class 4 Novice 2

3<sup>rd</sup> Isabel E BL

### Class 3 Prelim 2

12 Years & Under

1<sup>st</sup> Isabel E BL

16 Years & Under

1<sup>st</sup> Evie C BL

Open

2<sup>nd</sup> Ellie H

## Tests, Training, Rallies and Visits

The Easter holidays saw the start of our lease for Gadbury and with the kind weather it was all go from April 1<sup>st</sup>. The first rally was also the day for tests with members taking tests from D to C+.

Road Rider achievement badge - Catrin B, Sophie A & Olivia K

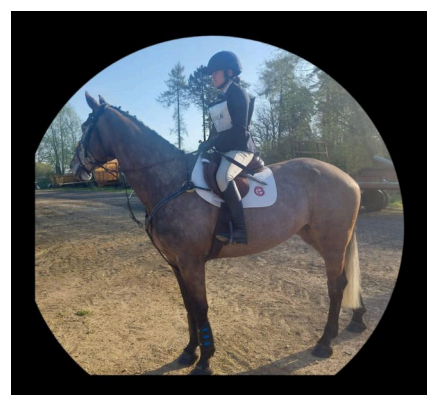
D+ - Eleanor H & Bethany H.

C (Ride only) - Catrin B

C (Care only) - Evie H – now holding the whole C test

C - Isabel E, Olivia K, Evie C, Perdi W & Alice P

C+ (Care only) - Emily A



Easter day we held another rally with members enjoying the Easter egg hunt. There were also sessions at Lincomb with XC on a surface and a session XC at Ace.

Seren, one of our senior members has been working hard towards the Pony Club B test. This was held at Tallands near Cirencester and all the hard work paid off as she passed both the care and ridden and gained her B test.

Over the holidays some of our members took advantage of what other branches were up to with members joining the North Hereford for their Easter camp at Lincomb and one of our senior members Georgie P joining the Area 9 Eventers Camp at Somerford where they were really put through their paces.

Many thanks to David Redvers and Tweenhills staff for a fascinating visit to the stud. Members and parents saw the magnificent stallions, learnt about swabbing and scanning mares before covering and watched a covering before seeing some beautiful foals.



## Tet Training

Some of our Tetrathletes went back to the gym under the guidance of Academy coaches at Hartpury. The focus is Strength and Conditioning to support them as riders. These are on going sessions which members will see a great benefit from.

## Ledbury Hunt WhatsApp Community

In order to help with communication of information we have put together a WhatsApp community.

Within the community there are groups you can join to find out information for the various activities and disciplines such as rallies, training, competitions, camps etc.

Only parents and guardians of members can join the community and members over 18 years of age.

If you scan the QR code you will be taken to the community and the various groups.

This is still a work in progress but with your help it should help keep everyone up to date!

## **Use your camera on your phone to scan the QR code**

Some help guides have been put together if you get stuck. These will be pinned to the top of the Facebook group page or please ask and I will try to help!

## Competition & Area Training Dates

### May

- 4<sup>th</sup> LHPC Two Phase at Hartpury
- 14<sup>th</sup> LHPC Evening Dressage at Gadbury
- 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> LHPC Branch Tetrathlon
- 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Mounted Games Friendly at Three Counties
- 24<sup>th</sup> Area 9 Show Jumping at Rectory Farm
- 27<sup>th</sup> North Hereford Show Jumping at Bromyard
- 30<sup>th</sup> Area Show Jumping at Moreton Showground
- 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> Junior Home International Tetrathlon

### June

- 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> North Hereford Mounted Games Friendly
- 7<sup>th</sup> Beaufort Mini ODE at Tresham
- 7<sup>th</sup> LHPC Summer Show at Gadbury
- 14<sup>th</sup> Team Show Jumping at Three Counties Show
- 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Mini Home International Tetrathlon

### July

- 5<sup>th</sup> Area Dressage at Waverton
- 11<sup>th</sup> Area Eventing at Howick
- 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Area Tet at Oxstalls
- 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Mounted Games Zones
- 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Area 9 Polocrosse & Four Nations
- 27<sup>th</sup> North Hereford Show Jumping at Bromyard



**Ledbury Hunt Pony  
Club community**

WhatsApp community

