

# Gorley Vale Riding Club Newsletter

## October 2023

Hi Folks! Well time flies and we are well into Autumn but we Gorley Valers still have lots to report and to look forward to...



### Stuff that's happened...

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August - Polework/Jumping Clinics at Brenda's Fields, Burgate

The clinic on the 9<sup>th</sup> was soon fully booked, whilst only 4 attended on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. August is always a tricky month to get numbers with the summer holidays and lots going on for people! However, those who attended seemed to enjoy themselves, judging by the photos. Thanks go to Trudi for her excellent tuition, as always, and to Brenda for kindly hosting these events. The only negative comment was the lack of delicious cakes! It's no good Debbie - you are going to have to give up your job and go pro!!



#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Flatwork/Polework Clinic, Folds Farm

Nikki ran another fantastic session for us and set up an interesting pole layout which could be done at walk, trot and canter, catering for all levels. One group was so enthusiastic that a few jumps were popped too! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, particularly Jasmine (Pauline's horse) who was full of the joys of Spring after her injury and had difficulty concentrating, much to everyone's amusement. Thanks to Cherie for arranging and to Tina and Tanya for running the event on the day - well done ladies!

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Tack Sale/Equestrian Car Boot at Ibsley Village Hall

Well done to Jo for organising a fantastic Tack Sale - venue ✓, sellers ✓, plenty of buyers (hoorah!) and coffee and cakes... perfect! Here is Andrew's account of the morning:



*"I think I am safe to say that the committee was hopeful that this tack sale would attract more buyers than our last one (sellers are never hard to attract!) and boy it did!! This was helped greatly by Jo advertising on every possible relevant website she could think of and by posters being put up everywhere in the area. The weather wasn't great at the start, but brightened up as the day went along."*

*We had great sellers with quality merchandise and buyers aplenty!! We even had three little pigs in attendance at one point! In fact, there were so many people coming and going that I donned my hi-vis and did my best impression of a parking attendant! The event was well planned and executed by Jo with great signage, lovely venue with plenty of parking and fabulous cakes made by Debbie and Sally, alongside teas and coffees. It was a huge success and, thanks to the helpers' committee, it was set up and broken down very efficiently. Here's to another successful tack sale next year!"*



## Stuff that's happening...

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Random Ride from Abbotswell Car Park, Frogham

The lovely Sarah Madgwick has kindly agreed to organize this one for us (we didn't even have to bribe her!!) Meet at 10am at Abbotswell Car Park and enjoy a fun ride in a gorgeous part of the forest. This will be a 1.5 hour ride maximum and will cater for all levels/speeds. This is a **FREE** event, so come on guys - make the most of it and contact Sarah ([sarahlmadgwick@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlmadgwick@gmail.com)) to let her know numbers.

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Clear Round Jumping at Brenda's Fields, Burgate

Thankfully some of our members have already expressed an interest in tackling the Clear Round Jumping, so we plan to run this event. The jumps will start low at 10am and be raised during the morning and we will finish at noon. It's just £1 per round and you can have as many goes as you like! Payment can be made in cash on the day, but please let Brenda know in advance for numbers ([pootlin@hotmail.com](mailto:pootlin@hotmail.com)). Teas and coffees will be available and you may even get a biscuit or two if we get our act together!

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Spooky Obstacles at Tina's Field, Godshill



Come and join us at 10am for this spooktacular event! Put yourself and your horse to the test (ridden or in-hand) and see how you both cope with the frighteningly good Le Trec obstacles - don't be scared though, help and guidance will be provided.

'Fangs' must go to Tina for organising this one and, as the queen of fancy dress, she encourages you to get your Halloween outfits at the ready, although she will hate me for pointing out that this is optional! There is a prize for the best dressed though! The cost is £14 (Ref: Spooky Obs) which includes fiery soup and a roll. Please contact Tina ([tinawhittet@btinternet.com](mailto:tinawhittet@btinternet.com)) to book your place.

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November - AGM at The Horse & Groom, Woodgreen

Starting at 7pm, we promise to keep the meeting as short as possible (as usual) and then have a lovely social gathering with a meal and a raffle. We have a full, active and enthusiastic committee currently but if you would like to become a committee member or take on the role of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer or Membership Secretary, the AGM is the right time to put yourself forward on the night or give the heads up to any of the current committee members beforehand. Also we would really appreciate it if all of you could have a think about any different events you would like to do and let us know what you have enjoyed this year.

The options for the meal are:

- Fish & Chips OR Burger & Chips OR Vegetable Curry & Rice (veggie/vegan)

...followed by either:

- Fruit Crumble OR Sticky Toffee Pudding OR Ice Cream (2 scoops)

The cost is £15 per head and **MUST** be paid in advance please (Ref: AGM). The contact for booking and confirming your food order is Sharon ([sharon.rupertbear@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharon.rupertbear@hotmail.co.uk)).

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Talk on Lorenzo at Tanya's Armadillo Barn, North Gorley

We have booked Patrick Kempe to come and give us a fascinating talk, starting at 7.30pm, on working backstage over the last 15 years with Lorenzo and his beautiful lusitano horses. For those who have not come across Lorenzo before, he has been performing for over 30 years in equestrian shows across the world. The Flying Frenchman (as he is also known) stands on his horses' backs defying the laws of gravity and the communication he has with them continues to amaze the public. The cost is £6 per person (Ref: Lorenzo Talk) and please contact Sharon ([sharon.rupertbear@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharon.rupertbear@hotmail.co.uk)) to book your place.

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Gathering, The Alice Lisle Pub, Rockford



Usually a popular event that gets everyone in the Christmas spirit. Come and join us at 12 noon (with or without your trusty steeds) and, as usual, fancy dress is encouraged. Can you beat Tina's attempt last year as one of the 3 kings, complete with an impressive beard!!? Partners also more than welcome.

The Alice Lisle is currently changing its menus, so keep your eyes posted on our Facebook page for food options and cost. The contact is Andrew ([andrewgray.drew@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andrewgray.drew@hotmail.co.uk)).

### Future dates for your diary...

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Quiz Night (NB: Date changed from 25<sup>th</sup> November)

### And finally...

The 2024 membership fees will be due shortly and unfortunately we have to report that the BRC are increasing their rates considerably this year to cover huge hikes in insurance costs, etc. This means we have no option but to increase the fee to **£28 per person**, which I am sure you will agree is still great value. Please make payment into the GVRC account (Ref: Membership). By the way, Cherie is now our lovely new membership contact, as well as being Secretary - what a glutton for punishment!!



Happy Halloween Everyone  
Sharon x



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