Gorley Vale Riding Club Newsletter

January 2022

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Stuff that’s happened…

Saturday December 4th Christmas spider ride to The Horse and Groom Woodgreen 12 noon

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Sunday 13th February - Valentines ride at Redlynch

Come and enjoy a fun ride at Redlynch with truffles and prosecco en-route! Armed with a map and a clearly marked route of the tracks and grassy bridleways on the downs, you can enjoy the ride at your own pace in pairs or small groups. Time slots and parking to be confirmed. £5 per person (Ref: Valentines Ride). Contact: Wendy (wtreble@btinternet.com)

Friday 25th February - Film Night at Tanya’s, Greenfields, North Gorley

Join us at 6pm and enjoy a horse-related film with popcorn and soft drinks provided. Bring your own alcohol. £5 per person (Ref: Film Night). Contact: Tanya (sunshine.gardens@yahoo.co.uk)

March 6th – Dressage Pilates Clinic

Helen Dawes will be holding a Dressage Pilates Clinic at Folds Farm. Pilates on horseback to improve position and effectiveness with exercises that you can continue after the lesson. Further details to follow. ..Contact: Pauline (paulinegrant@utilitywarehouse.org.uk)

Saturday 26th March – Fun Quiz

Get your brains ticking over with our quizmaster extraordinaire Andrew. Always a fun evening! Details to follow. Contact: Tanya (sunshine.gardens@yahoo.co.uk)

Saturday 9th April – Equine Massage Lecture

Louise Cooke has kindly agreed to do a demonstration/talk on Equine Massage. Bring your own horse or come and watch. Details to follow. Contact: Debbie (debjcooke16@gmail.com)

Saturday 30th April – Bluebell Ride

Meet at Brenda’s field and enjoy a Fun Ride and admire the bluebells on the way! Details to follow. Contact: Brenda (pootlin@hotmail.com)

Saturday 7th May - Coach Trip to Badminton Horse Trials

We are hoping to run a coach trip on the Cross Country day of Badminton Horse Trials. The BRC are offering discounted tickets for group bookings. More information to follow. Contact: Debbie (debjcooke16@gmail.com)

Saturday 21st May - Polework & Jumping Clinic

A polework and jumping clinic with Anna Noble. Details to follow. Contact: Sue (sue.vass.email@gmail.com)

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th June - Fun Camp

Calling all campers! Reserve the date as our ever popular Fun Camp returns. Demos, dressage, liberty work…..who knows? Details to follow in due course.

Sunday 17th July - Polework Clinic

A super Polework Clinic with Nikki Green to be held at Folds Farm. More info to follow. Contact: Cherie (greencherry.68@btinternet.com)

Saturday 20th August - Tack Sale

Come and grab a bargain at our Tack Sale at Brenda’s field. This will be opened to the general public so if you have any horsey friends who are totally overstocked or in need of items, please let them know. Cake and refreshments will be available of course!! Time to be confirmed. £5 per table (Ref: Tack Sale). Contact: Jo (jo@thehouseoflawrence.com)

Still to come…

Other events in the pipeline for this year include…

• a visit to the Sampsons to hone our driving skills

• Cross country schooling at Tenantry

• Horse agility

• Halloween ride

• Your Horse Live coach trip

• Equine simulator

• Christmas ride

…Amongst others!! Watch this space.

And finally…

Just for fun, take on a Challenge!

Why not try one or all of these challenges and post your pictures/videos on our Facebook page.

Ridden

Back out of poles 2m in length by 1m gap – Ride forward into poles, ride to end of poles, stop and back out,

Too easy? Try at speed – trot in, stop before the end and back out.

Still too easy? Walk in, stop and back out. Continue backwards in a semi-circle round the pole and back in the other end.

Non-Ridden

Teach your horse to lower its head below his knee line on command and hold it for a count of 10

Good luck!

Bank details for payments are as follows…

Sort code: 30-97-08 Account no: 01404126

**Please make sure you put the appropriate reference otherwise it is exceedingly difficult for Debbie, our wonderful treasurer, to keep track of who has paid what for when!!!**

Sharon x

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