

# Gorley Vale Riding Club Newsletter

April 2023

Well, the clocks have gone forward and Spring is finally here, so come on members - it's definitely time to come out of hibernation and get out and about with your lovely horses!



## Stuff that's happened...

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Random Ride, Godshill Cricket Pitch

This event proved to be very popular with 9 people attending and it definitely looked like a good time was had by all! The group mainly stayed together, only splitting into two groups going round Hasley Woods - one group having a nice long canter, whilst the other went for a more sedate ride. A few logs were popped and they managed to avoid the bogs (just!) and the local hunt by 15 minutes which could have made things interesting!



As with many GVRC events, it ended at a pub! The Fighting Cocks supplied hot chocolate/coffees for those wanting to warm up or alcoholic beverages for those who needed it after the ride (haha). Also the lovely Tina made a belated birthday cake for Brenda, which apparently went down very well with the cider! Happy Birthday Brenda x



### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Polework & Jumping Clinic, Folds Farm

Thanks must go to Cherie for organising a wonderful clinic with Nikki Green, incorporating 3 sessions with 4 riders in each. Clare Isaac attended the final session of the day and she reports on her experience:

*"It was a damp and muddy start, whilst Lucy and I got all the jobs at the field done and got the mucky horses ready. We rocked up dead on 12 noon for our pole/jumping clinic, looking like we had been dragged through a hedge backwards!!! Standard! We rode past Brenda, Tina, Tanya and Alex, who all had smiles on their faces. They had just finished their training session and made me look forward to our session even more (once we could get through that scary gate near the cattle grid!)."*



*Lucy rode her substitute 'pocket rocket' Callie, whilst Sunny the TB pretended he was still lame!! (he still managed to canter and double buck across the field when we arrived earlier that day!). It was great to get Callie out though and he showed us all his moves and boy what a good mover at 18 years old. He still has it in him, bless his heart, and I think he really enjoyed his day. We met up with newbies Karen and her daughter Olivia, who I think really enjoyed it too. It was also nice to meet Pippa again.*

*Nikki was great once again, making us all feel calm and making me use my brain to remember the routine and muscles in my inner thighs I never knew I had! I'm still aching now! It was a great session, finished off by a small jump (which was when I was glad that Sunny wasn't there, as it was much higher last time). Thank you all and thank you Cherie for the great photos and videos (however embarrassing they are lol!)"*



## Stuff that's happening...

### Tour & Talk at The Equine Dental Clinic, Wimborne

**The Dental Clinic now want to run this event later in the year, so WATCH THIS SPACE!!**

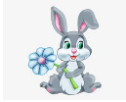
This clinic was purpose built in 2022 and is a centre of excellence for equine dentistry. Come and join us for an interesting tour, showing the latest advanced equipment, and talk on the specialist services now available. Date, time and cost to be confirmed. If you would like to express your interest in the meantime, please contact Tina ([tinawhittet@btinternet.com](mailto:tinawhittet@btinternet.com)).

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Horses in Motion Demo, Wick Farm, Downton

**IT'S TOMORROW - LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!!** This fascinating demo will show the skeletal and muscular anatomy of the horse, while Anna Noble and Helena Whiting explain how these are affected and used during work. It starts at 10am and costs £30 per person (Payment required direct to Anna Noble). Please contact Sandra Pollard ([sandrapollard40@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sandrapollard40@yahoo.co.uk)) for further details.



## Easter Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Spider Ride to Debbie's Field at Hale Purlieu



Choose your own route and make your way at your pace to Debbie's Field to arrive at 12 noon. Riding hats to be decorated in an Easter bonnet theme (optional). Debbie's

cakes and mini Easter eggs supplied, so what's not to like! Cost is £5 per person (Ref: Easter Ride) and the contact is Debbie ([debjcooke16@gmail.com](mailto:debjcooke16@gmail.com))



## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Talk on the New Forest Ponies, Tanya's Barn

Suzanne Kempe has lived in the New Forest for 30 years and breeds and produces New Forest ponies to a very high standard and is a practising commoner. Come and join us at 7pm for an interesting talk, illustrated with beautiful photos. Refreshments available to purchase on the night. The cost is £6 per person (Ref: Forest Ponies Talk) and the contact is Andrew ([andrewgray.drew@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andrewgray.drew@hotmail.co.uk)).

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Driving Experience at the Sampsons, Harbridge

The Sampsons have kindly invited us again to join them for an evening demo and to have a go driving. It was great fun last time, so come and join us at 6pm and enjoy Tina's sausage rolls and cider at the end. This event is £8 each (Ref: Driving) and please book in with Tina ([tinawhittet@btinternet.com](mailto:tinawhittet@btinternet.com)).

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Random Ride, Godshill Cricket Pitch

Due to popular demand, Alex Taylor has kindly offered to arrange another Random Ride, meeting at 10.30am at Godshill. Come and enjoy a 2 hour hack across the Forest and, depending on numbers, we hope to have one slow and one faster group. This is a FREE event, but please contact Alex on 07595 326516 to book your place. We would hate to leave without you!

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Trip to Royal Windsor Horse Show

**ONLY A COUPLE OF SPACES REMAINING!** The Trollope Transport minibus has been booked again, ready to take us to Windsor Horse Show. Come and join us for a packed day of showing, dressage, puissance jumping, mounted games, loads of shopping and much more... The minibus will pick up in Fordingbridge at 8am, with further pick-ups at Woodfalls and Cadnam, and leave the show at 6pm. Total cost for entry ticket and transport is £55.00 (Ref: Windsor Show). If you are interested, please contact Jo ([jo@thehouseoflawrence.com](mailto:jo@thehouseoflawrence.com)).

## Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Hampshire Horse Agility Clinic at Hockey's Farm, South Gorley

Lucy Newham, an Equine Behaviour Specialist and an Accredited Horse Agility Instructor, is running another agility clinic at Hockey's. Its aim is to address all types of behavioural issues and teach owners how to train their horses and build that special partnership. These clinics prove to be very popular so if you are interested, please contact Lucy direct on 07867 973963 for further details and to book your place.



## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Breakfast Ride to The Horse & Groom, Woodgreen

It's your choice - enjoy a leisurely meander or be a speed demon! Make your own way to The Horse & Groom for 10am and the lovely Jason will provide delicious breakfast baps and hot drinks all round. The cost is £7 (Ref: Breakfast Ride) and the contact is Cherie ([greencherry.68@btinternet.com](mailto:greencherry.68@btinternet.com)).

## Future dates for your diary...

End of May/Beginning of June - Random Ride from Bramshaw

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Camp at Brenda's Fields

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Tack Sale

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Spooky Obstacles at Tina's

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November - AGM

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Quiz Night

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Ride

## And finally...

Cherie, our wonderful and hardworking Secretary, has reported that we now have a total of 49 members, which includes 5 brand new members for 2023 - Welcome all! So come on everybody - who is going to be our 50<sup>th</sup> member? Do you know someone who would like to join us with their ponies and have lots of fun and support? There must be loads of takers out there.



**HAPPY EASTER EVERYBODY!**

Hope to see you all soon

Sharon



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