

# Gorley Vale Riding Club Newsletter

## February 2024



Hi Gorley Valers! Well we, the committee, are putting together some great events to look forward to in 2024 so we hope you will all support them. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the year ahead.

### Stuff that's happened...

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Quiz Night at Tanya's Armadillo Barn, North Gorley



A big thank you must go to Tanya and Andrew for hosting yet another successful and fun Quiz Night. It's an enormous amount of work and is much appreciated by us all!

Brilliant, fun, fab, great company, superb venue and tasty pizzas were just some of the comments from those who attended.



With Andrew and I on the team with our rubbish general knowledge, it was no surprise that The Jams came last. At least we won some celery (!??) as a booby prize - Yes random I know!

Although it was a close run competition with lots of debate on whether another point could be squeezed, the winners were Cherie's and Pauline's team, as usual. Well done team!

### Stuff that's happening...

#### Thursday 15th February - Hoof Care Talk by Harry Spinks at The Horse & Groom

Harry Spinks is a farrier from Blandford Forum, who works on all horses from grass roots right up to Olympic level. This educational talk on hoof care will include different tips and tricks to help your horse, followed by a Question & Answer session. Come and join us! The cost is only £5 per person (Ref: Harry Spinks) and please contact Cherie ([greencherry.68@btinternet.com](mailto:greencherry.68@btinternet.com)) to book your place.

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Physio Demo at Hurn Bridge Equestrian Centre, Hurn

Starting at 10am, Hannah Foley and Holly Stuart (both physiotherapists) will give a talk and demo on horse and rider physiotherapy using their own horses. The cost is £7 per person (Ref: Physio Demo) and the contact for this one is Andrew ([andrewgray.drew@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andrewgray.drew@hotmail.co.uk)). Following this, if anyone is interested in having a session with their own horse, we have the opportunity to arrange group sessions with them, so please let us know if this is something you may be interested in.

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Flatwork/Pole Clinic at Folds Farm, Woodgreen

The lovely Nikki Green is the instructor for this clinic. She is incredibly encouraging and patient, so please come and have a go. The cost is £15 per person (Ref. Nikki Clinic) for a maximum of 4 riders per session and the contact is Cherie ([greencherry.68@btinternet.com](mailto:greencherry.68@btinternet.com)).

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Random Ride from Abbotswell Car Park, Frogham

After unfortunately having to miss the one last year, the lovely Sarah Madgwick has kindly agreed to organize and lead this ride for us. 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 to let her know numbers ([sarahmadgwick@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmadgwick@gmail.com)).

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Pole/Jump Clinic at Wick Farm, Downton

A polework and jumping clinic with Anna Noble to suit all levels. The cost is £15 per person (Ref: Anna Clinic) and please contact Sandra ([sandrapollard40@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sandrapollard40@yahoo.co.uk)) to book your place.

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Visit to the New Forest Hunt Kennels, Lyndhurst

This is an evening visit to meet the hounds and listen to an informative talk on hunting human quarry in the Forest with bloodhounds. Although the hunt is kindly doing this free of charge, we feel that it would be appropriate for attendees to give a donation to the hunt. A collection will be held on the night. Please let Cherie ([greencherry.68@btinternet.com](mailto:greencherry.68@btinternet.com)) know if you plan to go.

## Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May - Dressage Instruction/Test and Clear Round Jumping at Brenda's

Nikki Green will be teaching this flatwork clinic, with the chance to ride a Prelim test at the end and get that all important feedback. Also Wendy will be running Clear Round Jumping for all levels. It starts at 10.30am and costs £15 per person (Ref: Dressage). Please contact Cherie ([greencherry.68@btinternet.com](mailto:greencherry.68@btinternet.com)) to book your place.

## Future dates for your diary...

- 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May? - Trip to Windsor Horse Show
- 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June - Camp
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Breakfast Ride
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - AGM
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Xmas Ride

Hope to see you soon  
Sharon x

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