

Welcome to our GVRC end of year roundup. Since the last newsletter the club has enjoyed various outings and shenanigans...

### Halloween Spider Ride

The weather was beautiful on October the 26<sup>th</sup> for the Halloween ride - so much better than last years rain! We hacked over Hale Purlieu to Debbie's lovely field where we all enjoyed delicious soup and cakes in the sunshine. There were some great costumes, Donald Trump was terrifying but got pipped at the post by costume queen Jane who won the prize (again). A big thank you to Debbie and Sandra for organising such a fun event.



### Aquastride

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November a GVRC group attended an equine underwater treadmill demo at Landford Common Stud. This showed how hydrotherapy can be a useful tool for fitness and rehabilitation. Very much worth considering as an extra resource for horse health and maintenance. Not as expensive as you'd think either. Contact their stud physio Alice to book 07776 956688. Thank you to Sue for organising and Sally for bringing coffee and biscuits.

### 2024 AGM

We had a lovely AGM on November the 7<sup>th</sup> at the Horse and Groom, where we all gave our heartfelt thanks to Andrew and Sharon who have been a steadfast duo at the helm of the club for the past three years. We hope you both have a lovely rest from GVRC admin and get to just enjoy the activities without the planning headaches from now on.

Following the official appointment of our new chairperson Alex, and new committee member Jayne, (and myself taking over the newsletter) we agreed to donate funds to our 2024 chosen charities, The Moyles Court Wildlife Hospital and Reaching the Unreached in India.

After the meeting we all enjoyed a delicious supper followed with Tina's cryptic quiz, won by Brenda and her mighty brain.

The 2024/5 Committee Members are:

*Chairperson - Alex Taylor*

*Secretary and Membership Secretary - Cherie Lane*

*Treasurer - Sally Lorton*

*Newsletter - Vanessa Kidby*

*Committee member - Brenda Henney, Jane Melling, Sandra Pollard, Debbie Cooke, Sue Vass and Wendy Treble*

Feel free to contact any of us with your ideas for the club, we would love to hear them!

### Christmas Get Together

Our year's event calendar concluded with the Christmas Gathering. Storm Darragh thwarted the riding plan (with the exception of the ever-valiant Sarah and Polo) but we all enjoyed a lovely lunch at the newly refurbished Fighting Cocks. It was a great opportunity to chat and eat without also holding onto a horse!

Costumes were as impressive as always, but Brenda the elf got the prize.



### Membership Renewal

The system has changed! Please do not renew via the GVRC bank account, members will be contacted via email by Sport80 within 30 days of memberships lapsing. If you get stuck our lovely secretary Cherie is on hand...

# PONY SPOTLIGHT

- Name: Laila
- Age: 15
- Owner: Wendy
- Likes: Ear massage, carrots, sunbathing
- Dislikes: Big upside-down leaves. Cars running along the horizon
- Superpower: Acrobatics of impressive variety



## Plans for 2025

This concludes are club activities for the year, but the committee are busy planning a full and fun calendar for 2025 with lots of dates for your diaries. The next six months are shaping up, keep an eye on Facebook for more details.

January Saturday 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz at Tanya &amp; Andrews barn</li> </ul>
February Thursday 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movie night at The Regal Cinema: Seabiscuit</li> </ul>
March Dates TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Random Ride, A walk and trot group of 4 and a faster ride of 8</li> <li>• Biting demo with Hannah Lefroy at a yard with a demo horse</li> </ul>
April Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pole clinic with Nikki Green, venue TBC</li> <li>• Easter Spider Ride to Horse &amp; Groom</li> </ul>
May Dates TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural Horsemanship with Becca Holloway at Saddle &amp; Soul, Moyles Court</li> <li>• Moonrakers Trec, more info soon</li> </ul>

<p>June</p> <p>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Camp, lots being planned including: Equitation with Empathy, Quadrille, Poles and Jumping, Working Equitation, First Aid, and Yoga</li> </ul>
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Wishing you and your ponies all a lovely Christmas with plenty of carrots (for them) and mincepies/wine (for you)

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