

Gorley Vale Riding Club Newsletter

April 2016

Sorry the newsletter is rather late in April, had pc issues.... Personal computer, not police constable... !

The committee's latest meeting went very well, thank you to Sarah for tea and cake☺. We have loads of events planned for this year and hope that we have something for everyone. If you have any suggestions just let any member of the committee know and we will do our best to make it so....

Stuff that's happened:

Anna's cross country clinic

Cross country Schooling at Tenantry Farm Rockbourne 8th April 2016 - Jo Caselles and Joules Wickstead had a great day, here is Jo's account....

Having (foolishly?) signed up to do the 2'3" class at the Hursley PC One Day Event later this month Joules and I decided we really ought to get some practice in at Tenantry Farm before the big day. This will be my first competition so I am feeling excited but also incredibly nervous; I bought my pony Holly just over two years ago with the aim of doing some quiet hacking and having some flatwork lessons but somehow I have found myself looking for number bibs, medical armbands and cross country boots! Jumping was never supposed to be on the radar.

Joules is a constant source of moral support and encouragement (she also provides the transport which is very helpful) so I blame her mostly for getting us involved in these things. There is also no way Holly and I would be where we are without the expertise and patience of Anna Loader who has pushed and guided and tricked encouraged us into jumping more than just a cross pole.

So - how did the schooling go? We had an excellent day. There were palpable nerves on the way there: Joules concerned about her lovely horse Archie and his exuberant 'boinginess': his habit of flinging himself in several unexpected directions simultaneously straight after each jump and me just plain worried about cantering towards solid heavy wooden things whilst balanced on a pony. Thankfully Anna arrived before we could find a good enough hiding place so she got us working immediately to combat the nerves. The idea was to use the water complex to get Archie focused and a little bit worn out which worked really well. We then moved on to actual obstacles and after a dodgy start (Holly ended up climbing very slowly over the first jump because I'd just shut my eyes and clung round her neck) and an attempted 'boing' from Archie and a correction from Joules (back in control!) we started to feel a little more relaxed and like we could actually do this.

Under Anna's supervision we then worked our way round small sections of the course gradually building confidence and all the time Anna giving us excellent advice about how to ride each jump. Towards the end of the hour we were linking together three and four jumps and actually starting to enjoy ourselves. Hurrah - thanks Anna and well done Archie and Holly! Joules and I are now feeling much more confident and like we can at least have a go at the course on the day.

Jo

Breakfast Ride April 23rd

A big THANKYOU goes to Jo Rudkin for doing all the organising for this event.

We had a really good turn out with over twenty of us meeting up at Gorley Tea Rooms for a scrummy egg or bacon roll and a cup of tea. We had the use of a grass paddock which was very popular with the equines. My pony was particularly pleased as we don't have a scrap of grass at home 😊

After our 'breakfast' and a good chat we all mounted up and headed out, various people peeled off at different points and wended their way home while the main ride carried on, spearheaded by Jo.

A great morning, definitely one to do again...



Reminder of things already booked in...

Show jump clinic with Anna Loader -16th April

At The Fortune Centre, Bransgore

Come along and improve your show jumping with some expert advice. £18.00, Entry forms on the GVRC website

13th May - Fun Quiz Night

7.00pm Godshill Village Hall - £6 each including ploughman's supper

Teams up to 6 people, bring your own drinks. Please let me know as soon as possible... everyone is welcome, you don't have to be a GVRC member.... Send me an email to book your team in – sunshine.gardens@yahoo.co.uk



Cross Country Clinic with Anna -14th May

At Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne

You can tell from Jo's account above that this is well worth doing... book with Anna, forms on the website.

18th & 19th June - Weekend Fun Camp

Brenda's Fields Burgate Cross

An absolutely brilliant weekend with your horse and horsey friends

Details will follow in a later newsletter just get those dates down ☺

22nd June - Steve Halfpenny light hands equitation clinic

Brenda's Fields Burgate Cross

Spectator places only left - £30 for the day. Tea & coffee provided. Bring your own lunch.

Contact Brenda or me to book your space on pootlin@hotmail.com or sunshine.gardens@yahoo.co.uk

New Stuff: Put it in your diary!

Not a Gorley Vale RC event but thought it may be of interest –

May 15th - Arniss Equestrian Unaffiliated Dressage Show

2016 Commencing at 9am at Arniss Equestrian, Southampton Road, Godshill, near Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP6 2JX 01425 654114 www.arnissequestrian.co.uk

Dressage classes will be run under British Dressage rules All tests may be called. Classes will be divided as follows, subject to sufficient entries: Rider age: 10 years and under, 11-15 years, 16 years & over

CLASS 1 – Intro A (2008) - may be led CLASS 2 – Intro B (2009) CLASS 3 – Prelim 12 (2005)

CLASS 4 – Novice 24 (2010)

Hopefully some of GVRC will support this show, we are planning on being involved in a general show with Arniss in September as we do not expect to run our own show this year. **Contact Arniss to enter the dressage show**



11th June - Clear Round Jumping

We are trying a new event for Gorley Vale RC. We will be setting up a jumping course at Brenda's fields in Burgate Cross. Come along and have a go ... £3 a round with a rosette or £2 without a rosette. Back protectors MUST be worn.

Times are below – book in with Brenda on pootlin@hotmail.com letting her know which height you want to do...

9.00 1'6" to 2'

10.00 2'3" up to 2'6"

11.00 2'6" up to 2'9"

12.00 3' up to 3'3"

Thursday 7th July - Pub/Pizza social



Meeting at the Royal Oak at Fritham around 6.30pm. You can either ride over or, if it's a bit difficult on a school night, come in your transport of choice.

We are planning on getting pizza from the mobile pizza van and maybe a glass or two!. Lucie will be the contact for this one as we will give the pizza man advance warning... more info in next newsletter

7th August - Fun day

Details to be confirmed but put the date in your diary so you don't organise a visit to Auntie Mabel and miss out

Random things that may be of interest....

I was contacted by owners of a polo estancia to see if anyone would be interested in a holiday in Argentina..... (No commission by the way!)

Fancy a horse holiday? Get a taste of authentic Argentine polo at El Venado. If you've never picked up a polo mallet, there's nowhere better to start than El Venado, Argentina. Located 2 hours from Buenos Aires, El Venado is one of Argentina's most beautiful estancias – and these days it's also a highly regarded Polo School. El Venado's owner Federico Cendoya is a former 6-goal professional, who has spent decades playing and teaching polo around the world. Now, he welcomes guests from all over the world to come and stay at El Venado, and experience the game for themselves. Along with private coaching, guests enjoy stick & ball sessions, daily chukkas with rated pros, authentic Argentine cuisine and five-star hospitality. While seasoned players are regulars at El Venado, it's a great place for first-timers too. Most riders pick up the basics of polo in just a week – and for those who love the thrill of jumping or eventing, the game can prove especially addictive! El Venado operates year-round. Packages start at US\$2000/per person per week (low season) and include luxury ensuite accommodation, all meals and beverages, daily lessons, stick & ball, 4 chukkas daily, trail riding, swimming pool and free wifi. Discounts available for groups of 4+ or twin share. UK guests are especially popular at El Venado! If you'd like to learn more head to www.polodays.com or email fcendoya@hotmail.com



The Tack Shop

If you have anything horse related; tack, rugs, boots, trailers, ponies! that you want to sell/loan/buy let me know and it will be included in the newsletter. If you can send me photos even better.

NOTHING THIS TIME...

Remember if you have ANYTHING you would like included in the next newsletter; fun things you have done, ideas, photos, etc. Just send it to me at the email below... .. have you been hunting, dressage training, pony clubbing anything at all.... otherwise it will just be news of the same old gang and what we do!!

Happy Riding

Tanya

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