

# Gorley Vale Riding Club Newsletter



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Hi Everyone,

The Olympics is nearly over and what an amazing time GB have been having.. fantastic results and finally an individual gold for Nick Skelton. I remember when he was riding for the Ted Edgar stable, just a fresh faced lad... Hmmmm... how can he have got so much older when I haven't!! (If only)

**I have had very little feedback on the Olympia (or similar) trip for later in the year... If anyone is interested please let me know ASAP!!! We are costing minibuses etc. and may be able to subsidise some of the trip from Riding Club coffers ☺**

I Hope that everyone's summer is going well... glorious sunshine rides... trips to the beach.... Walks in the forest... well, Atlanta and family have been on a bit more of an adventure....



*Satiah, Ezra, Ethan and I were invited to spend two weeks with our Canadian relatives in Wellington Ontario. They own Anglestones farms where they hold FEI show jumping tournaments where people compete from all across the world. We were truly spoilt and treated like royalty watching the €35,000 open welcome cup from the VIP box. It looks like Satiah has been inspired and will be setting her sights higher than Cricklands next spring, she may even return to Canada to learn the ropes from her cousin Kean White in 2017.*



And as mentioned in last month's newsletter Tina & Tom, Brenda, Jane and I (all Gorley Vale members) went riding in Iceland... it was an absolutely fantastic 8 days; the Icelandic horses were amazing, so surefooted, biddable and speedy. The tolt is a fantastic pace that had us all flying along with massive grins on our faces☺. The landscape was beautiful and varied, from lush river valleys, through lava fields to a coastline with miles and miles of beautiful empty open beaches. We rode with a herd of 65 horses, swapping in every couple of hours or so and getting a fresher horse. Amazing.... I could go on about it all day ;)



## Stuff that's happened...

### ANNA'S WEDDING

Most of us have been taught by Anna Loader at some point in our horsey lives, well she is Anna Loader no more....

I was delighted when Anna told me to save the date on August 6th 2016 sometime last year, for her and Matt's wedding, and how quickly did the next 12 months fly by!

The weather was glorious, the sun was shining, a dress and pretty, shiny sandal-y things on my feet were order of the day (makes a change from jods and riding boots). Despite the fact that the Sat nav threw a wobbly and tried to convince us that Lover Church was actually in someones garden, we did arrive in time.

The church was beautifully decorated with a very creative use of wellies!!! The creative style continued as Anna turned up at the church not on horseback as you may have thought, but on the back on a steam engine...this theme continued when after a very teary service ( I always cry at weddings ! ) The wedding party and the bride and groom left on their own steam engines, closely followed by the best man on his tractor.....it doesn't get more rural than that!



We were advised not to follow the steam engines in hot pursuit as their top speed must have only been 5 mph? So we slowly wound our way to Newhouse Estate a simply stunning manor house set in acres of woodlands, lakes and huge open land (ideal for a x-country course !) As I hope the photos show, it was a truly special day in a gorgeous setting ....I'm

sure that both Anna and Matt had an amazing day as did all their guests and we wish Mr and Mrs Noble all the very best in their married life together!

*Thankyou Joules for sharing the day with us....Anna looked absolutely beautiful.*

### ***The Fun Day at Brenda's Fields.***

*This was a really good day, the write up is hopefully on its way..... However, as I am going away tomorrow it will be included in the next newsletter... something to look forward to ☺*

### ***Endurance Team - Barbary Castle - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August***

*It was a lovely day for our latest endurance ride... just a little one this time at 31km. Barbary Castle is a nice easy venue with lots of space and overlooks some large cross country jumps. The 31km route had some really good going and everyone made pretty good time.*

*We fielded two teams of 3 riders. With new GVRC member Mark and his horse Texas doing their first ever endurance ride. We all enjoyed ourselves and came in with varied results from Grade one through to Grade 4.*

*The next ride is at Bonham on 4<sup>th</sup> September*

### ***New dates for your diary...***



### ***PILATES***

Theresa is starting a new weekly beginners Pilates. The first one is on Wednesday the 14th Sept at 5pm, at the Avonway Community centre in Fordingbridge. Contact Theresa if you need more info - [ibsleygirl@hotmail.com](mailto:ibsleygirl@hotmail.com)

### ***Try out trialling!!!***

### ***Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Tina's fields, Godshill. Members Only***

A fun day practicing our hunter trial skills.. Downhill control, natural fences, gates, streams, bridges...

Soup and coffee included, only £10

Contact me or Tina to book in. [tinawhittet@btinternet.com](mailto:tinawhittet@btinternet.com) or [sunshine.gardens@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sunshine.gardens@yahoo.co.uk)



## 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.

### FOR SALE

#### RAMNOR MAY QUEEN:

May is a very pretty 13.2hh, 10 year old, unregistered bay New Forest mare. We brought May for our 11 year old daughter 2 years ago as her first pony. They have come a long way together, however, May has now been outgrown so we are looking for a new knowledgeable 5\* home where she can continue to have fun.

May has beautiful movement and works nicely on the flat, she has started basic lateral work and with more work she could produce a lovely dressage test. She is a talented jumper who happily pops a course of 2'3/6 however needs a confident rider to go further. May has been cross-country schooled, attended multiple pony club camps, competed in working hunter classes and in hand at local shows. She is not bothered by new surroundings and stands nicely at competitions. May hacks out regularly in the New Forest alone and in company, she is unfazed by livestock and traffic. My elder daughter has ridden her horse and led May without problems.



May is good natured and is happy turned out with both mares and geldings, she is good to catch, clip, shoe, box, load and travel. May is a hardy pony who is happy to live in or out, she is never sick or sorry, has no history of laminitis and we have never needed to call the vet for her. She is currently only shod in front, she is up to date with teeth and vaccinations.

May is not a novice ride as she can be strong so would suit a competent/confident child, teenager or small adult as a smart all-rounder.

May is for sale for £2250 including tack and an extensive wardrobe, this is a very sad sale for us so finding the right home for her is very important. Lots more pictures and videos available on request.

Please call Louise on 07964 377205



*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...*

## Happy Riding

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