

Gorley Vale Riding Club Newsletter

February 2016

Happy Valentines!!

Hope that everyone is having a good half-term, having fun with the kids, or just happy coz the roads are so much quieter!

Remember the **AGM is booked for 25 February 2016** at the Horse and Groom, Woodgreen at 7.30pm. All are welcome, please let Judy know if you are coming along as we need a rough idea of numbers for the buffet.



Stuff that's happened:

Gorley Valers go hunting

Tina, Brenda, Sarah and Jo went out with the New Forest Hunt – here is Tina's account

I had nearly reach the age of 50 before I went out hunting for the first time on my little horse Foggy. I had no idea whether he had ever done it before but thought you don't know until you try.

We decided to go for a meet that was close to home so that if we had any challenges we would at least know where we were and could peel off homewards. Well, we started from Arniss Riding Stables at a fair old pace and it was interesting to see that it wasn't only me struggling to keep hold of my horse. It was definitely an experience and my cry of "I need more equipment "was heard more than once. What I would have given for a martingale!

I did laugh a lot and luckily Brenda, Sarah and Jo were there when I felt a little out of my depth. Foggy was nothing if not enthusiastic and although my reins were as short as possible he didn't do anything terrible. Standing around was the main problem, he just wanted to keep on moving. We didn't stay till the end and left with Brenda as escort after few hours.

The photo is of my next hunting experience but this time I was on the very well behaved Rocky who belongs to Sarah, she very kindly leant him to me and she rode her pony Polo. Brenda rode her new forest pony Summer who was on her first hunting trip and behaved very well, as ex owner I was very proud of her. Jo is on Spangle, she is a regular hunter. On this occasion all seemed much calmer and although we looked a rather motley crew (a bit of coat and pony swapping) there were no aching shoulders and we all enjoyed the day.



From right Jo, Brenda, Tina and Sarah...

First Aid Course - update from Brenda

On Sunday February 7th. Area 17 kindly offered to fund a first aid course for members of riding clubs in the area. After a bit of wrangling and a few phone calls Tanya and I managed to get places on the course. Which was brilliant as it means we now have 2 people recently trained in basic first aid.

It was great that we were able to meet members of other clubs in the area, most of whom were on their clubs' committee. We had a fun day bandaging and practicing CPR as well as learning some of the theoretical side of first aid.

What made it even better for us was that it was geared towards equine related injuries which I hope we never have to deal with, but it's nice to feel we have the confidence to do so if we had to. The day started at 9 am and finished at 5 pm so it was a pretty packed agenda. We both had fun and learned loads and when we got home it was lovely to sit down at Tanya's with a large glass of Red to finish the day nicely



Wessex Wanderers endurance team

The team is up and running with a few members from Gorley Vale – me, Sarah, Tina, Brenda... We had our first training ride yesterday at Stourton Snowdrop Ride..... it was a great day, we were really lucky with the weather, very cold but dry and mostly sunny. The 22km route was brilliant, snaking through well drained forestry tracks, it was well marked and with good going; a thoroughly enjoyable day.

If you are interested in joining the team just grab one of us for a chat.



Things already booked in...

27th February - Manor Farm Equestrian, Ower

Gymnastic Pole work with Charlie Samuel-Camps

19th March - Manor Farm, Ower

Dressage Clinic with Daisy Jackson

20th March & 16th April - Fortune Centre,

Show Jump clinics with Anna Loader

8th May - Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne

Cross Country Clinic with Anna Loader

22nd June - Steve Halfpenny light hands equitation clinic- - Burgate Cross

Spectator places only – details to follow.

Quiz Night - postponed!

We are having to move the date of the quiz – probably to April time, Andrew and I can't be here to run it in March....unless anyone else would like to take up the reins?

Will let you know new date in next newsletter



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 month!

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...

Happy Riding

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