

# Gorley Vale Riding Club Newsletter

March 2016

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## New Committee

As you will know from emails we now have a new triumvirate at the head of GVRC. Rowan, Daphne and Judy have all stepped down from their roles, and Rowan and Daphne have not renewed their membership.

The club is very grateful for all that Rowan and Daphne have done over the years and to mark our appreciation we have given them each an engraved wine glass and £50 worth of Aivley vouchers. We wish them the very best for the future.

Tina, Lucie and Sandy have already settled into their new roles along with the rest of the committee – Joules, Anna, Sarah Jo, Brenda and yours truly. We all hope that GVRC will have an exciting year with loads of events planned.



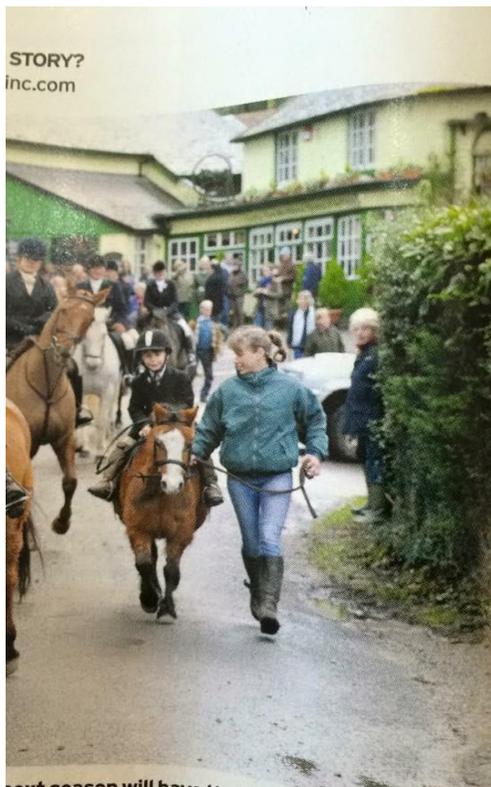
## *Stuff that's happened:*

### *New Website*

Anna has built us a lovely shiny new website, which will be kept up to date with all forthcoming stuff!

Please take a look and give Anna any feedback you may have.

## *GVRC member in Horse & Hound*



A great picture of Atlanta and her six year old son, Ethan, appeared in Horse and Hound magazine on 25th February. They were in the New Forest Hunt report article.

Ethan and his Welsh section A pony Tommy are on their fourth season hunting together!! Atlanta's other son, 11 year old Ezra was also there on his horse DJ but unfortunately he is hidden behind the horse in front.

## *Thelwell Exhibition at Mottisfont*

A few of us Gorley Valers went over to see the Thelwell exhibition at Mottisfont Abbey.

I think everyone has a favourite Thelwell pony cartoon and some of them can seem to apply too well!!! Norman Thelwell was born in Birkenhead and after serving in the army he went to Liverpool College of Art, he subsequently worked as a cartoonist for Punch and sort of by accident his renowned pony cartoons were born in 1953.

Thelwell lived near Mottisfont for some years and painted many watercolours of the area. Some of which are included in the exhibition as well as a varied selection of his 'countryside cartoons' which of course includes many brilliant pony ones. Tina, Brenda, Sandy and I giggled our way round!

The exhibition and house are well worth a visit, and we can definitely recommend the tea rooms!!

The exhibition closes on 10<sup>th</sup> April.



## *Vaquero Clinic*

Another few of us also went to see the Jeff Sanders clinic in Lingfield this weekend, really interesting and thought provoking, as these clinics always are, new stuff learned, discussions had, aspirations fired.... Jeff is a Californian Vaquero, check out YouTube to see what he can do with a garrocha, and if you think he makes it look easy try getting your pony to trot a few circles while you hold a pole in one hand ☺ <https://youtu.be/LjuOfVTnbiY>

If you are interested in this sort of horsemanship see below for info on a clinic with Steve Halfpenny.



## *New Stuff: Put it in your diary!*

### *31<sup>st</sup> March - Euthanasia talk held by the Barn Equine Surgery*

7.30pm at Greyfriars Community Centre Ringwood, Hampshire BH24 1DW

Helping people to make the right decision & discussing options.

To book email - [reception@barnequine.co.uk](mailto:reception@barnequine.co.uk)

### *Breakfast Ride April 23rd*

This was a really popular ride last year and Jo is kindly running another one for us.

Everyone meeting at **Hyde cafe** (next to Hyde garden centre SP6 2QB) **at 9.45** for a sociable breakfast. There will be a choice of bacon, sausage or egg roll and tea or coffee. Cost is £5.50

This one is for members only.

If you are coming in a box or trailer you could park at Abbotswell car park or Hyde School.

The plan is to ride across Ibsley Common and over to Rockford Common where riders can either branch off towards home or carry on with a longer route back towards Broomy Enclosure and then Ogdens / Hyde.

Please contact [jorudkin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jorudkin@yahoo.co.uk) no later than 19th April with your choice of breakfast roll.



MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE OTHER CHILDREN

### *13th May - Fun Quiz Night*

7.00pm Godshill Village Hall

This is always a really good evening, bring all your friends and make up a team. £6 each person, includes ploughman's supper. Bring your own wine/beer/vodka/champagne...

Teams of 6 or less... we can merge smaller teams if you want to...

Send me an email to book your team in – [sunshine.gardens@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sunshine.gardens@yahoo.co.uk)



EXCESSIVE PRAISE OF YOUR PONY MAY SUGGEST THAT YOU ARE NOT USED TO SUCCESS

*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



THEY MAY ADOPT THE FORWARD SEAT.....



PONIES ARE NATURAL JUMPERS

*Cross Country Clinic with Anna - 14th May*

At Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne

This clinic will be aimed at all levels throughout the day, members will stipulate what height they want to jump so that Anna can put into appropriate groups.

*18th & 19th June - Weekend Fun Camp*

Brenda's Fields Burgate Cross

A brilliant weekend with your pony

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



'Come along girls! Playtime's over.'

## 22nd June - Steve Halfpenny light hands equitation clinic

### Brenda's Fields Burgate Cross

If you are at all interested in natural type horsemanship or just want better communication with your pony, it is so worth coming along and watching Steve Halfpenny at work. Check out YouTube <https://youtu.be/UUkEYwZn140> to see Steve and Manolo Mendez preparing for demos at Equitana

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



## 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.

### PONY FOR SALE



Rodlease Tinkerbelle.

Sire Farriers Fingerprint

Dam Linford Specialty

10 yr. old registered New Forest, 14hh mare, Competed in all disciplines. Dressage novice unaffiliated normally in top three. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in only HOYs ridden qualifiers she contested. Shown in 138cm NF brood mare classes.

Recently completed in the Boxing Day point to point finishing 7<sup>th</sup>. Hunted this season with the NF Hounds. Hacks alone or in company and used to lead my son from on his pony. Nice paces, easy pony to do. Prefers to live out. Good hacking along or in company. Excellent in traffic, shoe, box and clip. Make lovely pony club or show whp prospect. Wormed, vaccinated and fully shod. £3,000. Call Mr. Buckland 07710 477639. Burley area of New Forest.



**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

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