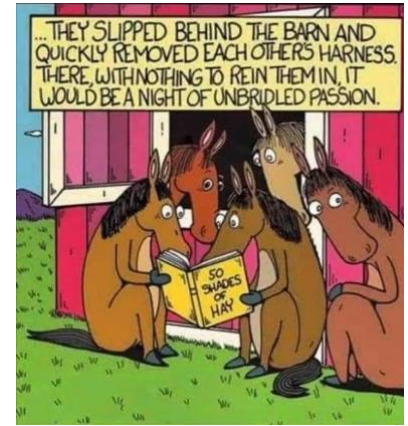


Gorley Vale Riding Club Newsletter

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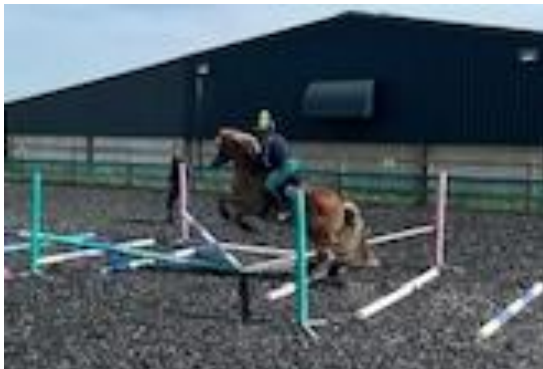
Hi Everybody!! We have had a busy Spring and it has been lovely to see a few new faces out and about. If you are yet to put your brave pants on and attend an event, don't stress! You won't be made to do anything you don't want to and we are a friendly, welcoming and encouraging bunch. Give it a go!! You might surprise yourself...

Stuff that's happened...

Saturday 13th April - Pole/Jump Clinic at Wick Farm, Downton

Sandra did a great job organising this popular event and Beverley Pym kindly did a write up as follows:

"After weeks of rain, the sun came out for the pole clinic. From the feedback I have received, everyone enjoyed the clinic."



The poles were set out to make it interesting for the riders and their horses, with some cross poles added in during the session. There were different levels of riders and horses. Anna is a very positive teacher and was able to provide instruction so that all could participate and have fun with their horse. I think there were some tired horses and riders after each session!

Some riders and horses were matching in Le Mieux colours with one rider asking that we confirmed to her husband that they only cost £20!! At the end, I am sure that I was not the only one to enjoy a coffee and cake from the lovely bakery at Wick Farm!"

Sunday 28th April - Random Ride from Godshill Cricket Ground

Another successful random ride was held from Godshill for 7 intrepid riders. The weather was kind and thanks go to Alex for organizing and to Claire Isaac for navigating and choosing a lovely route.

Friday 10th May - Visit to the New Forest Hunt Kennels, Lyndhurst

Unfortunately, I missed this one but according to our Chairman, Andrew, it was a great event:

"The lovely Cherie organised an evening visit to NFH. The weather was gorgeous and the team at NFH couldn't have been more welcoming. Turnout of members was also very impressive! The team talked us through the running of the yard and kennels, which were immaculate. They also took us through not only a typical day at the kennels, but also how a day's hunting runs from start to finish. I learned so much and didn't realise how much was involved and was also amazed at the cost of running the operation. The huntsman then talked us through the care of the hounds, which he did with great enthusiasm and passion. We all got to see the hounds close up, followed by a special treat to go in with the puppies! Although they are now big puppies!! Finally we were treated to lovely refreshments."

All in all, a fabulous evening. We all made a donation to the running of the hunt, which was gratefully received. We should do it again.....it was fab!!"



Sat 18th May - Dressage Instruction/Test and Clear Round Jumping at Brenda's



After the miserable weather we endured at last year's event, it was lovely to see the sunshine. The lovely Nikki Green was excellent as usual, giving everyone some great instruction which improved their horses was of going. This time I was lucky enough to write for the judge and it was fascinating to hear Nikki's comments on the first ride through, compared to the actual test. Poor Wendy had her hands full with an excitable Laila, who decided she would much rather join in with the jumping than concentrate on boring flatwork! Wendy coped admirably and managed a respectable test by the end of the session. Sandra and Andrew did a great job coordinating the clear round jumping

It was fantastic to see so many of you who popped in to help and support the event. It was a lovely social morning and Debbie's delicious cakes went down a treat as usual. Thanks Debbie!

Stuff that's happening...

Friday 28th to Sunday 30th June - Summer Camp at Brenda's Fields, Burgate



Yes it's Summer Camp time again. If you are a new member, don't be daunted - just think of it as a relaxed social with your best friend in tow! Come and set up on Friday and bring your own grub or enjoy a takeaway (at own cost), washed down with a few bevvies to relax you into the weekend.

We now have a packed itinerary (phew!) including a treasure hunt, working equitation, training with Trudi and a rider physio session with Gina Hemmings . If you have any energy left, Tina (the craft lady extraordinaire) will be helping us to make hobby horses in the hope that there may be some good enough to auction off for the Salisbury Hospice! Also there will be food on the Saturday evening (hopefully a BBQ) and games for the humans. Come and join us for only £80 per person (Ref: Camp). Just contact Brenda (pootlin@hotmail.com) to book your place.

Saturday 7th July - New Forest Hunt Fun Ride at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne

I know a few of our members will be attending this Fun Ride being organised by the NFH, so we thought we would highlight it for everybody. It's a 7 mile scenic route with optional jumping. For more information or to book your place, please visit newforesthounds.co.uk.

Saturday 13th July - Breakfast Gathering at The Horse & Groom, Woodgreen

Please note the change of venue for this one! Enjoy a ride across the forest to meet at The Horse & Groom at 10.30am and then partake in delicious breakfast baps and steaming mugs of tea and fresh coffee. The cost is £10 per person (Ref: Breakfast Ride) and the contact for this one is me! (sharon.rupertbear@hotmail.co.uk). Please let me know your choice of bap (gluten free option available) when booking:

Bacon / Bacon & Egg / Sausage / Sausage & Egg / Veggie Sausage & Egg

End of July/August - Clinics

Keep a lookout on our Facebook page as we plan to run some flatwork, polework and jump clinics. Dates and details to follow. The contact for these will be Alex (alextaylor31@me.com).

Future dates for your diary...

- Sunday 15th September - Horse & Hound Competition
- Sunday 22nd September - Tack Sale
- Saturday 26th October - Halloween Event
- Thursday 7th November - AGM
- Saturday 7th December - Xmas Ride

And finally...

TOP TIP FOR FREE TICKETS! If any members are planning to go to Blenheim Horse Trials on 19th to 22nd September, please note that if you go onto their website and book tickets in advance they are FREE for the Thursday and Friday and you get 20% off on the Saturday and Sunday. All you have to do is enter your British Riding Clubs membership number. Probably worth checking for other big events as well!

CLUB CLOTHING NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER! We are now offering club polo shirts (£18 each), hoodies (£30) and caps (£10) in royal blue with the GVRC logo. The clothing sizes available are:

Ladies: XS (8) S (10) M (12) L (14) XL (16) XXL (18)

Mens: S (35/37) M (38/40) L (41/43) XL (44/47) XXL (48/50)

Please contact Wendy (wtreble@btinternet.com) with your order and make payment (Ref: Clothing) into the GVRC account in advance. We are not planning to hold any stock so if you want an item, please order NOW as it might be a while before we place another order.

Hope to see you at camp!
Sharon x

Bank details for payments are: Sort code: 30-97-08 Account no: 01404126

Please make sure you put the appropriate reference otherwise it is exceedingly difficult for our Treasurer, Sally, to keep track of who has paid what for when!!!