

Gipping Riding Society July 2015 Newsletter

Here we go again then! I hope his newsletter finds you and your horses well. Hopefully you've been able to make it to a few of our events since the last newsletter. The committee has been flat out and it doesn't show any signs of slowing up yet!

BRC ODE @ Poplar Park 28.06.2015

As a club we were very excited to be able to put forward a team to take part in the British Riding Clubs One Day Event. The team consisted of Rachel Pyke, Charlotte Gage, Helen Lambert & Bex Cross. Sadly Bex had to withdraw due to her horse unfortunately suffering a bruised sole. Bex did then take up the role of chef d'équipe and was able to help everyone on the day. Horses and riders did a grand job over the 3 disciplines with an up to height XC course causing a few problems for all competitors. Sadly no team placing but Charlotte



secured an individual 6th placing which was fantastic considering it was the pair's first attempt at an ODE! Remember any members can represent GRS at the BRC events so don't be shy get your name down!

Evening Show Jumping @ High House

Unbelievably we had to postpone one of the evening show jumping events due to the hot weather! Very hard to remember the last time we had to make a decision like that! The club was delighted to see plenty of support for the 2 evenings with a good amount of members turning up to take part. The atmosphere at these events is lovely, lots of encouragement from everyone makes for a fun evening all round. As always thanks to those who helped setting up and clearing away after we cannot stress enough what a difference having help makes. Thank you to Trevor Connick for getting some cracking action shots!



Social Ride & Scavenger Hunt 19.07.2015

This is the second year we decided to use the lovely riding set round Poplar Park and yet again we received lovely feedback about the ride. Also we managed to get beautiful sunshine which always makes for a better day out. So with ideal weather, lovely sandy tracks and plenty of cake on offer we managed to tempt a good number of riders. Everyone had a very enjoyable ride with everyone managing to find their way home again. We only had one little issue in one spot but have



taken note and will not bother with yellow coloured arrows in the future, these tended to not be as visible as the white arrows. Riders were also treated to not only a lovely rosette but a packet of polos for their hard working horses. This year we added a children's scavenger hunt for our younger riders. We were impressed to have each come back with a complete list of treasures. Each rider then got a little goody bag and a rosette. This is definitely something we would like to run again perhaps from a different venue however everyone thoroughly enjoyed having a splash through not 1 but 2 water jumps!

Annual Show Update

Planning was well on the way for the annual show in September when disaster struck and we lost our Stonham Barns venue. This was a real blow as the past 2 years had seen the show grow considerably and the space the showground provided was perfect. Still these things happen and it takes more than that to put the committee off its stride! The good news is we will still be running a show in September just on a somewhat smaller scale. The show will be all about having fun with a handy pony ring, jumping as well as in hand and ridden showing classes. All entries will be taken on the day and the schedule will be available shortly. The new date for the show is **SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER** to be held at **CROWS HALL, DEBENHAM**. As always we ask if anyone is willing to help on the day please let us know as there of plenty of jobs to fill!

Caption Competition!

Here's a little bit of fun for everyone! Below is a photo captured by Anne at our Social Ride in July but what caption do you think completes the picture? Please send your suggestions to Bex Rebecca.cross@kocurek.co.uk and a winner will be picked who will receive a rather splendid prize donated by Tack & Turnout! So get thinking and get your entry in! Entries close 05.09.2015.



Club Training

We've had lots of people asking when training will commence again and we're please to say training will be starting up again in September. This will be held at Tophorn and the instructor will be Anne. Further dates will be emailed out and updated on the website. Having listened to our members we are now still aiming to hold 2 sessions a month but one will take place on a weekend to allow those who can't make the weekday sessions to take part. We are also looking at having different instructors so we can offer members a real variety of sessions. If you wish to take part in training please email our new email address – traininggrs@gmail.com
The next junior training is due to be held on 05.09.2015.



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Dates For Your Diary

1st September – Training at Tophorn

5th September – Junior Training, Paddock Barn, Creting St Peter – Please contact Lynne Jardine if you wish to attend lynne@lynnejardine.co.uk

13th September - GRS Fun Show, Crows Hall, Debenham

October - GRS Dressage Show, Crows Hall, Debenham

October – GRS Quiz Night

November – GRS AGM

December – BRC Area Dressage Qualifier

Anything to add?

If you've any comments, suggestions or ideas for the newsletter please email Bex –

Rebecca.cross@kocurek.co.uk Also if you've any pictures of you and your horse at our events please send them in so they can be included! Don't forget if you're interested in joining the committee then please get in touch – we're an extremely friendly bunch and some of us make exceptional good cake which is always available at meetings!