



# NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2013

## **Editor's Bit**

Hope you all enjoyed yourselves during the Christmas period and didn't over indulge too much!! I always feel more positive after Christmas as the shortest day has passed and the days will soon be noticeably lengthening as spring is on its way.

This, the last Newsletter of 2013 will be rather short as it is mainly sent out to remind you to renew your membership for next year and give you more details of the Presentation Evening on the 25<sup>th</sup> January, enable you to make your choice from the Menu and book your tickets. We do however have details regarding a New Year's ride which hopefully many of you will be able to attend. I always think it's good to have something to look forward to early in the year after all the festive events around Christmas and New Year are over.

As usual in the December Newsletter you will find the Horse Registration Form 2014 (but not the Associate Member Enrolment as Sue will explain later) which you will need to complete and return to Jean Merchant, 259, Rochdale and Bury Old Road, Heywood, Lancashire, OL10 4BQ if you wish to be eligible for next year's trophies. There is also a 2014 Social Ride Entry Form; please make copies of this if you do not have internet access.

So, don't forget to order your tickets and choose your meal for the Presentation Evening by the very latest date of 16 January and get your entry in for the Croal Irwell ride at the beginning of February.

Meanwhile - Happy New Year and hope to see you at the Presentation Evening.

Regards  
Helen

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## **From the Chair.....**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

I do hope you are all having a good time over the festive season. It does seem to come around so quickly and then after weeks of frantically rushing trying to shop for presents and get everything ready, it passes in the blink of an eyelid doesn't it? Anyway it's all good fun – you can tell that I am certainly not one of the 'bah humbug' brigade ha!

Once New Year is past, it will be time to start preparing for the season ahead - although I know that many of you will have already started. There are plenty of

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things to do, not least of which is to renew your membership. Full members have always renewed their membership and horse registrations at Stoneleigh, either by post or increasingly on-line, so please do this a.s.a.p. You will find all the details on the main EGB website. The good news this year you may remember, is that Associate Members are now able to renew on-line at Stoneleigh. As the system for AM's has changed this year we have NOT included Associate Member forms with this newsletter as I assume that many of you will wish to renew online (it saves postage remember). For those of you who would like to do so by post however, there will shortly be some forms for you to download on the EGB Lancs website. If you do not have access to this ( or no-one else can print a form off for you, then please contact our membership secretary Jean Merchant (address below) who will help you sort everything out.

All Lancs group members who wish to receive a mileage card for their horse for 2014 will need to complete a Horse Registration Form. One of these is enclosed with this newsletter but please remember you will need a separate card for each horse you are riding. We are sorry that you cannot yet register your horse for a Lancs Group mileage card on line, but we are currently upgrading the website (I know it is long overdue) and we are hoping to have this facility available in the not too distant future.

Once you have done all the paperwork etc it will then be time to think of the forthcoming rides. You will be pleased to hear that we have managed to put an early season ride on by re-instating the Croal Irwell ride with a slightly improved route. We must congratulate Jean Merchant yet again for this, as she has managed to investigate the route and venue, and has planned the event for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – an entry form is enclosed. Further rides will be added to the fixture list after the Ride Organisers meeting in mid-January, and the said fixture list will be posted on the Lancs Website as soon as it is finalised, so keep your eye on the site from mid-Jan onwards.

Talking of registration and membership renewal reminds me of our Lancs Group AGM at the end of November. We had a full discussion there about the financial problems currently facing Endurance GB and the implications both for Lancs Group and for all of our membership. Most of you will be aware by now of the increases in membership fees for the 2014 season, and I would like to take this opportunity to assure all our members, that the decision to increase these fees was not taken lightly, but really was unavoidable if our sport is to continue. Our Associate members may feel that the increase costs are excessive, but we do believe this is still value for money and the main thing to think about are the increased benefits now available, particularly the facility to enter national pleasure rides at members rates i.e. you no longer need to pay Temporary Day Membership. If you think about it you only need to enter the two Lancashire national rides (Ulnes Walton Wander and Heapey Hack) and you will have recouped the extra membership fee. That then allows you to enter other local group's rides with no

extra cost e.g. Cheshire Frolic, Cumbria Challenge, Tebay etc!!!! So please don't be put off by these increases, just remember that we are all trying to keep the events going, and the society running as efficiently and economically as possible.

Discussion of the Lancs Group AGM leads me to another fast approaching event, that being the Lancs Group Annual Presentation Evening on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January. You will see the full details of this elsewhere in the newsletter but please everyone do make every effort to come as it really is an enjoyable evening, and it's really good to see everyone without a horse ha! Those of you who haven't been before may feel rather apprehensive about this, thinking perhaps that it isn't worth coming as you haven't won anything. However, you may be surprised – if you sent in your mileage card there is a good chance that you will at least get a mileage rosette, and every year someone is surprised to find that they have been placed in some trophy or other. So book your tickets and come along!

Finally on a very sad note I would like to send condolences on behalf of the group to Jackie Lloyd for the recent sad death of her husband David. Many of you will have met or at least seen David, enthusiastically crewing Jackie with great success. He will be sadly missed.

Take care out there!

Sue

Chairman – EGB Lancs Group

## **Reminder**

Please send all Horse Registrations to Membership Secretary Jean Merchant at 259, Rochdale and Bury Old Road, Heywood, Lancashire, OL10 4BQ.

## **Any queries re membership please contact:**

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**Endurance GB – Lancashire Group**

**CROAL-IRWELL VALLEY, BURY**  
**PLEASURE RIDE**

(Post code to venue will be sent to you with Directions to Venue)

**SUNDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY 2014**

21km (13 miles)

Members and Non-members welcome

This is a wonderful New Year ride through the Croal-Irwell Valley incorporating mostly woodlands, no gates, and very little roadwork.

A rosette is presented after completing the ride.

- Ample hard standing for parking,
- **No** toilet or water facilities. Bring your own refreshments!
- Ride pre-marked. Maps. Marshalls
- First Aider in attendance at venue
- Rules & regulations as per EGB handbook.
- Ride start times **between 9am and 10.30am** (no later please)
- Entry Fees: £15 EGB members, £18 Non-members
- Entry forms on website: [www.lancs-egb.org.uk](http://www.lancs-egb.org.uk)  
(events & fixtures, social ride entry)
- Cheques payable to “**EGB-LANCS GROUP**”

Please include an **A5 SAE** (use “large” stamp for **more** than 1 entry) for return of map, ride information and directions to venue, to:

**Jenny Rand, 41 Parkway, Greave, Rochdale, OL11 5EE**

For further details, please contact Ride Organisers:

**Jean Merchant - 07814 630999** or **JENNY RAND – 07729 655634**

Please clean up after your horse so don't forget your bucket & shovel

Have a smashing ride! 😊

**Presentation and Awards Night – Saturday**  
**25<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

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As for the last two seasons, this year's presentation evening will be held at Ribby Hall near Kirkham. This has been a very successful venue for us, as it not only has a lovely room with pleasant atmosphere but the food and staff service are excellent.

The evening will follow a similar format to normal by starting at 7.30pm with a full three course meal, followed by the presentation of awards. As usual we all get dressed up in our posh togs, (enjoying the change from horsey gear) and hopefully relax, eat, drink and be merry chatting and socialising with friends old and new. This year's guest who has kindly agreed to come and present the awards is our EGB National Chairman, Karen Collier. So please make every effort to come along, and also try to encourage your family and/or friends to come with you to help you to enjoy the evening. This invitation is especially true for some of our newer members to the group; please do come and join us and take the opportunity to meet some of the other members. It really is a good chance to get to know everyone, in more leisurely circumstances than at a competition or ride. It is usually is a good night for all!

A route map and directions to Ribby Hall, will accompany the tickets when they are sent out to you, but it really is easy to find being directly off the M55 Junction 3. Please read the menu below and make your selection on the attached form ASAP - it is important you send in your ticket request by 16<sup>th</sup> January AT THE LATEST! The price per ticket is £20 per person for the three courses, plus coffee or tea etc. Where else do you get such a good deal in the company of your friends? It is good value, but the evening as a whole including the meal, has been subsidised by the society, so please do take advantage of the offer and support your group by buying tickets and coming to what should be a very enjoyable social evening - not to mention picking up your rosettes and prizes and taking part in our wonderful raffle of course!!!!

The menu for the evening is as follows:

**Endurance GB Lancashire Group  
Awards Presentation Evening  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**Please choose one option from each course to create your menu**

**Starter**

Cream of Seasonal Vegetable Soup, Sweet Potato Crisps  
Wild Mushroom Feuilleté, Basil Buerre Blanc  
Chicken Liver & Cognac Parfait, Red Onion Jam, Homemade Toasted  
Brioche

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**Main Course**

Roast Chicken Breast, Thyme Fondant Potato, Vermouth Cream Sauce,  
Tarragon Emulsion

Pave of Salmon, Honey & Orange Glaze, Beetroot Puree, Crushed New  
Potato Cake

Ribble Valley Loin of Pork, Roast Potatoes, Crackling, Cider Jus

**Vegetarian Option**

Basil infused savoury pancakes with wild mushroom & spinach, topped  
with a smoked cheese sauce

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**Dessert**

Triple Chocolate Cheesecake, Vanilla Anglaise

Passion Fruit Tart, Homemade Dark Chocolate Ice Cream

Light Toffee Apple Sponge Pudding, Calvados Custard

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*To follow, Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee*

**£20.00 per person**

Awards kindly presented by Karen Collier - Chairman Endurance GB

**Doesn't that all sound great?**

Please indicate your choice of menu on the form enclosed, and send your completed form, together with a **cheque** made **payable to EGB**

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**Lancs Group for £20 per person, and a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE, to me (Sue Taylor-Green) by 16th January 2014 AT THE VERY LATEST!!!!!!**

N.B. It is probably worth you making a note of your choices on the above menu to remind you what you have selected!

As usual we will also end the evening with a 'Rowdy Raffle' - You may recall that we do have some quite good prizes for this and Lynne Jackson always manages to obtain some wonderful prizes from very generous local donors. Lynne did place a request in the last newsletter for help on this and we would just like to remind you of her words i.e.

*"We have had some very generous quality prizes donated the last two years. It would be great if we can keep this standard going, so I would like to appeal to all members especially if you have a business in which you could donate your product or time. Anything equine would be great eg Tack riding lesson/training, maybe a weekend accommodation for horse and rider. Or are you a hairdresser/beautician, butcher, baker even candlestick maker!! Anything that you think will be a quality usable prize. I will be most interested and pleased to hear from anyone with an idea. Please contact me at [lynne.jackson56@btinternet.com](mailto:lynne.jackson56@btinternet.com) or mob 07825373550. Thanks - Lynne Jackson"*

**So please give that some thought.** Sue \_\_\_\_\_ DISCLAIMER ANY COMMENTS MADE IN LETTERS RECEIVED FOR INCLUSION IN THIS NEWSLETTER ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE VIEWS OF THE EDITOR OR MEMBERS OF THE EGB LANCASHIRE GROUP COMMITTEE \_\_\_\_\_

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You are welcome to contact any of the above but if your query is specific to a role above, then we suggest that you contact the appropriate Committee Member, in the first instance.

**The Annual Presentation Evening 2014**

**EGB Lancs Group  
Annual Awards Evening – Saturday 25 January 2014  
Booking Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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*The Lancashire Group of Endurance GB*

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Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque enclosed amount \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number required for each of the choices for each course:

**Starter:**

Cream of Seasonal Vegetable Soup \_\_\_\_\_

Wild Mushroom Feuilleté, Basil Buerre Blanc \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Liver & Cognac Parfait, Red Onion Jam, Toasted Brioche \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Course:**

Roast Chicken Breast, Fondant Potato, etc \_\_\_\_\_

Pave of Salmon, Honey & Orange Glaze, etc \_\_\_\_\_

Ribble Valley Loin of Pork, Roast Potatoes, etc \_\_\_\_\_

Basil infused savoury pancakes with wild mushroom & spinach, topped with a smoked cheese sauce \_\_\_\_\_

**Desserts:**

Triple Chocolate Cheesecake, Vanilla Anglaise \_\_\_\_\_

Passion Fruit Tart, Homemade Dark Chocolate Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_

Light Toffee Apple Sponge Pudding, Calvados Custard \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form, with cheque payable to EGB Lancs Group for **£20** per person **plus SAE**, to Sue Taylor-Green, Nursery Cottage, Ulnes Walton Lane, Leyland, Lancs, PR26 8LU, by 16/1/2014 (at the latest) if you have any problems with this please phone on 01772 436043

**Tickets will be returned to you together with a venue map, early in the New Year.**

