

NEWSLETTER



April 2017

Editor's Bit

Hello everyone!

Once again, I hope you are all well and enjoying the 2017 season. This edition of the newsletter has all the successes of our group from last year that were celebrated at the awards evening and we have received a touching obituary from Jackie Lloyd and Sam Parkinson following the sad loss of their steeds last year. Members of all ages should check out the Young Riders' section this edition as Kate Atkinson has written an interesting piece on her 2017 FEI season so far. I hope you enjoy the newsletter and if you would like to submit something for the June edition, please do not hesitate to email it over. I can edit upon request; s.g.crabtree@icloud.com

We also have a few notices through this newsletter, read carefully and if you have any further questions contact one of us on the Committee (contacts on back page).

Please remember to print off and complete the horse registration form from the Lancs website, send to Sarah Bamber, Flowerhill Farm, Wardle, Rochdale, OL12 9PL with an A5 SAE.

Sarah Bamber our Members' Secretary has a few words to say about the season so far as a Lancashire member and some important reminders for all our members.

Susy x

Membership in the group is looking healthy with the new season off to a good start.

The 1st event in January was the training day arranged by Linda, Sue and I. Gemma Pearson a well-respected vet, horse behaviourist and endurance rider, Lisa Emerson from EquiFit Physio and Anna Welch from TopSpec feeds and endurance rider were the speakers for the day. They are all very knowledgeable in their chosen fields of expertise; we all came away having learned lots. The day was very well attended with 37 people booked on; fellow riders from Cheshire and West Riding groups joined us at Chorley Equestrian Centre.

The next event was Knowing your Rights and Responsibilities on the Roads. Ellen Shaw, a local Barrister and keen horse rider, along with Adam and Dave from Lancashire mounted police gave an interesting talk. Staying safe when riding on the roads was the main topic of the evening, they even brought their Police horses, although they had to stay at the truck in the car park. 20 people came along including members and friends.

Feedback from both events was very positive from everyone who attended, which is encouraging. If you have any ideas for future events please let me know.

As members' secretary I have endeavoured to keep up with the demand for ride cards, so far so good. Although, I haven't received many horse registration forms from you all. This is an important part of your membership records which helps with the end of season awards at the presentation evening. Please try to get the forms to me as soon as you can.

All riders now need to be registered with National EGB to enter in national events. Registering is FREE for non-members and their horses; you must register before trying to enter any national pleasure rides. Simply log onto the main Endurance GB website and register in the member's area as a 'supporter'. Riding Club and pony club members can join as a 'club' member.

Once registered your details will be easy to find each time you want to enter a new ride.

Finally, as ride secretary for Piethorne pleasure ride next month I am pleased to report that it is filling up quickly. Only 15 places are left so send your entry forms to me ASAP to guarantee a place. Sarah.

Supporter Ideal for	Club Member Ideal for	
 Doing Pleasure Rides providing a new challenge Registration is free Join Now Find out more 	 Pony Club Members Riding Club Members Members of ROR Join Now Find out more 	
Remember to register on the Endurance GB website. It is free to register and no membership purchase is necessary.		

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From the Chair

Hi again everyone,

Well the season is well underway now and everyone seems happy so far. We have had quite a few successful national competitive results from group members, which is always encouraging, some of which can be read about later in this newsletter. We also have seen several of our own group Pleasure Rides take place very successfully with smiling faces all round, so keep at it Lancashire we are doing a good job.

We set the year off to a good start with the Annual Presentation Night, once again held at Ribby Hall. The results for this are printed at the end of the newsletter for those who either weren't there on the night, or have not managed to read them on the group website. I think it went really well; we had a good spread of awards and a good mix of members collecting them. I was pleased to see a few new members coming along to join in the fun - they will obviously now be 'hooked' by the event and should be regular attendees.

The group-training day in January was very pleasing with plenty turning up for the occasion, even from surrounding groups. You can read about that in Sarah's report but it was very informative – although a freezing day ha! Sarah's Road Safety Event, another very successful addition to our training and education calendar, followed this training.

I also cannot go without mentioning our AGM in March, where the Annual Ride Organiser Meeting followed the formal proceedings. The AGM went well with just a few questions and queries raised by the membership, and as most of the ride dates had already been sorted, the RO meeting went extremely smoothly. As usual, I would like to say thank you to all the Ride Organisers who are happy to put in the time and effort to produce these rides for everyone. I think it is worth mentioning that the AGM was three months later than usual this year in order to get in line with National and the accounting year reports etc. In addition, we usually hold the Ride Organiser meeting in January to get the ride schedule on line as quickly as possible. However, due to clashes of dates etc. we needed to hold the RO and AGM meetings together. This unfortunately meant that ride information went online a bit later than usual – our apologies for this but everyone has the info now, and this timing of RO meetings shouldn't take place this late again.

One of the main events of the AGM is the re-election of committee members followed by a committee meeting at which the committee decide on the roles they will perform for the following year. After some 13 or more years of being Lancs Group Chairperson, I have decided it is time for someone else to take up the reins (sorry for the pun!). I have really enjoyed these years and the variety of events, occasions and processes I have been involved in but feel it is time to take a back seat, so this will probably be the last Chairman's Bit that I will write for the newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our membership, past and present, for all the support given and fun we have had during this time. Unfortunately, at the time of writing we are not sure who will be taking over as Chairman. This will be decided at our next committee meeting, but do not worry folks - we will keep you informed.

On another note that is again a bit disappointing, we have decided to cancel the Ulnes Walton Wander Ride for this year. Unfortunately, the ride date was changed from the usual end of April date, to the Bank Holiday Weekend on Sunday 28th May. This was due to ride schedule clashes and venue availability dates but was not the best of choices. To date we have very few offers of assistance, for the day and also for marking and secretarial duties etc. beforehand. We also have few entries this year in comparison to previous patterns. I know this is because of the Bank Holiday as so many people are going away on holiday, are at weddings or are going to the Cranwell Ride over the weekend. You cannot blame anyone for this as it is a holiday weekend. Additionally because of my health issues, I know I am not up to doing as much of the tasks as usual and need to avoid the additional stress, so we have decided to cancel for this year - my apologies to everyone who was planning to do the ride.

Well I have finally come to the end of my bit. Sorry again for the slightly disappointing news at the end, but don't worry we will be riding it again before long.

Once again, I would like to wish everyone the best of luck for the rest of the season – I may see you out there at a forthcoming ride. In the meantime, have fun and the best of wishes to everyone with your new Chairperson. Take care out there Sue x.

Young Rider Information



Lancashire member Kate Atkinson: Photo credit David Saunders.

Thanks to the organisers and helpers of two well run FEI events I have been able to qualify two of my horses for the young rider world championships later this year. There is no greater feeling than having success after such hard work.

We took DNS Ronaldo (Nessie) to Kings Forest, a relatively fast and flat event, with the hope to complete the 120km CEI2*. The course was riding really well and Nessie was vetting quickly, this led to us riding at a reasonable pace. We finished in 2nd place at 18.44kph, this gave me a a real sense of achievement knowing he performed successfully like that due to all the hard work and training I had done with him.

Two weeks later we took HS Prosper to Haywood Oaks, again with the same goal, but the course was different, the horse was different, and the conditions were different. So, although I had trained both horses at home at similar speeds, on the day Prosper and I rode slower. We ended up finishing the ride in first place, but due to the terrain being more unpredictable and us doing half the ride by ourselves, we only rode at just over 14kph, still a great success. Two weeks, two horses, two 120km CEI2* events, and two fantastic achievements. When hard training, a good team, wonderful organisation and a little bit of luck come together, it really shows how great our sport is. Kate.



Please Remember!

All Young Persons (under 18 years old) will need to take a completed Parental Consent Form to every ride they take part in. This includes Group Pleasure Rides as well as National Rides.

If this applies to you, you will need to **download a copy of the form**, get your parent/guardian to complete it, and place it in an envelope with your name and 'Parental Consent Form' written clearly on the front. You should hand this in to the Ride Secretary when you collect your number bib at every ride you go to. They should return the envelope to you at the end of the ride so you can re-use it if you wish.

Members' News



Recollections of Horsing Around: An Obituary to Minstrel Max and Miss April.

Minstral Max , owned by Sam Parkinson and Miss April, owned by Jackie Lloyd covered thousands of miles together on Endurance rides, pleasure rides and horseback holidays over a period of almost twenty years. They were great pals and there was never a cross word between them. Sam and I met through our horses in the early 90's and have remained friends ever since. We have Max and April to thank for that! How fitting then that Sam and I should lose our wonderful companions on the same day – and so it seemed appropriate as well as a fitting tribute to two fantastic steeds, to write about them together today!

Here are a few words from each of us of our memories:



April found me, not the other way around as is usually the case. I certainly wasn't shopping for a horse! In fact, I had only just learnt to ride back then, in the early 90's - I was a late starter; when one day along came April's owner to ask if I would like to exercise her! At this point I had only hacked out on riding school ponies, so the very prospect scared me to death.

But, after just two or three rides out, alongside April's mother, Amber, I was given total freedom to ride Miss April whenever and wherever I wanted. Here began my love affair with that very special horse in particular, and with the Arabian horse in general. I was immediately afflicted with the severe condition commonly known as "Arabitis" and I became determined to make the lovely Miss April my very own. A few months later I fulfilled my ambition of owning her and from there on we were inseparable. We hacked out endlessly together and were always reluctant to turn for home. It was on one of our very long rides out locally in Rivington that we came across a posse of riders who trotted past us at a stonking pace, all wearing bibs, and many riding Arabian horses. Unable to resist the temptation to engage in a lively trot, I pushed April on and spent a happy hour riding alongside them, chatting merrily about the ups and downs of horse ownership. I discovered they were riding with "The Endurance Horse and Pony Society" and so when I eventually peeled away from them to head for

home, I took a detour into the "venue" where they had started from to obtain more details! Soon after, I met Sam and loaned a horse and we rode out together a lot. Then Sam bought Max and from then on our two horses became "partners in crime". We have all been involved in Endurance ever since.

I have so much to thank Miss April for. She loved what she did and we loved doing it together. We were a partnership and we had a ball. I'll never forget her; you never do forget your first horse! But she also gave me so many "firsts" for which I shall be eternally grateful : first solo ride out, first trot, first canter, first rosette, first award, first fall, first accident, first horse riding holiday, to name but a few. She made me believe in myself - I always believed in her.

I miss her every day that she is gone but I will remember her kind eye, her soft whinny and the wind in our hair! I'm am proud to say that on her very last morning she ate a hearty meal and trotted up the field with a spring in her step and a light in her eye. It was a last act of kindness, the hardest thing I have ever had to do, but I did it for her; my friend and companion for more than twenty years... Goodnight Miss April, you will always be in my heart.



I felt my dreams had come true when I progressed from lessons at Chorley Equestrian Centre, to loaning a pretty chestnut Welsh Arab called Vincent, but that was only the start. I'd ridden regularly as a child, but buying me a much longed for pony was beyond the family budget. Everything moved on to another level of horsey fun when a space was announced in our yard's rentable horsebox, to an event called an 'endurance ride'. I gamely volunteered with Vincent's owner's advice

ringing in my ears, to "Be brave and have fun."

The first collection en route to the Yorkshire Dales was an elegant grey Arab and her owner, a rather smart and gregarious lady called....yes, you've guessed it....Jackie Lloyd. We chattered all the way there, all round the 25 mile route (an average pleasure ride in those EHPS days) all the way back and on many happy horsey occasions in the 22 years since.

When my son Will turned one, my husband became suspiciously keen for me to buy my own horse and I was only too pleased to cooperate. Seven year old, Irish Cob (Minstrel) Max was bought in 2000, the old fashioned way, from a Farmers' Guardian advert. I fell in love with his bonny head, two-tone piebald tail and eager engine. Somehow, Jackie and the gang decided that I had the best brakes and consequently encouraged me to head up every canter. This didn't account for April's Arab turbo boost kicking in, at which point Jackie would sweetly apologise and zoom by with a joyful grin.

Our annual trip to Lindum, since 2002 has always been a particular highlight, becoming a ladies' jolly, involving wine, gossip, shopping and fabulously long canters through Lincolnshire fields. My most treasured memories with Max though, are of the Pony Club endurance rides completed with Will, even when I had to half-halt all way round, to restrict Max's keen stride to pony pace.

His increasing arthritis led me to retire Max earlier than planned at an otherwise fit 23 years and he became a sensible baby sitter to our foal. I chose to keep and breed from Will's lovely little bay, Cuillin, who then impressed us all by completing Grade 1s in her novice year last season, just months after weaning her baby. I've been blessed to have such a great little horse to lessen Max's loss. April's final day had been carefully planned and emotionally anticipated. How uncanny it was that Max also went to sleep on that sunny October day, to avoid unpleasant surgery and another painfully arthritic winter. I like to think of them racing between the clouds together in horse heaven.

What do I miss most about Max? Having a cuddle around that thick cob neck and burying my hand in his ridiculously hairy winter coat, or having to only think 'canter' for him to bound forward enthusiastically on any terrain? Max was the most willing, kindly, reliable gentleman I could have hoped for as my first horse and better still as my best friend. Farewell Minstrel Max Farewell Miss April Sam and I loved you both You gave us so much We were proud to partner you Proud to ride you Proud to care for you



And we will be forever proud to remember you.



EGB Lancashire Group Awards Presentation Evening Saturday 28th January 2017

This year we welcomed and were assisted in the presentation of awards by well-known Lancs Group rider Annette Schumer. Sadly Annette physically left our group this summer to return to her native Holland after spending a happy 5 years here, living with her family in Croston. Annette has been a valued member of both EGB and Ulnes Walton Bridleways Association committee, and for that reason, we asked her if she would kindly present our awards for 2016. We were so pleased she was able to accept the invitation and she made the flight over from Holland especially to be with us. A big thank you from all of Lancashire EGB and well done everyone!

Annual Distance Rosettes – in ascending order of distance: 100 km:

Zim Nazka	Carolyn Livesey	103
Pantfawnog Gem	Steph Duxbury	112
Moon Magician	Sue Taylor-Green	124
Selena of Caenlochan	Maxine Braithwaite & Colin	136
	Proctor	

NL Navassa	Linda Earnshaw	136
Tommy Piglet	Judy Ainley	139
Rock of Cashel	Pat Kelly	153
Cliquot of Scaleby	Amanda Crompton	178

100 km:

LTF Epic Snowman Oatis Toiseach Feasgar	Bond Hardman Jane Rothwell Diane Hudson Rebecca Paul	
200 km:		
Meadowland Mack	Tania Fitton	204
Blanche	Evelyn Helme & Susy Rossi	212
Rassam	Anne Booth	214
Just Ted	Annette Schumer	239
Badran	Hannah Ormerod	246
Valrizz Faerie Ffion	Val Pilling	257
Pippa	Rosemary Bowen	274
Tommy	Diane Hudson	
Pedantic	Alison Fearn	
Kyle Rocky	Gail Green	
Colonel	Lynn Cooper	
Shannon	Phil Cooper	
Absolution	Karen Morgan	
Riyah Raquuassah	Karen Corr	
300 km:		
Tyersall Bay Beauty	Janet Bebbington	312
Highlander	Amanda Crompton	316
Lindle Sir Gallahad	Angela Leadbetter	322
Ge Al Amira	Sarah Bamber	336

Topend Lancealot Orelie Griff Valeside Millicent	Steph Duxbury Chris Fitton Stephen Reece & Elizabeth Nabb	339 382 398
400 km:		
Egyptian Whirlwind	Linda Cowperthwaite	400
BHA Sultan	Linda Cowperthwaite	400
Briargrove Golden Hanif	Claire Dawes	419
Asmall Cuillin	Sam Parkinson	419
Redhouse Lily Marlene	Jackie Lloyd & Carolyn	423
	Livesey	
Roxie	Sara Kavanagher	429
Summer Breeze	Evelyn Helme, Linda	434
	Cowperthwaite & Susy Rossi	
Hilin Dollar	Max Wilson	459
Khalifa BJ	Jackie Lloyd & Carolyn	467
	Livesey	
Weeping Willow	Glenda Griffin	472
Maraday Mysteron	Linda Cowperthwaite	474
Indyanna	Nicky Clark	490

500 km:		
Sandy W	Lily Gibbons	539
Daylight Rich	Pauline McCartney	563

600 km: Ellie Puggles Pantyfid Cloudy Gizmo Peterbrook Sunset Surprise	Judy Ainley & Mark Tinsley Jenny Rand Izzy Wilson & Kath Wilson Carolyn Cummings	605 628.5 633 696
700 km: Addiewell Prince Charming	Gillian Bower	705
800 km: Elbrich Fan Wolsom	Cath Houghton	894
1000 km: Rylands Max A Million	Jamie Houghton	1041

Cumulative Awards

Total kilometres achieved by these horses during their endurance career.

1000 km:

Indyanna	Nicky Clark	1182.5
Sandy W	Lily Gibbons	1131.5
Addiewell Prince Charming	Gillian Bower	1048
Elbrich Fan Wolsom	Cath Houghton	1782

2000 km:		
Miss Kitty	Sarah Bamber	2129
Pantyfid Cloudy	Jenny Rand	2583
Gizmo	Izzy Wilson	2188
Ryelands Max a Million	Jamie Houghton	2484.5
15000 km:		
Peterbrook Sunset Surprise	Carolyn Cummings	15487

Lancashire Rosebud Trophy (Donated by Bob and Diane Payne) – awarded to the best young/junior rider completing the greatest number of Non-Competitive kilometres on one or more horse/pony. 1st MAX WILSON 2nd IZZY WILSON 3rd LILY GIBBONS

April Primrose Trophy (donated by Janet Bebbington) - Awarded to the Veteran Rider who is 60 years of age and older who has successfully completed the greatest number of kms in Pleasure Rides 1ST JENNY RAND 2ND PAULINE MCCARTNEY 3RD JUDY AINLEY 4th JANET BEBBINGTON 5TH CAROLYN CUMMINGS **Pendle Salver** (donated by Jane Wood) – to the best Veteran noncompetitive Horse or Pony, which is 18 years of age and older which has successfully completed the greatest number of kms in EGB Lancs Group Pleasure Rides 1ST ROXIE 2ND HIGHLANDER 3RD PETERBROOK SUNSET SURPRISE

The Ellie Trophy (donated by Janet Bebbington) which is awarded to the horse or pony in its first season of rides taking place in pleasure rides only. 1ST ELLIE PUGGLES 2ND TOPEND LANCELOT 3RD HIGHLANDER 4TH PIPPA 5TH VALRIZZ FAERIE FFION 6TH SNOWMAN

Arab Cup (donated by Lancs EGB) - Awarded to the best Horse or Pony registered with the Arab Horse Society, which has successfully completed the greatest number of non-competitive kms 1ST DAYLIGHT RICH 2ND BRIARGROVE GOLDEN HANIF 3RD GE AL AMIRA 4TH LINDLE SIR GALLAHAD 5TH NL NAVASSA **The Pepper D Trophy** (donated By Sarah Webster) for the horse or pony which is not pure, part or Anglo Arab taking part in pleasure rides only:

1ST ELBRICH VAN WOLSOM 2ND RYELANDS MAX A MILLION 3RD PANTYFID CLOUDY 4TH ELLIE PUGGLES 5TH ADDIEWELL PRINCE CHARMING 6TH CLONLYON BLUE 7TH INDYANNA 8TH ROXIE 9TH VALESIDE MILLICENT

Lancashire Rose Trophy (donated by Bob and Diane Payne) - Awarded to the Senior Rider, who has successfully completed the greatest number of non-competitive kms on one or more Horse or Pony. 1ST CATH HOUGHTON 2ND JAMIE HOUGHTON 3RD JENNY RAND 4TH SARAH BAMBER 5TH GILLIAN BOWER 6TH PAULINE McCARTNEY 7TH JUDY AINLEY 8TH TRACY RYAN 9TH NICKY CLARK 10TH STEPH DUXBURY **Tarka Trophy** (donated by Debbi Gartside)- For the best piebald or skewbald Horse or Pony, which has successfully completed the greatest number of kms in all classes of EGB Lancs approved competitive and non-competitive rides. 1ST ELLIE PUGGLES

2ND CLONLYON BLUE 3RD WEEPING WILLOW 4TH TOPEND LANCEALOT 5TH SHANNON

Winston Memorial Trophy (donated by Bob and Dot Chappell) – Awarded to the rider,, new to Long Distance Riding in their first registered season, who has successfully completed the greatest number of kms in all classes of EGB competitive and non-competitive rides.

1ST ROSEMARY BOWEN 2ND KAREN MORGAN 3RD MARK TINSLEY 4TH VAL PILLING 5TH JANE ROTHWELL 6TH KATIE MEYER

Young Rider Championship (donated by Lancs EGB)- Awarded to the best competitive Young Rider, aged 14 to 21 years old, gaining highest number of points riding one or more Horse or Pony 1ST IZZY WILSON 2ND MAX WILSON Helme Trophy (donated by Helen Helme) - Awarded to the best competitive Junior Rider aged 8 to 13 years old gaining the highest number of points in graded rides only riding one or more Horse or Pony. 1ST LILY GIBBONS

Hammadat Trophy (donated by Evelyn Helme) - Awarded to the best competitive Horse or Pony, seven years of age and under , gaining the highest number of points in all types of EGB competitive rides. 1ST REDHOUSE LILY MARLENE 2ND TANNASG SOVEREIGN 3RD EQUAL B.H.A SULTAN And SUMMER BREEZE

Collee Memorial (donated by Helen Fox) - Awarded to the best Veteran Horse or Pony who is 16 years of age and older gaining the highest number of points in all types of EGB competitive rides. 1ST PETERBROOK SUNSET SURPRISE 2ND RASSAM

ARAB Horse Society Cup (donated by Lancs. EGB) - Awarded to the best competitive Horse or Pony, which is registered with the Arab Horse Society, which has gained the highest number of points in all classes of EGB competitive rides. 1ST MARADAY MYSTERON 2ND KHALIFA BJ 3RD REDHOUSE LILY MARLENE 4TH TANNASG SOVEREIGN 5th equal B.H.A SULTAN and SUMMER BREEZE Norah Trophy (donated by Gina Stringer) - Awarded to the best competitive Horse or Pony other than Pure, Part or Anglo Arabs either registered or not registered, gaining the highest number of points in all types of EGB competitive rides. 1ST GIZMO 1 2ND SANDY W 3RD PETERBROOK SUNSET SURPRISE 4TH MEADOWLAND MACK

5TH HILIN DOLLAR

6TH MISS KITTY

Novice Trophy (donated by Lancs EGB) - Awarded to the best competitive Horse or Pony gaining the highest number of points in it's first season registered as a Novice horse/pony taking the 'slow track' only in rides of 45kms and under.

1ST SUMMER BREEZE 2ND MISS KITTY 3RD WEEPING WILLOW 4TH ASMALL CUILLIN

Cumbria Za Trophy (donated by Meriel and Peter Moon) – Awarded to the best competitive Horse or Pony, gaining the highest number of points in rides of 45 km and under only, when ridden by a senior rider. 1ST TANNASG SOVEREIGN 2ND PETERBROOK SUNSET SURPRISE 3RD ORELIE GRIFF 4TH CLIQUOT OF SCALEBY **Graded Ride Championship** (donated by Lancs EGB) Awarded to the best competitive Horse or Pony achieving the highest number of points in Graded Rides. 1ST REDHOUSE LILY MARLENE 2ND KHALIFA BJ 3RD TANNASG SOVEREIGN 4TH GIZMO 1 5TH SANDY W 6TH PETERBROOK SUNSET SURPRISE

Endurance Championship (donated by JR Houghton) - For the Horse or Pony gaining highest number of points in EGB Endurance Rides only. 1ST MARADAY MYSTERON 2ND *equa*/RASSAM AND KHALIFA BJ

Highpoint Championship - Awarded to the overall champion competitive Horse or Pony, gaining the highest number of points achieved in any type of EGB competitive ride. 1ST MARADAY MYSTERON 2ND KHALIFA BJ 3RD REDHOUSE LILY MARLENE 4TH TANNASG SOVEREIGN 5TH GIZMO 1 6TH SANDY W 7TH PETERBROOK SUNSET SURPRISE 8TH MEADOWLAND MACK 9TH EQUAL SUMMER BREEZE and BHA SULTAN 10TH EGYPTIAN WHIRLWIND **Britannia Double** (donated by Deb Bennett) - Awarded to the best pair consisting of one competitive horse/pony and one non-competitive horse/pony, gaining the highest combination of points and kilometres. (competitive horse listed first of the pair). 1ST KHALIFA BL & RYLANDS MAX A MILLION 2ND REDHOUSE LILY MARLENE & ELBRICH FAN WOLSOM 3RD MARADAY MYSTERON & ADDIEWELL PRINCE CHARMING

Chanel Pairs: (donated by Maureen Helme) Awarded to the pair of competitive Horses or Ponies, gaining the highest combined number of points in any division of EGB competitive rides. One Horse/Pony to have only completed rides of 45km and under and the other only rides of greater than 45 km will be included.

1ST MARADAY MYSTERON & SUMMER BREEZE 2ND KHALIFA BJ & RYLANDS MAX A MILLION 3RD REDHOUSE LILY MARLENE & MISS KITTY

Max And Kitty Pleasure Pairs (donated by Sarah Bamber And Jamie Houghton) for the best pair of pleasure ride horses competing in pleasure rides only, Pairs are randomly assigned this year.. 1ST ELBRICH FAN WOLSOM & ROCK OF CASHEL 2ND LINDLE SIR GALLAHAD & ELLIE PUGGLES 3RD BRIARGROVE GOLDEN HANIF & VALESIDE MILLICENT

THE WHISPERING WILLOW TROPHY (donated by Glenda Griffin) Each ride additional to the one compulsory ride, gains points which contribute to this trophy. 1ST JANET BEBBINGTON

2ND SARAH BAMBER 3RD equal PAT KELLY & GLENDA GRIFFIN 4TH equal MAXINE BRAITHWAITE & LIZ NABB

SAAR Companion Trophy

The award for someone who has either helped or assisted with an event or for someone who has generally been of valuable assistance in 2017. 1^{st} : ALICE BAMBER

The Ride Organisers awards.

Cath Houghton for two Croal Irwell Valley Rides Nicky Clark & Sarah Bamber for the Piethorn Ride. Angela Leadbetter for the Waterside Parishes Ride. Sam Parkinson and Jenny Peacock for the Pickup Bank Ride. Glenda Griffin for the Formby Ride. Maxine Braithwaite and Janet Bebbington for the Barton Ride for the

Dolphinholme Ride.

Maxine Lang and Janet Bebbington for the Dolphinholme Ride.

Sue Taylor-Green for the Ulnes Walton Wander.



Ride Reports

Sunday 9th April 2017 Croal Irwell Valley Pleasure Ride Please order your pictures at http://www.whatapicture.biz

Another successful Spring Croal ride took place on the 9th April. The weather had been really dry on the days before, making all the Bridleways and off road paths really good going, best we had seen in years. 50 riders and horses attended the event including 3 young riders who really enjoyed the day so much that one signed up to be a member of EGB on the day. One young rider was accompanied by her mum, who ran the 23k as a training run for her 1/2 marathon, and a young lad who cycled the whole course whilst his mum rode.

Thanks to all the helpers, Jamie Houghton, Sarah Bamber, Nicky Clark and Diane Hudson for the excellent marking. Chris and Tania Fitton -CP2, Liz Nabb - First Aid, Bec Paul and Maxine Braithwaite - car parking duties, and Sarah Bamber for ride day office all received their helper points towards the volunteers' trophy at the end of the year

We had a good mix of members and non-members, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we hope to see many of them Back in October for the Autumn Croal Ride which will be a new route avoiding any roadwork.

Local Area Rides 2017

All provisional dates for rides in 2017 are available on the EGB website: <u>http://endurancegb.co.uk/main/Rides/List-of-Rides</u>

Sunday 21st May 2017

Piethorn Ride, Lancashire Group Pleasure Ride Entries to:- Sarah Bamber, Flowerhill Farm, Wardle, Rochdale, Lancs, OL12 9PL. sarahbamber1@aol.com. 07754 752575. No enquiries after 9pm please. Closing date for entries is 12th May 2017. Entries limited to 40, strictly no entries after the closing date or on the day. Ride Organisers: Nicky Clark 07817 696329 Sarah Bamber

Sat 3rd June 2017

Wirral Competitive/Pleasure ride, Cheshire Group For further details and online entries please go to group website.

Sunday 18th June 2017

Pickup Bank Blast Pleasure Ride, Lancashire Group. Enquiries:- Sam Parkinson 07715 754039 Entries to Jenny Peacock Moorgate Cottage, Pickup Bank, Darwen, BB3 3QQ 07825 370186. jens_just_here@hotmail.com Venue:- VINE MILL, OSWALDTWISTLE. BB5 3PX Hard Standing Limited to 30 Vehicles. No Toilets.

Saturday July 1st 2017

Dolphinholme Country Ride, Lancs group EGB Start time 9.30 - 10.30 10 or 15 mile pleasure ride incorporating Dolphinholme Country Ride, jumps optional. Entries in please by 20th August. Enquiries and Entries to :- Janet Bebbington 01995 670887 07709329963 jbebbington@btinternet.com. 1 Cedar Walk, Elswick, Preston. PR4 3ZR

Saturday Sunday 8th & 9th July 2017

War of the Roses For more information and entries please visit:http://www.endurancegbneyorkshire.co.uk/rides/waroroses2017.asp

Sunday 16th July 2017

Medlock Valley Pleasure Ride, Lancashire Group

Entries and enquiries to Jennifer Rand, 41 Parkway, Greave, Rochdale, Lancs, OL11 5EE. <u>rand.jennifer@yahoo.com</u> 07729655634, enquiries before 9pm. Strictly no entries on the day. Entries close 8/7/2017.

Saturday Sunday 2nd & 3rd September

Cumbria Challenge.

Please go to <u>http://endurancegb.co.uk/main/rides/list-of-rides</u> for more details and ride entry form.

Sunday 10th September 2017

PEOVER Pleasure Ride, Cheshire Group Please go to <u>http://www.endurancegbcheshire.co.uk/</u> for more details and ride entry form.

Saturday 23rd September 2017

Barton Ride. Lancashire Group. 10 or 16 Miles, quiet lanes and bridle-paths. Barton Equestrian Centre. Entries to:- Maxine Braithwaite 07961002563 33a Rainhall Rd, Barnoldswick, Lancs BB18 5DR. maxine_braithwaite@live.com Enquiries to :- Janet Bebbington: 07709329963 jbebbington@btinternet.com.

Saturday 30th September 2017

Formby Breeze Pleasure Ride, Lancashire Group. Entries to Rebecca Paul, Stoneswood, Preston Road, Alston, Longridge, Lancs PR3 3BJ Tel 07746790375, email:-r.c.paul92@gmail.com Enquiries to Maxine Braithwaite 07961002563 33a Rainhall Rd, Barnoldswick, Lancs BB18 5DR maxine_braithwaite@live.com

Sat 7th October 2017

Delamere Pleasure ride, Cheshire Group For more information and entry form please visit: <u>http://www.endurancegbcheshire.co.uk/</u>

Sunday 22nd October 2017

Croal Irwell Valley. Lancashire Group. Pleasure Ride Entries to:- Cath Houghton 2 Hedgerows Rd, Leyland, Lancs PR25 3JZ Enquiries to:- Cath Houghton 07570 880233 <u>cathrynhoughton@gmail.com</u>

Sun 29th October 2017

Halloween Ride. Ulnes Walton Bridleways Ride. Entries to:- Sue Taylor-Green, Nursery Cottage, Ulnes Walton Lane, Leyland Lancashire. PR26 8LU 01772 436043 <u>suetaylorgreen@hotmail.com</u>

Sunday 19th November

Congleton Pleasure Ride, Cheshire Group Please go to <u>http://www.endurancegbcheshire.co.uk/</u> for more details and ride entry form.

Please contact Patricia Kelly 07734385108 or patjkelly@hotmail.co.uk for any additions or amendments.

Please contact the Ride Organisers directly for all queries about their ride, including the Ride Distances on offer at the ride. It is simplest to email the Ride Organiser. Email addresses are listed below where possible. If you need to phone Ride Organisers, please do so during sociable hours. Between 9am and 9pm.

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