

KESTEVEN RIDEABILITY

Newsletter July 2017

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*It's been a while since we last sent you a newsletter . However, we have not been twiddling our thumbs (and hooves!) this year....this issue brings you a round up of what we've been up to this year so far. Once again we thank you all for your support, and hope to see you at our popular annual dog show in August! **The Trustees***

Congratulations to 'Whips, Spurs & Prosecco'!

No, that's not what we all get up to on a Friday night, but the name of the winning team at this year's Quiz Night which included three of our lovely Tuesday volunteers: Anne, Barbara and Liz!

Once again our Annual Quiz proved incredibly popular with 19 teams hoping to win the coveted trophy and bragging rights and it was an exciting finish with three teams on level points to the end, but it was 'Whips, Spurs & Prosecco' who triumphed just ahead of "Should have gone to Specsavers" and "Round the Bend" who tied for second place.

The evening raised over £700 for Kesteven RDA, an excellent start to the fundraising year. Huge thanks to everyone who took part and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

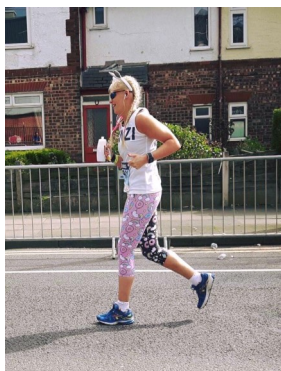


Whips, Spurs & Prosecco celebrate their quiz night victory!

KESTEVEN VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE PART IN INFLATABLE 5KM COURSE

A crazy group of our volunteers and supporters are taking part in a 5km inflatable obstacle run at Newark Showground on 9th September and will flip, bounce, slide and generally lose their dignity to raise funds for Kesteven Rideability.

If you would like to sponsor us, please click [HERE](#) ...this will take you to our MyDonate page. We will also welcome anyone who would like to come and cheer us on or laugh at our efforts!



Linzi Goes The Extra Mile - (or 26!) for Kesteven RDA

Back in April, Linzi Lloyd-Jones - sister of our very own Karen Thompson - ran the Greater Manchester Marathon to raise funds for Kesteven RDA.

Linzi completed the marathon in an fantastic time of 4 hours and 53 minutes and managed to raise just over £640, which is incredible, and helped towards us being able to send a group of riders to Clywd Special Riding Centre in May.

Linzi, thank you for your amazing efforts...we salute you!

Holiday Fun..

In June, Kesteven RDA once again packed their bags and headed over to Wales to the Clywd Special Riding Centre for another fabulous holiday with some of our riders.

This year the weather was beautiful and our riders enjoyed a fabulous 5 days riding around the tracks through the lovely Welsh countryside which for some of the riders' was their first experience of hacking out.

They were also able to try out the new state of the art riding simulator which enabled them to experience the feeling of a canter transition. This is something that most of them have never been able to experience on a horse, so the looks on their faces was magical!

Of course we have to thank our fantastic volunteers who came along to look after everyone and to make sure that a good time was had by all! The timing of the holiday coincided with Volunteers Week, so if you would like to read a bit about what volunteering for the RDA and going on the holiday means to our volunteers, please click [here](#).

Right: A few pics taken in Wales this year



Countryside Challenge Completed!



Skyla & Gem with Sarah, on their way to qualifying for RDA Nationals

It was an early start to this event in May for Karen, Nicky, Sarah, Liz and Barbara! Bleary eyed but excited we set off to Scropton riding and Driving Centre near Derby with the lovely Fudge onboard the party bus.

Timmy and Fudge were true superstars and took all the obstacles in their stride. They gained a third place in a strong class and had lovely comments from the judges on Timmy's determination and riding skills.

In the afternoon it was Skyla's chance to shine. Riding her own pony, Gem, she rode with style and polish to gain a qualifying second place in the biggest class of the day. So Skyla goes forward to the National Championships at Hartpury, Gloucestershire in July! We wish her the best of luck along with her support team of Sarah and Karen. Check out how she gets on in our next newsletter or on the website.



Timmy & Fudge proudly show off their 3rd place rosette

Huge thanks to the **RoseMarie Ann Foundation** for supporting this event and helping make riders dreams come true.

Dressage Success

Congratulations to Sue Ashton & Betsy for their fantastic result in coming 4th in the Dressage Anywhere National RDA Championships...only losing out on a bronze medal by half a mark!!

Well done Sue, what a great achievement!!



KESTEVEN RIDEABILITY *Fun dog show*

Sunday August 13th 2017

Entries taken for classes from 1.00pm - Start 1.30pm

Entry fee £3 per class

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| 1 Most handsome dog | 6 Best young handler |
| 2 Fastest biscuit eater | 7 Most appealing eyes |
| 3 Prettiest bitch | 8 Waggiest tail |
| 4 Best veteran | 9 Best trick |
| 5 Best rescue | 10 Musical sits |
| 11 Dog the judge would most like to take home | |

Plus Stalls Tea and cakes Tombola

**At The Paddocks Riding Centre, Hough on the Hill NG32 2BE
For more information please visit www.kestevenrda.co.uk**

Meet Our Latest Coach..

We are very happy to announce that Liz Jones, one of our lovely Tuesday volunteers has just passed an RDA Coaching Qualification which means she can teach single adults on the simulator and in the arena.

And she's not stopping there...she's also planning to carry on and work towards becoming qualified to teach children and groups of riders too.

Congratulations Liz from all of us at Kesteven RDA!!



Kesteven Are Proud To Be A Piper's Hero!

Kesteven RDA took delivery of some boxes of crisps from Piper's a few weeks ago, courtesy of the 'Piper's Hero' scheme which celebrates community champions!

Thank you, Piper's - these delicious crisps will be available at our Fun Dog Show in August

thank you!

Tryac - £50
Spalding and District Riding Club - £150
Phoenix Cards - £119.35
Rotary Club - £1000
Grantham Lions - £200
Wilpeg Trust £250

Kathy Blake



Ros Wentworth



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