

KESTEVEN RIDEABILITY

Newsletter November 2016

Reg. Charity No. 1074079

Welcome to our Newsletter. So here we are again winding down for the end of another busy summer for Kesteven RDA. It's been fantastic to see the groups so busy and to have seen so many of you at our events, including the hugely popular dog show and the Licence to Thrill ball! We will certainly not be idle over the winter and are already working on the Annual Quiz which will be held in January 2017..Thank you for your continued support. The Trustees

Dozens of Dogs Make Kesteven's Annual Dog Show A Huge Success.

It was a bumper turnout at Kesteven's recent Fun Dog Show which saw an boost in numbers from last year. As in previous years, there were plenty of classes to suit every-dog, and we certainly had dogs of all shapes and sizes from the smallest toy breeds right up to a pair of very handsome Great Danes!

The fun classes included, Fastest Biscuit Eater—(not surprisingly won by a Labrador, Buster who managed the task in little more than 1 second!), Dog the Judges Most Want To Take Home, Musical Sits, Most Appealing Eyes and Waggiest Tail.



Best In Show Champion Lucy

While waiting for classes there was lots to keep everyone busy with a very popular tombola stall, tea & cake stall and a 'Dog Scurry', an exciting game where owners could send their dogs running down a lane with straw bales to jump over in as fast a time as possible. This was very kindly provided by 'Wright Paw Forward' and was very popular throughout the afternoon with both humans and canines!

The winner of Best In Show was a beautiful Golden Retriever called Lucy, and Reserve Best In Show went to Spud, a chocolate brown Labradoodle.

The event raised just over £1,000 which is an incredible amount, so a BIG thank you to everyone who supported us.....we hope you will join us again next year!

A special thank you goes to all the sponsors who helped to make the event possible: [Urban Angels](#), [Dip Your Paws](#), [Navenby Antiques Centre](#), [The Potting Shed](#), [Navenby Travel](#), [Green2Clean](#), [Phil's Galloping Gourmets](#), [Sarah Harris Veterinary Physiotherapist](#), Mick Jones & Pip, Ros Wentworth & Freya, Lesley Davies & Hugo and the Bowley Family & Logan.

Thank you, Anwick Garden Centre!



Freya & Robert test out the new bench

A few weeks ago we received a new wooden bench for the outside seating area which was very generously donated by Anwick Garden Centre.

Garden Centre Manager Tim McLeod-Rice delivered the bench and stayed a while to watch the Thursday afternoon

Saddle Club who were riding.

Tim commented on what a great group Kesteven RDA is and said "The group has so much value for people with disabilities, and offers a great opportunity for them to go further with their riding"

The Saddle Clubbers were quick to test out the new 3 seater bench, and while Tim was here, he was also game to have a go on Lloyd!



Tim meets Lloyd!

The Name's Bond.....!

What a fabulous night!

Our "Licence To Thrill" ball held at the Cedric Ford Pavilion, Newark Showground on Sept 24th was a fantastic success raising almost £4,700 for the charity, which is incredible! With over 150 tickets sold the venue was buzzing from the start.

Canapes and reception drinks were provided by [CP Foods](#), [Ichiban](#) and [Bee Clear](#) whilst the glamorous partygoers had their photos taken by [The Photographers Eye](#).

The photo is of our lovely Tuesday coaches and volunteers - don't they scrub up well!

With dancing from members of the [Beth Cresswell School of Dance](#), a fun casino, table raffles and a silent auction the night soon turned into a huge party. [Sound4Sound Disco](#) provided the music and we danced, danced, danced. Huge thanks to all trustees and friends who worked hard to make it happen - special thanks to trustee Claire Honeywood who masterminded the whole event.

Lets do it again in two years time!!!!...now who wants tickets???



Our Tuesday ladies looking glam!

Congratulations to our Most Improved Riders of 2016!

Winner of the Fronerthig Delyn Aur Most Improved Junior Rider 2016 trophy is **Gemma Waring**.

Gemma rides on a Tuesday afternoon and started riding in 2015.

This year her confidence has blossomed as well as her communication skills with volunteers and coaches. Gemma is now riding independently in walk on the lovely Fudge and is able to complete simple obstacles.



Gemma celebrates with Sarah & Fudge



Sue on Betsy receiving her award from Karen

The winner of the Kesteven Rideability Most Improved Adult Rider 2016 trophy is **Susan Ashton**.

Sue started riding with us on the simulator in August 2015. She then progressed onto riding Sox and Betsy in Spring 2016 and is now riding independently in both walk and trot and hoping to compete in dressage tests in 2017.

Special Olympics Calls for Hayley!



Kesteven RDA rider **Hayley Ensor** is thrilled to have been selected to ride at the Special Olympics National Games which take place in Sheffield in August next year.

The Special Olympics is held every 4 years and promotes a wide variety of sports for people with intellectual disabilities. We are very proud of Hayley for her selection, and wish her the very best of luck!!!

If you would like to read more about the Special Olympics, click [here](#).

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Calling all Eggheads!!

Annual Team Quiz Night



Friday 20th January 7.30 p.m.

Teams of 6 - £5.00 per team member

Carlton Scroop Village Hall NG32 3AR

Bring your own drink & nibbles

Contact Karen Thompson to register
your team call 07732 418848 or
email quiz@kestevenrda.co.uk

thank you!

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Beeclar £250 (which paid for the drinks reception at our ball)



**Jane & Vince
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Kathy Blake



The Sheard Family



Mark Frazer

...and 'Thank You' to
our lovely Pony Angels!

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If you or your company would like more information on becoming a Pony Angel, please contact Karen Thompson via any of the methods on the left.

Would you like to raise money for Kesteven RDA while you do your Xmas shopping this year, at no cost to yourself?

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