



Rearsby Lodge Riding Club

Ride Together - Train Together - Compete Together - Have Fun Together

QUADRILLE REPORT FOR AGM 2023 - Jacqui Ludlam

The Report covers from November 2022 until the present time

NUMBERS

- The best year ever in participation and exposure of the Club display team
- 41 people have attended one or more session.
- 24 members, 11 non-members and 6 who have joined the Club to take part in this activity.
- 22 sessions over the year, with 377 attendances.

HOW IT WORKS

- David Boyd our riding master assesses new riders and horses in a taster session to be sure that everyone is safe.
- After that riders may book in whenever they fancy. There are always two sessions and the second concentrates on the display team and learning and tweaking their floorplan.
- There are plenty of people who are just having fun with their horses, and not everyone has to aspire to be in the team.
- Older horses that may not be able to do all the fast work can always have a worthwhile job and many will happily carry the flags that we use.
- There is a great welcoming and inclusive spirit and many others come to support by poo picking, taking coats playing the music even if they can't ride that day.

DISPLAY TEAM

- The Club Display team have given 5 performances and 2 demos this year. We started by a demo during a Club Dressage Show and went to Blaston and Ashby country shows and finished at Hartpury College taking part in a Gala Weekend. The Team has 12 riders and 4 flag holders, but there are actually about 16 riders that can be picked for a display. Everyone get a turn.
- We have secured two companies to sponsor us giving bespoke hat silks "Woodlodge Silks" and R&R embroidered numnahs for the team to use. So Rearsby Lodge Riding Club is advertised where ever we go!

FINANCES

- Members pay £20 per session and non-members £25.
- If we need equipment i.e. flags or holders we go to the Committee as would any other part of the Club to see if they agree to fund it.
- The Team members pay for their own costumes and others will make the horses tail ribbons, leg wraps etc.
- Two of our riders are in charge of "wardrobe" so all kit is accounted for and kept in immaculate condition.
- In the past we have been given donations of £500 by the Show organiser as they feel were worth it! This has gone into the Club funds.

FUTURE

- Sessions will continue to be run twice a month and specific "taster" sessions will be advertised for anyone who wants to give it a try.
- Those already doing it say "more of the same" please.
- Display plans for 2024 are already coming together. We have performances at Equifest and Ashby Show confirmed already.
- In May we will be running a quadrille competition to raise money for the local RDA group. Hopefully other clubs in the area or just friends will come and have fun.
- Continue to fly the flag for Rearsby Lodge Riding Club as the only affiliated Club in BRC to be running this activity.