

## Iceni August Newsletter

Hello again,

I promised a monthly newsletter so here I am, bothering you all again. ☺☺

Well what an exciting, full on, tiring month it's been for Iceni group - we had 3 weeks of back to back events.

Starting with the Inter regional competition at Cirencester Park, most of us arrived at the venue in the pouring rain; personally, by the time I had erected 2 corrals I had soaked through 2 coats.

The weekend went from strength to strength, with a fantastic team atmosphere. Riders rode their socks off and our horses had hearts as big as houses and gave us their all. We came 7th out of 11 teams but we were only 4 points off of the 6th place, the points were that close. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to Anna Kidd and Harford Attachments Ltd for their generous sponsorship of the Team Iceni Polo Shirts.

This was followed by the ever popular Spain's Hall Ride, Finchingfield. The committee all pulled together stewarding, route marking and providing first aid cover, which was very much appreciated. The venue and estate grounds were as beautiful as ever with buzzards flying around and fallow deer antlers seen poking out of a corn field. We had a good entry, with many new and old faces taking the opportunity to ride at this unique venue.

We rolled straight on the next weekend into the Euston Park Pleasure Ride, Val Chaplin pulled this somewhat last minute ride out of the bag in a big way. Well Done Val !!!!! Following kind permission of Nick Brooks-Ward and Hpower, we were allowed to run the ride over the competition tracks at Euston Park. Over 70 riders took advantage of this fantastic opportunity, we used the canopy for a mock vetting - good practice for the bigger competitive rides for horses that are not used to this. Poor Jane, who was our pretend vet, got mowed down, but thankfully the only casualty of the day was her glasses, which my husband managed to mend temporarily so she could see to drive home!

☺ ☺ These rides have seen our bank balance rise so Iceni members will be seeing some much needed new equipment at our future events. ☺☺

**Enough of the past, let's look into the future.**

Good Luck everyone this weekend going to Euston Park for the Festival of Endurance, may your rides be successful and you horses' heart rates low.

Do not forget to get your entries in for ***Boyton Hall (The Lavenham Ride)***.

There is only camping and corralling at the venue, but if you want local stabling please contact Heather Weston the ride organiser and she may be able to advise you.

***DON'T FORGET***

***Special Saturday Icenis awards open to Icenis members only:***

***64km GER Icenis Gold***

***40km GER Icenis Silver***

***32km GER Icenis Bronze***

We also still need stewards to run this ride, so if you have a spare few hours over the weekend 14th/ 15th September come and have some fun with us.

**13th October 2019:** we will be holding our '**L' Plate Ride at Spain's Hall Finchingfield**, this ride is mainly for people and horses new to endurance, but everyone is welcome as we run a buddy system. This means the more experienced endurance rider wears a different coloured bib and is encouraged to help and answer any endurance questions during the ride.

**3rd November 2019, Poplar Park:** this is to replace the ride we had to cancel in February, leaving a lot of disappointed people.

□ This will be your last chance to steward or get kilometers on your trophy cards, bring them with you, hand them to us and we will make sure Claire Freeman gets them.

Also, because of the date of this ride we are extending the closing date for the trophy points to the 5th November. □ □

Entry Forms for all rides are on the website [www.EGBIceni.co.uk](http://www.EGBIceni.co.uk)

### **Committee**

We are still looking for new committee members, without a committee there will be no Icenis Group, so if you can spare a couple of hours every 6 weeks to come to a meeting, we would love to hear from you, Icenis is *you* and *you are Icenis*. Please help.

Good Luck for the rest of the season, hope to see you round and about.

HAPPY RIDING ☐☐☐

Elaine Wallbridge

Chairperson