

## Iceni December News

The last newsletter of the year!

Whilst thinking of Christmas and all that involves, I am looking back at the last year and thinking about how the season has gone. Between us we will have had brilliant, good, bad or terrible years. Time to celebrate for those who had brilliant or good year and to commiserate with those who had a bad or terrible year! But the New Year is always a new start, and for me anyway, always full of hope and excitement!!

My view is that in Iceni we had a good year, with some lovely rides and good training opportunities. We took a team to the Inter-Regional Championships .. and overall had a lot of fun!

All this is thanks to all those of you who give up your time to help. Without you we could not run the events we put on. We are looking forward to celebrating the year with you at our Awards evening/Annual Business Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Attached is a booking form for you to secure your place. Don't delay! It was such a lovely evening last year, we are sure that many of you will be coming.

We are delighted that we have some, much appreciated, new help on the committee, Val Chaplin and Gemma Conn. As many of you have noted, our website has been down for some time now. Facebook has not fully worked as a replacement, we know many of you don't like Facebook. Val has a background in IT and has taken on the task of setting up a new website. This is moving on apace and we hope to be able to launch it before too long. Gemma is taking on the liaison role, with the aim of promoting Iceni throughout the area.

To give the new website a real 'Iceni' feeling, it would be lovely if we could put photos of you and your horses on the site, and also any snippets of news you could send us. Please send them to [icenigroup@endurancegb.co.uk](mailto:icenigroup@endurancegb.co.uk). We would also like to use some photos at the Awards evening, as they set the scene!

Looking at our events for 2019, we have decided to keep the Polework and Stratford Hills sessions running throughout the year as they are proving very helpful to those who attend. Dates to be sent out in the next edition of Iceni news.

Another regular event will be a monthly social evening at the Heath Court Hotel in Newmarket. These will each have a theme and will be an opportunity to meet up and chat over a bowl of chips! The dates will be the second Wednesday in each month, starting on January 9<sup>th</sup>, when the theme will be 'Planning the new season'. Very exciting! Look forward to seeing you there!

And lastly it is time to get ahead and book your stewarding dates for 2019. Iceni members need you! And you need to steward in order to get trophies! Book early to secure your preferred dates!

Hoping that you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Attached to this email are:

- A booking form for the Iceni Awards evening/ABM
- Entry form for the Polework at the Palace session on January 12<sup>th</sup>
- Entry form for Fitness training at Stratford Hills on January 18<sup>th</sup>
- The 2019 Iceni Stewarding form

### **Group Polework training:**

January 12<sup>th</sup> 2019. Palace House, Newmarket

### **Fitness training at Stratford Hills:**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

.. places are filling up, so do let me know if you are interested, either by email or by text on 07917 206166

### **Annual Business Meeting**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Iceni ABM at The Heath Court, Hotel, Newmarket. Book the date. Please do get in touch if you have any experiences you would like to share! Topics so far are - Home International Championships; Inter-Regional, Championships, and RoR.

### **Pleasure /training rides:**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Poplar Park Equestrian Centre

Sunday 24th March: - Santon Downham area.