



Dear Member

As Vice Chair of Iceni Group EGB I would like to let all members know what will happen now that Heather has resigned her post as Chair at the last committee meeting on 15th May.

It was a decision made by all the committee and I am happy to step up as Chair in the interim, to take us up to the next ABM on the 30th November 2019. Anna Kidd has also tendered her resignation as treasurer from August 2019. We would like to express our very grateful thanks for both their support and hard work on Iceni's behalf over the past few years.

Unfortunately, this leaves the committee short of some roles -we need a Vice Chair, Treasurer and a Secretary. If you feel you can help us out and want to make a difference, please get in touch to join us in taking forward the Iceni group.

This past weekend, we have been busy helping run a ride and riding ourselves at the Kings Forest Summer Ride, but the committee will be meeting as soon as possible to discuss the way forward. We are confident that there will be no disruption to members and your enjoyment of all that is already planned, or being planned for the rest of the season.

Kings Forest Ride

We would like to thank everyone involved in this year's Kings Forest summer ride. We hope you had an amazing long weekend, celebrating the sport, catching up with friends and enjoying the sunshine.

Special thanks to Di, Frances and all of the organisers and officials, plus a big thank you to all those who volunteered their time across the weekend, without whom we couldn't function.

Thank you to all the horses for your hard work - you are simply amazing. You can see photographs of Saturday and Sunday's rides by David Saunders at <https://www.saundersphotography.co.uk/endurance>

Huge congratulations to our Iceni young riders, Maddie Pomroy - 2019 Young Rider champion! Winner of the national YR120km at the 25th anniversary Kings Forest ride; and Ella Pomroy on completing her first unescorted 80km.

Ford End Ride

A new ride for Iceni in a new area between Chelmsford and Great Dunmow. This was a very successful ride with over 40 entries. A comment from one happy rider: 'Great route, beautifully marked and really lovely atmosphere' – and the weather was good too!

Forthcoming Events

North Norfolk Ride, Courtyard Farm, Ringstead. Sunday 23rd June 2019

One of Iceni Group's oldest and most established rides, please support this ride - you will not be sorry! Beautiful scenery, wonderful wildlife, it is breathtaking riding the headlands.

Spains Hall Ride Sunday 28th July 2019

This is proving to be one of the most popular rides on our calendar, and definitely one not to be missed, even if you have been competing in competitive rides this year. This is a beautiful ride, just right to freshen you and your horse up, in a friendly relaxed atmosphere.

The Boyton Hall Ride 14th to 15th September 2019

This is a major ride in the EGB calendar, this year hosting FEI classes and the Novice, Open and Advanced National Championships. Heather Weston and her team will be pulling out all the stops and this ride is another one not to miss. Even if you don't ride please come along and be part of this wonderful ride.

Don't forget we still need stewards for this ride, so if you ride one day PLEASE try and offer to steward the next – we cannot run rides without you!

L Plate Ride, 13th October 2019

This will be held at Spains Hall, the ride is designed for novice riders, young horses and people just starting out in pleasure riding - with our special 'buddy' system we don't leave you on your own unless you prefer it that way.

Entry Forms for these events are on the Icen website or Horsesdates.

Social Evenings

Our social evenings are beginning to attract interest, there is a small group that meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Heath Court Hotel in Newmarket. Although we set a topic for each evening, generally it is just a fun evening of chat and good company, and an opportunity to talk to others about the sport of endurance and discuss any questions you might have.

The next event is Wednesday 12th June, when, among other things, we will be talking about the Kings Forest ride (of interest whether you were there or not).

Inter-Regional Competition 19th to 21st July Cirencester.

I am delighted to report that we have a full Icen Team - fingers crossed everyone (humans and horses alike) keep fit and healthy - wrap your horses up in cotton wool guys!

If you are interested in learning more about this event please contact Elaine Wallbridge on email emwallbridge@hotmail.com or 07771 770912.

TROPHY CARDS

HAVE ALL MEMBERS GOT THEIR TROPHY CARDS FOR THIS SEASON? REMEMBER TO GET THEM FILLED IN WHEN YOU ATTEND EVENTS, TRAINING OR COMPETITIONS.

YOU WILL NEED TO SEND THESE IN TO WIN YOU TROPHIES AT THE ABM AND AWARDS NIGHT AT THE END OF THE SEASON.

If you need a trophy card please contact icenigroup@endurancegb.co.uk or download one off the website.

To ensure you keep up-to-date with events and news about Icen, visit our website www.egbiceni.co.uk or our Facebook page [Icen Endurance GB](#)

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