



Offa's Dyke Group of Endurance GB  
Newsletter- August 2020  
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### Chairman's Comments

I am so pleased we can now put out a newsletter with some rides to advertise! Huge thanks to Andrea and Abbi for working through putting them on. We are also exploring other possible venues. Annoyingly, the Forestry Commission is not sanctioning events at the moment so currently Forest of Dean is not an option.

I hope you all manage to get to one or more rides and can offer help at others. Andrea needs a lot of helpers for Michaelchurch due to the number of gates so please, please help if you can to allow us to run these rides safely.

I went to the Bibury ride last month put on by Cotswold group and it was just glorious to be out at a ride on my pony after all these months.

We will not be able to run the BAM in the normal way this year and clearly there will be no awards as such other than Pleasure ride rosettes. You won't be able to get a trophy form signed due to social distancing at rides but if you have fulfilled the criteria then simply email me with what you have done starting with Christmas Cracker last Christmas and rosettes will be posted out. I don't propose to set a closing date for applications in case there are other dates into the autumn. Watch this space!

***Mary Stubbs***

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## Editor's Comments

Hope everyone is keeping well! What a strange few months we have had and are continuing to experience. In the last newsletter I was excitedly telling you about all the rides we had coming up including some new rides. All that quickly went out the window in March when we went into Lockdown, although we were lucky to have Maryland and Forest of Dean March Hares beforehand. Maryland was a great success with 77 entries on a lovely sunny winter day. Forest of Dean wasn't so lucky and was plagued by storm Dennis and Ciara which meant the ride organisers worked tirelessly having to amend the route, lost lorry parking and up until the venue inspection on the Saturday was the decision made whether the ride was to run or not. I know a lot of people were put off attending because of the warning regarding the parking however the parking seemed better than ever for the trailers. The route rode well with the exception of the pesky marker vandals in one area which caused great problems for some riders (me included).

In the next few months we have three group fun rides coming up; Michaelchurch kindly organised by Andrea Champ and Courtfield and Brampton Bryan both kindly organised by Abbi Tennant. These organisers have worked hard in such difficult times to get these rides organised for you all to enjoy but they cannot run without helpers. If you are not riding please offer to help, it would be such a shame if rides have to be cancelled due to lack of helpers. Due to COVID more helpers are required to be able run the rides.

I have already applied for the date for Maryland 2021 with a bad weather alternative and am waiting to hear back off Usk College regarding our Winter Schooling lessons.

**Nicola Davies**

### **\*\* HELPERS DESPERATELY NEEDED \*\***

As you all know each and every ride relies on helpers, without helpers rides cannot run. Andrea has only got half of her roles covered at the moment for Michaelchurch Fun Ride on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Unless more are found the ride will be cancelled so please if you are not riding offer to help- you really will be spoilt with the most beautiful scenery.

But if you cannot help on the Saturday Andrea is also running the same ride for the Pony Club on the Sunday and needs helpers.

This year due to COVID more helpers are required to be able to safely run these rides.

**Please contact Andrea on 01981 510686 (not after 9pm please) or email [quinnchamp@gmail.com](mailto:quinnchamp@gmail.com)**

***Don't forget every time you help for a full half day your name is recorded in the 'Loyalty Scheme' and when you have reached 6 'helping occasions' you will receive your loyalty reward of a free group fun ride entry (riding members) or a store voucher if a non riding member.***

# MICHAELCHURCH ESCLEY FUN RIDE



**Saturday 29th August**

**Come and ride in this beautiful part of the Herefordshire borders, under the shadow of the Black Mountains. We are very lucky to have the use of the Michaelchurch Estate (by kind permission of John Williams), and the ride in addition goes over open hill common land, along quiet lanes and through forestry with plenty of opportunity for long canters. Route options of 18km and 32km.**

**Venue:** Private Field in Urishay, near Michaelchurch Escley, Nearest postcode HR2 0JZ

**Entry Fee:** £10 for EGB members and £15 for non-members

**NO ENTRIES OR PAYMENTS ARE TAKEN ON THE DAY.** You need to enter online at:  
<https://egb.myclubhouse.co.uk/Events/Calendar/View?id=140>

**PONIES/HORSES MUST MEET THE ENDURANCE GB FLU VACCINATION REQUIRMENTS**

You will be given set start times to allow for social distancing. If you wish to ride with someone and have a preferred time, please add this in the notes section on the entry form.

Event photographer: <http://www.equinepix.co.uk/> - please support our photographer by buying your photos!

Enquiries to 01981 510686 (not after 9pm please) or email [quinnchamp@gmail.com](mailto:quinnchamp@gmail.com)

**Those intending to do the longer distance need to start earlier than the others. Please could those of you who are intending to do the 32km let me know. Thank you!**

**RIDE IS FULL BUT THERE IS A WAITING LIST IN OPERATION.**

<https://www.egboffasdyke.co.uk/michaelchurch-fun-ride>

# A day out at the Offa's Dyke Maryland Pleasure Ride

After losing my beloved mare Maddie – a feisty and athletic warm blood – and with retirement looming on the horizon, the search was on for my next equine partner. And that is how I met Puzzle, a 5-year-old skewbald cob. I bought her as a happy hacker, a retirement horse you might say but she turned out to be so much more! She seemed to be able to turn her hoof to pretty much anything in company or alone and all without any drama. It was during a riding holiday in the Yorkshire Dales with my good friend Liz Sutton that she casually mentioned that Puzzle would make a great endurance horse. I had always assumed that you needed an Arab to do endurance but Liz reassured me that any horse can give it a go. So, with that in mind I contacted Offa's Dyke Endurance group and asked their advice on how to get started.

After 2 successful outings at The Offa's Dyke Autumn Belle and the Christmas Cracker Pleasure Rides, I entered the Maryland Pleasure Ride with a riding companion for the first time. The ride was in the Forest of Dean and despite the atrocious weather creating some treacherous ground, the organisers set a fantastically picturesque route through forestry tracks and grassy lanes with a great mix of hill work and varied terrain underfoot. The markers and written instructions helped us navigate the more difficult parts of the course. It was so helpful to be riding with an experienced endurance rider – Kerry Carson – as she helped me to start thinking about how to pace my horse so she didn't have an energy dip as she had in previous rides. Puzzle loved having equine company and stayed on the pace throughout the ride. Even on all those steep hills! I have been so impressed with the Endurance GB community who have been so friendly and welcoming and all 3 events I have attended so far have been so well organised from the moment you arrive with parking to seeing you off with rosettes and tasty treats at the end. The course was admirably marshalled by well wrapped up and cheerful helpers. It really was a fantastic day out and we came home convinced that Endurance GB is our future. We have entered our first competitive ride at Talybont at the end of March and I am beyond excited!



*Ruth Ferris*

**New ride**

# Courtfield Farm Fun Ride

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**Venue:** Courtfield Estate, Mainoaks Farm, Goodrich, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 6JN  
By kind permission of the Vaughan family.

**A chance to ride through the Herefordshire countryside and along the banks of the River Wye. The route is 10 miles (16 km) and will consist of headlands, forestry and some quiet lanes.**

**Entries open 4<sup>th</sup> August**

**NO ENTRIES OR PAYMENTS ARE TAKEN ON THE DAY. You need to enter online at : <https://egb.myclubhouse.co.uk/Events/Calendar/View?id=141>**

You will be given set start times to allow for social distancing. If you wish to ride with someone and have a preferred time, please add this in the notes section on the entry form.

**Entry fee:** £10 for Associate or EGB members, £15 for non members.

**PONIES/HORSES MUST MEET THE ENDURANCE GB FLU VACCINATION REQUIRMENTS**

Event photographer: <http://www.equinepix.co.uk/> - please support our photographer by buying your photos!

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<https://www.egboffasdyke.co.uk/courtfield-farm-fun-ride>

# Bibury Ride

Bibury was once described by William Morris (1834-96) as “the most beautiful village in England “ just a short drive from “The Capital of the Cotswolds“ Cirencester. After the COVID 19 hit and lockdown seemed to be never ending how exciting the prospect of venturing out into the heart of the glorious Cotswolds

Planning to ride with a new member of EGB Patrica K and her lovely arab mare Beliza. It seemed an eternity since our last outing to March Hares in FOD so many months ago 😊 Social distancing and all the new rules and regs in place by EGB meant that careful planning was the order of the day. Feeling more nervous than usual it was as exciting as doing an 80 k ER. Dawn lived up to the expectation and walked straight into the trailer. After having a period of time off after treatment for arthritis in the hocks the vets advice was to ride her like I stole her 😊😊

The weather forecast was not good Stormy thunder and lightning and heavy downpours all expected. Despite all that we started in sunny humid conditions. So many happy people and horses venturing out on the trail Hard to believe there were so many there as the time slots and good organisation kept everyone apart and felt like we were the only ones on the trail Such good going long stretches of grassy canter tracks beautiful wild flowers in abundance the soaking we got together with the claps of thunder did not dampen our spirits Just after the start before the horses had time to settle Pat took a tumble after Beliza spooked and spun at the monster wall running alongside the field .Very loyal to her owner she did not take off and Pat was happy to hop back on ( from the ground as well always a good trick to have in endurance 😊)

Dawn spent most of her time enjoying herself and bucking at every opportunity including on all the entertaining photos provided by True To You Photography.



*Photo Courtesy of True To You Photography*

Thank you to Cotswold Group and all their merry band of helpers. If you missed it first time round there is another chance to enjoy this ride in August for round 2. See you there!

***Sue Loveridge and Dawn***

# ANYONE FOR STRESSAGE ?

Hello Offa's Dykers, it's your favourite Agony Auntie here. With the thing that cannot be named wiping out our planned endurance rides for this season and for some of you, even proper exercise for your horses, it might be that you could consider dressage as a way of introducing our equine friends gently back to work. If you are up for dipping your toe into the dressage-stressage pool, it might be helpful for you to look at some "top tips" for those all-important dressage tests. You can also see these in my recent book (number 3 in the series "My Gifts to the Nation") titled "Budge up Carl and Charlotte: from Walk to Capriole in 9,347 easy steps". So here we go:

1. "Enter at A": tests normally start by your mount, and hopefully you also, entering the arena at point A (halfway along one of the short sides). Do not be tempted to enter at the other end of the arena (at "C") since this is where the judges normally sit. "Excuse me do you mind moving? I have *actually* got a dressage test to do today if you *don't* mind" (sarcastic smile)" will probably result in null points.
2. Learn the test. For in the event that your test caller loses focus and starts to chat to the dishy chap next to her wearing the snazzy jacket and aviator sunglasses, your screaming "what the \*\*\*\* am I doing next ?" will not help your tranquillity
3. Breathe
4. If you are very worried about taking a test, you can ride "Hors de Concours" or "HC" which means you are not competing. When asked if you are "riding HC", do not reply, "No he is called Dobbin." This phrase should also not be confused with other French phrases, as in "I know I have a martingale on, but I'm riding *hors d'oeuvres* today..."
5. If you go wrong in your test, the judge will helpfully sound a hooter. It will be beneficial if your cry of "oh bugger" is not heard by the judge.
6. Breathe
7. Take a dog. With any luck he will run amok, thus putting off the other competitors and enhancing your chances of getting a rosette (see below).
8. You do not get a rosette for successfully completing the test (see top tip 7 above). They are normally only given to 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> place. Outrageous I know. Do *not* have a paddy at the office when collecting your test results upon hearing this awful news.
9. Do tell other people your horse normally does endurance. This is useful for 2 reasons: firstly, it gives you a way of explaining (to yourself at least) any less than perfect attempts (well, it's not her thing *really*..) but most importantly when your mount is zooming around the arena at a flat out canter, the helpful cries of "it's OK she'll be tired in a minute", can be countered with a respectful "Err, no, she won't....."
10. Just remember, have fun! 3 minutes in a dressage arena will feel longer than an 80k ride in a monsoon, but you CAN do it!

**Barbara Rees**

# From Endurance to Jumping

Usually by August, we would have completed a few 80kms and possibly at least one FEI ride. Since Covid has put a stop to the Endurance season until now, the horses and I have led a quieter life. Many will know Barik as my main endurance horse who has competed successfully up to 160km 3\*, but I suspect most don't know that he can also jump. My plans each year have usually meant he does not get the opportunity to jump, as he is wrapped up in cotton wall ready for the next competition. As more restrictions have eased Barik and I have been attending polework clinics at Pengethley Equestrian with Hayley Donovan teaching as well as now taking part in the Social Showjumping put on by Hereford and District Riding Club for its members. Who knows maybe next we'll try some eventing.....I'm going to need my brave pants for that!

I have also been taking part in some of the online shows put on by various riding clubs and hunts. It has been great to go back down memory lane and relook at some of the old photos I have. The entry fees have been going towards the clubs and partly towards the NHS so it is another plus for entering. My mantelpiece doesn't look quite so bare now with a few rosettes. A few to mention:

6<sup>th</sup> Best Gelding – Djelanza by Hereford and District Riding Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Funniest Face – Perchance by Hereford and District Riding Club – (Chance's first experience of snow, she realised eating it was not a good idea)

5<sup>th</sup> Best Mane Plait – Barik by Hereford and District Riding Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Best Foal – Djelanza by Glamorgan Hunt

3<sup>rd</sup> Best Youngstock – Perchance by Glamorgan Hunt

***Abbi Tennant***



**New ride**

# Brampton Bryan Fun Ride

**Sunday 27th September**

**Venue:** Harley Estate, Brampton Bryan, Shropshire, SY7 0DN.

**A beautiful 16km route through glorious Brampton Bryan private estate and medieval deer park on the borders of north Herefordshire and Radnorshire -Powys.**

**Entries open:** 6<sup>th</sup> August

**NO ENTRIES OR PAYMENTS ARE TAKEN ON THE DAY.**

**You need to enter online at :** <https://egb.myclubhouse.co.uk/Events/Calendar/View?id=161>

You will be given set start times to allow for social distancing. If you wish to ride with someone and have a preferred time, please add this in the notes section on the entry form.

**Entry fee:** £15 for Associate or EGB members, £20 for non members. Entry fee includes £5 estate fee

**PONIES/HORSES MUST MEET THE ENDURANCE GB FLU VACCINATION REQUIRMENTS**

The photographer on the day is Equine Pix. Ride photos will be available to view after the event at <https://www.equinepix.co.uk/> - please support our ride photographer by buying your photos.

**Enquiries, please contact after 6pm:**

Abbi Tennant 07873 755827or [abbi\\_tennant@hotmail.com](mailto:abbi_tennant@hotmail.com)

<https://www.egboffasdyke.co.uk/brampton-bryan-fun-ride>

# The Trials and Tribulations of Buying a Horse

## Horse Specification:

- 15.2-3hh
- 4-8 years old
- Mare or gelding
- Any colour
- Open to breed but no full Cobs or TB's
- Must load in a trailer

## Horse 1

15.2hh 7yo Cob x TB Bay gelding. Beautiful gelding and was very under rated by his owners. I think I terrified them by wanting to go out for a hack as they didn't hack much due to the traffic and being primarily into showing. But he was a star, we met camper vans and lots of traffic and he took it all in his stride. His owner had told me he had 1 small splint on his leg but on closer inspection he had several on all legs and was also slightly pigeon toed. Decided for what I wanted I would be better finding a horse without these issues- that should be easy right?

I must confess a year later when we still hadn't found anything we did wish we had taken a chance on him especially when he sold at Llanybydder for £1400 a few months after.

## Horse 2

15.2hh 7yo Cob x TB Chestnut mare. It didn't start well, 2 minutes before we were about to arrive the owner rang me and said we'd have to cancel as she was unwell, suspected food poisoning from a day at the races. We had travelled nearly 2 hours to get there! I told her I would just come and have a look as I was literally round the corner. Well we pulled up on this yard and there was this little ponies head peering over the stable door. We all said that can't be her and I was thinking I'm sure it is! Out of the stable she is only about 14.2hh!! I politely tell the owner she is too small. Owner tells me to have a ride, I might like her when I ride her. Told her I didn't want to waste her time as she was most definitely too small.

## Horse 3

15.2hh 7yo Cob x TB Bay gelding. The horse had been sent away for Sales Livery but luckily wasn't too far away. A nice type of horse but as soon as it walked out the stable you were drawn to its feet. They were long overdue and looked awful, why would you try to sell a horse without getting its shoes done I'll never know. Even the yard owner agreed. Then I stepped back and noticed his front leg wasn't straight- bearing in mind the owner had asked what I wanted this horse for and was also someone we knew! Again didn't want to waste the yard owners' time as I wasn't interested due to the leg. But what a lovely honest yard owner, we would have definitely gone back to view any more horses he had for sale. He totally understood where we were coming from.

## Horse 4

16hh 7yo TB x Bay mare. This one was fairly local and I knew someone who had hunted alongside her so I was able to do some digging first. Although in fairness the owner was very honest about her and told me she was an 'opinionated mare' and would need a firm hand. On arrival she had to be 16.1hh easy and was a big horse. Owner said I always keep a broom in the stable, obviously not the best

manners then. In fairness although it felt like I was on a giant I had a lovely ride round some open fields and a canter but when she wanted to stop she had a mini tantrum. As well as her size, manners/attitude I was put off by the fact she had a lot of white hairs along the majority of her back where the saddle is (Owner had had a saddler out a lot).

### **Horse 5**

15.2hh 6yo Coloured gelding. He was the right height but was most definitely not the middleweight type he was described as. He was very much a lightweight horse who also happened to have the most sensitive looking marked white legs. I don't waste the owners' time and always tell them I'm not interested as I don't want to waste mine or their time.

### **Horse 6**

15.3hh 7yo Anglo Arab Bay gelding. I knew going to see this one was a big chance but he was stunning, reasonably priced and not too far away. He had been out of work for a while but had done some showing about two years ago and had done a bit with a young girl. Looks wise he instantly reminded me of Yawl HillBilly. We saw him lunged for a bit first before I had a little ride on the lunge (Owner had never rode him). He didn't do anything wrong but I knew he wasn't the horse for me and in reality probably wasn't heavy enough.

### **Horse 7 (I think)**

By this point I'd been looking for over 2 years, yes 2 years!! No I wasn't being too fussy I just wanted a 15.2-3hh 4-8yo mare or gelding, any colour and of middleweight so quite open with the breeding too. I still had Pie my cob so wasn't going to rush into anything (too much).

Next up was a 15.2hh 4yo Bay gelding, unknown breeding. All the others I'd been to see were private but he was at a small dealer's yard in Ross. I did a bit of research on the dealer first and didn't get any horror stories so off I went. I went to see him on the Tuesday, he'd only arrived on the Sunday after being on a lorry for 5 hours coming from Northampton. They gave him an hour in the stable, rode him and bathed him and he was turned out in the field till I arrived Tuesday evening. Finally he was more the type I was after and was actually 15.2hh. A lady rode him in the school, only walk and trot as he'd only really been broken and not done much else as far as we are aware. On I hopped and was pleasantly surprised that I liked what I felt. In fact I think my mum actually in the end said I better get off after happily doing lots of walking, trotting and transitions. He was very much a baby and hadn't done much at all but seemed honest. As soon as I got back in my car I knew, sounds silly but I did. Even with my aunties doubts- she wanted me to have a 16hh but that was never going to happen. I'd never get under half the trees and low branches on rides!

I've always said I would go and try a horse twice but there was a problem, there were loads of people wanting to go and see him. So many people nowadays will put a deposit down straight away too often without even viewing the horse so on the Wednesday morning I made the phone call and said I would like him. He stayed there for a week as my parents went on holiday and I didn't want a strange horse here when I was on my own. They had no clue whether he had loaded or travelled in a trailer but it was a big relief he loaded and travelled home perfectly.

Although I only went to see a small number of horses I enquired about approximately 40 over the two years. I think it became a bit of a joke with some of our friends as they said the horse I wanted hadn't been made yet. Seems a middleweight 15.2hh under 9 years old was much harder to find than anticipated. I had two friends looking for almost the same horse the same time as me who both ended up with full cobs as there were so few about. Some I enquired about were sold within hours of the adverts being put on so with work I missed out on a lot.

*Nicola Davies*

# A few reminders

- Due to COVID all rides whether group fun rides or National need to be entered via the Endurance Clubhouse website: <https://egb.myclubhouse.co.uk/>
- If you haven't done so already you need to upload your horse(s) Flu Vaccinations Certificate onto the Endurance Clubhouse website. This needs to be done before you attend a ride.
- Due to COVID entries are very limited so ensure you enter early.
- Keep an eye on our website for any ride updates: <https://www.egboffasdyke.co.uk/>
- We have 3 group fun rides coming up in the next few months which require a number of helpers to be able to run safely.
- Finally, enjoy some of the lovely upcoming rides 😊

## **\*\* Helpers needed \*\***

### **Michaelchurch Fun Ride**

Requires a number of helpers including several gate stewards. You couldn't ask for a more beautiful landscape to sit and spent several hours 😊 .

Please contact Andrea if you can spare a few hours

Tel: 01981 510686 - Not after 9pm please! Or Email: [quinnchamp@gmail.com](mailto:quinnchamp@gmail.com)

### **Courtfield Farm Fun Ride**

Requires helpers for a number of roles.

**Please contact after 6pm:** Abbi Tennant 07873 755827 or [abbi\\_tennant@hotmail.com](mailto:abbi_tennant@hotmail.com)

### **Brampton Bryan Fun Ride**

Requires helpers for a number of roles.

**Please contact after 6pm:** Abbi Tennant 07873 755827 or [abbi\\_tennant@hotmail.com](mailto:abbi_tennant@hotmail.com)

*Don't forget every time you help for a full half day your name is recorded in the 'Loyalty Scheme' and when you have reached 6 'helping occasions' you will receive your loyalty reward of a free group fun ride entry (riding members) or a store voucher if a non riding member.*

## Other Group Fun Rides

<i>Date</i>	<i>Ride Name</i>	<i>Group</i>
Sat/Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> September	Bonham Fun Ride	Wessex
Sat/Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> September	Pembrey	South & West Wales
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Lambourne Fun Ride	Cotswold
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Talybont National	De Cymru

# Bibury Fun Ride

After a quick google of where Bibury actually was I promptly entered. I knew the July ride had been full so I hadn't wanted to miss out on this one- our first 'endurance' ride since Forest of Dean March Hares. I had done two short hunt rides since Lockdown but was very much looking forward to a change of scenery and a longer ride of 15 miles. For those that did the July ride the August ride was in the reverse direction.

A nice easy venue to get to, took us 2 hours. The ride felt very safe with the secretary situated behind a table who asked our names to tick us off and instructed us that our numbers were in order in a plastic box. Each individual bib was in a plastic bag with our safety wristbands. She told us about an area of the ride where there may be issues with the marking and then pointed out where we had to go to start. We were soon tacked up and ready to go. Much to the horses disgust we had to wait five minutes as there had to be a 5 minute gap between starters due to COVID. While we were waiting the starter was telling us in more detail about the section of the ride where they weren't certain if the markers would still be visible due to the torrential rain they'd had after marking the day before and due to the fact the markers sometimes got covered by cars.

We soon started and were off on our way. I was riding with Donna on Dolly. Down a concrete yard and off onto a stone track before joining the road we had just drove in on. A fair section of road where we got caught up by another rider but this was the only rider we then saw all ride. We turned off this road onto a byway and were off. Lots of byways and headlands passed, we were soon over half way. We did have slight confusion going out of one of the villages up a track as there was an arrow going the opposite way to which we were expecting and looked fresh. Quick look at the map and we were definitely going the right way so it had either lasted very well sheltered in the trees or someone got a little confused marking maybe? There were lots of lovely helpers on all the road crossings and on the odd gate. All the other arrows from the July ride were quite obviously faded.

I've always said Pie must have a tracker as about half way round a ride he can get quite spooky. He'd led me into a false sense of security at this ride though as apart from the normal shying he was being very good. Then came the ridiculous spooking at any slightly misplaced weed, thistle, branch, you name it! The worst part was after a while Dolly started as well so at certain points the pair of them were refusing to go by things. You would think at the age of 19 after doing well over a hundred rides he would have grown out of this but he doesn't change.

The last half hour or so he calmed down again and we enjoyed the odd canter without any spooks (well maybe not many) along more lovely byways and fields. Soon the venue came back into sight and we met up with the track we had come out on. 24km in 3 hours.

A big thank you must go to the Cotswold group and all their helpers. How lovely it was to finally be back out at an endurance ride and at such a lovely ride. I know it was enjoyed by many Offa's Dyke members over the weekend.

I would most definitely go back, it was a fabulous ride 😊

*Nicola Davies*

# Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

**Michaelchurch Estate Fun Ride**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**Courtfield Farm Fun Ride**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Brampton Bryan Fun Ride**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Maryland Fun Ride**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

**Maryland Fun Ride**

**(Bad weather alternative date)**

More info on the Offa's Dyke website under 'Rides and Events'

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