



Offa's Dyke Group of Endurance GB

Newsletter- February 2023

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## Chairman's Comments

Hi All

Just a quick thank you to everyone in the group for making my time as Chair so enjoyable and for the lovely picture of Sachiya and me at Michaelchurch.

She is now back in steady work after a 3 month holiday and very full of herself.

I am going to update the trophy information which will be on the website shortly. I will be carrying on as the person sorting these out at the end of the year. Remember to get a trophy card signed at rides if you want to claim any pleasure ride achievements in 2023.

2 trophies were not awarded last year one was the Team award as no teams put themselves forward. Please gather up your friends and form a team! Let me know who you are by 01 April 2023.

The other award that needs a home is the award for the best CER rider in their first CER season.

Looking forward to seeing you all out and about in the not too distant future. I've seen my first primrose in flower so it must be nearly spring!

Nicola is taking over as Chair and I am sure she will do a grand job .

Mary



## New Chair's Comments

Happy New Year all! I am proud to become the new Offa's Dyke Chair.

Firstly I'd like to introduce myself. Most of you will already know me as organiser of Maryland, Govilon and Black Mountains ride as well as other events I have organised for the group over the years. Others may have seen me out competing on my Welsh cob, Pie or more recently on Paddy. Paddy has taken over from Pie as at 22 he deserves an easier time and will enjoy fun rides and I hope to do a Novice season with Paddy this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Mary who has been the Chair for the last few years and given a huge amount of time and effort to ensure the smooth running of the group. Mary is kindly continuing on the committee and continues to have the important role of Trophy secretary as well as FOD ride organiser.

We are fortunate to have a new face on the committee; Philippa Lowin who have kindly joined us. We have a range of rides and events planned for the year but if you have any suggestions please do let us know. As you know we are always keen to put on new rides. Do you have a route near you which could be run as a Group or National ride near you? We often do not see the beauty in the countryside on our doorstep as it is so familiar but something for you to consider.

I am currently in the process of organising Maryland fun ride which is coming up very soon on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February- details can be found within this newsletter. I desperately need a few more helpers, so if you are not planning on riding please do volunteer to help! I have also organised something a little different; a Group Guided Training Ride. I have currently set dates of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (rescheduled date) and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March for a 'Govilon Group Training Ride' but if there is interest in these I will look to organise more from different locations/venues- I already have a few ideas.

Our first ride of the season took place a few days after Christmas, big thanks to Belinda and Cecilia for organising the Christmas ride. Putting on this ride meant giving up their boxing day to mark the route! We were blessed with a lovely day and it was a brilliant ride to kick start the season and was very much appreciated by all riders. We have also had the BAM and awards evening which was a lovely evening to catch up with everyone without a horse in tow and celebrate the success of the members in our group. We have also had the groundwork clinics with Gill Bradley kindly organised by Barbara and the schooling with Tash Smith organised by myself.

I hope to see you all out and about during the year- good luck and enjoy!

*Nicola Davies*

## Editor's Comments

Hi everyone! This might be a very small newsletter this time as I am new at this!

If anyone has anything to add to the newsletter (next one in the summer) please send it over anytime so it can be ready and waiting for inclusion.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the BAM and lots of happy faces with the awards being handed out.

Our next fun ride is on the 5<sup>th</sup> February and I am sure Nicola will be very grateful for any helpers.

As you can see from Mary's (Chair) letter she is standing down and Nicola Davies is taking over. You will be greatly missed Mary but hopefully you wont be to far away when any advice is needed.

Good luck for the 2023 season everyone!

***Amanda May***

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# Offa's Dyke & National Awards Evening Results 2022

## National awards 2022

Horse distance awards

Louise Rich Oakleazefarm Czelection 800 km

John Caldicott Oliver 800 km

Rider distance awards

1000 km John Caldicott

11000 km Louise Rich

14000 km Sue Rich

Leading AHS Premium scheme endurance stallion Chatanz Lesley Dunn Warrens Hill Arabians

Snowflake junior under 45 km 1<sup>st</sup> Elsie May Burkaan Bin Tuwaisaan

Collee trophy junior first year 1<sup>st</sup> Elsie May Burkaan Bin Tuwaisaan

Merrie Trophy overall junior championship 5<sup>th</sup> Elsie May Burkaan Bin Tuwaisaan

Cotswold pony ridden by senior 2<sup>nd</sup> Sachiya Mary Stubbs

Cairo Part bred arab 1<sup>st</sup> Sachiya Mary Stubbs

Ross Homebred 3<sup>rd</sup> Sachiya Mary Stubbs

Pickread Masterpiece Veteran rider 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Stubbs Sachiya and EST Minikaa

Senior Championship 5<sup>th</sup> Sachiya Mary Stubbs

Overall Championship 6<sup>th</sup> Sachiya Mary Stubbs

## Offa's Dyke Awards 2022

### Pleasure ride rosette

Lindsay Williams	Alleka Shareen
	Shadowcroft Pagan
Ally Knight	Princess
Donna Williams	Dolly
Heather Evans	Elvis
Martha Willis	Starlight
Nicola Davies	Took His Time
Nicola Davies	Hendrewen Pirate

### **Pandora 240 km**

Amanda Caldicott Smooth Artist

### **Pandora 320 km**

Cecilia Lindberg HS Jacinto  
Oonagh Lonergan Hafez Bin Goudah

### **Pandora 400 km**

John Caldicott Oliver  
Louise Rich Oakleazefarm Czelection  
Belinda Stewart Penny Clawd  
Mary Stubbs Sachiya

### **400 km G1**

Kay Crawford Prince of Hope

### **First 80 km one day**

Cecilia Lindberg HS Jacinto  
Oonagh Lonergan Hafez Bin Goudah

### **Waycott Cup PR trophy**

Runner up Nicola Davies  
Winner Donna Williams

### **Associate members trophy**

Runner up Martha Willis Starlight  
Winner Ally Knight Shadowcroft Pagan Princess

### **Veterans:**

#### **Bilbo's Rainbow horse 20+**

Andrea Champ Druimghigha Luxor

### **Cindy Trophy 16+**

Runner up Lindsay Williams Alleka Shareen  
Winner Maureen Langham Granby Sting

### **Junior and Young Rider Awards**

### **Junior Rosette**

Martha Willis      Starlight  
Elsie May          Burkaan Bin Tuwaisaan

### **Shushi Trophy Junior**

Runner up   Martha Willis      Starlight  
Winner      Elsie May                      Burkaan Bin Tuwaisaan

### **Mistress Harriet Junior and young rider 18 Distance**

Winner      Elsie May      Burkaan Bin Tuwaisaan

### **Chador                      High point Young rider**

Runner up   Lucy Edmonds      Captain America BV  
Winner      Aimee Bach              Qader Bin Krayaan

### **Novice trophies**

#### **Starlight Novice Horse**

3<sup>rd</sup>              Ruth Ferris              Puzzle  
2<sup>nd</sup>              Kerry Carson              FOD Misty Blue  
Winner      Lindsay Watson      Little Kassiopeia

### **Pandora Novice Rider no more than 5 competitive rides before the season**

Runner up   Elsie May      Burkaan Bin Tuwaisaan  
Winner      Ruth Ferris      Puzzle

### **Breed Trophies**

#### **Warrens Hill Arabians homebred (must have helped)**

Runner up   Louise Rich              Oakleazefarm Czelection  
Winner      Mary Stubbs              Sachiya

### **Arab or part arab Bonanza Trophy**

Runner up   Cecilia Lindberg      HS Jacinto  
Winner      Mary Stubbs              Sachiya

**TB rosette**   Louise Rich              Oakleazefarm Czelection

**Unreg or native rosette** John Caldicott      Oliver

**Mitchell Racehorse to endurance Arab race must have helped**

Winner      Amanda May      Deena Bint Krayaan

**Tarr Steps Hannah Offas Dyke Challenge best 3 OD rides**

Runner up      Lindsay Williams      Alleka Shareen

Winner      Kerry Carson      FOD Misty Blue

**Open Class**

Runner up      Oonagh Lonergan      Hafez Bin Goudah

Winner      Cecilia Lindberg      HS Jacinto

**Belstar Open and Advanced**

Runner up      Louise Rich      Oakleazefarm Czelection

Winner      Cecilia Lindberg      HS Jacinto

**Madoc Trophy High point overall**

Runner up      Cecilia Lindberg      HS Jacinto

Winner      Mary Stubbs      Sachiya

**Shimara Cup helpin organising and riding**

Runner up      Nicola Davies

Winner      Belinda Stewart

**Offas Dyke Hero Award**

Cecilia Lindberg



# **Social Evening**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**@ The Beaufort, Raglan, NP15 2DY**

**6:30pm**

Come and catch up with friends and fellow endurance riders or to meet new people ahead of the season. You can just come for a drink (or two) or have food.

Food served 6pm-9pm

Please confirm your attendance by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February and indicate whether you will be eating.

The pub have asked if they can have numbers by the Wednesday and a rough idea of how many will be having food.

Any queries contact Belinda

Email: [belinda.stewart484@btinternet.com](mailto:belinda.stewart484@btinternet.com) or 07980 188376

Booking via Clubhouse: [www.endurancegb.co.uk/Events/Calendar](http://www.endurancegb.co.uk/Events/Calendar)

[www.beaufortraglan.co.uk](http://www.beaufortraglan.co.uk)



## Pegasus : Jupiter and Beyond.....

Pegasus , we probably all know, was the divine winged horse beloved of the Gods. The name Pegasus, as some of us possibly do not know, was also the name of a satellite launched by the Saturn rocket used in the early 1960s at the height of the “space race”... hold that thought.....

I am not sure how many of you take the same perverse delight as I do in calculating the costs of your rosettes. I started this endurance based side-show a few years ago after a Golden Horseshoe outing. The Horseshoe was wonderful as usual, but one rainy afternoon soon afterwards I idly totted up the rough costs of the trip. I had done the 2 day 80km and for that had rented a large cottage (all the small ones had gone), taken, fed and watered the crew (of course) , had paid stabling and turnout for my steed and stayed in total for 4 nights. Plus diesel, entry fees etc.. I calculated it had cost about £10 per mile ridden... fortunately it was cheaper in kilometres, at £6.29 per km ridden. After the shock, I realized this was a good game so have strived to beat my personal best: so far a trip to do Cerne Giant in Dorset, with overnight stay and crew (and having got there, deciding to do the short pleasure ride rather than the 40km competitive ride) is the clear winner with £20 per mile ridden. It is also a great ride and worth every penny. Obviously local rides with no crew are the most economical at usually less than £1 per mile ridden. I am not sure what the aim of all this is ,but as people say somewhat pointlessly “it makes you think...”

What also made me think was reading an article recently that the USA are planning to send a rocket to Mars (and back) at a cost of £700 million. OOO that’s a lot I thought: then I remembered from my days when I was interested in astronomy that Mars was “only” about 140 million miles away, so 280 million miles there and back... so that is £2.50 per mile. Cheaper than my rosettes !!

Rocket to Jupiter anyone ???

# Obituary

## **Margaret Riley 1937-2022**

Margaret Riley has passed away aged 85 yrs. Margaret started riding and endurance riding as a mature woman, on a Welsh/arab chestnut pony.

It all started when Hereford & District R.C. put on a series of rides, one month apart of 10, 15, 20 and 25 miles, optimum speed 7.5 m.p.h. Those nearest the time had a rosette, and those riding all 4 rides at optimum time were a "champion". Margaret won her first ever rosette and it was a red one, she was ecstatic!

She joined B.H.S long distance riding and rode mainly BBQ and BB finals. Riding a PR from Lesley Dunn's field at the Narth, Monmouth, we were invited to attend a meeting at the Narth village hall at a later date to discuss the formation of a new Endurance Horse and Pony Society (E.H.P.S) group. Hosted by Fiona Wilton (the first Chair person) Freda Waycott and Lesley Dunn, Offa's Dyke Group of EHPS was formed.

Margaret became a committee member and for many, many years Group secretary, she helped at rides, including the 2-3 day rides from Ludlow racecourse, helping Margaret McKiddie.

In 1990 Sweden hosted the first World Equestrian Games, (W.E.G.) and G.B sent teams including endurance. Margaret, with her friend Mary Williams attended as crew to Jane Donovan riding Idris. Jane won an individual silver medal and the team won gold.

Margaret won the Queens award for nursing and was a theatre sister at Hereford Hospitals.

She was mother to four children and a grandmother, her husband Les predeceased her, he also was a stalwart helper for O.D. in many different roles.

*Delwyn Hall*

# Offa's Dyke Loyalty Scheme

You will remember in 2019 we introduced our Loyalty Scheme to reward those who help at Offa's Dyke rides. Once you have completed 6 days help you will receive a free group ride entry voucher or a shopping voucher for non-members.

Congratulations to the following members who were awarded a free ride voucher during 2022 as a thanks for their help



Belinda Stewart x2!!  
Donna Williams  
Lesley Dunn  
Nicola Davies



Rules to note:

- ❖ Ride Organisers will not get a Helping Occasion under this scheme as they will still receive a free Group ride entry as previously.
- ❖ Each volunteer giving at least a full half day will be recorded as a helping occasion.
- ❖ For those that give a full half days volunteering prior to or after the ride (e.g. route marking or setup etc) will also receive a helping occasion (an additional one if they were also a volunteer on the day).
- ❖ The consideration of what is required to be "a full half day" will be at the ride or event Organiser's discretion.

There is no expiry date on these volunteer occasions so they will continue with a Reward every 6<sup>th</sup> occasion until the scheme is terminated by the OD committee. We hope this new initiative will benefit and incentivise volunteering, and demonstrate how much we appreciate you giving up your time for everyone's pleasure.

**A massive 'Thank you' to all those that have helped in 2022, keep it up in 2023!!**

# Maryland Fun Ride

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Venue: Trelleck, halfway between Chepstow and Monmouth off  
B4293, NP25 4PQ

The route consists of mainly forestry tracks connected by quiet country lanes. Some moderate hills with some fantastic views over the Wye Valley. There are route options of 7km(4 miles), 13km(7 miles), 20km (12 miles) and 26km (16 miles)

Entries close: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

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

**ENTRIES IN ADVANCE ONLY.** You will need to enter via:  
<https://egb.myclubhouse.co.uk/Events/Calendar>

**THE RIDE IS CURRENTLY FULL BUT A WAITING LIST IS IN OPERATION**

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

We desperately need more helpers for this ride. Remember every time you help it counts towards the Offa's Dyke Loyalty scheme and is a requirement for some of our group trophies.

Please contact Nicola on [n.davies91@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:n.davies91@yahoo.co.uk) or 07968 928870 if you can spare a few hours to help

We look forward to hearing from you!

# Trust and Confidence Groundwork Clinic

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**An introduction to building trust and confidence between the horse and rider through an in hand clinic, designed to develop that vital bond between you and your horse.**

**Targeted at young, inexperienced or nervous horses, and those wanting to gain more confidence. Provides insights into the handling of the horse through a varied programme of exercises, tasks and challenges all aimed at increasing both your and their confidence whilst deepening your relationship.**

Delivered by Intelligent Horsemanship Recommended Trainer Gillian Bradley.

Each session lasts approximately 2 hours.

A maximum of 4 participants per session.



**Venue:** Castle Farm Equestrian, Usk, NP15 1SD

To be held in an indoor school so ideal for the Autumn/Winter.

**Cost:** £65 per session for members and £70 for non-members

To book a place visit- [www.endurancegb.co.uk](http://www.endurancegb.co.uk)

[www.yourhorseandponymatters.co.uk](http://www.yourhorseandponymatters.co.uk)

# Govilon Guided Training Ride

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (Rescheduled date)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Venue:** Govilon, (Govilon fun ride venue), Near Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 9PT

A guided ride in a group of no more than five. The ride will be approximately 8 miles (aim for 10 miles in March) and consist of quiet country lanes and local bridlepaths. This will most definitely not be a fast ride and will be a great training ride incorporating the local climbs. Ideal for novice horse and riders.

10:30am start

Come and have a new year catch up or meet new like minded people in a relaxed atmosphere with the added bonus of training your horse at the same time

£5 for members and £10 for non-members

To book a place- <https://egb.myclubhouse.co.uk/Events/Calendar>

## Other Group Fun Rides

*Brynffo Valentine Ride*

*18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

*Snowdrop Ride*

*26<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

*Talybont Ride*

*11<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

# Courtfield Farm Fun Ride

## Sunday 14th May 2023

**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.**

*Please note that there are cross country jumps on the route. You are not covered for jumping under the Endurance GB membership. If you choose to jump, this is at your own risk.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be cattle within the first two fields of the ride.

**NB:** Ponies/horses must meet the Endurance GB flu vaccination requirements as outlined in the EGB Equine Flu Policy.

**All entries must be made via EGB.**

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

Equine Pix will be our photographer on the day - please support them by buying their photos!

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

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

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



# Pony Club working with EGB



The Pony Club is divided into 19 geographical areas throughout the UK. Each area has an Area Representative and a Centre Coordinator assigned to them who oversee their Branches and Centres.

Each area has its own website which are listed below.

The Pony Club are keen to work with EGB groups in to encourage Pony Club members and their parents to take part in EGB rides. The idea is to have EGB groups share information on rides, training talks with their local Pony Clubs. So for Offa's Dyke, you would be looking to contact all PC branches on area 10, 9 and 14:

Area 10 list of branches: <https://branches.pcuk.org/area10/about-area-10/branches-in-area-10/>

Area 9 list of branches: <https://branches.pcuk.org/area9/area-9-branches/>

Area 14 list of branches: [https://branches.pcuk.org/area14/httpwww-pcuk-orgindex-phpbranchesbranch\\_list14es-in-area-14-of-the-pony-club/](https://branches.pcuk.org/area14/httpwww-pcuk-orgindex-phpbranchesbranch_list14es-in-area-14-of-the-pony-club/)

The general email name would be: branch name@pcuk.org eg. Goldenvalley@pcuk.org

Pony Club Endurance have a Facebook group - but it's private - so we have decided to have a page that is open to all comers and events can be more easily shared. Pony Club Areas have Facebook pages too - so sharing info on rides could be done through these too.

# Dates for your Diary

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Maryland Fun Ride</b>
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Social Evening</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Schooling @ Castle Farm, Usk</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Govilon Training Ride</b>
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Groundwork Clinic</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Govilon Training Ride</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>FOD Speech House National</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>FOD Speech House Fun Ride</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Courtfield Fun Ride</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Michaelchurch National</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>(Provisional)</i>	<b>Maryland Fun Ride</b>

**Dates TBA**

**Wye Valley Fun Ride**  
**Black Mountains Fun Ride**

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

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