



# BEECHWOOD RIDING SCHOOL MARCH NEWSLETTER

## A Sad Farewell.

November was a sad month for Beechwood. We had to say goodbye to Chloe, our beautiful, versatile Chloe who was one of the best riding school horses you could expect to meet. Excellent to hack, with an easy, comfortable jump, anybody's ride in the lessons, who enjoyed her outings to shows, cross country and hunting.

While we were all still so sad about losing Chloe we were subjected to another shock as we lost our lovely, lovable character Gibson, who was also one of the best riding school horses, one day teaching the novice rider to master 'rising trot', and the next day galloping across field and forest enjoying a days hunting. Sunday afternoons he would be seen carriage driving, which he enjoyed enormously.

What a huge gap these two horses have left. They both played such an important part in teaching so many of our Beechwood riders.

Thank you Chloe and Gibson.



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If that wasn't enough, we had a violent storm which caused extensive damage to the roof, followed by continuous rain and then six inches of snow, followed by sub-zero conditions (frozen water pipes, which meant carrying every drop of water to the horses by hand), followed by more and more snow.

Between December 19th and February 19th we had over 200 riders who failed to turn up for their riding lesson. Sadly, many of those didn't remember to cancel, which played havoc with the exercising of the horses and ponies.

A huge THANK YOU to our loyal riders, many of whom walked up the track through snow to their riding lessons, you make it all worth while!

In the midst of the snow in January, I had to go to hospital for a hip replacement, which left Beechwood short staffed during this difficult time. Another huge THANK YOU to all Beechwood staff who are doing a fantastic job in the worst conditions I can ever remember. Well done all of you.

A new year, a new decade and lots of new ideas to make 2010 a fantastic year for all Beechwood riders young and not so young.

We have lots of Pony days for our young riders as well as 2 and 3 day Pony Events for our more experienced young riders. We shall be running some Dressage and Working Equitation Competitions for adults and young riders.

Back by popular demand is Sara Howe, current European Champion, with a Carriage Driving demo with BBQ to follow. Guaranteed to be lots of fun and entertaining.

We are having a fund raising 'Party in the Pasture' in June for all the family fun, games, BBQ and a very good Country and Western band to hopefully give everyone an enjoyable Sunday.

Keep your eyes on the Website (and the notice board) for further details.

## Sunday Riding

Those riders not on the Permanent List for Saturdays may find us fully booked at times, we do have riding on Sundays. They currently run at 9am, 10.15am and 11.30 am.



## 'Fair Weather Riders'

Just a reminder that we ride in all weather conditions.

Clients are requested to give as much notice as possible for cancellations (ie holidays) and at least 24 hours. If not, the full amount is payable.

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your lesson is due to start so that finding a hat, mounting, stirrup adjusting etc. does not cut in to lesson time.

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