



## **Fossey 29/04/12**

Endurance Ireland returned to the beautiful tracks available in Laois on Sunday. We were lucky with the weather, with the day dawning dry and bright and staying that way. Early on Sunday morning organiser Terri Moore brought up a caravan to the venue, which was greatly appreciated by Endurance Judge Karen Kiely and vet writer Anne Kinsella.

First out on course was Evelyn Moore on Galeshill Boffin, after a successful pre-ride vet they set off to enjoy the countryside. Emily Miller arrived next, with her mare Thababy Shorook and was soon out on course. Both riders completed successfully and sailed through the vet check for their 40km CR rides, Evelyn at 10.5kph and Emily at 11.5kph.

Margaret King and Pat Carthy, both displaying Endurance addiction symptoms, arrived next with Galeshill Drummer and Galeshill Bob. They headed out to try the 17km trail ride course, with both horses looking happy and enthusiastic at the end. Anne Kinsella brought Drummer for a short spin round later in the day.

Eamonn Conway arrived with his gelding Francy and did a fast paced 17km. Francy completed the distance with ease arriving back to the venue with plenty of energy.

John Kehoe arrived later in the day with his daughter Shauna, they rode part of the trail ride with Bernard Kehoe on the veteran Ben and newcomer Kaitlin O'Reegan on Tom. Bernard and Kaitlin completed 17km, which was a very impressive distance for first timer Kaitlin, well done! John and Shauna went on to complete 22km.

Michael Moore and Eilish Byrne arrived with the bbq and fantastic food was cooked up for all riders and helpers. Thanks so much to Michael and Eilish as their hard work really made the day, there is nothing like having a nice hot burger and cup of coffee after a day's riding!

Thanks to everyone who took part in the day, especially to Karen Kiely as Endurance Judge for the day and Kim McCormack and Terri Moore for marking a scenic and enjoyable course.