



## ENDURANCE IRELAND – TIMAHOE FUN DAY



Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October started out cold and miserable which unfortunately lead to a smallish turn out, the cloud was down on Fossey Mountain and the mist and rain came into the village before riders even got out on their horses.

As this ride is the last of this season it was fancy dress all the way which gave some of the Timahoe Hurlers a bit of an eye full.

One rider who really made eyes pop was Sam Linton who arrived as "Little Red Riding Hood", possibly not as demur as Red Riding Hood but Sam really got into the swing of dressing up. Along with Sam was Cloonen rider Zoe Mortimer who came as a penguin which was pretty apt given how cold it was. Zoë rode her horse Blue who became an "Ice-berg". Sam and Zoe took in all of Fossey MTS.

Next out to upset the locals were Anne Kinsella and Margaret King who came as "The Devil" and "Clown" respectively. Anne decided to make sure her ride, Galeshill Tara, came in full dress too with Tara painted up as the devil's side kick. Margaret as the loudest clown in town decided that her mount drummer had enough to do carrying a clown without having to dress up too. Both riders did the full course.

The scariest of all riders out on the day was Evelyn Moore who came as a full skeleton, top to tail in bones. Her horse Galeshill Boffin also got into the fun of fancy dress with Evelyn painting the skeleton structure onto him. Evelyn's Mum Terri rode out on Jehol who took on a casual look with his woolly hat and Terri gave Margaret a run for her as she too went as a clown. Evelyn and Terri both took on the full course in all their glory, the rain not putting anyone off.

Last and by no means least were the lead rein riders.

Willow O'Carroll dressed as a super fairy princess (wings included) took the ride of the cheeky Galeshill Fraggie. While it was great to see Willow out on Fraggie it was under sad circumstances as the O'Carroll lost their mare Flicka the week before and Endurance Ireland sends our condolences to them.

Buzz Light Year aka Luke Kiely took the ride of Zorro, for those who don't know him Zorro goes back a long time in endurance history in Ireland. He brought Evelyn Moore up to 64km (40miles) and at 11hh2in he is the smallest pony to do so. While Zorro had retired from endurance he was still working in Terri Moore's Galeshill Riding School and has now come back out of retirement to introduce a new crop of riders to Endurance. While Luke has attended many rides with his gran FEI Judge Karen Kiely this was Luke's first day on horse back which was great to see.

The third lead rein was first time rider to Endurance Ireland Roisin Hyland with her new pony, Willy. Roisin did the full lead rein course with her Mum, Dad and sister Amy who all went along with her. Again it is great to see new faces out trying out endurance.

Once all riders were back in off course and horses were put away all riders and followers headed into "The Tower Inn" for food and refreshment. All riders big and small tucked into the teas, coffees and sandwiches. Sam Linton's cakes, all three, went down very quickly and a debate started as to which was better....the chocolate, ginger or pear and cinnamon. Empty plates really told the full story.

Certificates were then handed out to all riders. All the young riders received and senior riders received a bottle of wine. We had some younger supporters who didn't ride but after being as a few "horsey" questions received goody bags too.

A few people were thanked on the day including Terri Moore for marking the course on Saturday, Kim, Terri and Yvonne for sandwiches, Sam for her cakes and Delour Valley Stud for the all prizes on the day.

All money raised on the day was then passed over to the Timahoe Playground Fund to help them on their way!