



Timahoe Trail Ride 23 June 2013

While the day had not looked promising it nonetheless turned out mostly dry for the 26 riders who decided that a bbq ride was just the thing for this Summers Weekend. There was a short delay for anyone coming from Portlaoise with a tree down across the road but that was soon sorted.

First to arrive was our organiser Kim McCormack who brought Melanie with her mare Cloud 9, who is no stranger to Endurance Riding having many miles under her belt. Next to arrive were newcomers and locals Joe on his horse Bruno, Stephanie on Apache and Ava on Crystal, the three riders took on the 24km course with ease and are looking forward to their next trip out.

Next out were the first of the GalesHill crew with Evelyn on her newest mare Boston, Anne on the FEI veteran Gales Hill Scimitar and Margaret on the every reliable Galeshill Drummer. The girls all headed out to do the 16km enjoying the day immensely.

Following them on course was Ailish on her Irish Draught Mare, Purdy. Purdy and Ailish have recently qualified to go to the RDS in August so we wish her the best of luck with her completion. Ailish and Purdy completed the 16km course easily and are looking forward to a few more outings before their big day.

Loretto on Oscar, Siobhan on Hannah were next out to do the 16km course, starting with them were John on Storm and Shauna on Tom who easily completed the 24km course.

Terri Moore on her favourite Jehols Song were next out with Mike on Galeshill Sabre. They quickly went round the 24km joined on their first loop by Melanie on Cloud 9, Mike is well on his way to his Novice qualification, hoping to join us for his second qualifier at Stradbally in a few weeks.

Next out to take on the course was Breda Heary on her favourite Bailey, with her daughter Aoife who was on her pony Macy and two friends Damien on Buster and Leanne on Tara, all completing their first ride. They all went out to do the 24km enjoying the day before coming back over for bite at the bbq.

Suzanne who was on her mare Apache brought out her daughter for her first ride with us, Natasha was riding Bronti, both went round the 24km course returning in time for some good food and chat.

Stephen on Castlewarren Lass and Julie on Pierre headed out to do the 24km course, having enjoyed previous rides with Endurance Ireland they decided to come along. Both horses undertook the course easily and were back in time for some nicely cook food.

We also had some Junior Riders out on course as well accompanied by Rosemary on her horse Zara, Willow was on Diamond led by dad Peter and friend Danny while a new Junior rider Breffni was on Murphy being led by Mary-Ann. All enjoyed their day.

As always these days could not be run without our Organisers so a big thank you goes to Kim McCormack for all her work to make this a great day. Our cooks on the Day were Yvonne and Colette Croke who ably manned the bbq and made sure plenty of good food was cooked and served to the hungry masses.