



Fancy Dress Ride 25th October 2015

Our final ride of the year was as always a fun event with most riders getting into the spirit of Halloween, with some very creative costumes on display and it must be said some very tolerant horses! This annual Fancy Dress ride is always a favourite, where riders head out from the picturesque village of Timahoe to end the season. We would like to say a huge thank you to the local pub the Tower Inn and the owners the Bergins for allowing us again use the pub to get something to eat and present our prizes after our spin out around the course.

First to head out of the venue were Susanne O'Rourke and daughter Natasha, dressed as a busy bee and a witch. They were on their mounts Apache and Bronte. The day was beautiful and warm so the two easily completed the 12.8km course.

Next to head out were Teresa Moore on her mount Gales Hill Boffin, this year the pair dressed as pandas, yes including Boffin, they were accompanied by Mrs. Claus or Evelyn on her reindeer, I mean mare Boston and Anne "the snowman" Kinsella on Gales Hill Scimitar. This threesome did a quick 15.8km enjoying the unseasonably warm day.

Close on the heels of the ladies was a ghoulish skeleton Pat Cooney on his mount Ringo, accompanied by his daughter Niamh on Gypsy dressed as winter. Cody Duffy rode alongside Pat and Niamh on her pony Sparky who had no trouble recognising his rider dressed as a clown. All three enjoyed the 15.8km course enjoying the views from Fossey Mountain.

Batgirl or Madison Flaherty as she is otherwise known brought her busy gelding Bobby and was accompanied by Lisa Marie Owen on her horse Scrap. Lisa Marie was in good company with Madison more than able to show her the ropes of Endurance riding. The girls quickly completed the 12.8km course.

Next up were Paddy Doogue on his horse Thunder bringing his daughter Tracey-Ann on lead rein with Jack around the course. Paddy is no stranger to the club having in past given help to mark and unmark courses. Paddy went as a monster with impressive special effect makeup on his face and blood splattered clothing, his daughter Tracey-Ann was a very pretty witch.

The Adams Family arrived, with Mortica (Siobhan Ovington) painting impressive cobwebs on her two mares. Gomez or Colm as he is more commonly known brought out Fancy Pants, with Wednesday in the form of Bobbie bringing her mare Hannah around the 12.8km track. Both were accompanied by Lurch, who some of you might have guessed with his height, is Patrick Byrne. He brought his mare Amber out around the lovely course. Riding alongside the Adams family this Halloween was Shauna Knowles on Gales Hill Drummer, Shauna went as an injured jockey and riding with her was cousin, Brian McCarthy on his pony Boshtun.

Mia Reynolds dressed as a witch was accompanied by her dad on foot, making him this year's hero of the fancy dress. Mia brought out Molly who is more familiar to Endurance Ireland members as Madison's pony. Well done to the pair who completed the 12.8km course.

Robina Hood and her ransom victim, her aunt Loreto McDonnell were last to head out on course, sadly for Pippa Ryan she lost her bow and arrow, but both ladies on their geldings, Sika and Oscar quickly completed the course enjoying the sunshine.

Once all had returned to the venue it was time for the Dark Knight Riding, Sam Linton, our Organiser Yvonne Croke and our Fancy Dress Judge Emer Lennon to award the prizes. We would like to thank everyone for taking part both on the day and particularly the organisers. We would especially like to thank Coillte for allowing us use of the forest tracks, Bergins for allowing us to use the Tower Inn and Yvonne Croke for organising. A great end to a great season.