



Beach Ride 26th April 2015

For the first time in a long time the weather forecasters got it wrong and when our Organisers arrive down on Ballinesker Beach it was to blue skies and a gently rolling sea. The weather seemed to inspire many with dog walkers, joggers and even the occasional swimmer making the most of this fabulous sunny Sunday morning.

First to arrive at this beautiful beach was Terri Moore who brought her favourite Jehol's Song, this pair have come to all of our beach rides and in fact Jehol looked eager to get out onto the sand. Accompanying Terri was Pat Carty, no stranger to Endurance Ireland and steadily starting to rack up his trail mileage. Pat was taking out one of Evelyn's mounts Gales Hill Boston, this mare achieved her Novice qualification last year with Evelyn, who has handed the reins over to Pat a number of times already this year.

Margaret King arrived with another Gales Hill stablemate and a regular at Endurance Ireland events Drummer. While the beach would not rank highly as one of Drummer's favourite venues he certainly seemed enthusiastic on this sunny day.

All three riders undertook the full 19.5km ride and Jehol was convinced to go for a paddle in the sea before coming back in to go home.

Next down was Eileen Burrell with her handsome mount Billy. Eileen is a local to the area but has attended many endurance rides in the last year. It was great to see her out and she was very pleased with Billy who went beautifully on the beach.

Debra Carr who is fast becoming a regular to the club arrived with her horse Pippis. Debra headed out along the beach alongside Pat Carty, with both horses getting along nicely. She also undertook the full course.

Ann Clarke was our last rider to arrive bringing her beautiful mare Jasmine. This was Jasmine's first time at the beach and she seemed to enjoy it. Ann met up with Terri out on the beach and Jasmine soon got into her stride alongside her old stablemate Jehol's Song.

I would like to thank the Gardai in Blackwater and Wexford County Council for allowing us to hold this event.