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Some horses have been roughed off for a well-earned rest and for others the clippers are out as winter activities beckon. I hope you will be able to join us for our **AGM at Ludwell Farm on 27th November at 7.00pm.**

Congratulations to Aoife Clark our speaker last year, who had a fabulous win at Blenheim.



This year our speaker will guide us through the law relating to buying and selling horses and how to avoid and resolve problems. This should be an interesting subject as many of us are involved in the process and understanding the potential pitfalls can only be of benefit. Supper after will be followed by brief reports from Anna and Hilary.

Our Ridgeway ride in the summer was great fun too and well supported. We have scheduled one more this year for **10th November 2013** starting at 10.00am from Tackley. Details will be sent out soon or please contact June on junecollier@btinternet.com for directions.

Our team for the Eventer Challenge at Blenheim in September was Sue Ruddock, Lex Merrick, Sarah Beveridge and Louise Way. The course was up to height and technical, we were not placed but enjoyed a good day out.



Possible ORC outing.....

Holidays for me often mean hours in a bird hide trying to get excited about a dot in the distance. Bird reserves are not always in beautiful places, sometimes a nuclear power station may be the back drop or a caravan park worthy of a scene from Deliverance! This year I decided to indulge my passion too and took the horse along with us to north Norfolk. I've always wanted to ride on the beach and I was also scouting out a possible location for ORC to go for a long weekend.



The beach at Holkham is vast with a gentle slope to the sea. It extends for miles in each direction and I had a lot of fun, cantering, schooling and hacking all week. If anyone is interested in a getaway next year do get in touch with me. It is a way to go but was thoroughly worth the effort. We could even take in Burnham Market Horse Trials too!

Halloween Hunter Trials

This was a successful day extremely well organised by Beverley, Louise and their team. Once again we were at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian in the beautiful west Oxfordshire countryside. Barbara Taylor and Sarah Beveridge provided us with 3 fabulous courses and despite the alarming forecast everyone had a good time and we were home and dry before the storm set in.

Competitors really entered into the spirit of things and we had some stunning Halloween outfits. Many thanks to everyone who kindly helped us – we couldn't do it without you!

