



## **Grendon Spring 2019**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**VENUE: Grendon, Atherstone, B79 0HD**

**DIRECTIONS:**

From M42 J11 take B5493 signposted No Mans Heath and Seckington. At No Mans Heath turn left signposted Austrey onto Austrey Lane which leads onto No Mans Heath Lane. Continue into Austrey and then turn right onto Bishops Cleeve (road) signposted Warton which then leads onto Warton lane. Continue down Warton Lane about 1.5 miles and the venue will be on your left.

From M42 J10 take A5 slip road and take 3rd exit onto B5080 to roundabout and take 3rd exit onto B5000. At cross roads take a left to Polesworth, Turn right onto high street (signposted Warton), turn left onto Church road (again signposted Warton/Austrey). At T junction turn left (signposted Austrey 2). Stay on this road and the venue is on the right just past Bentley Farm.

**VENUE ARRIVAL:**

**Competitors can arrive at the venue from 8.15am. Once you have parked up and unloaded your horses please make your way to the self check-in at the secretaries' tent, where you will be collect your rider bib and wrist bands**

**Competitors Briefing** – This will take place at the secretary's tent.

**Competitors** – Your vet times have been allocated on a separate document. Please note you risk elimination if you are late for the vetting. Please make sure you notify the vet writer upon arrival at the vetting. The time you have been given is your time. You **WILL NOT** be able to vet earlier than your time so please do not push in or hang around the vetting area.

The vetting will take approximately 3 minutes as your heart rate will be taken for a full minute. The vet on duty is Ronaldo from Pool House.

Check the board upon arrival for last minute route changes and confirmed distances as times & points will be worked out from the official mileages displayed on the day. Please ensure you have read the rules

**Pleasure Riders. You can arrive at the venue from 9.30am, Pleasure ride times are first horse away 10.30am Last horse 12.00 noon – All 20 mile riders to be out on course 11.00 am please.**

The venue is field parking. No hard standing available. All vehicles will be shown where to park by a steward.

Self check in will be in operation at the secretary. Tick your name on the list, take two wristbands with emergency numbers – one for you and one to attach to your horse and take your numbered bib. Don't forget to return your bib after the ride and collect your rosette. Members can record mileage on the website when you get home.

**THE VENUE FIELD IS A WALK ONLY ZONE. DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE VENUE FIELD BUT MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES.**

Please clear droppings from the field and take any rubbish home with you.

**ROUTE:** There are three route options – 5, 15 and 20 miles.

The ride is along public and private bridleways.

A big thank you to HATS ( horses avoiding traffic scheme) for use of the private bridleways for the day. These paths are clearly marked with the blue HATS symbols.

This year the route has a little more roadwork through villages as the venue is a little further away from the HATS ride.

There are still lots of lovely canter opportunities and a river crossing. There is a motorway bridge to cross on the 20 mile route, which is part of the public bridleways.

There is also a lovely pub in the village of Warton, The Fox and Dogs, with room to park horses.

There will be horses travelling the same sections twice on parts of the route – please pass carefully and be courteous on these sections.

**FACILITIES:**

A catering van will be there from 7.30 am, there will be toilets but no water.

**FIRST AIDER:** This event does not have an official first aider, however there is a first aid kit located at the Secretary's trailer.

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Ruth at Indiepics. [www.indiepics.co.uk](http://www.indiepics.co.uk)

**RIDE ORGANISER:** Julie Cooney email: [juliecooney65@icloud.com](mailto:juliecooney65@icloud.com)

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS ON THE DAY OF THE RIDE ONLY**

**07473 803874 or 07434 756817**

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**FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY – CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD ON THE DAY OF THE RIDE TO CHECK IF THERE ARE ANY LATE ROUTE CHANGES AND READ THE RISK ASSESSMENT**

**RULES:**

**ALL RIDERS SHOULD READ THROUGH OUR RULES – THESE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE**

**No SPURS or whips longer than 30” as per our rules.**

**Standing Martingale are also not permitted without written approval prior to the ride**

**Hats must be secured by chin strap and meet current standard**

**No Head Cameras (these are permitted on arm, leg or body)**

**NEVER PASS ANOTHER HORSE WITHOUT ASKING PERMISSION FIRST, ALWAYS PASS AT A PACE NO MORE THAN TROT. REMEMBER THAT NOT EVERYONE MAY BE A CONFIDENT RIDER OR THEY MAY HAVE A NOVICE HORSE, PLEASE WEAR THE FOLLOWING TAIL RIBBONS FOR GUIDANCE.**

**TAIL RIBBONS:**

**Please wear the following ribbons in your horse's tail if needed:**

**RED RIBBON – My horse may kick**

**GREEN RIBBON – I or my horse are nervous /novice, approach with caution and pass with care**

**BLUE RIBBON – My horse is a stallion**

<p><b>NB. ALL LATE BOOKINGS NOT ON THE BIB NUMBERS LIST MUST BRING A PRINTED COPY OF THEIR BOOKING CONFIRMATION TO GIVE TO THE SECRETARY</b></p>
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