



### Timahoe BBQ Event 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

How lucky were we with the weather? sure we might as well have been in Spain as Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June dawned for the BBQ Ride. With temperatures up in the mid twenties, it was a great day out for a BBQ and trail ride, and the 31 riders to join Endurance Ireland certainly thought so!

First to arrive on the scene were father daughter duo Pat and Niamh with Ringo and Gypsy, the foursome were one of the two groups who took on the full distance on the day, setting a nice pace around the 22km course. Next to arrive were Eileen and Lucy, her beautiful coloured mare, Eileen no stranger to endurance riding at this stage, rode with Lorraine on her new mount Goldie. The ladies were joined on their ride by John on the magnificent ID gelding Woody, with all 3 heading out to enjoy the 13km shorter loop.

Rosemarie with her mount Tiko, arrived out to enjoy the day in the beautiful village of Timahoe. Next to arrive were Richard with Jack, Susan with Ben and Ann Marie with Indy. The group were keen to get going out to ride the 13km course, easily completing the loop in time to join the BBQ.

Arriving on the scene were sisters Lisa and Jill with their mounts Cricket and Jessica. This was Crickets' second time out and so Jessica was on hand when he was introduced to all the new sights and sounds. Joining Lisa and Jill were, Paddy on Kala and Shane on Sally. Shane has taken over Sally briefly from owner Aisling who will be back in the saddle soon!

Liz arrived with her new gelding Hugo, Liz decided it was a good day to let him see the sights and sounds on his own, and the pair headed out to do the 13km track.

The Three Counties Club, having had lots of fun in Stradbally, joined us again for the day with Mick on Anastica and Johanna on Faolan to see the beautiful Laois views on offer. Shaeffe with Benny also joined us for the day, riding with the duo from the club.

Next to arrive were another family duo who aren't afraid of a little sunshine, Susanne and Natasha, riding Apache and Rio, headed out to undertake the 22km course with both horses coming back none the worse for their time in the sun.

Una joined us again with Pippa, having enjoyed her family day out at Kinnity, bringing Aisling on her pony Casper and joined by Roisin on Dazzle. The threesome easily completed the 13km distance enjoying the sunshine and the views.

Claire on Tonto and Marie on Winnie joined us for the day out, with the happy foursome heading out to enjoy the tracks.

Aoife and Amanda headed out with their lovely cobs Fergus and Apache, both girls enjoying the views but feeling the heat.

Patrick and Caitriona arrived with Amber and Rua, this was Rua's first time out with Endurance Ireland and she took to the tracks with ease, although she has a good advisor in Amber who having done her Intermediate final last year is no stranger to endurance tracks!

The last riders out on course were Terri and the two Anns riding, some veteran horses, with Gales Hill Boffin and Scimitar accompanied by the lovely Jasmine. The ladies elected to do the 13km course, having had a late start and easily finished it to come back to enjoy the BBQ.

The riders were extremely lucky to have Colette and Yvonne on hand to man our BBQ, there's nothing appreciated more than good food after a day outside. A horde of savages descended on the ladies who had everything cooked to perfection. Thank you both for your work on the day. Thanks also to Evelyn and Terri for their work on the day organising the event. A huge thank you to the Timahoe Heritage Centre who have kindly allowed us to use their facilities, we are delighted to be using this venue and look forward to returning again. It is well worth a visit with great displays on the history of the tower. Thanks also to Coillte for the use of the forest.