

NORC Summer Camp 2015

Three Day Camp

Another superbly enjoyable NORC event at Aston Le Walls

Camp Aston le Walls - Here We Come . . . (a report from Sue Gibb)

. . . . I arrive at Aston Le Walls to see excited ladies putting up their tents, lots of giggles and hugs as some haven't seen each other for at least a week. We had had a work party 2 nights before to put up the marquees and get the flowers, candelabras and bunting etc. all in place.

Fridge stuffed with food for the weekend and plunge pool hot and ready.

With the tents up, time for a hack and investigate the venue and its fabulous facilities.



The Friday demo was in the new show jumping arena with lovely and talented Pip showing us all how to pop over the fences with maybe 2,3 or 4 strides depending on what she was about to jump . . . everyone looked on and had a swig of the old NORC punch as she just jumped away not getting a stride wrong.



Then it's Candles lit, dinner served, everything wholesome and homemade.

Off to bed to the cry of "I can't find my clothes" from someone who had forgotten to bring a torch and had only brought black clothes to wear.

"Black pants, black socks, black T shirt" what a giggle for the girls that were still sipping their bedtime drinks in the marquee.



Early morning, the smell of a full English on the go, girls mucked out and feeding their horses. A wonderful aroma after a night under canvass then discussions with the instructors over breakfast during which we all decided on our training for the day.



Saturday was a full day with four hours training in all disciplines plus lots of fun in the "water jump".

That night we were treated to a four course dinner - homemade soup, French chicken casserole, veg and new potatoes in tarragon. Vicky made the best choc brownies pud mmmm . . . not forgetting a delectable cheeseboard and biscuits .



The hot tub is always popular for some after such a busy and sunny day as the evening drifted into night-time.

Sunday saw a slightly later start especially for those that had had a late night and a hard days riding the day before but we soon got into the training again.



Pre-lunch demo by Grace Taylor, this young lady rode her horse bare back and jumped a course of jumps higher than some of our members and was so calm about it. We were hanging on to our seats just watching her!

Lunch with our instructors and the heavens opened. How cosy it was with the sound of rain on the tent, we just began to settle in for an afternoon to chat when the sun and blue skies forced us out, tack up and ride again.

Camp finished with cake, tea, a handing out of the NORC 2015 rosettes, a farewell to friends old and new and a promise to all meet again next year!

All hands on deck to decamp and with help from some member's husbands and partners, it took no time at all. This year has seen a very

successful NORC camp and we are already planning the next one for July next year.

Thank you campers for helping out and doing your bit to make this camp successful.

Thank you Nigel and Anne Taylor for having us.

Thank you Tom from Aston Le Walls for being "Mr Fix It "over the weekend.

Thank you to our instructors Alex, Clare, Jo, Sarah and Russell for giving us a great time and first class training.

Wishing you all the very best until I see you again.

Sue

Our Summer Camps are renowned for being great fun, varied training and excellent social activities.

This year it will be held on Friday 10th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July at:

Washbrook Farm
Welsh Road
Aston Le Walls
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- It is a full, programme with training for all abilities that will stretch you without taking you out of your comfort zone.
- You can arrive from midday onwards on Friday. You have full use of the facilities.
- A demo on Friday night
- Settle your horse/pony into a stable and then set up your tent etc.
- Go out for a gentle hack and explore!
- On Saturday and Sunday there are 4 hours of training split into two 1 hour sessions in the morning and two 1 hour sessions in the afternoon.

The cost is just £250 and a deposit of £50 will secure you a place.

We already have a number of members that have confirmed places, so it will be on a first come first served basis. A reserve list will be held.

The price includes:

- stable, straw bedding and haylage
- private shower and toilet for NORC
- private plunge pool
- all home cooked meals
- tea and coffee
- (BYO booze)
- field for camping/caravans