

## New Year Fun Ride -3rd January 2016

**Venue-** Prince of Wales Industrial Estate, West End, Abercarn- by kind permission of Caerphilly CBC. Access from A467. Please park according to Steward's request.

Entries accepted on day But we must receive 20 entries prior to the end of December for the Ride to proceed! Please remember that if you are an EGB member you must renew your membership and have your new Card in order to take advantage of the lower entry fee!!

As the Venue is a public Car park a £5 deposit will be payable-refundable when you show you have picked up your poo and other rubbish!

As this is a new Ride there will be NO facilities -so please bring your own refreshments!  
We do however hope to provide a festive cup of mulled wine and a mince pie to each finisher!

**Distances-** There will be 3 Distances-approx 9km (5.5miles), 23km (15miles) and 32 (20.5 miles). Marking will be spray arrows on ground and dayglo tape plus some signs. Marking will be minimal on long straight stretches! Refer to Talkthrough and Map for more information

**Route** -The going is suitable for the time of year- Forest tracks, tracks in the Sirhowy Valley Country Park and some Bridleways. Minimal road work BUT 2 B road crossings which may NOT be stewarded depending on helpers availability! If you are unsure you should dismount and lead your horse for safety at any point in the Ride. .

A good training Ride for those already doing Endurance but an introduction for those thinking about taking up a new challenge for 2015 or simply an enjoyable way to see the New Year in on horseback!

**Timings-** First Riders to leave at 10am and last by 11.30pm-but if you are planning to do the longer distance please leave by 10.30a.m!

### Talkthrough

Leave Venue at bottom of Car Park and follow to left around perimeter of Cwmcarn School until you reach road then turn right, follow road over Railway bridge (NB Trains will run on the hour approximately). Turn Left on stony track and look for markers taking you to right. Follow to Forest Track

### Short Route

Turn right- follow track all the way until CP1 , turn right downhill then look for left turn into short circular piece of Woodland.,returning anti-clockwise to CP 1 and retrace route back to Venue

### Medium Route

Turn Left and follow track to Sign saying "Full Moon" and turn sharp left into wooded area ,then sharp right down past Pandy Park and right into Crosskeys . **Caution!** Traffic can be fast along this stretch. Go along road for short distance ,turning left under by-pass into Sirhowy Valley and over bridge. Follow track along river and when it goes uphill cross main track and take stony track, keep on track until T junction on Forest Track and turn Right . Follow until road and CP2 and cross at Ynys Hwyl barn (**NB** metal Horse walkovers) Continue on Track until it becomes smaller path in wooded area. Follow markers downhill and to right (stony for a short time) and then right onto Sirhowy Valley track. Look for markers taking you back uphill on right to rejoin Forest track . Turn left and then at Ynys Hwyl barn (CP2) turn left downhill, cross river at Pont Lawrence Rees , follow road to left then bear right. Look for markers taking you to the right of Capel Babel and go up through Melin Street and cross B road to Bridlepath. Go through wooden gate and uphill turning sharp right before next gate. Follow track eventually bearing right downhill ,then left and at road junction, right then immediately left then right onto Bridle path. Follow past Beechwood terrace, and path turns downhill to road, go left and then left over 3 step walkover into Forestry. Retrace route to Venue or

### Long route

Ignore turn back to venue and follow as short route!

Finally Enjoy your Ride and please thank all helpers-they would rather be riding!

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