

The Aram Grange Ride

3rd and 4th July 2021.

By kind permission of John and Joan Blair.

Thank you for entering the Aram Grange ride. Your number and vetting time will be included with this email.

Directions to the venue. Post Code YO7 3RD

From A1. Leave A1 at junction 49, proceed down A168 (A19 Teesside) for 1 mile. After 1 mile, bear off left towards Asenby/Topcliffe. After 600 yards turn right, back over the A168 and follow direction signs.

From A19. At Thirsk take the A168 towards the A1. After 3 miles turn left towards Topcliffe, drive through the village and stay on this road until you go back over the A168 and then follow direction signs.

Camping/Coralling is at the venue. Please park and coral in the field allocated for this. At the end of your stay please leave everything tidy. There will be a trailer available to put your droppings in.

Stabling. Is at Queen Marys School, Baldersby Park, Topcliffe, YO7 3BZ which is about 5 minutes from the venue. Go through the main gates of the school, at the end of the beech hedge turn right. There is loads of parking on the right hand side. The stables and riding school are down the little hill at the end of the car park.

The Course. Will be marked with dissolvable spray paint. Also with printed direction markers for the different rides e.g. 12km, 20km, 32km, 40km. The 60km will do the 40km with a 30min hold at the vet gate, followed by the 20km route. The 80km will do the 40x20x20km courses with 30 minute holds at the vet gates. There is loads and loads of available cantering but please remember that the going might be firm and the weather could be extremely warm. Please watch your speed. Your main aim is to bring your horses/ponies back safely. A couple of areas are a little rough, Please go carefully over these. Be careful when you see crossed red and white flags. These are to advise you of a hidden ditch!! There are two walk areas. Firstly at Studforth (3kms from the start) and DO NOT touch the grass here. The farmer's wife is very proud o her garden!! And we only have permission to go through if we leave it as we find it. Also walk through the back lane at Rainton (just before check point 3). This is a very quiet road but there might well be children playing on it. Please also ride very steadily through Norton le Clay.

Last time we ran this ride some IDIOT rode down the tram lines of a corn field. You need to keep to the tracks and marked routes. It took a lot of persuasion to convince the

farmer to allow us to go over his land again, so I don't want this to happen again. On the ride you will cross over a number of very quiet roads which will not be manned. Please be very careful when doing so.

Crewing is best done at CP2 where there is a continuous supply of fresh running water. If you need to crew anywhere else please avoid the villages and road junctions. Do not drive down Lingham Lane (between Norton-le-Clay and Dishforth). This is a private road and all vehicles must keep off it.

Parking. Here is loads of room, but please park where directed. There will be loos, refreshments, and a water supply in the parking field.

Pony Club members. Remember your Mastercards.

Finally,. Enjoy your ride and come back safely. Robert Blane