

30th October 2010

Witches and Demons Fun Quadrille

Lucy and myself are new to the riding club early this year and this was a first for us.

The weather was good. We arrived and unloaded to the sound of Thriller and Monster Mash, which took me back a few years! We eagerly tacked up not knowing what to expect and how our horses would behave. I wore a black Dracula cape, well for about 10 minutes and quickly discarded this as it began to flap in the breeze; I also carried a devils fork for a crop.

As we approached the school, the horse's ears pricked up, as the music became louder. There were seven of us altogether and we were paired up in red and black sweatshirts lead by Anne and Caroline. Thank god for Anne and Caroline they kept us all in order. Wendy began to explain the moves and the quadrille was underway. We rode in single file, pairs, bumping on & off each other.. not literally I hasten to add! criss crossing and circling away. A couple of times we got in a muddle and at one point Lucy and myself found we had moved up the line a bit. Still not sure how we managed that!

Just after the hour Wendy glanced over her shoulder and noticed a nasty black cloud heading our way. We decided to end it there and head back to the horsebox. With the horses all loaded and the others that had hacked sheltering under one of the barns, we all gathered for a Winter Pims, which was delicious and a lovely ending to a very enjoyable morning.

All the horses were well behaved and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and are looking forward to the next one at Christmas. I recommend anyone who has not given this a go to do so. Thanks Wendy for organising!