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Riding School

Rose Cottage Riding School

An Occasional Newsletter for Rose Cottage Customers—Anniversary Edition

One Year on, an Important Anniversary...



The original Rose Cottage in Malin is our base

To mark the occasion of the first Anniversary of Rose Cottage and to thank all those customers who have helped to make it such a success we thought we would prepare a summary of just a few of the things that have marked that year. This Newsletter is the result. There are too many events to cover in such a small space but we hope that you will enjoy reading just a few.

Domino and her little colt Patrick

Kate McDermott, her husband and family first came to live at Rose Cottage in 2007. Within a short time she realised the potential of the existing manege, its stables and tack room and with the wholehearted backing of the owner of the cottage and land, decided to start her own riding school business. Rose Cottage Riding School opened for business on June 3rd 2007

The rest is history...

Domino is a Shire Cross standing some 16.3hh and possibly originally from Ireland. She was bought by her owner when she was nearly four and was ridden by him over the following ten years. We acquired her in 2005.



Patrick—two days old here



After being covered by our Stallion 'Dandy', (The Malin Warrior) in 2006, her colt Patrick was born at the same time that Rose Cot-

tage Riding School opened for business. Patrick immediately became the mascot for our web site. Now a yearling, he is a formally registered Piebald.

Rose Cottage's Sponsored Charity Hack...

Rose Cottage takes its place in the community very seriously. It organises and takes part in community events like this one and helps in events around Christmas such as supplying our then baby donkey Ivan for the 2007 *Live Crib* at the Sacred Heart Church in Carndonagh.

Last September, no fewer than nine children and two adults from Rose Cottage Riding School took part in a Sponsored Charity Ride from the School up to Malin Head and back round via Knockamany Bens.

It took them no less than 5 hours to do the ride which was in aid of the Carn-donagh Community Hospital. The final amount collected was €1,412 and the sum went toward the purchase

of air mattresses for the hospital.

Here at the top we see them all at the half way point - outside The Sea View Tavern at Malin Head.

Finally, toward the end of the long hack, we see the horses on Lagg beach enjoying a paddle to soothe their aching hooves before tackling the home straight.



Stable Management and Equitation Successes

In August 2007, twenty four youngsters at *Rose Cottage Riding School* took their AIRE Examinations!

Twenty one of them took and passed their Level 1 AIRE qualifications in Stable Management and Equitation and three girls took and passed the exams at

Levels 1, 2, and 3!

The children were all trained by Kate and her assistants but the examinations were all conducted at *Rose Cottage* by AIRE's independent examiner, Gillian Doherty.

Here the proud award win-

ners show off their certificates.

Those receiving their Level 1 awards are on the left and those taking Level 2/3 awards on the right.



Rose Cottage Riding School is an AIRE Approved Riding Establishment.

Courses in Stable Management, Equitation and Road safety are conducted regularly.



The Level one Winners with their certificates



The 'seniors' with their Level 2/3 awards

Lessons and Beach rides

Have a look at some of our lessons! Rose Cottage Riding School offers fully supervised group and private lessons in general riding, jumping, riding safety and stable management as well as the opportunity for hacking out.

For competent riders long beach rides around the shore line of wonderful Trawbreaga Bay are only a couple of minutes away and the scenery provides a really stunning backdrop.



Around and about at Rose Cottage...

Catching lovely moments with horses is always rewarding. We try to put as many of these *'Behind the Scenes'* moments onto our web site. Do have a look there for these and other gems.

Life around horses is always fun and there are many times when these wonderful animals wheedle their way into your affections. It may be a new foal like Music, Domino putting her tongue out, our donkeys, or Cooper & Hope wanting attention, friends Biggles and Jacob disturbed from their grazing, Zuko and Valco grooming each other, Shannon coming back from a particularly muddy hack or Zuko waiting for the vet!

Here we have caught just a few moments of life in and around Rose Cottage. Come and see for yourself!



Just see what Rose Cottage Riding School has to offer...

Riding lessons, Jumping lessons, Beach rides, Schooling horses, Showing and winning prizes, Charity hacks, Gymkhanas, Fun days at Halloween and Christmas and getting AIRE qualifications are just the start of it. We now also have a NEW Pony Riders Group. Visit our web site to see some of the things we get up to! We think we offer the best riding experience in the Malin area for both children and adults.

We're on the Web! Go to:
<http://www.malinriding.com>

Another of our Special Horses...

This is Kate, a very special mare. Rose Cottage's owner Kate McDermott says of her:

"She's a yearling in this picture, bred by a very close friend, Gabriel Roddy, out of his piebald mare Gipsy and our piebald stallion *The Malin Warrior*. He named her Kate, after me. He was so proud of her; she was his first filly in four years. We acquired her after Gabriel's death in June 2006".



We had our own wins at local shows too...

Rose Cottage Riding School is not just a business. Right from our earliest days Rose Cottage's owner, Kate McDermott and her family have been demonstrating their own horsemanship and experience by being placed or winning classes at shows local to Malin.

Kate McDermott took second prize at the 2007 Clonmany Show with Whisper.



Kate McDermott & Whisper

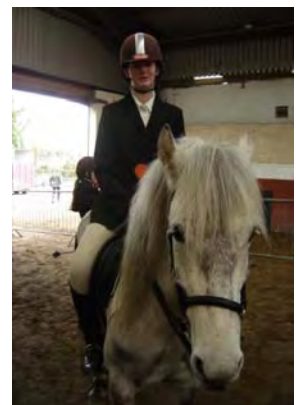
Samantha McDermott won the *Ridden Coloured Section* on five year old Zuko at the Greenacres show in Convoy, last September. In March 2008 and again on Zuko, now six years old, she won both the *In Hand Coloured Class*

and the *Ridden Coloured Class*. She also took the Winning Rosette for the *Coloured Championship* at Greenacres.



Samantha McDermott wins on Zuko

Ashleigh McDermott, came second in the *Family Pony Class* at the same Greenacres Show in March and was also chosen as Reserve Champion in the *Family Pony Championship*.



Ashleigh McDermott second on Whisper

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