



# **GOLDEN HOOF RIDE 2015**

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## **Newtonmore on the Weekend of Fri 5<sup>th</sup> to Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June**

The Golden Hoof Ride (Scotland) will hopefully be an annual event with the first one in 2015. It will be for people and horses who enjoy long distance riding or carriage driving to share some time together. It will run in the first week of June each year and will consist primarily of a social get together at the ending point. It is recommended that people finish on the Friday before 6pm so a meal can be shared together that evening at 7:30pm. (Estimated Cost £10 per person and BYOB) The rest of the weekend's events will evolve in time as participants make recommendations. Rides can be linear or circular or whatever you like and as long or as short in duration as people want - we will try and avoid rules as the most important part is sharing experiences with fellow minded people. For 2015 the "Ride" will finish at Newtonmore Riding Centre followed by a weekend of fun. (Meal at the stables Fri. night and probably "Fun Pony Games" on Sat. Morning, "Show and Tell" on Sat. afternoon and Meal & Ceilidh on Sat. night) - Corralling, Camping and Stabling will be available all weekend. Also teams can base themselves at NRC too and ride circular routes from base if they wish, but please organize with us first. The Trophy will go to the Team that is voted by other participants to have had the most fun etc. All welcome :-)

There will be a token entry fee of £10.00 per team and then we only ask for donations for anything else (camping, corralling, stabling, hay, etc) for the benefit of local charity "Cairngorms RDA Group" (Scottish Charity- SCIO - SC043835) which is based at NRC.

For more info you can talk to Ruaridh Ormiston on 07831 338012 or just email us.

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*Newtonmore – Weekend of Fri 5th to Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June - All Welcome*

## BOOKING FORM

Welcome to the inaugural running of the Golden Hoof. Many of you will have heard of the Silver Boot ride that has run since 1973 and has been very popular, in fact so popular that they have become unable to cope with all those wishing to take part. So on the request of some people we set up an alternative ride so everybody gets a chance to do a long distance ride of that type. This year it is the same week as the SB in the first week in June, but this was not intentional and was out with our control because of the Mail Coach 100 Event. But next year we will run it the last week in May so that those people who wish to, and are allowed to, can do the Golden Hoof and the Silver Boot together this causing no conflict.

Our venue this year will be at the Newtonmore Riding Centre, courtesy of Ruaridh Ormiston.

Camping/Caravaning is available for a small donation at the Riding Centre. The camping and parking field will be open from Saturday 31st May and cars, trailers etc can be left. Please arrange all requirements with NRC - [info@newtonmoreridingcentre.com](mailto:info@newtonmoreridingcentre.com) – Lorraine Duncan: 01540 670000. There is a loo, running water and a common room in the hay loft and a tiny kitchen for boiling water, washing dishes and a microwave. There is also a gas BBQ and indoor/outdoor eating area that all teams are welcome to use. There is also showers in the Big Brother House and at the Newtonmore Grill for a small charge.

Corralling is also available on site and you will need to bring electrification units and set up your own corrals. These will be in a well-fenced field but the amount of grass will be limited so you will need to bring hay/feed. There is no charge for camping and corralling but Ruaridh is asking for a £5 per night horse donation to the Newtonmore RDA group. We also have stables and paddocks too for hire.

If you have not already booked anywhere there is a wide range of accommodation available in Newtonmore and you will need to make your own arrangements for this. [www.newtonmore.com](http://www.newtonmore.com)

The programme is for there to be an informal buffet at the stables on the Friday evening at 7pm.

On Saturday morning for those with energy to burn there will be mounted and unmounted games of a purely fun nature Nothing too demanding or physical and suitable for all. It will be fun !

On Saturday afternoon there will be a 'show and tell' about your routes. This will either be in the Hayloft or Biallid House. We will see if somebody from the National Park or local access bodies wants to attend.

On Saturday evening the meal, followed by the presentation of the Hoof, will be at the Glen Hotel in the village starting at 6:30pm. If you wish to bring instruments or perform a party piece we can have an informal ceilidh into the small hours. Your family and partners are of course welcome to join us.

To ensure smooth running of the meal for the hotel I would ask you to also to complete the 'meal choices' slip on the form and not change your mind and return it with your entry.

Ruaridh has donated a Golden Hoof Trophy for the winning team (in memory of his dad Cameron Ormiston a Pony Trekking Pioneer) which will be voted on by all who took part and will go to the team that the other teams felt had the most amount of fun over their weeks riding. There is an entry fee of £10 per team that will go to the Cairngorms RDA Group.

We have set up a BT Mydonate page for the event on the internet on the Cairngorms RDA page of my donate so you can make your donations there too and you can also set up your own sponsorship pages by registering in the site and then going to the event page and setting up your own page for friends and sponsors to donate too directly as well.

**Make your donation here: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/goldenhoof2015/225852>**

**MEALS & ENTRY FORM.**

TEAM LEADER.....

Team name.....

Name(s) .....

Address.....

Phone number and Mob .....

Email.....

Please advise if you are vegetarian/vegan/obligate carnivore/cannibal or have any other dietary requirements. Also remember to bring your own alcohol. BYOB. And a sense of humour.

	Number	Cost	Total
<b>Catering</b>			
Buffet Dinner Friday night		@ £15 pp	
Meal Saturday night two course option		@ £17 pp	
Meal Saturday night three course option		@ £21.00 pp	
<b>Sundries</b>			
Entry fee		£10 per team	
Grazing RDA Donation		£5 per horse per night	
Parking/Camping RDA Donation		£5 lorry/tent per night	
Stabling DIY		£15 per night	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

If sending cheques, for the full amount, make it payable to “Ruaridh Ormiston” and send it to Ruaridh Ormiston, Newtonmore Riding Centre, Biallid Farm, Fort William Road, Newtonmore, Inverness-shire. I can also accept payment by Paypal. My email is info@ormistonhighlands.com . Mobile 07831 338012. Please return these by Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May. You can always donate online too and tell us by email.

**HORSE and PONY HIRE:** If you need a horse or pony to hire it is £60 a day or £240 a week for first week - and £50 a day and £200 per week if taking for more than one week. Ponies will be shod and reasonably fit. For unshod ponies for more local work you can deduct £10 per day and we can advise what routes can be used local to us.

**CIRCULAR or CAMP RIDES:** If you would rather come and make your base at NRC for the week and do circular or loop rides each day that is possible too just get in touch and we can help with routes too – ideal if you are not sure about the fitness of your horse or if you do not have a back up crew – we can provide stabling, or paddocks or corralling or even field turnout.

**BIG BROTHER HOUSE:** We will have some space on site at the stables for people to stay in Biallid Farm House ([www.biallid.com](http://www.biallid.com)) over the week and weekend. £25 pppn B and B (£35 single occupancy) and meals can be provided too for these in the house or staying at the stables, Breakfast and Lunch £7 ea including packed lunches and evening meal £12.00. (Lady Jean will be your hostess.)

Team Name:

	<b>Names /Initials</b>					
<b>Starters</b>						
Fresh homemade Thai Style Butternut Squash soup (V)						
Seafood Cocktail						
Chicken Liver Pate						
<b>Main Course All served with baby boiled new potatoes and two fresh vegetables</b>						
Supreme of Chicken Breast Chasseur Style						
Fillet of salmon supreme in a Champagne & pink peppercorn sauce						
Braised Scottish Beef in 'Wild Cat' Ale – served in a Yorkshire Pudding.						
Mushroom stroganoff with white & wild rice (V)						
<b>Dessert</b>						
Trio of mini American Classics						

**GAMES**

Please list your names if interested in the pony games on Saturday morning. Horses etc provided !!


Total Price for Meals : \_\_\_\_\_

2 courses = £17.00

3 courses = £21.00

**Make your donation here: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/goldenhoof2015/225852>**

## ***The Inaugural "Golden Hoof Ride" to finish at Newtonmore at 6pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015***

### **Outline Timetable for the Weekend**

#### **FRIDAY:**

18:00hrs - All teams to try and finish by 6pm on Friday Night at NRC to set up camp and get ready for the meal.

19:00 hrs - Finishing Dinner and Ceilidh with all involved and all welcome will be held at 7:00pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at Newtonmore Riding Centre, dress casual but warm, to be held in the stables on picnic benches at Biallid Farm.

Please give numbers to Ruaridh in advance – catered by The Glen Hotel Newtonmore and £15.00 for Buffet – Bring your own bottle(s).

#### **SATURDAY:**

10:30-12:30 – TEAM EQUESTRIAN SPORTS DECATHLON – ALL HORSES AND KIT PROVIDED AND EVENT RUN BY NRC SADDLE CLUB AND PONY CLUB. THIS IS A FUN EVENT AND IS NOT TO BE TAKEN TO SERIOUSLY.

12:30 – 13:30hrs – Informal Lunch - supply your own food or use our BBQ.

13:30hrs – Show and Tell – a chance for all the Teams to share their experiences and routes to the others and to include as much humour as possible.

18:30hrs – Pub Meal in Local Hotel and Presentation on the Golden Hoof

#### **SUNDAY:**

No plans, informal day for all to chat and there is no rush for anybody to leave.

#### **SUGGESTED PRICE LIST (All donation money to CRDA Group Carriage Section)**

**Hire of small paddock £10.00 per night – we have two – hay available**

**Hire of Stable DIY £15.00 per night – we have eight – feed for a donation**

**Corralling per horse per night £5.00 –you supply the equipment**

**Tents, Caravans, Lorries and Trailers to live in – min £5.00 per night**

#### **Biallid Farm House Big Brother Prices (Not to CRDA Group - please pay Jean):**

**B and B from £25.00 pppn**

**Breakfast or Lunch from £7.00 and Dinner from £15.00 on Fri/Sat/Sun**

\*\*\* Please book stabling, corralling, paddocks etc and the BIG BROTHER House with Lorraine by email or include requirements with your entry form please \*\*\*

**Ruaridh Ormiston – Tel: 07831 338012 – Email: [info@newtonmoreridingcentre.com](mailto:info@newtonmoreridingcentre.com)**

**Booking Form for Hooper TEAMS please return by May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Moto and Aim:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number in Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Members:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Number in Support Crew:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Support Crew Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate Route:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate Days and Mileage:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Numbers for meal on Thursday Night at the Stables :** \_\_\_\_\_

I include a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Cairngorms RDA Group (minimum donation £ 10 per team as an entry fee). The Meal can be paid on Friday night direct to the caterer on site.

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** .....

Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Phone:	
Mobile:	
Email:	

**Please, return this Booking Form and Cheque or note of alternative payment method to: (Please note payment will not be taken till after 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015)**

**Mr E. Ruaridh Ormiston (Golden Hoof Organiser), Cairngorms RDA Group, Newtonmore Riding Centre, Biallid Farm, Fort William Road, Newtonmore, Inverness-shire, PH20 1BP  
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# **GOLDEN HOOF “PONY GAMES” 2015**

Organisers: Ruaridh Ormiston, Lorraine Duncan, Fiona & Phil Hawkins

## **EQUESTRIAN SPORTS DECATHLON**

**Sat Morning – Briefing in Stables at 10:30AM SHARP !!!**

**Golden Hoof Teams, min 2 per team, (single teams grab a team member from other teams or NRC) - no horses required, NRC will supply very safe and quiet horses. No riding skills or extreme physical activity required. This is a fun challenge where we will all have a good laugh with each other. We will also assign at least one junior member to each team to assist the grown-ups.**

### **LIST OF 10 EVENTS FOR THE DECATHLON – 5 MINS EACH max**

- 1: NAVIGATION MEMORY TEST**
- 2: SPLAT THE RAT**
- 3: PIN THE TAIL ON THE DONKEY**
- 4: HOOLA HOOP SACK RACE**
- 5: PEANUT ICE CREAM CONE RACE**
- 6: BLINDFOLDED RIDDEN SLALOM**
- 7: DOG AGILITY CHALLENGE (DOG PROVIDED - ROSIE)**
- 8: CARRIAGE DRIVING CONES COURSE**
- 9: PACK HORSE BUCKAROO CHALLENGE**
- 10: TEXAS SWING - SALSA STYLE**

**Judges decision at each event will be final – scoring is from 0 to 10 points at each event. Teams to Start from any event there is no need to do them in the above order. Judges supplied by NRC Saddle Club and Pony Club. The Winning Team will receive a prize from CAIRNGORMS RDA GROUP.**





## Riding for the Disabled – Carriage Driving

Driving has been an important part of RDA activities since 1975 and there are now almost 70 Groups involved with over 1000 other RDA carriage drivers!

Carriage Driving is where a horse or pony is hitched to a wheeled carriage and driven in an arena or around a course or out in the country enjoying the scenery and atmosphere.

RDA Carriage Driving is particularly useful if you can no longer ride due to disability or if you prefer a different kind of challenge to riding. It also allows the use of dual reins.



### The Benefits Of Carriage Driving

- Improved co-ordination
- Improved muscle power
- Relaxation through rhythmic movement and motion
- Being out in the open air
- Achievement, self-confidence, team comradeship and FUN !!!

Carriage Driving can range from a relaxing drive through the rolling countryside to exciting competitions where your ability to make quick decisions and having the confidence to control a fast moving carriage are put to the test. If you are a confident driver and would like to compete there is opportunity for competition in RDA as well as British Carriagedriving (BC) and British Driving Society (BDS) shows. Some drivers progress outside of RDA and attend training days and compete internationally.



The group would like to use any money raised to go towards the purchase of a four wheeled carriage for use with wheelchairs or with semi-ambulant drivers. Two British built carriages that fit the criteria are the Fenix Flyer and the Bennington Challenger and they both cost just over £8000.00 each excluding vat. Another £2000.00 is required for suitable harness and other accessories. So we are aiming to raise £10,000.00 in all, assuming we can reclaim the vat on the carriage and harness.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE GOLDEN HOOF 2015 RIDE RUN WILL BE "RING FENCED" FOR USE BY THE CARRIAGE DRIVING SECTION

Make your donation here: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/goldenhoof2015/225852>



# **Golden Hoof Weekend**

**Buffet menu Fri 5th June 2015**

**7:00 pm at the Stables**

**£15.00 per person  
(To be booked in advance)**

**Roast Chicken Drumsticks**

**Honey Roast Ham**

**Roast Beef**

**Sausage Rolls**

**Assorted Quiches**

**Assorted Salads & Coleslaw**

**Baked Potatoes with Sour Cream  
and Chives**

**Assorted Bread Rolls with Butter**

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**Cheesecake or Gateau  
served with Double Cream**

**At Newtonmore Riding Centre – PH20 1BP**

**All Welcome – book with Ruaridh**

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# **Golden Hoof Weekend The Glen Hotel**

## **Bar Supper Menu – Saturday 6:30pm - 6th June 2015**

### **To start**

**Homemade Thai Style Butternut Squash Soup (V)** served with warm crusty roll.

**Seafood cocktail** – served with wholemeal bloomer toast.

**Our chefs own chicken liver pate** served with red onion marmalade & Highland oat cakes.

### **Mains**

**Braised Scottish Beef in 'Wild Cat' Ale** – served in a Yorkshire Pudding.

**Supreme of Chicken Breast Chasseur Style**

**Fillet of salmon in pink peppercorn & champagne sauce.**  
**Stuffed, roasted Red peppers (V)**

**Main course served with boiled baby new potatoes & two fresh vegetables.**

### **Dessert**

**Trio of mini American Classics** – key lime pie, Pecan Pie & Mississippi Chocolate Mud Cake. Served with double cream.

**Two Courses: £21.00**

**Three Courses: £17.00**

**All Welcome – book with Ruaridh**

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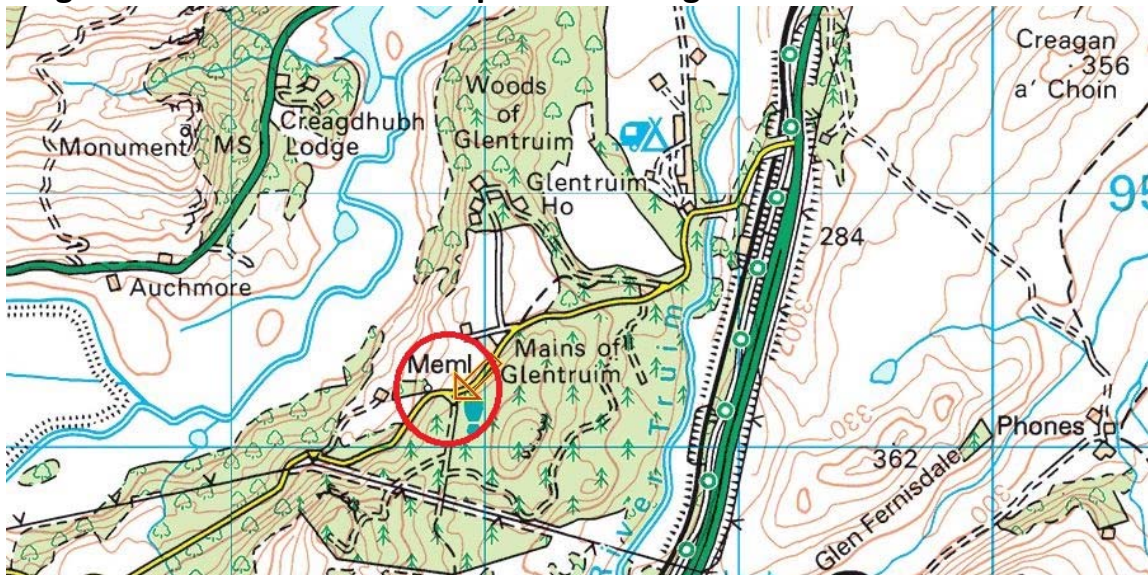
# Centre of Scotland Stone

## Dedication Ceremony

### Glentruim near Newtonmore

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June @ 2:30pm

Locals have always claimed that the centre point of Scotland, as defined by the furthest point from the North Sea and Atlantic Ocean, is just south of Newtonmore at Glentruim. The point used to be marked by the Ordnance Survey by a stone and with a plaque that was stolen and not replaced. It is mentioned in several books, including Seton Gordon's Guide Book "Highways and Byways of the Central Highlands", he refers to it as "The Heart of the Highlands". Locals want the spot marked again so hence the dedication event.



Location: Mains of Glentruim Farm, PH20 1BE, 3 miles south of Newtonmore, from Newtonmore Junction, take A9 South for 1 mile then turn right, sign posted Invernahaven and Caravan site, proceed on single track road one mile to just past the farm, the stone will be on your left opposite stone dyke.

OS EXPLORER MAP 402 Badenoch and Upper Strathspey: Map Ref 678.942

GRID REFERENCE NN 67859 794207 and (Lat 57.020 Long -4.178) and (267859E + 794207N)

Some of the Riders and Carriage Drivers who are taking part in the inaugural Golden Hoof 2015 Charity Ride, who make their way from many different parts of Scotland to the finishing point in Newtonmore, will meet at Glentruim for the dedication ceremony. All others with an interest are very welcome too. For more details contact Ruaridh Ormiston the event organiser. Many thanks to Mr George Campbell the owner of the land who has arranged for event and landscaped the area around the marker stone. If anybody would like to contribute to the local Charity Cairngorms Riding for the Disabled Group based at Newtonmore who are benefiting for the Golden Hoof Ride, buckets will be there on the day.

Or online make your donation here: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/goldenhoof2015/225852>

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