

## PROGRAMME REPORT

### 1. Jumping Demonstration by Cathy Hart at Tidworth on Sunday 15th January

The year got off to a flying start - so to speak - with this very well organised, instructive and entertaining demonstration. Judging by the good attendance and rapt attention of the onlookers, it was well received and we hope the effects will be evident in improved standards of jumping, especially by our prospective competitors for Area Competitions.

### 2. Annual General Meeting at Tedworth House on Tuesday 24th January

With a gratifying attendance of 36 members, a fair amount of business was effectively accomplished including the election of 3 new Committee Members to replace the three retiring, Polly Llewellyn, Tom Olliver and Norman Creese (Treasurer). The 3 elected were: Bill Austin, Norman Creese and Sue Bennett. The officers of the Club for the next year are, therefore, as follows:

President: David Packman (Hatherden 205)  
Chairman: Sam Hart (Tidworth 3378)  
Vice-Chairman: Nixie Taverner (Andover 2554)  
Secretary: Peta White (Burbage 810559)  
Treasurer: Dawne Williams (Stockbridge 724)

Committee Members:  
Gilly Facer (Hurstbourne Tarrant 363)  
Marty Hoare (Chute 203)  
Jennie Patterson (Weyhill 2612)  
Shirley Myall (Ludgershall 688)  
Lynette Gilbert

In the Chairman's Report, Sam Hart thanked the retiring Committee Members and Norman Creese, the retiring Treasurer, for all their hard work. He welcomed our many new members, praised the Instruction and Grade Examination project which continues energetically and said he felt the Club has a very promising future.

The Bulk Fodder Scheme also continues to work well, thanks to Shearing and Loader, and the Treasurer's Report revealed that the Club made a profit of £11.00 last year. It was agreed, however, that subscriptions will now have to be £3.00 for Riding Members and £2.50 for Non-Riding Members.

### 3. Joint Evening with Riding for the Disabled Association at Enham Village Hall on Wed. 15th February

A large crowd was present to see the inspiring film 'Right to Choose' and a worthwhile collection was taken.

### 4. Horse Riders Evening at Tedworth House on Wednesday 8th March

Not unexpectedly, this was a most successful evening with 75 members and guests present. The panel was composed of Lucinda Prior-Palmer, Meriel Tufnel and Hugh Thomas, with Michael Tucker in the chair. Questions which ranged from the Team's most embarrassing and exhilarating moments to the vexed question of bite were answered instructively and we greatly appreciated the fact that four such eminent personalities were willing to devote a precious evening to our Club.

5. The participants in Peter de Cosemo's Course at Fowlers Farm all enjoyed the week-end. It was just a pity that not more people were present for his most stimulating slide lecture on British and German Dressage on the Friday evening. Perhaps this was partly due to a last-minute change of venue. But we were most grateful to Jay Herbert for her kind hospitality and the delicious refreshments she provided at very short notice.

6. The Mock Hunt organised by Sam Hart from Cross Belts, Tidworth, on Good Friday was a resounding success with a turnout of nearly 40 people. The only problem was that the quantity of traditional Hot Cross Buns, kindly provided by Sylvia Hart, was required to multiply - at very short notice.

Unfortunately there was a very sad occurrence - the unexpected death of Sandra Olliver's mare Fair Charm, better known as Fifi. Having thoroughly enjoyed about half the course of jumps with Stacey Know aboard, she collapsed while walking and pinned poor Stacey to the ground beneath her. With almost superhuman strength, Tom Olliver managed to free Stacey who, although very shocked, bruised and mildly concussed, was fortunately not seriously injured. The subsequent autopsy revealed that the cause of death was a heart attack. While extending our sympathy to the family, we can only say, by way of consolation, that it was a happy way for an 18 year old mare to die and that she will live on through her daughter.

### Personal 'Tit-Bits'

Congratulations and best wishes to Marty Hoare on her recent Coming of Age. We were also delighted to hear that Diane Richards produced a bonny baby boy (weighing 10 lb. 7 oz!) on February 4th. Finally, every good wish to Theresa Awde who is getting married on April 1st, Grand National Day!

### Forthcoming Events

The Art of Good Feeding: Film Evening. I hope the Programme will be out in time for as many people as possible to attend the film evening on Tuesday next, 4th April on the 'Art of Good Feeding'. Presented by Spillers (by arrangement with Shearing and Loader) it will naturally have a slight commercial bias but the films are apparently excellent, will be accompanied by a specialist commentary and the whole evening is FREE.

### Instruction Sessions and Grade Examinations

First, a special exhortation to all those taking part in preparation for Grades I and II, to attend all the remaining sessions punctually. If you can't manage one for any reason, please ring the Instructor concerned. Names and telephone numbers are as follows:

Sue Bennett (Weyhill 2341): Sue Hollands (Hurstbourne Tarrant 333): Sally Hebbourn (Andover 65840)

Secondly, to make up for the equitation session that was cancelled because of weather conditions, Sue Bennett is willing to take Grades I and II candidates on Sunday 16th April at 1.00 p.m. in the Tidworth Indoor School. If you can't manage this, please let her know.

Thirdly, all candidates are invited to a Revision Get-Together at Wressle Cottage on Thursday 20th April at 7.30 p.m. (If you can't manage this date, please let me know).

Finally, Good Wishes from the Club to all our Grade Exam Candidates.

### Week-end Course at Fowlers' Farm on 26th to 28th May

Meriel Tufnell, who is herself a qualified Instructor (in addition to her many years of experience and fame in flat racing) is arranging this course on very favourable terms and I think it would be of particular value to prospective competitors in our Area Events, especially for jumping tuition and practice.

Would all those interested please contact me as soon as possible so that we can plan a programme to fit in with Meriel's own time-table for that week-end.

### Payment of Subscriptions

Sorry as I am to end on a negative note, the COMMITTEE REGRETS TO ANNOUNCE THAT IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION THIS WILL BE POSITIVELY THE LAST NEWS-LETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE!

If you wish to continue your membership, therefore, please send your subscription as soon as possible to either our Secretary, Mrs. Peta White or to our new Treasurer Mrs. Dawne Williams.

Hopefully Yours,

Nixie Taverner.