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BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB  
NEWSLETTER - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER '76

PROGRAMME REPORT

1. Talks and Demonstrations

Our showing of 'The Event Horse' film at Tedworth House on Tuesday 30th April was so popular that there was standing room only for all latecomers. The film itself is very memorable with superb photography but the evening was enhanced by the presence of Lucinda Prior-Palmer. After the film, Lucinda answered questions about Eventing and her career. Characteristically, she attributed most of her success to good horses rather than her own skill. A handsome profit strengthened Bourne Valley assets and enabled us to donate £25.00 to the B.H.S. Olympic Fund.

About 25 people attended the Demonstration on Plaiting and Pulling at Skamore Cottage, Tangley, on Wednesday 28th April - just right for viewing in box space where a patient pony and horse respectively were effectively beautified. Spectators were encouraged to participate and even our President, David Packman, tried his hand at plaiting.

A somewhat chilly evening did not deter 25 people from attending the In-Hand Judging at Skamore Cottage, Tangley, on Wednesday 26th May. Mrs. Lorna Payne and her colleague, Pauline Saunders, judged two classes - Riding Pony 14.2 and under and Riding Horse, over 14.2. Those present had a good opportunity to discuss the final placings and her reasons for them, with Mrs. Payne, and a lot was learned from her knowledge and experience. A welcome fork supper and a glass of wine was provided by Rosemary Hicks to round off the evening, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Our grateful thanks to the providers and leaders of the horses and ponies used for the classes and also to Mrs. Payne and Pauline for giving up their valuable time to judge the classes for us.

Sue Hatherley's lungeing demonstration at Cholderton Manor on Wednesday 2nd June attracted a large attendance of about 40 and everyone agreed that the occasion was very informative and most enjoyable. Sue's exposition on technique and procedure was most ably conducted and her calmness maintained even in the face of provocation. We were pleased that her 'model' was Half-Asleep who did so well at Tidworth, especially as he responded with great vitality to his delighted audience. Sue herself agreed that we all learn more from an unexpected than a polished performance!

2. Visits

In April ten or more members took advantage of Ann Spencer's invitation to visit her self-run 'stud'. That Ann finds time to run her stables and hold down a full-time job amazed us all. As she designed her own stable block and bungalow, we now know why she has had no time recently to participate in club affairs. All of us who keep horses and have to work for our living are constantly finding that the days aren't long enough, so it was a pleasure to learn how one of our members copes, and even manages to grow Russian Comfrey. After a most interesting tour of the stables, Ann invited us in for coffee and 'horse chat' which rounded off the evening very happily.

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Our outing to the Shalbourne Stud on Wednesday 12th May was well supported by over 20 and the experience exceeded the expectations of those who had not been privileged to meet Miss de Beaumont previously. It is wonderful to meet stallions who do not need to be tied up and welcome human visitors; the 'maternity unit', housed in a lovely old barn, was of special interest, particularly as the star new arrivals were twin foals, only a few days old. But the lasting, overall impression is of calm, comfortable orderliness - an atmosphere that is reflected in the evident well-being of all the horses.

### 3. Instruction

The two sessions with Sue Hatherley were as beneficial to those taking part as the earlier ones, especially as the venue for the second, on Sunday 2nd May, was changed from Tidworth to Sue's outdoor school at Cholderton Manor. The participants thoroughly enjoyed using the splendid facilities in gracious surroundings and then, as a grand finale, negotiated some of the cross country jumps in the Park.

It is hoped that further instruction with Sue can be arranged for the Autumn.

Nixie Taverner's instruction sessions have been consistently well attended, both at Tangley and Kimpton, and are continuing. Please contact her for information.

### 4. Riding Events

#### Orienteering in Collingbourne Woods

Fourteen club members making up four teams assembled in Collingbourne Woods on Sunday 16th May, where they were issued with maps, compasses and instructions. In theory the contest consisted of three sections each of three miles, thus making a pleasant nine mile ride. In practice, only one team completed the course! As someone said, "In the woods all the bridle ways look alike and who can read a compass on horse-back?" All the same, the project was well organised and enjoyed by all who took part - even by those who never even located the first set of markers!

#### Area Show Jumping and Prix Caprilli at Twesdeldown on 19th June

The Club sent a Show Jumping Team, a Prix Caprilli Team and two Dressage riders to compete in the Area Competition. After some initial consternation about transport which was sorted out with offers of help from Marty Hoare and Irene Wood, we all duly assembled, somewhat nervously, at Twesdeldown Race Course.

The Hampshire Rural Riding Club was in charge of the Dressage and Prix Caprilli and our hopes of our members competing at the National Championships at Stoneleigh ran high when Lindsay Toeman got a high score in the Dressage on Highland Fling. For the third year running, Lindsay was beaten by one mark. Our other entry, Nixie Taverner on Micky, was unfortunately eliminated for riding into Arena by mistake!

After a good start by Marty Hoare, who scored 60 and won a 3rd Individual rosette, our Prix Caprilli Team came 6th and had a lovely rosette each to encourage them to have another go next year.

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The Show Jumping took place in the afternoon and was organised by the Bourne Valley R.C. Nine teams competed, from as far afield as the Isle of Wight and Purbeck. Philip Hart did well, with the help of our friends from the Horsley Riding Club, erecting a new course on the sand landings, after the individual jumping in the morning.

In the team jumping each team of four jumps twice and is allowed to discard the worst score each round. At the end of the 1st round the Meon and Purbeck A were leading with three clear rounds each and the B.V. had 4 faults. When the jumps went higher for the 2nd round, the Meon collected 4 faults, the B.V. had three clear rounds and the Purbeck A had sixteen faults. We then forced other members to a jump off against the clock and the scoring went like this:

Meon 4	B.V. Eliminated
Meon 4	B.V. 8
Meon 8	B.V. 0
Meon 8	B.V. 16

The excitement was intense and congratulations to our team for only losing the championship by 4 faults. Our team consisted of:

Anita Druce on Stromble  
Marty Hoare on Tempus Fugit  
Rosemary Wallace on Satan  
Sandra Olliver on Fancy Flip

#### 5. Hunter Trials, 27th June

In spite of a sizzling temperature and very hard going, the Bourne Valley Hunter Trials held at Lock's Drove, Upton, on Sunday 27th June, were surprisingly well attended. As the organisers had hoped, the classes attracted a wide range of entries from mature Cross Country 'veterans' on schooled horses to young novices on inexperienced ponies.

All the competitors agreed that the course (14 fences for Novice Classes and 20 for the Open) was inviting and well-constructed, combining fence appeal with the element of challenge that is so important to riders. The delightful setting and well-organised facilities contributed much to the spectators' enjoyment.

The Bourne Valley Riding Club were very grateful to all the helpers who so nobly 'sweated it out' on such a baking day. Special thanks are due to the 1st Wessex T.A. Unit who kindly provided walkie-talkie equipment and operators and to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade team whose presence was, as usual, so reassuring. Fortunately, there was only one minor casualty early in the day.

The results were as follows:

Class 2	Novice under 14 hands	
1st	Mandy Knox	Olmarch Princess
2nd	Drew Patterson	Andy
3rd	Julian Barber	Lucky
4th	Nicholas Barber	Tommy
5th	Emma Foord	Spanish Flea

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Class 3	Novice 14 hands and over	
1st	Mark Haggan	Folly Cottage
2nd	Bill Austin	Penny Arcade
3rd	Roberta Facer	Florin
4th	Roberta Facer	Just Raffles
5th	Richard Razey	Satan
6th	Jenny Bowman	Cottesmore Kelly

Class 4	Novice (under £20.00)	
1st	Elizabeth Capes	Lysander IX
2nd	Sandra Olliver	Fancy Flip
3rd	Stephanie James	Ben Ford
4th	Mark Haggan	Folly Cottage
5th	( Tom Olliver	Antic Hay
	( Richard Razey	Satan

Class 5	Open	
1st	Tom Olliver	Antic Hay
2nd	Elizabeth Capes	Lysander IX
3rd	Sandra Olliver	Fancy Flip
4th	Emma Chambers	Master at Arms
5th	Kate Capes	El Aleson

#### 6. Membership Matters

We are delighted that at least ten new members have enrolled since the last Newsletter was issued and that so much enthusiasm is being shown for club activities. Enthusiasm can be very much dampened, however, by lack of transport when it is most needed .... only two members, Tina Bowyer and Marty Hoare kindly responded to our last cri de coeur in this respect. Any other members who could help are most earnestly requested to let the Committee know.

#### 7. Personal Tit-bits

Congratulations to Rosemary Wallace who, substituting at the last moment on Satan in the Area Show Jumping, achieved the only three clear rounds of the afternoon - a splendid performance that would have won her an individual 1st. For 4 years, Rosemary has always been ready to leap into action at a moment's notice; her riding skill has been a great asset to the club and both she and her husband Dennis will be very much missed when they depart for Germany in the Autumn. Our best wishes to them and we hope they'll keep in touch.

Congratulations, too, to Marty Hoare, who took her B.H.S.A. 1 at Park Farm recently and PASSED.

Last, but by no means least, our warm good wishes to Sue Appleton and her fiance Edward, who are getting married on 21st August, most appropriately, the day before the Area One Day Event!

## 8. Forthcoming Events

You will see from the enclosed programme that several interesting fixtures are planned for August and September. We hope that as many members as possible will take an active part in the Club Gymkhana which is intended to be FUN. Children may only watch (and probably laugh at) parents' efforts in the Gymkhana classes. But they are welcome to bring their ponies to enter for Clear Round Jumping and a Mini Cross Country Competition. Schedules are obtainable from Jenny Patterson, Ringwood Cottage, Kimpton, (Tel: Weyhill 2612).

We are also running our own Prix Caprilli Competition as a schooling objective and to provide experience for riders and horses (with next year in mind). Please take part if you can. You'll find it most beneficial. Entry forms and P.C. Test Papers available from Jenny Patterson or Nixie Taverner (who will also provide information regarding schooling sessions). Incidentally, a selection of lovely rosettes awaits the enterprising....

We would welcome any help that non-riding members can give both for the Gymkhana and the Hunter Trials in September.

We have only been able to obtain twelve tickets for the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley this year, on Wednesday 6th October. We plan a coach outing, however, to the Dunhill Christmas Show at Olympia - hopefully for the Saturday evening performance. It is a marvellous family show and well worth saving for. If you are interested, please contact me SOON so that arrangements can be made well in advance.

Nixie Taverner