



BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

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As this newsletter goes to press it is still very hot and the ground like concrete - not conducive to riding activities, but as we have a full schedule for the next month or so, hopefully to suit all levels and abilities, lets hope that conditions improve.

It would be true to say that the majority of Riding Clubs appear to experience the same sort of problems, one being that it is generally a small percentage of the total membership that turns out to support and/or participate in the various functions laid on. With this in mind the Committee has been liaising with both our neighbouring Clubs, the Woodhay & District and the Danebury and after a successful joint venture in the running of the Faccombe - Help the Aged - Show, it has been agreed that we will continue to work together and support each others Shows whenever possible. So we will be giving details of whats on in the Newsletters and if you aren't able to compete why not go along and offer your help and support.

I'm sure you'll be pleased to hear that our One Day Event which we held in aid of the MacMillan Services Appeal Fund has raised a total of £750 a really wonderful achievement and one we can all be proud of. There will be an official presentation of the cheque at the Riding Club Horse competition. More on that later....

A date for your diaries and one which will hopefully cause some members to pause and give thought, is for the A.G.M. which will this year be held at the Weyhill Fair on the 17th October. As usual, coffee and biscuits will be served and hopefully a majority of members will attend. I hope that some of our newer members will consider giving their services as Committee members to replace those who must retire by rotation this year. There will be full details of those members retiring and nomination procedures in our next newsletter. So, PLEASE, do consider if you are willing to give up some of your time and be prepared to let us know.

On the hottest Saturday of the year, Brenda Harmon and Madame Rumba, represented the Bourne Valley Riding Club at the Bath and West Summer Show in the Regional Finals of the Help the Aged Top Score. On this occassion luck wasn't with them, so no trip to Olympia this year for Brenda. Madame Rumba did excel in other jumping classes on the day so not a completely wasted trip. Many thanks for your efforts Brenda..,

For those new members who have not previously heard of the Riding Club Horse Competition, a short note of explanation. This competition is held annually for the Bluebell Challenge Cup. It consists of a Showing Class which includes two small jumps and a Prelim Dressage Test for which you may be commanded. It is ideal for novice riders with little or no competition experience, or for those with young inexperienced horses. As an added attraction on the day, for any Club members and their friends who would like to attend there will be a Bar - B - Que at the Rebels Den (Weyhill Village Hall). Almost next door to the competition venue.

Lease/Loan

Kerry Davies has a black thoroughbred gelding, 6 years old and 15.2 which has raced and won. He is available on a lease/loan basis with preference going to a dressage home. If interested then please ring Kerry on Andover 57517

FOR SALE.

1982 Ford Transit, 2 horse horsebox, new stud matting on floor. It is plated for 12 months and taxed for 6 months. if interested please ring Gilly Facer on West Wellow (0794) 22215.

FUTURE EVENTS

12th August	Woodhay R.C. Dressage at The Old Craven Arms, Craven Road, Inkpen, Prelim 8 and Nov 12 also jumping classes at all levels. Contact Shelagh Forder on Inkpen 664
19th August	Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country schooling day at Copyhold Farm, Goring Heath, Berks. Tel. Pangbourne 4807
20th August	Riding Club Horse Trials Championship at Everdon. A day out to support our Team.
26th August	B.V.R.C. Riding Club Horse Competition, plus extra Dressage. Schedule enclosed.
3rd Sept.	Danebury R.C. O.D.E. at School Farm, Lockerley, Romsey. SAE to Kathy Bowden, 5 Southview Terrace, St. Mary Bourne.
9th Sept.	B.V.R.C. Combined Training at Castle Farm, Over Wallop see schedule enclosed.
10th Sept.	Woodhay R.C. Hunter Trials at Midgham Park, on the A4 from Newbury to Reading. SAE to Mrs. S. Forder, Holme Dene, Craven Road, Inkpen, Berks.
24th Sept.	Ride and Tie Competition organised by Tanis Downs, at Yew