

CLUB SUCCESSES

The following three reports which were featured in the Andover Advertiser recently, are indicative of the level of Club activities, gratifying for the participants and encouraging we hope, for new Members!

Riding in the Rain' an all too familiar experience for many riders this year, and the weather was no exception when five Members of the Bourne Valley Riding Club too the B.H.S. Grade 11 Examination at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton. In spite of soggy ground and continuous rain, all five candidates had completed both the equitation and stable management sections of the examination by the end of the morning and were delighted when their examiner, Mrs Pocock, from Shalbourne, declared they had all passed! The successful candidates were, Rodney Bennett, Peter Hills, Mrs Rosita Knight, Mrs Dawn Williams, and Miss Jill Vallis. Their Instructor, Mrs Sue Bennett, B.H.S.I., was equally delighted, especially as her husband Rodney had been one of her pupil during the months of preparation!

'Jumping Ahead' is becoming a challenging experience for a Bourne Valley Riding Club Team who were selected for the first time to enter a South East Area Novice Jumping Competition at Twesledon on 23rd June and were placed first! The members of the successful team, Miss Gerry Dunn, Mrs Jo. King, Miss Michelle Warren and Miss Jill Vallis, will be competing in the National Finals at Wellington Country Park on the 7th October. Other results on the day were as follows:

B.H.S. Area Show Jumping:	7th place.	Sandra Oliver, Caroline Burtenshaw, Gerry Dunn Michelle Warren
Dressage Team:	3rd place	Lindsay Hart, Sue Bennett Phillippa Burtenshaw
Prix Caprilli	7th place	Sandra Oliver Rodney Bennett Michelle Warren Jill Vallis.

Special congratulations are due to Jill Vallis for achieving an overall third place in the Area Prix Caprilli Competition, riding the young horse Superstar, she has bred and produced herself.

FUND RAISING Carol Rasey and Shirley Myall, with assistants, organised a very successful Jumble Sale at Penton Village Hall on 20th May, and managed to raise nearly £50 for the Club Funds. This was an extremely good effort and thanks go to them both for their hard work!

We should like to record our grateful thanks to Lady Craddock for her extremely successful and helpful Dressage demonstration, and for her help in coaching the teams for the Area Competition. There is news in the Programme of further help and instruction by Lady Craddock, but book soon as places are bound to be soon filled quickly by those keen to learn !

We thoroughly enjoyed Mrs Gormley's talk on Endurance Riding, given at Penton Village Hall, and she has kindly offered to help with our first Endurance event, to be held on 14th October.

As you will see from the Programme we have some interesting and varied Autumn fixtures, planned, all worthy of your keen support

Newsletter/continued.....

PERSONAL..... Congratulations to Lyn and Gary Thompson who have now a baby daughter, Sarah Jane, and to Norman and Mary Creese, who also have a new addition to their family.

GRADES INSTRUCTION We are planning another course of instruction programmes for those wishing to take their B.H.S. Grade examinations, and a return slip is set out at the bottom of the Programme for those interested.

MEMBERSHIP

Please note that all Memberships are due on the 1st January, and, as agreed at the last A.G.M. are increased from that date to £5 for riding members and £4 for non-riding members. Would those Members with Standing Orders please get them altered, and also could all Members with existing Standing Orders please make sure that they are payable on the 1st January? There are some payable in the middle of the year, and this makes it very difficult for the Treasurer's book keeping!

Lastly.....if any Members have any ideas for the 1980 programme, please let the Secretary in on it! We are now planning next years programme in outline, and want to have things on it that Members want! If your non-attendance at Club functions is due to the fact that there is nothing on the programme that interests you, please let us know!

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