

As most members are probably aware there have been some more changes on the Committee. Mrs. Bagnall and Major Pilling have resigned and Miss Knox and Mrs. Portman have been co-opted to take their places. Mrs. Fortey (Hon. Treasurer) has now moved to Suffolk and Mrs. Appleton has agreed to join the Committee and to take over as our Hon. Treasurer.

Major Pilling has also resigned as Team Manager and the Committee have decided to go back to the original idea of having a sub-committee to select and manage the Club teams and individual competitors. The sub-committee will be Mr. Packman, Miss Farrell and Miss Knox. Mr. Hart will continue to be responsible for organising and running the events and competitions.

8 members have joined the Club since the last of members was printed - their names and addresses are listed overleaf. This brings our total membership to 91 which is a record, although I think we are still one of the smallest Clubs in our Liaison Area.

The Area Horse Trials were held at Alderholt on 20th September when our hosts were the Ringwood & District R.C. Unfortunately we could only raise one full team - Mrs. Dibden was the only member of the 'B' team to compete. The scores were:-

<u>'A' Team</u>		<u>Dress</u>	<u>X Country</u>	<u>Show Jump</u>	<u>Total</u>
Miss A. Knox	Satan	68	E	0	E
Miss L. Hart	Touch of Blarney	87	210	0	297
Brig. R. Webster	Vincent	109	0	15	124
Miss S. Heaven	San McGill	87	E	-	E
<u>'B' Team</u>					
Mrs. J. Dibden	Bay's Leap	-	E	10	E

The event was won by the Ringwood & District 'A' team with a total of 209 penalties, Hampshire Rural 'A' were second with 295 and Ringwood & District 'B' third with 508 penalties. The Bourne Valley team were generously given the 4th rosettes although only two members completed the full course. In the individual placings Brig. Webster finished 7th and Miss Hart was 11th.

In August I had a note from a Mr. Watson of the Henstridge Riding Centre, saying that they are building a Covered School at Henstridge (between Sherborne and Shaftesbury) and asking if any of our members would like to use it - the cost would be £10 a day or £5 a half day. I think these charges emphasize how very lucky the Bourne Valley is to have the use of the Tidworth School for a fee of only £5 a year.

I have also had an advert from the Mendip Riding Centre (midway between Bristol, Wells and Weston-super-Mare) where they have tuition, trekking ($\frac{1}{2}$ day, 1 day and 2 days) and arrange riding holidays - anyone interested should contact John Lee B.H.S.I. Tel. Axbridge 380 for further details.

It has been suggested that, as numbers for instruction at the school have been falling off in the last few months, we should only have an instructor once a month or alternatively, we should ask Cpl. MacGregor to instruct on a week day evening instead of Sunday afternoon. We would like members opinions on this please.

The Club dinner, held at the Rothsay Hotel on 6th November, was a great success thanks to Mr. Packman's excellent organisation. I don't think we have ever before managed to gather so many members together in the same place at the same time! We are most grateful to Mrs. Brook, Mr. Easton, Mrs. Gould, Mr. Hart, Mrs. Murdock, Mr. C. Ponting, Mr. Portman, Mrs. Smith, 'The George & Dragon', Hurstbourne, and 'The Cricketer's Arms' Tangleby who all gave prizes for the Raffle and to Jackie Dibden and her sister for the most enjoyable musical interlude.

I think the National Hunt Forum on 10th November was also a success and our thanks are due to Mrs. Glendining who, although not a member of the Club, organised this for us and nobly provided an excellent dinner for the panel and Hon. Sec! As the panel refused to accept any money for petrol but suggested that we might like to make a donation to the Jockey's Association, we sent them (the J.A.) £3 which was our takings after expenses had been paid.

Finally, copying the example of several other Riding Clubs in our Area and elsewhere, I reprint an article entitled '10 Ways to Kill a Riding Club' which appeared in 'Riding' some months ago, to which I will add no comment!!

10 Ways to Kill a Riding Club.

1. Don't go to the meetings.
2. If you do, go late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of going.
4. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of committee members.
5. Never accept office - it is far easier to criticise than to do things.
6. Get mad if you are not appointed to the Committee, but if you are don't attend its meeting.
7. If asked by the Chairman to give an opinion on some matter tell him you have nothing to say.
8. After the meeting tell everyone how things should have been done.
9. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members use their ability to help matters along, howl that the organisation is run by a clique.
10. Hold back your subscriptions, or don't pay at all.

To add to the Members List.

Mrs. M. Barker, Park House, Cholderton, Salisbury.	Cholderton 611	Riding
Miss M. Brook, Woodhouse Farm, Smannell, Andover.	Andover 2584	Riding
Mrs. C.G. Cherrington, Hippenscombe Farm, Fosbury, Marlborough.	Chute Standen 211	Riding
Mrs. J.P. Facer, Yew Tree Cottage, Hurstbourne Tarrant.	Hurstbourne Tarrant 363	Riding
Mr. A. Herring, The Kennels, Burbage, Marlborough.	Burbage 234	Non-Riding
Mrs. S. Hobbins, Whistlers Farm, Tangley, Andover.		Non-Riding
Mr. R. Southey, Orchard End, Netton, Salisbury.		Riding
Miss A.V. Spencer, 19 Duck Street, West Lavington, Devizes.	Lavington 2426	Riding

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