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BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER/JANUARY 76.

First of all, an apology. This Newsletter should have been with you before Christmas but unfortunately the package containing 100 copies of the newsletter has been mislaid (probably for ever) in the post - so this is our second attempt, better late than never!

After several months of virtual inactivity in the Club it was gratifying for the Committee that both events arranged for November were so well supported. About 40 people came to hear David Burgess, always a popular speaker with the Club, give an excellent lecture on "How not to kill your horse", which I'm sure made a lot of us think! Certainly everyone seemed to be completely absorbed with his talk and we thank him for giving up his time for us once again.

The Dinner and Dance at the Bere Hill Hotel was a great success and 47 members and their guests enjoyed a very good dinner, an entertaining and amusing speech by Hugh Thomas, this years after dinner speaker, and dancing to the Les Hamilton Sound which went on until midnight. The evening was organised by David Packman and I'm sure every one will join in thanking him for running this popular event so efficiently.

Two members have kindly offered us extra storage space for the Fodder Scheme and this will be extremely useful if the scheme continues to grow. The number of members buying fodder through the Club is increasing steadily and if it grows to anything like the size of the Meon R.C.'s scheme we will need more space. For the time being, however, Tom and Sandra Oliver have enough room at Penton, so please continue to send your orders to them. I must emphasise again that this scheme is for Club Members only.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter we are part of the B.H.S. Liason Area 17. Each Club in the Area is asked to elect two people from their Committee to sit on the Liason Committee and we have recently nominated Sam Hart and Rosemary Hicks to represent the Bourne Valley.

The Bourne Valley have agreed to run the Area Show Jumping competition this year; this will be held at Tweseldown during the summer (date not yet known) but anyone willing to help with the organising beforehand or to help on the day should contact Sam Hart. The Hampshire Rural R.C. are running the Prix Caprilli and Dressage at Tweseldown and it helps to cut all expenses if the three competitions are held on the same day - hence the venue being outside our 'country'.

One or two reminders to end with - do please fill in and return (to Rosemary Hicks) the Questionnaire which was sent out with the last Newsletter - it really does help the Committee to plan for the future and we have only had 20 back so far.

The A.G.M. is due in February and we will soon be asking for nominations for the Committee so can you start thinking about who you would like to serve on the Committee for 1976/77.

Subscriptions are now due. £2.00 Riding Member & £1.50 Non-riding member. Please send them as soon as possible to our Treasurer, Norman Creese, 6 Clock House, Bodenham, Salisbury. Bankers Orders are available from Norman Creese or from Rosemary Hicks and this is much the easiest way of remembering to pay!