

As I am not yet prepared in any way for Christmas and time is running out fast, I am not going to bore you all with a long detailed newsletter. This is just a reminder and confirmation of the events planned for the next few months so please don't throw this in the dustbin until you have studied the Programme!

We were made very welcome by the Chipperfield family at Croft Farm, on the 25th November and, if like myself, you had dressed for a cold night in your thermal underwear and several layers of clothing then you would have spent a rather uncomfortable evening as the Indoor School was heated! What a luxury! Margaret Chipperfield gave us a most entertaining evening introducing us first to the four year old pony stallions, Frankie and Blake, Biju the Zebroid (accidental offspring from a palomino pony mum and a zebra dad) and Gordon the Guanaco who was really not in the mood to be sociable and tried to bury himself in the shavings much to everyone's amusement. During the interval, Rhona Brown brought in Jasper the Chimp, a famous television celebrity (P.G. Tips!) and he was obviously favourite with the children. In the second half, Margaret rode her magnificent young Portugese stallion, Samouri, and she explained some of the problems she was trying to overcome with him. The seventeen year old Andalusian stallion, Pedro, had been brought out of retirement for that evening and showed us all that he had not forgotten how to perform. The final act of the evening was Little and Large, Sam the Clydesdale and Johnny the Shetland pony and, as you can imagine, it was very comical. It was a most enjoyable evening and our grateful thanks to our hosts, the Chipperfields.

The first instruction weekend was very successful and as the weekend of 13th/14th December is fully booked with a waiting list, two more instruction weekends have been arranged as you will see on the Programme.

Anne Sealey now has tickets for the Cheese & Wine Party on Friday, 16th January. Anne is calling it a Cheese & Wine Party 'With A Difference' as she intends it to be a 'fun' not formal evening. There will be a wine tasting competition (a bottle of wine for the winner) so come along all you connoisseurs of wine and see just how well you do know your wines! Tickets available from Anne (Andover 781571) £2.50 members - £3.00 non members to include one glass of wine.

REMINDER - SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW OVERDUE. Please will all members who wish to renew their subscriptions and have not yet done so, send them to me by the 1st January as the affiliation fee has to be paid to Stoneleigh that month.

We look forward to 1987 being another successful year for the Club. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

* PROGRAMME *

Carol Glover

DECEMBER

TUESDAY 16TH

BOURNE VALLEY - Xmas Social - Skittles Evening at the Queen's Head, Ludgershall. 8 p.m. start.

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JANUARY

- WEDNESDAY 7TH GRADES 1 & 11 A meeting for all members wishing to take these grade exams is to be held at Blue Bell Farm, Penton Grafton at 7.30 p.m. For further information please telephone Sue Bennett on Weyhill 2341.
- SATURDAY 10TH Instruction with Shena Kozuba-Kozubska at Chattis Hill Indoor School.
- SUNDAY 11TH Prix Caprilli Instruction with Shena Kozuba-Kozubska to be followed by a Prix Caprilli competition (members only). For full details of both instruction days please contact Sue McGrath on Linkenholt 316.
- FRIDAY 16TH BOURNE VALLEY - Cheese & Wine Party at the Wallop Parish Hall. Tickets available from the organiser, Anne Sealey (Andover 781571). £2.50 members £3.00 non members. 8 p.m. start.
- SUNDAY 18TH BOURNE VALLEY - Dressage Competition at Cholderton Equestrian Centre. Schedule enclosed.
- SUNDAY 25TH Romsey Dressage - Chattis Hill. Schedules available from Mrs. Heather Ashley, 1 Warren Gardens, Woodley, Romsey, Hants.

FEBRUARY

- SUNDAY 1ST Danebury R.C. - Dressage to Music with Gaynor Colburn at Cholderton Equestrian Centre. Spectators welcome at admission of £1.
- SATURDAY 7TH Instruction with Shena Kozuba-Kozubska at Chattis Hill indoor school.
- SUNDAY 8TH Show Jumping Instruction with Pat Burgess at Chattis Hill Indoor School. For full details please contact Sue McGrath as above.

MARCH

- Veterinary Talk by Mr. Clive Hamblin. Date to be confirmed.
- SATURDAY 28TH 'A Day At Newbury Races'. Organiser June Bush. Telephone June on Weyhill 2474 for more information and tips!

MAY

- SUNDAY 3RD BOURNE VALLEY ONE DAY EVENT - To Be Held At Blue Bell Farm, Penton Grafton. Organiser - Sue Bennett.
- SUNDAY 24TH AREA DRESSAGE & PRIX CAPRILLI - hosted by Chilworth R.C.
- *As the Area Dressage & Prix Caprilli is being held a month earlier this year, Sue McGrath will be looking for potential team members at the Dressage Competition on 18th January.