

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB
NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

1994 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Please do not hesitate to contact any of the above members with any questions or ideas you may have. Diane would love to hear from anyone willing to be in a team, and compete at any of the Area Competitions.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please could all members who have not already renewed their membership, complete the enclosed renewal form and return it to me as soon as possible.

PLAIN RIDE

On Sunday 28th November at 10.00am a group of eleven, very well muffled, riders assembled in a field at Shipton Bellinger. The aim was to explore a small piece of Salisbury Plain. The weather

was cloudy and a strong south-easterly wind was blowing with a chill factor of near freezing!!

We divided into two groups, five going with Sam Hart and four with Lindsay Hills.

Sam's group set off first at a brisk trot. The Plain is a lovely desolate place and wonderful riding country, providing you keep clear of the Army and the rabbit holes. We rode for about two hours, I was disorientated after about ten minutes.

We headed out towards the old Marlborough Road with intention of finding one the mile stones, but there was electric fencing and sheep in the area plus the wind was so cold that we gave up and headed for the valley and home.

We arrived back at Shipton at about 12.45, cold but, I for one having thoroughly enjoyed the ride.

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AGM

Severe weather conditions of ice, snow and thick fog meant a very small attendance at this years AGM. Several apologies for absence were received, some retrospectively from members who had wished to attend, but the weather forbade this.

The Chairman reported an extremely good year for the Club. The year started with a membership of 68 and an unexpected, large rise in affiliation fees to the BHS, without the possibility of increasing membership fees to offset this rise. The Committee embarked on the task of raising funds, increasing membership and improving communications with members. Two very entertaining socials, a Race Night and an Equestrian Question Time, kindly chaired by Dickie Davies, brought in funds early in the year giving a welcome boost. The annual Quiz and a Lungeing and Long Reining demonstration by Lizzie Loriston-Clarke, completed the socials for the year.

With a wide variation in ability and interests within the membership a variety of non-competitive events and competitions and instruction were laid on. Three UK Chasers rides at different venues, a pub ride were provided for the non-competitive (and the drinkers!!).

Competitions at all levels in all disciplines filled the year, with Dressage (indoor and outdoor), Show Jumping (indoor and outdoor), Combined Training, Superstars and Hunter Trials. Although it was not possible to hold our usual ODE, because no course was available, it is hoped to resume this event in 1994, a hunter trial was held instead. All competitions, except the hunter trial, made a good profit.

Instruction for all continued throughout the year, perhaps it is not as well attended as it might be, but thoroughly beneficial and enjoyable for those who do go. It would be desirable to hold more variety in instruction but lack of facilities prohibit this. One cross country session was held at Larkhill, but the remainder were held on the outdoor school at BlueBell Farm.

Inter Club Area Competitions took up 4 weekends in June and July with BV represented in Dressage, Riding Test, Dressage to Music, Novice and Open Show Jumping and Horse Trials. It was disappointing that we were unable to fill all the places for several of the teams, but even so results were very pleasing. The Novice Show Jumping and Horse Trials Teams were both 5th. The Riding Test team 2nd and the Dressage team, 1st. These two teams qualified for the National Championships. There we had the best result in the history of the Club.

With membership increasing and funds steadily building, we finished the year with a membership of 94 and with a sound financial base for the coming year.

This has only been possible through a very hard working committee and thanks must be passed to all of them and particularly to our Secretary, Lindsay who chivvies us up and keeps us in order.

Committee members, Liz White and Ros Sheppard reluctantly felt they had to stand down. Ros helped to put BVRC back on the map with publicity. And Liz has been responsible for team selection for several seasons. This job entails countless hours on the telephone begging, pleading and cajoling members to join teams, fraught with difficulties of lameness, lost shoes, lorry breakdowns and many other unforeseen problems. The question arises 'Is it worth it?' Retrospectively, when members have had a good day and hopefully some success the answer is 'yes'. Liz bows out at the height of the Club's success, with herself a member of the dressage team and with individual honours. Many thanks to Liz for all her contributions.

Several members volunteered (or were volunteered) to join the Committee and it was agreed to increase the committee size this year to 14, including the officers.

Discussion ensued regarding the value of the inter club team competition, where the cost is now extremely high. It was agreed to continue with these, since it gave the club a focal point and as this year considerable prestige.

The cost of instruction and use of instructors was also discussed. The aim is for instruction to cover its own cost and not make a profit. Those who attend find the Shena lessons very helpful, but at £12 per session even for one and a half hours, some thought the cost high. This cost can be reduced if there is sufficient attendance. The intention for the coming year is to try a variety of instructors and keep costs as low as possible.

The AGM concluded with our President, Sam Hart presenting awards for the Cabelline Cup and Be Fair Cup, points amassed during the year for helpers and competitors.

CUPS PRESENTED IN 1993

FARRIERS CUP - Open Show Jumping	Brenda Harman	Madame Rumba
BLUEBELL CUP - Riding Club Horse	Monica Tomkins	Al Mahdi
HIGHLAND FLING - Dressage (Nov 13)	Lindsay Kemble	Fuzzi
FLORIN CUP - Combined Training	Lynn Bruce	Black Magic
BE FAIR CUP - Points Cup	Lindsay Kemble	
CABALLINE CUP - Helpers Cup	Mary Perren	
SHANNON QUEEN TROPHY - Superhorse		Some Chance
SUPERSTAR TROPHY	Carole Perren	

INSTRUCTION

Three more sessions have been booked with Shena at Blue Bell Farm, Penton Grafton.

Sun 9.1.94	1-4pm	£12.00	
Sat 22.1.94	1-4pm	£12.00	
Sat 5.2.94	1-4pm	£12.00	Cost reduced if sufficient interest.

Please complete the attached reply slip and return it to Lindsay Hills.

ANNUAL QUIZ - 24TH JANUARY 1994

We will be running our highly successful quiz again this year at the Red Lion, Clanville. This is for teams of four (entry fee £2.50 per team) and questions will be horsey and non-horsey.

Please come along and give this entertaining evening your support, it is open to both members and non-members. It is helpful to know approximately how many teams are coming, so could you ring me on 0980 42200.

DRESSAGE SHOW - 27TH FEBRUARY 1994

Once again, we will be holding our Winter Dressage Show at Catherston Equestrian Centre, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs Loriston-Clarke, this is a wonderful venue and this time has the new indoor school.

We will be running 4 classes, with special rosettes in Class 1 for complete novices (neither horse or rider to have been placed at any dressage competition), so even if you've not attempted a test before come along and have a try!!

Anyone who is not riding but who would be willing to help please contact me, Lindsay on 0980 42200.

Schedule enclosed.

LECTURE - 22ND FEBRUARY 1994

We have an Equine Nutritionist coming to give a talk with slides at the Red Lion, Clanville. This should be a very informative evening and be of interest to all members be they experienced and knowledgeable or not.

The evening is open to both members and non-members alike at a cost of £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

Once again it is helpful to have an idea of approximate numbers, so please ring me on 0980 42200.

SHOW JUMPING SHOW - 20th MARCH 1994

We will be holding our winter Show Jumping Competition at Catherston Equestrian Centre.

Classes range from 2'3" - 3'3", and we hope to run a clear round all day in the outside menage. Once again, please give this event your support, if you are not competing and can help please contact Mary Perren on 0264 772814.

Schedule is enclosed.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT AS MANY EVENTS AS YOU CAN TO ENSURE ANOTHER GOOD YEAR FOR THE BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

REPLY SLIP TO BE RETURNED TO L. HILLS, THE RIDINGS, DAUNTSEY LANE, WEYHILL, ANDOVER, HANTS. TEL : 0264 772388

I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE GENERAL INSTRUCTION AT BLUEBELL FARM ON
9.1.94 / 22.1.94 / 5.2.94

I ENCLOSE MY CHEQUE FOR £12.00 (BASED ON 4-6 SHARING)

NAME TEL NO

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DIARY DATES

JANUARY

- 09.01.94 INSTRUCTION with Shena at BlueBell Farm, Penton Grafton.
Reply slip attached. Contact Lindsay Hills 0264 772388
- 22.01.94 INSTRUCTION with Shena at BlueBell Farm, Penton Grafton.
Reply slip attached. Contact Lindsay Hills 0264 772388
- 24.01.94 BVRC Annual Quiz at The Red Lion, Clanville. 7.30- 8.00pm
£2.50 per team of 4. Contact Lindsay Kemble 0980 42200

FEBRUARY

- 05.02.94 INSTRUCTION with Shena at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.
Reply slip attached. Contact Lindsay Hills 0264 772388
- 22.02.94 LECTURE with Equine Nutritionist at The Red Lion, Clanville.
£2.50 members, £3.50 non-members. contact Lindsay Kemble 0980 42200.
Deborah Lucas.
- 27.02.94 DRESSAGE COMPETITION at Catherston Eq. Centre.
Schedule enclosed. Sec : Lindsay Kemble 0980 42200

MARCH

- 20.03.94 SHOW JUMPING SHOW at Catherston Eq. Centre.
Organiser : Mary Perren 0264 772814
Sec: Mandy Vigg 0264 366264 schedule enclosed.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - DATES AND VENUES TO BE CONFIRMED:

MARCH

- 24.03.94 Race Night. Contact Lindsay Hills. 0264 772388 *Red lion*

APRIL

- 24.04.94 Dressage Competition at Tidbury. *Sunday 10th Darnley. £2.50 for everybody*
Caroline Stevens
- Visit to Toby Balding's Racing Stables. *Sat in April*

MAY

- 15.05.94 Combined Training Show. *←*
- Evening Stable Management. *←*

JUNE

- 05.06.94 One Day Event. *←*

JUNE/JULY

- Show Jumping Show. *←*

SEPTEMBER

- Superstars Competition.

