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NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1999

After the changeover at 1999's Annual General Meeting your new Committee are :-

Chairman	Lindsay Hills	01264 772388
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Membership		
Treasurer	Brenda Harman	01264 772853
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	Sue Hodgson	01980 653031
	Lindsay Devine	01980 863166
	Carol Tennick	01264

If you have any gossip you wish to share with us all through the Newsletter you can send information to Jemma via fax: 01722 426051 (please mark clearly for her attention), E-mail on jemma.lowe@btcellnet.co.uk, or by good old fashioned post: 670 Netheravon Road, Durrington, Nr Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 8AX.

AGM Report

Chairman's Report

I approached last year's AGM feeling rather despondent and not really sure about being re-elected for another 2 year term of office. Several key committee members were standing down after doing Stirling work. Volunteers to replace them were conspicuous by their absence. Helpers at our events had been hard to find culminating in an almost crisis situation at our Hunter Trial. Inadequate numbers of Fence Judges threatened the cancellation of the event, and at the very least meant reducing the number of fences on the course.

The mood at the AGM was very upbeat. It had been a very successful year with membership still rising and excellent events run. Offers of help were proffered in several areas. Vacant Committee places were filled from the floor of the meeting, to the extent that we were oversubscribed.

The first committee meeting was also a revelation. Volunteers for committee duties were made readily and with enthusiasm. The new members, although inexperienced, were full of ideas and willing to work alongside more experienced members to learn the ropes in event organisation. The learning curve was steep but everyone rose to the challenge admirably. More organisation on our part meant that offers of help were more efficiently utilised. More offers of help were forthcoming, making event planning a joy rather than a worry and a chore.

It turned out to be a great year. More competitions then ever were put on. Winter / Spring venues proved to be a problem, but with Cholderton House EC and the new MOD venue on the edge of Andover we started the 1999 with two very successful shows. Monthly shows in all disciplines followed. The Combined Training, One Day Event and Hunter Trial were oversubscribed. Some of the other shows didn't have as many entries as we would have liked but were still excellent. All were run with our expected efficiency and friendly atmosphere. 1999 will be remembered for the remarkable weather at our shows. With the exception of the Combined Training which was dry but overcast, every show, from mid March to the end of October was bathed in glorious sunshine. Even more remarkable in a year general remembered for the enormous quantities of torrential rain – flash floods in July and Tractors needed to tow vehicles in and out of shows in August.

The club had a lot of success in inter club Team competitions. The aim, as always, is to find a team place for anyone expressing an interest. 23 members took part in 10 teams. 11 Riders Qualified for Championships in the Novice SJ team, Open SJ individual, Novice and Open HT teams and Open HT Individual. Qualifying for National RC Championships is a real feat. Honours at the Championships is icing on the cake. At the HT Championships five out of nine competitors came away with individual placings, and the Open team missed a team rosette by a whisker. Diana Burgess did exceptionally well with 1st and 2nd places on her two horses, as well as acting as team coach, the other team members benefitting from her experience. Diana's 1st place was achieved against the best in the country. Novice SJ came away with an individual placing too.

Instruction carried on much as before. Thursday evening sessions proved popular this year, whilst Tuesday and weekend lacked support. XC schooling was very worthwhile but that too was not well supported. Rides at Firgo farm were most enjoyable, although we didn't get to Inkpen this year – something we must rectify next year.

The ever popular Hot Cross Bun Ride almost became a victim of its own success with a large turnout. This made the 2 groups large, but thanks to the big open spaces, it proved not to be a problem. The pre Christmas ride from the Bustard is a welcome addition to our calendar.

Apart from the quiz, our Social events were not well supported. This was a real disappointment, and something we are trying to look into for the coming year.

Newsletters still present me with a personal struggle, and I always feel that they are late letting you know what is going on. Although Jemma does the bulk of the work, I still have to arrange dates, dot I's and cross t's. The purchase of another photocopier made life easier. In future, contributions from members would be most welcome.

In summary, it has been another excellent year. Membership stood at 214 at the end of September. More events than ever were organised. The committee rose to the challenge and deserve a vote of thanks for their efforts which belied their inexperience. A good response was received to the pleas for help, offers were made initiated.

One of the pleasures of being Chairman is witnessing members who are thrilled with their own performance at whatever level – achieving something of which they didn't believe themselves capable.

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Financial Report

Financially, the club had a successful year. A turnover of £16,000 gave an end of year profit of £200. Assets of a photocopier, several pairs of SJ wings, stands and fillers, SJ arena posts and ropes were purchased. Team costs were high with 3 teams qualifying for Championships, particularly the HT teams which necessitated an over night stay for nine horses. Since the last Open HT team qualified 10 years ago, the cost should be considered to be spread over that period.

Committee

Sarah March stood down as secretary after 4 years and thanks were passed to her in her absence. Sandra Groves was elected as the new secretary. Two vacancies appeared on the committee with Sandra's move and Milly Brotherwod's resignation from the committee. Carol Tennick was elected to the committee. As we were oversubscribed last year, the second place was left vacant.

AOB

Offers were received and accepted from Jill Vallis and the Perren family to run a Novice Show next year. This will be a very welcome addition to the Show season, giving opportunities for members to come and have a go without the pressure of a formal show.

Lively discussion ensued about the possibility of organising a Quadrille team, which Carole Wright has agreed to oversee. The possibility of organising a new 'Le Trek' competition was raised. As this involves a 10 mile orienteering section, thoughts went to previous efforts in this area, and past club members still trying to find their way out of Collingbourne Woods. It was agreed to see if other clubs within Area 17 were organising this competition and how they fared.

Presentation of Cups.

The Caballine Trophy for the helper with the most points was awarded to Sandra Groves with an outstanding 77 points (1point equates to 1 hour worked). As secretary Sandra is no longer eligible for this competition, so it was great that she won it this year. The Rose Bowl for then highest placed non-committee member was awarded to Sam Woodhouse. Husband Mark was highest placed non-member, and the pair were the highest placed partnership.

The Be Fair competition points Cup was deservedly won by Carole Perren who excelled in all three disciplines throughout the year. Although riding several different horses, often on the same day, she only collected points on one horse on any one day.

Full results of Caballine, Helpers and Be Fair points are shown below.

The meeting finished with consumption of mulled wine, mince pies, tea & coffee.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due for renewal on 1^{st} November. There is an increase this year after being pegged at the same level for several years so its good value at £17 Riding Members / £12 Non Riding Members. We are offering a discount of £2 for second and subsequent members of the same household. Please fill and return the membership form (enclosed with the September Newsletter) to Sandra Groves (address on form). There are lots of good things happening so do rejoin soon. If you are considering hunting then you will need a new blue membership card.

Those who have paid since the last Newsletter should find their membership card enclosed.

RULE REMINDER

The club doesn't have too many rules, but just as a general reminder here are details of the ones that seem to cause most problems.

BVRC membership is open to people 17 years old or older (with no upper age limit). 16 year olds may compete in competitions and attend any riding event as a member's guest, (with permission of the organiser) but BVRC does not allow under 16's to ride at their events. They do however, welcome guests, of any age, at their socials.

Anyone riding at our events **MUST** wear correct approved headgear. The current standard is **at least to the recommended standards PAS015 or EN1384.** Hats shall have a chin strap which has a non-detachable retaining harness secured to the shell at more than two points. Such headgear shall be worn properly adjusted and fastened at all times when mounted. We are not insured if we allow people to ride in incorrect headgear, so please be aware before you turn up and bring the right hat with you.

Body protectors shall be worn for any event involving cross country jumping.

Otherwise there is no particular dress code, it is sufficient just to be "clean and tidy". Correct footwear (i.e. no Muckers) is a good idea. For safety reasons jewellery lovers please note it is not permissible to wear earrings whilst competing, not even studs. Full details of the rules are shown in the club's constitution. Copies can be obtained from Lindsay 01264 772388.

Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at Medstead Grange, Nr Alton on Sunday 30th January, 2000.

We hope to enter a team for the first Area competition of 2000. Teams of four compete over two rounds with jumps 2'6" and 2'9" in each round, the best three scores count. The competition is at Medstead Grange, Medstead, Nr Alton.

For more details ring Nicky Winham (01264) 860138 or Sam Mawer (01264) 334892. Please remember that you will need to have paid your subscription, have a fully up to date flu certificate (for your horse) and a hat to the standard PAS015 or EN1384.

Skittles evening at The Queen's Head, Ludgershall on Friday 4th February 2000, at 7.30-8pm

We are returning to Queen's Head at the High St, Ludgershall for our skittles evening. So, drag out your other halves, see if their bowling arms are intact, and come along for an evening's entertainment. If you can't persuade (armlock) anyone into accompanying you, then don't be shy, come along on your own and join the throng.

Food is available during the evening but must be pre ordered. There is a choice of Basket food of Chicken & chips (£6), Scampi & chips (£6), Sausage & Chips (£4), Cheeseburger & chips (£4), Ploughmans (£4) or Stilton Ploughmans (£5) You don't have to eat at all if you don't want to. We need to know beforehand how many people are coming. **Please send the attached reply slip to Gail Perren BEFORE Thursday 27**th **January.** Please do not contact the pub directly yourselves.

Annual Quiz at the Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill, on Tuesday 15th February 2000, at 7.30-8pm.

Come to our popular annual quiz. Bring as many people as you like. The questions are non horsey as well as horsey, so families won't be left out. Four or five people can make up a team, or if you want to come on your own then just turn up. Under 16's are welcome at our socials, so there's no reason to leave them home. The cost is £2.50 each for the quiz.

Come early, order a drink and some food for the interval, ready for the quiz to start at 8pm.

INSTRUCTION

Instruction sessions continue in the New Year with Diana Burgess at the outdoor school at Castle Farm, Over Wallop (£10) and XC schooling at Tweseldown (£22); evening sessions with Sorrel Warwick, at Cholderton House EC indoor school (£10); and weekend sessions with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm (£12).

Castle Farm is situated on the Grateley side of Over Wallop on the B3084 and is 1 mile North West of the A343 Andover / Salisbury Road at the Middle Wallop junction and 4 miles South East of the A303 / A338 junction near Cholderton. Ring Lindsay (01264 772388) if you would like more detailed directions to any of the venues.

The Instruction dates with Diana are as follows:

Thursday 13 th Jan	10:30 am	Thursday 10 th Feb 10:30 am
Thursday 27th Jan	10:30 am	Thursday 24 th Feb 10:30 am
Saturday 12 th Feb	10am/12pm	XC at Tweseledown 2 sessions of 2 hours (Body protectors MUST be worn)
Monday 21st Feb	10am/12pm	XC at Tweseledown 2 sessions of 2 hours (Body protectors MUST be worn)

The Instruction dates with Sorrel are as follows: The Instruction dates with Elizabeth are as follows:

Thursday 6th Jan	18:45 pm	Sunday 9 th Jan	14:00pm
Thursday 20th Jan	18:45 pm	Saturday 22 nd Jan	14:00pm
Thursday 3 rd Feb	18:45 pm	Saturday 5 th Feb	14:00pm
Thursday 17th Feb	18:45 pm	Saturday 19 th Feb	14:00pm

Apart from the 2 XC schooling sessions at Tweseldown, all instruction is of a general nature. The sessions are 1 ½ hours and consist of some flatwork with some optional gridwork or a small course of jumps at the end. Groups of 4-6 riders.

The General Instruction is aimed at all levels of horse and rider - so do come and have a go. If you wish to attend, please send the attached reply slip to Lindsay Hills **AT LEAST 3 DAYS BEFORE** the due date (separate cheques for each session with date marked on the back of the cheque please).

For XC schooling please ring Lindsay 2-3 days beforehand to check how many groups and the start time of the group to which you have been allocated.

HUNTING

A club subscription to the RA Hunt has been taken out again this year. This will enable club members to hunt up to 6 times during the season (from the end October to April) for a reduced cap (£15 per day (this is £40 for non-subscribers)). The Hunt meets on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 11am. Ring Sam Hart (01980) 843378 / Nick Hornby (01380) 848117 for details of meets, parking, dress, protocol etc. Don't forget to take your membership card + £1 for the box watcher.

Hunt Secretary: Nick Hornby, Paddocks, The Cartway, Wedhampton, Nr Devizes, Wilts. Tel: 01380 848117

Be Fair Results

Carole Perren	116
Kay Bugden	78
Jenny Brown	64
Jessica Kingsley-Jones	57
Gail Perren	52
Lindsay Hills	49
Tracey Fleming	48
Kathy Lane	40
Sofia Woyka	37
Clare Berry	37
Jane Ward	36
Diana Burgess	36
Marty Johnson	34
Carol Wright	34
Karen Fieldsen	32
Tommie Badham	30
Jill Vallis	30
Carole Glover	27
Roseanne Fitzgerald	26
Clare Mobberley	26
Louise du Boulay	23
Deborah Burke	23

Fiona Burgess	22
Shuna Cameron	20
Sarah Peerless	20
Julie Newman	20
Jane Randall	20
Carolyn Carter	20
Rachael Jenkins	19
Amy Cooper	19
Rachel Fraser	18
Lynn Elliott	18
Tory Jowett	15
Roy Southey	15
Samantha Mawer	14
Patricia Shuker	13
Diane Symes	13
Debbie Green	13
Ann Beard	13
Trisha Badham	12
Lena Bond	12
Henry Mackenzie-Green	12
Heather Bunche	12
Lesley Jeffery	11

David Turner	11
Annette Smith	11
Vanessa Fenwick	10
Sarah Butler	10
Pippa Bowen	10
Larch Hodges	10
Kerrie Fleming	10
Jill Richardson	10
Chantal Hutton	10
Jemma Lowe	9
Jane Haggar	9
Natasha Bruce	8
Jill Bendinger	8
Clare Heald	8
Tabitha Alderson	7
Susie Clarke	7
Line Hansen	7
Jennie Rolfe	7
Charlotte Ainsworth	7
Jackie Bench	6
Sarah March	5
Sam Shepherd	5

Sally Shepherd	5
Maureen Hywel-Evans	5
Lucinda Burtenshaw	5
Louisa Clarke	5
Judy Hyson	5
John Stoker	5
Hilary Mayall	5
Helen Fearn	5
Shannon Beahen	3 3 2 2
Julia Hammond	3
Caroline Maclay	3
Ros Heyland	2
Pippa Grob	2
Nicola Hammond	2
Katharine Astor	2
Paul Janaway	1
Miranda Clem	1
Lindsay Devine	1
Kate Purser	1
Julia Shearn	1
Fiona Jones	1

87 members gained points

Caballine Trophy Results

Sue Fentiman	-
Sue rentinan	71
Samantha Woodhouse	37
Dee Hodson	35
Susan Hodgson	34
Jemma Lowe	30
Sue Stevens	29
Lindsay Devine	28
Jill Vallis	24
Milly Brotherwood	19
Maureen Burford	19
Sam Hart	18
Carole Glover	16
Liz Derbyshire	16
Gail Perren	15
Jenny Verity	15
Nicky Winham	14
Josie Saiers	13
Tracy Fenton	13
Samantha Mawer	13

Tracy Smallbones	13
Alison Ainsworth	12
Karen Nimmo-Scott	12
Maggie Miller	12
Jennifer Kingsley-Jones	10
Diane Symes	9
Gill Trickett	9
June Bush	9
Pippa Bowen	9
David Turner	8
Debbie Green	8
Donna Davis	8
Gina Swatton	8
Linda Rawlings	8
Patricia Rowland Shuker	8
Carole Perren	7
Carolyn Carter	7
Clare Anderson	7
Dawn Elderfield	7
Julia Hammond	7

Sarah Mountford	7
Lena Bond	6
Sam Shepherd	6
Gill Young	5
Joan Hutchings	5
Lynn Elliott	5
Marjuit Roberts	5
Angela Wilson	4
Annette Smith	4
Diana Burgess	4
Fiona Manning	4
Jacquie Rigby	4
Jennie Rolfe	4
Jessica Kingsley-Jones	4
Jo King	4
Judy Barke	4
Lesley Jeffery	4
Louise de Boulay	4
Monica Tomkins	4
Tessa Malyon	4

Cheryl Callis Nicholls	3
Fiona Gready	3
Henry Mackenzie-Green	3
John Hughes	3
John Stoker	3
Lucinda Burtenshaw	3
Sarah Butler	3
Jackie Bench	2
Jo Richardson	2
Liz Potter	2
Roseanne Fitzgerald	2
Roy Southey	2
Jane Butler	1
Jo Booth	1
Peter Derbyshire	1
Sally Shepherd	1
Trisha Badham	1

77 members helped at club events

Non Members Helpers points

1 st	Mark Woodhouse	39
2 nd	Peter Hills	34
$3^{rd}=$	Mary Perren	26
3 rd	Simon Davis	26
	Jenny Thorpe	20
	John Thorpe	20
	Angela Cooper	13
	Annabel Hafner	9
	Toni White	9

Gerry Bugden	6
Janie Jenkins	6
Melissa Shepperd	5
Janice Lewis	3
Kelly Coles	3
Matthew Davis	3
Sally Colley	3
Chris Devine	2
Philip Kingsley-Jones	2

Diary Dates

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JANUARY 2000	
06/01/00	General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm
09/01/00	General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 2pm.
13/01/00	General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 10.30am.
20/01/00	General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm
22/01/99	General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 2pm.
27/01/00	General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 10.30am.
30/01/00	Area 17 Novice Indoor Team SJ at Medstead Grange, Nr Alton.
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FEBRUARY 2000	
03/02/00	General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm
04/02/99	Skittles at Queen's Head, Ludgershall 7.30-8pm. (please do not contact the pub directly.)
	Organiser: Gail Perren (01264) 398185. For food send attached reply slip to Gail BEFORE 27th January .
05/02/99	General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 2pm.
10/02/99	General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 10.30am.
12/02/99	Cross Country Instruction with Diana Burgess at Tweseldown, 10am/12pm (Body protectors must be worn)
15/02/99	Quiz at Red Lion, Clanville, 7.30-8pm.
	Organiser: Lindsay Devine (01980 863166)
17/02/99	General Instruction with Sorrel Warwick at Cholderton House EC at 6.45pm
19/02/99	General Instruction with Elizabeth Peerless at Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 2pm.
21/02/99	Cross Country Instruction with Diana Burgess at Tweseldown, 10am/12pm (Body protectors must be worn)
24/02/99	General Instruction with Diana Burgess at Castle Farm, Over Wallop, 10.30am.

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No Food				
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