

1979

PROGRAMME REPORT

Our Annual Social held at Penton Village Hall on Friday 1st December was a resounding success, due to several factors, including the festive surroundings, the appeal of 'The Rustlers' live band, but perhaps in particular, to the excellence of the buffet supper. Our grateful thanks to all the organisers and volunteer 'caterers', especially Shirley Myall, Carol Rasey and Dawn Williams. It must have been gratifying to those who put in so much effort to hear the many glowing comments to the effect that it was 'the best Club Social ever held'. The only discordant note was the unwelcome presence of gate-crashers who raided the kitchen after the Social and polished off the few tasty left-overs.... As you will have seen from the outline programme, Penton Hall is already booked for December 15th this year, so we should be able to enjoy a real pre-Christmas party!

Our Annual General Meeting at the Star and Garter on Tuesday 23rd January was not exactly a 'full house'. Snow and ice undoubtedly kept many members away but in view of the shortage of chairs in the Meeting Room, this was probably just as well! The election of Committee officers and new Committee members had the following results: Chairman SAM HART (Tidworth 3378), Vice-Chairman NIXIE TAVERNER (Andover 2554), Secretary DAWN WILLIAMS (Stockbridge 724), Treasurer ROBIN KINGSTON Committee Members: SUE BENNETT, GILLY FACER, LYNETTE GILBERT, SHIRLEY MYALL, JENNY PATTERSON, CAROL RASEY and LINDA THOMPSON.

OBJECTIVES FOR THIS YEAR

**FUNDS - FUN - FAME!.** These three objectives which are closely interrelated sum up our aspirations for the year. In order to enjoy the fun of participating in some of the planned events and perhaps achieving further fame in the Area Competitions, we must increase our FUNDS.

**FUNDS** - it is to this end that we are holding a special JUMBLE SALE on Saturday 21st April (as outlined in the programme). It should be a wonderful opportunity of disposing of all those unwanted treasures and/or junk, unearthed in your Spring Cleaning... There will also be a Bring and Buy Stall and Tea will be available. So, please give it your full support by providing jumble of any kind beforehand and coming along on the day with your family and friends. Remember, all contributions to Bluebell Farm, Penton, and if you have any queries, ring Dawn, Shirley or Carol.

While on the subject of funds, will those members who have not yet renewed their membership for this year please send subscriptions to Dawn Williams before the end of this month. Otherwise, this may be the last Club Newsletter they receive .....

**FUN** - you will see that there are several 'fun' events already fixed for the coming Spring. Family and friends are welcome on all occasions, especially as we have changed our venue to Penton Village Hall where there is plenty of room. Please note that our first Club Quiz will be held there and not at The Star and Garter for the reasons given. This should be a most enlightening and entertaining occasion ably organised by Tanis Downs with four sparkling teams. So do come along and bring as many guests as possible.

**FAME** - (1) We have already achieved quite a reputation for our Grade Examination successes in the past and are delighted there are already a number of prospective candidates for both Grades I and II and III this year. We are now in the process of organising an Instruction Programme and course places are filling quickly. So if you are interested, please ring Dawn Williams (Stockbridge 724) as soon as possible.

(2) You will recall that our Pairs Dressage Team achieved some distinction at Stoneleigh last year. This year, with good horses and riders to the fore, we feel it should be possible for us to achieve similar fame in all parts of the Area Competitions. We shall shortly be organising our entry. So, if you are interested in representing the Club, please fill in the slip provided and return to Dawn not later than 1st March. It is intended to organise a small event for would-be entrants and some team instruction under the direction of an active sub-committee. So come on, fill it in and have a go!

Best Wishes for Successful Riding in 1979 from your Chairman and Committee.