

## NEWSLETTER January 1974

A combination of several factors made the last event of 1974, one of the most enjoyable the Club has ever held. The annual dinner had:- Good food, an excellent Speaker, good music and good company. So congratulations to David Packman who organised it all and thanks to Colonel Heaton Ellis, whose speech had even the non horsey guests helpless with laughter. Thanks to the Dixy Land Jazz Band who had every one on the Dance floor and thanks to our hosts and fellow Club members Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Ford whose Bere Hill House Hotel so aptly lent itself to the occasion. Book your tickets early for next year.

But we are a riding Club and Dick Stillwills instruction at Tidworth Indoor School proved as popular as ever. While he attracted all the glamour and star pupils, Roy Southy was doing an equally important job taking beginners up to grade II standard and we hope he will continue the good work in January and February 1974.

The film on Fox Hunting at Tidworth House was excellent and the British Field Sports Society representative General Halford very informative but where were all our foxhunting friends?

The last Committee Meeting was held under the threat of petrol rationing but the Committee decided to push on and see what happens.

Alas for us, our Secretary, Tina Bowyer, announced that she was pregnant and would thus be otherwise 'preoccupied' this coming year, although she promises to be back next year. So once again we badly need a Secretary. Elizabeth Appleton, Jennifer Jollyman and Phillip Hart also announced their retirement from the Committee, but all three have promised to help and Phillip is already booked to organise the Show Jumping at the Area One Day Event on August 4th. We shall miss them all very much. Elizabeth has been Treasurer and recently Vice Chairman, and Jennifer has been travelling up from Blandford.

The Annual General Meeting is in February and we hope you will give it your full support and that we shall get lots of nominations to fill the vacancies.

We extend our sympathy to June Bush who has had another spell in hospital and we wish her a speedy return to good health. Sandra Oliver is also temporarily grounded because of an impending birth. Must be catching.

The Chairman too would also like to resign. Nominations please?

Your subscription is due on January 1st 1974 and Tina is sending you a Bankers Order form which you just sign, return and forget about your sub for years and years and years. But more than your sub in 1974 we want you.

We want the experts, the gladiators to pass on their expertise. We want the newcomers to feel part of the universal Horsey World, but as a club we cannot achieve any of these aims unless you come and participate.

During the last five years, as a Club we have had the philosophy that each member should take what they wanted from the club. We have probably been too generous. If the club is to have a secure future, I think our philosophy must change a little and everyone must give a little. A little of their time, a little of their enthusiasm, but first of all a little of your cash. Don't forget your sub.

Good riding for 1974.

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