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BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY/MARCH '76

WINTER HAPPENINGS

1. Programme Report

Talks To start the New Year on the right foot - so to speak - we had booked Tony Ford to give a lecture on 'The Foot and Shoeing' at Tedworth House on Tuesday, 20th January. Owing to Mr. Ford's unavoidable absence, a substitute speaker had to be found at very short notice. The kind lady who filled the gap has a fascinating name, Miss Sheena Kazuba-Kozubska, and she gave an equally fascinating talk on 'Breaking and Schooling a young horse up to specialisation point'. The 20 members present also enjoyed the lively two-way discussion that took place throughout the evening (rather than being reserved for question time).

The second talk given by Cathy Hart on 'Feeding' at Skamore Cottage on Friday 23rd January was equally good, although the attendance was only a select dozen. Samples of practically all 'hard food' available together with minerals and additives, were on hand and the evening was voted as 'valuable and comprehensive with wide-ranging discussion providing plenty of food for thought'.

Instruction Riding instruction for Grades 1 and 2 has taken place at Tidworth Indoor School on the first Sunday of each month and it is hoped that those taking part will form the nucleus of a Prix Caprilli Team.

Despite aching muscles, those who were instructed by Sue Hatherley for Grades 3 and 4, felt they did not suffer in vain! All benefited from her experience, perception and calm perseverance. Improvement in horses and riders was clearly evident and the participants look forward eagerly to the next sessions.

Riding 'Events' The Show Jumping afternoon put on by the Saddle Club at Tidworth on Sunday 25th January was so well supported in spite of the perishing cold that a 'repeat performance' was given on Sunday 22nd February. Congratulations to the organiser, Bruce Saint, both for his enterprise and for arranging such well-constructed and well-placed jumps which proved very useful, especially to novice horses.

The Prix Caprilli Team Competition between Bourne Valley Riding Club, I.B.M. Hursley Riding Club and I.B.M. Havant Riding Club, organised by Sam Hart at Tidworth on Sunday 15th February was unusual in that Bourne Valley Team riders lent their horses to the visitors and to 'balance the chances' nobody rode his/her own horse. Our Team (sub-divided into Bourne Valley 'Indians' and Bourne Valley 'Cowboys') consisted of:

Maureen Burford, Mary and Norman Creese, Shirley Myall, Tom Oliver, Nixie Taverner, Rosemary Wallace and Diane Waller.

Results were as follows:

First	Bourne Valley Indians
Second	I.B.M. Hursley
Third	Bourne Valley Cowboys
Fourth	I.B.M. Havant

Our thanks to all who helped to make the afternoon such a success: to Mrs. Robinson, the Judge, and Miss McVitie, her writer; to June Bush for scoring, Denis Wallace for his work in the Collecting Ring and to our President, David Packman, for gracing the occasion with his presence and for presenting rosettes.

2. Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. was held on Tuesday 24th February at Tedworth House and the following Resolutions were carried:

1. The rate for subscriptions is to remain static for the next financial year i.e. £2.00 for Riding Members and £1.50 for Non-Riding Members, but should be reviewed annually.
2. The Rule governing the number of ordinary members on the Committee should be revised to 'a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 9'.

Two other matters of current importance to members were raised and fully discussed with the following conclusions:

Transport

A revelation concerning the cost of transporting two horses from Enham and two from Kimpton for Sunday Show Jumping at Tidworth came as something of a shock to those who have their own transport...

It was, therefore, agreed that anyone with transport, space and willing to share, should give their names to Rosemary Hicks or Nixie Taverner. Conversely, anyone without transport, likely to need space and willing to share costs, should get in touch. Any names thus gathered will appear in the next Newsletter so that direct contact can be made between those 'with' and those 'without', to mutual advantage, we hope! The only conditions are (a) that 'guest' horses must load and travel quietly and easily and (b) that passengers will defray the cost of petrol in return for transport.

Bulk Fodder Scheme

As anticipated, the scheme's popularity has extended beyond the scope of the storage facilities available to Sandra or Tom Oliver. So David Packman has offered ample storage space at Lockes Drove and Gilly Facer has kindly volunteered her services in organising the scheme. Our thanks to Sandra and Tom for getting the scheme off the ground with such enthusiasm and to Gilly (a new Committee member) for undertaking responsibility forthwith. All those wishing to benefit from the scheme are requested to observe the following conditions:

Orders should be placed with Gilly Facer (Telephone: Hurstbourne Tarrant 363) after 6 p.m. by the first Monday in each month. Orders will then be delivered to Lockes Drove, Upton, and must be collected on or before the second Sunday in each month.

No order will be 'serviced' without payment and payment for the exact amount must be made by cheque.

Your new Committee (elected at the A.G.M.) and their special responsibilities are listed below:

President	<u>David Packman</u> , Lockes Drove, Upton. Tel. Hatherden 205
Chairman	<u>Sam Hart</u> , 1 Sarum Close, Shipton Bellinger. Tel. Tidworth 3378 (Dressage and Prix Caprilli)
Secretary	<u>Mrs. Rosemary Hicks</u> , Skamore Cottage, Tangley. Tel. Chute Standen 225
Treasurer	<u>Norman Creese</u> , 6 Clock House, Bodenham, near Salisbury

Members Mrs. Tina Bowyer, Redroofs, Smannell. Tel. Andover 4658
Miss Marty Hoare, Chute Forest House, near Andover. Tel. Chute Standen 203
(Show Jumping and Competition Secretary)
Mrs. Gilly Facer, Yew Tree Cottage, Hurstbourne Tarrant.
Tel. Hurstbourne Tarrant 363
(Bulk Fodder Scheme)
Sandra and Tom Oliver, Staddlestones, Penton Mewsey. Tel. Weyhill 2746
(Events)
Mrs. Jennie Patterson, Ringwood Cottage, Kimpton. Tel. Weyhill 2612
Mrs. Nixie Taverner, Wressle Cottage, Upper Clatford. Tel. Andover 2554
(Programme Secretary)
Mrs. Peta White, 22 Lambourne Terrace, Perham Down.
Tel. Tidworth 3879

Now you know who to contact (and/or badger!) regarding various aspects of Riding Club life, do make use of this information when it is required.

RUSTLE OF SPRING

We are delighted to welcome several new members and hope we shall all get to know each other soon. Please note that we have done our best to arrange an interesting and varied programme for the next few months. But the success of all the fixtures depends upon the active support of as many as possible.

In this connection, a word of admonition regarding the Questionnaire. Our Secretary would like you to know that only one third of the members to whom questionnaires were sent, has bothered to reply. The third who did reply provided a lot of useful ideas and suggestions which we are trying to incorporate in the programme, e.g. Stable Management sessions, Regular Instruction and Visits. But, where are the other two thirds ?

Another word of admonition, a perennial plea, we fear, from Treasurer Norman Creese. A number of subscriptions due on 1st January have still not been paid. We regret that any member whose subscription is still outstanding by the end of March, will be 'struck' off the distribution list and receive no further communications. So, if you are culpable, but want to keep in touch and benefit from the many Club facilities, please send Norman a cheque without delay.

Finally, a positive note, or two, to end this communication.

Anyone interested in being considered for our Area Riding Club Competitions should contact the team organisers.

Anyone interested in the possibility of making up a small party for either the Royal International Horse Show (July 12th to 17th) or The Horse of The Year Show (October 11th to 17th), please contact me as soon as possible.

Nixie Taverner