

1980

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 1980

A Happy New Year to all our members and their families, both human and equine!

Let us hope that we shall all meet (horses excepted) at the A.G.M. on 22nd January. This is one of the most important gatherings in the Club year, and we should welcome a bumper attendance.

From the enclosed Agenda, you will see that there is quite a lot of important business to conduct.

The following extract from the current Riding Club's Newsletter will also be brought up for discussion at the A.G.M.

'We would like to make a plea that any Clubs not holding their A.G.M.'s in September or October make arrangements to alter their date to these months next year so that details of their newly-elected officers can be included in the Year Book.'

May we also remind you that Subs for 1980 are due now and if you bring them with you to the A.G.M., a considerable amount of postage should be saved. As agreed, the Sub for this year will be £5.00.

Now, before considering what the New Year has in store, a short review of 1979 highlights and happenings.

1. The Club's part in the London and South East Novice Horse Finals at Wellington Country Park on 7th October

This was the first year we have entered, and the results were most encouraging. The Show Jumping Team had qualified at Tweseldown in July where they were first and the Horse Trials team qualified at Liss in August. Regrettably, two days before the finals on 7th October, Super Star was unfit and Jill Vallis had to drop out. Her place in Show Jumping was taken by Shirley Myall and in the Horse Trials by Elizabeth White.

Show Jumping

Jo King	Time Will Tell	All clear and in
Gerry Dunn	Otter 6th	jump off
Shirley Myall	Blue Spring Boy	
Michelle Warren	Dixie Blue	

Jump off was for one nominated rider. Michelle Warren was nominated, and again Dixie Blue went clear, but was 5th on time.

Elizabeth White and Meranti came into the Horse Trials team.

	<u>Dressage</u>	<u>Show Jumping</u>	<u>Cross Country</u>
Meranti	68	10	
Blue Spring Boy	57	5	
Otter 6th	71	0	E
Time Will Tell	74	20	E

After a reasonable dressage and Show Jumping phase, the team came to grief at a coffin jump which eliminated Otter 6th and Time Will Tell.

Hopes for 1980 rest on members coming forward to compete.....

2. Attendance at Club Meetings in October and November

In spite of advance publicity and the excellence of the Montreal Olympics Films shown on 23rd October, attendance was positively dismal. The same comment is applicable to the Inter-Club Quiz held on 27th November. Team members (who evidently enjoyed themselves) far out-numbered the audience.

All we can ask ourselves and you is WHY attendance at such functions is so minimal? We hope that some of you will be prepared with some answers and suggestions for future activities at the A.G.M.

3. Christmas Social

Although members were down on the previous year, the 'mixture' was as before and all present very much enjoyed the evening's festivities. Special thanks are due to Shirley Myall, who was beset with a series of traumas just before the Social, but managed to provide a fabulous spread. Some welcome contributions to the festive fare were kindly provided by Sue Bennett, Gilly Facer and Mrs. Lambdon. (Incidentally, we not only covered our expenses, but also made a small profit for the Club!).

4. Personal Tit-Bits

Sue Way (nee Appleton) paid a fleeting visit to her old home during the summer and sends here regards to all old friends. Marty Hoare is still 'free-lancing' abroad, but it is rumoured that she may be home in the spring. Jackie Dibden has moved from Upton to Redenham where she is training race horses, and takes horses for breaking.

We are delighted to welcome back from Germany Jay Herbert and her husband, who managed to spend some time with us at our Christmas Social, in spite of an arduous family collection schedule.... We are also pleased to hear that Sue Hollands is now married to Robert Hassell, and both are living and working together in New Zealand.

Congratulations also to Liz White, who passed her A.I. examination last year and to Thelma Pointer, who had a baby boy in October. We were also delighted to hear that Sue Hatherley was married in December and that our old friend, Polly Llewelyn (now 'stationed' in Germany again) recently had a baby son.

The only really sad event recently was the sudden death of John Patterson who was killed by a passing car while supervising road works locally. Our warmest sympathy goes to Jenny and her family, who are much in our thoughts - especially at this time of the year.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are most grateful to Jill Vallis and her mother for coming to the rescue as 'joint acting Secretary' when Dawn Williams resigned unexpectedly. Any secretarial matters can be referred to Jill at Abbots Hill Farm, Abbots Ann, tel. no. Abbots Ann 626.



Although we have produced an outline programme for the whole of this year - with some firm fixtures - we are still open to suggestion as it were! In fact, we should positively welcome any ideas you, as members, would like to put forward for improving and expanding any aspect of our Club's corporate life. So PLEASE be positive and articulate if you have any inspiration either at the A.G.M. or by telephone or in writing to Chairman Sam Hart or acting Secretary, Jill Vallis.

Another extract from the Riding Clubs Newsletter may be of interest:-

'RIDING CLUB CAMPS

The two Riding Club Camps will again take place in 1980. These are to be held at the Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill, Salisbury, Wiltshire by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, from the 2nd to the 6th June, and at Hanford School, Childe Okeford, Blandford, Dorset, by kind permission of Mr. and Miss Canning, on the 31st July to the 3rd August. The charges for these Camps have not yet been fixed as we are awaiting details of the messing charges at Larkhill, but it is probable that costs will go up.

Both camps were full well in advance this year and it is most advisable to apply as soon as possible. We would again plea that Secretaries let their members know about the Camps as there are obviously still many people who are quite unaware of them and we do give priority to new applicants.'

Finally, we are quite willing to start Grade Instruction sessions again and also need to gather information re prospective teams for Riding Club events this year. Would all concerned please complete the slip below and return it to Jill Vallis.

Better still, you can bring it with you to the A.G.M.!

Nixie Taverner

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Name ..... Tel. No. ....

Address .....

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Horse : (Name, age and height): .....

Do you have transport for your horse? YES / NO

Particular interest : (delete as applicable)

Dressage / Show Jumping / Equitation / Eventing / Prix Caprilli/

Instruction for Grade Examinations / General Instruction

Return to : Jill Vallis, Abbotts Hill Farm, Abbotts Ann.