## BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

## NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 1984

Our Christmas party at the Queen's Head, Ludgershall on 14th. December was very well attended and was a most enjoyable evening. The not too serious skittle matches were organised by Sam Hart and the first match which was for teams of four, was won by the 'Wallopers' - more by good luck than by anything else! After a pause for food there was a knock-out competition which I think finished up as a tie between Cathy Edwards and Jenny Patterson. Many thanks to Sandra Olliver who made all the arrangements and to Sam who bullied us all into playing skittles!

The R.A.Hunt Supporters Club have challenged the Bourne Valley to a skittles match - this will be held at the Crown Inn, Orcheston on 14th. March so do all try to come - we must put up a good show against the Hunt Supporters! (Food, sausage rolls, sandwiches etc - cost £1) will be available for those who want it, if you will give your name to Gill Trickett (Shrewton 620580) by 6th.March.

Having paid our affiliation fee of over £100 and allocated £50 to start the library, our club funds are pretty low at the moment, so it is important that we make a success of the Jumble Sale on 17th. March. If you have anything at all that you want to get rid of, please dump it on me at Dukes Wood, Amport; Sue Bennett at Bluebell Farm, Penton; Sandra Olliver, 21 Trinity Rise, Penton or Carol Glover, Castle Farm, Over Wallop. If you can't bring it to any of us Carol Glover will collect it, if you will give her a ring on Andover 781991. We want anything that will sell - clothes, bric-a-brac, books, tack, produce etc. Perhaps all you good cooks will make a cake, pie or whatever for us?

The Social Evening on 10th. January seems to have been a bit unorganized; although there was a good turnout there were only two pieces of tack to discuss! However, Tanis Downs and Judi Dathan rushed home to collect more tack while Peter Hills took the chair, so in the end, it turned into an enjoyable and informative evening. Our thanks to Tanis for helping out with the tack and for her informed comments on it. As people seemed very interested in this subject, Peter Hills has suggested that we make it a regular event - your comments please.

Any member wanting to take Riding Club Test Grade III please give your name to Sue Bennett, Weyhill 2341 as soon as possible. Preparation for this is due to start at the end of February - the cost will be £50 for ten riding and six stable management sessions - the Test will be taken in August.

Very many thanks to David Packman who has given the Club some books for our new library.

June Bush