

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1985

A very happy and successful New Year to all members.

Does anyone want to go on a Hungarian Riding Holiday this year? If so, I have a brochure with all details of tours and prices etc. which has been sent to me by Hungarian Air Tours and which I will send on to anyone who is interested - ring Weyhill 2474 for details.

I have also had a letter from the Coloured Horse and Pony Society which, I gather, is a new society set up to "further the interests of coloured horses and ponies" - anyone interested in this can get more details from the Secretary, Mrs. P. Shepherd, 15 Wilga Road, Welwyn, Herts. (043871-6613).

Sorry not to have been able to let everyone know of the change of speaker at the Social Evening on 19th November. Mr. Berry was unable to come and Clive Hamblin kindly came in his stead and gave a very good talk on the evolution of the horse and how it relates to the causes of lameness in the modern horse. About 20 people were at the meeting.

Nearly 30 members and friends came on the visit to Ian Balding's racing stable on 15th December. We were lucky to have a fine, if somewhat cold morning as we were taken out to the gallops to watch the yearlings work. A lot of the older horses were away or turned out but we did see some of the older colts in their boxes as well as being shown the swimming pool, trotting ring and racing tack room complete with various trophies and all the owners' colours; also the new American style barn which houses some of the yearlings and the super statue of Mill Reef. So all in all a very interesting morning and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. Our thanks are due to Ian Balding for giving permission for us to visit the yard and to John Mackie for taking us on such a good conducted tour and answering all our questions. Thanks too to Judy Hyson who made the arrangements for us.

Our Christmas party at Kimpton on 20 December was a very enjoyable evening. I counted over 50 people there at one stage, of whom, I would guess, about half were members and I think more people came after that. Julia Bayley, with help from Caroline Nodding-Scott, had worked hard to make all the arrangements, hire the disco, sell tickets etc. and to decorate the hall which looked very festive with balloons and paper streamers. To help keep the expenses down, people were asked to "bring a plate of grub" and this resulted in a very good and varied spread - our thanks to all who helped in this way and particular thanks to Julia for organising such a successful (and profitable) evening.

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the secretarial work during the last year. Firstly, Caroline Stevens who did the typing and duplicating at the beginning of the year and Peter Hills and Norman Crease who now do these jobs between them; Lindsay Hills who does all the labels for the envelopes which saves me a great deal of time and effort as without these labels I would have to write 70/80 envelopes by hand for each posting; Lindsay also wrote the reports on the Area events and Championships last summer and last, but by no means least, Carole Glover, who has now taken over the somewhat tedious task of sorting out the details for the programme.

J.B.

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PROGRAMME 1985

JANUARY

- MON 14th B.V. Social Evening at the Poplar Farm Inn, 8p.m. Talk and questions on hunting. Speaker - Greg from the R.A. Hunt.
- SUN 27th B.V. Dressage Competition at Cholderton Indoor School. Prelim 8 and Novice 12. Organiser: Ann Sealey (Tel: Andover 781571).

FEBRUARY

- SUN 10th Catherston Stud - Stallion Viewing Day
Evening Lectures throughout January and February. Tickets £2 at the door. For details of these and other forthcoming events write (with S.A.E.) to the Secretary, Catherston Stud, Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst.
- TUES 19th B.V. Social Evening at the Fiesta Hall, Andover.
Speaker: Mrs. Lucinda Green. Tickets available from committee members. , Members £3.50. Non members £4.

Instruction at Cholderton House Equestrian Centre with Shena Kozuba-Kozubska, B.H.S.1 All those interested please contact Sue Bennett (Weyhill 2341) for further details.

MARCH

- SAT 2nd Danebury R.C. Dressage Demonstration by Jenny Lorrison-Clarke at Chattis Hill Riding Centre, Stockbridge.
- MON 11th B.V. Social Evening at the Poplar Farm Inn, 8p.m. A talk on Showing by Mrs. Skelton.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- APRIL B.V. One Day Event at Larkhill
- MAY B.V. Combined Training