

## BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

### NEWSLETTER MARCH 1974.

Twenty members attended the Annual General Meeting, twenty three watched Mrs. Hants giving Dressage instruction to 6 riders at The Indoor School, there must be a moral somewhere, but it eludes me.

There were no nominations for Chairman or Secretary so Sam Hart and Tina Bowyer have agreed to soldier on for a while and not leave the Club in the lurch. Two new committee members were elected, Sue Appleton and Major Martin Young, so your officials are now:-

Chairman:	S. Hart
Secretary:	Tina Bowyer
Treasurer:	Norman Crease
Committee:	June Bush (Press & Newsletter)
	Jane Haddock
	Tom Oliver
	Sandra Oliver
	Major Martin Young
	Sue Appleton (Competition Sec.)

Martin Young has been very active with the West Sussex Riding Club before moving to Bulford and Sue Appleton and Roy Southey were very busy last year chasing up teams. Roy has already promised to help again so don't forget to fill in your card and have a go.

Elizabeth Appleton has promised to make sure there is an instructor at the Indoor School every 3rd Sunday in the month taking classes up to Grade II standard.

Have you paid your Sub? Our income was down last year and we have to make a big effort to make sure subs are all paid on time.

We are also well aware that we have had no candidates for the Riding Club tests during the last two years. These tests graded I to IV not only improve your riding but by setting standards make sure that correct horse management is learned, which ensures that our horses are properly looked after. For Grade I you only have to trot and canter and not fall off and as Philip Hart once said even the Chairman passed Grade III and didn't find it painful. One member Cathie Birnie passed Grade IV. Why not have a go?

We are starting Stable Management evenings at Penton, so give in your names to Tina Bowyer. One hour Stable Management and ½ hour chat in the local. Once a week for three or four weeks.

You will see there is a spring ride from David Packman's Pad at Lockes Drove, Upton. David has been asked to be President for a second year and it would be a nice gesture if there was a good turn out at his place.

We have had several Riding Club marriages during the last five years and congratulations to Cathie Birnie and Philip Hart on their engagement and forthcoming marriage in May.

Please don't forget your subs.

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