

NEWSLETTER MARCH - 1983

The last newsletter had a paragraph about the nationwide sponsored ride to raise funds for the British Olympic Equestrian Teams which the B.H.S. were proposing - this has now been cancelled owing to organisation difficulties and Riding Clubs have been asked to contribute to the fund in any way they wish. Our Committee has agreed to donate £10.00.

Another organisation which is asking for financial support is the British Dressage Supporters Club. This is to help with the training to international standard of British dressage riders and to help them to gain more experience by competing abroad. If any one is interested in joining this club, information, membership forms etc. can be obtained from Miss Jane Wykeham-Musgrave, Paultmoor Farm, Barnsley, Cirencester. Individual membership costs £2.50.

At our Social Evening on 18th January 1983, Hugh Crooks from Sparsholt gave an interesting talk on paddock management - always rather a problem if one doesn't own large areas of land: We were unable to get Steve Gibson to talk on 15th February as advertised but Mrs. Pinnock, who is the Divisional Superintendent of St. John's Ambulance Brigade, kindly came and gave another of her excellent demonstrations on First Aid which was much enjoyed. We are hoping that the subject for discussion at the Social on 19th April will be upholstery.

Sue Bennett reports that the Stable Management Course has gone well with 6 members taking part; the ridden instruction is now starting and it is hoped to arrange for Grade 1 and 2 tests to be taken in May - the best of luck to all candidates.

We now have the dates and venues for this years Area Competitions (printed in the programme). Peter and Lindsay Hills have agreed to be our team selectors this year so if you returned your membership form when you sent your sub. your name will already be on their list but if not, and you are keen to be considered for inclusion in any of our teams, please let the Hills (Weyhill 2388) know as soon as possible. The organising clubs will be running other events on the same days as the Area Competitions and schedules for these can be obtained from Lindsay Hills, The Ridings, Dauntsey Lane, Weyhill, Andover. (S.A.E. Please)

Some years ago the Committee decided to help with the cost of petrol for round journeys of more than 40 miles for members representing the Club in competitions — this still applies, so team members should contact the Hon. Treasurer, Carol Rasey, (Weyhill 2743) to claim their petrol money. We are going to hold a Jumble Sale in September to raise some cash for the above petrol expenses and to help with our entry fees for the Area Competitions, so please start collecting your unwanted bits and pieces now and give to any member of the Committee.

Finally, please note that you must let Cathy Hart know by Thursday 15th April if you want to take part in the jumping instruction - see programme.

Honorary Secretary June Bush