

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

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I am sure all members will join with me in wishing our President, Sam Hart, a speedy recovery from the bad fall he had last month. Sam slipped off a stack of hay bales, fell some 20 feet and suffered a cracked collar bone and a badly broken elbow. He spent several days in Odstock hospital having the elbow repaired and has to return for a further operation next month. We wish him all the best for the operation and hope that he will soon be out and about again.

Just over 100 people came to the Lucinda Green Evening on 19th February, not quite as many as we had expected but it was nice to see so many Club members there. The evening started with a film about Badminton in the 1960's, Lucinda then gave us a brief history of Regal Realm and went on to tell us about the 1984 Olympics - from the team training and selection, through the flight to America, the opening ceremony when she carried the flag for Great Britain, to the 3 Day Event itself and the team silver medal. The evening ended with questions.

We are most grateful to Lucinda for coming to talk to the Club and for giving us such a fascinating insight into the Olympics. Our thanks to David Roberts for the use of the Fiesta Hall and for providing coffee - very welcome on such a cold evening - and to the sub-committee of Peter Hills and Ian Walker who made all the arrangements.

There was a very poor turnout for the Social Evening on the 11th March at the Poplar Farm Inn. Mrs. Skelton kindly came to give a talk on Showing and as there were only ten members present we had a more informal question and answer evening plus a few amusing stories from Mrs. Skelton's early days in the Show ring. Our thanks to Mrs. Skelton for some very helpful hints and to Sue Bennett for organising the evening.

We now have further news of the Area Competitions - full details on the Programme sheet but please note that the date of the Jumping events has been altered and they will now take place on 9th June and not on 14th July. The Horse Trials will be held on 10th August at Cranleigh, Surrey. It is hoped that H. M. S. Dryad will be able to hold the Area qualifier for the new Dressage to Music but we have no confirmation of this yet. The test will be the Novice Freestyle 1985 and not as previously stated. Anyone interested in competing should contact Lindsay Hills, tel. Weyhill 2388.

The Stable Management Exam will be held at The Decoy Pond, Beaulieu, in early May - any Grade 111 members who want to take this exam should send their names at once to Carole Glover, Andover 781991. The cost will be a minimum of £15.

There will be an instructional course at the School of Infantry Saddle Club, Warminster, from 20th to 24th May. The instructor will be Miss Marie Stokes F.B.H.S. and the cost between £30 and £40 payable to the Riding Club Office, Stoneleigh.

Kennet Vale R.C., our neighbours in North Wilts, have invited the B.V. to send a team to compete in their quiz on 23rd April. Ian Walker, Julia Bayley, Caroline Nodding-Scott and Martie Hoare have 'volunteered' to be our team.

J.B.

