

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 1986

First of all I would like to apologise for the delay in sending out this newsletter and programme. The Committee has been fully occupied with clarifying the contents of the Programme for the Club year.

The Committee regret that our Chairman, Mr. Peter Hills, has felt it necessary to tender his resignation as Chairman and Committee Member because he felt that he had "lost the confidence and support of the Committee". Peter has been a very active Chairman and has re-vitalised the Club with his enthusiasm and effort. I am sure all members will be saddened to lose his leadership and will join the Committee in thanking him for all his hard work over the past eighteen months. We hope to see him at all our Club functions. Our Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Sue Bennett, has kindly agreed to continue as acting Chairman until the Annual General Meeting in October.

The last event for 1985 was the Christmas party which was held at The Village Centre in Shipton Bellinger. It was great fun and about 30 members and friends really got into the festive mood with a little help from the wine tasting which started the evening. Our President, Sam Hart, enjoyed his role as organiser of the party games and I think he had thought of enough to last all night! We are very grateful to Caroline Nodding-Scott for organising the party so successfully in spite of her personal problems and I am happy to say that her Mother is now making good progress after her serious accident.

The Indoor Show Jumping Competition on the 19th January at Cholderton Equestrian Centre was very successful and attracted a good entry. There was a slight problem as the course builder, Kay Hastilow, had been rushed off to hospital early that morning with colic. Marti Hoare, the show organiser, managed to decipher Kay's plans and all was well in the end. The excellent refreshments were provided by Mrs. Hoare with the help of Pippa Sarsfield-Hall, Wendy Williams and Sarah McNally. Home cooking is obviously greatly appreciated as Mrs. Hoare and her team were kept very busy all day. Many thanks to Marti for organising the Show, June Bush and Wendy Straker (secretaries), judges Sue McGrath and Sue Bennett, commentators Tom Olliver and Peter Hills, Ian Walker, Mrs. Hoare, Pippa Sarsfield-Hall, Wendy Williams, Sarah McNally and any one else who helped in any way. The results are as follows:

CLASS 1

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| 1. Gill Sumner | - Miss Max |
| 2. P. Cordingly | - Lady |
| 3. T. Brennan | - April Adonis |
| 4. P. Sarsfield-Hall | - Samantha |
| 5. R. Carter | - Donald |
| 6. T. Lambert | - Teddy |

Gill Sumner was Best B.V.

CLASS 2

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| 1. B. Donnelly | - Rumba |
| 2. S. Shepard | - Seven Up |
| 3. J. Etherington | - Alpine Dancer |
| 4. T. Brennan | - April Adonis |
| 5. P. Cordingly | - Lady |
| 6. S. Oliver | - Owl |

Brenda Donnelly was Best B.V.

CLASS 111

1. B. Donnelly - Rumba
2. L. Sims - Zebedee
3. M. Todd - Jimmy
4. S. Olliver - Flippant Fancy
5. J. Etherington - Alpine Dancer
6. T. Brennan - April Adonis

B. Donnelly was Best B. V.

Unfortunately, Gill Sumner, had a very nasty fall at Cholderton recently and has broken her leg. It is a serious injury and poor Gill will be out of action for several months. I am sure all members will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her and "Miss Max" out and about again in the summer.

Rodney Bennett gave a very useful talk on how to manage horse paddocks on 28th January at the Weyhill Fair. He explained how to prepare the land for the first flush of grass in the spring and then again in late summer by way of weed control and fertilising to obtain maximum growth. Electric fencing can be very useful even on just one or two acres to prevent poaching and to avoid the grass from becoming 'horse sick'. Grassland management is a wide subject and I am sure that everyone who attended the talk will agree that Rodney did very well in such a short time to give us so much help and advice. Many thanks Rodney.

The instruction day at Cholderton Equestrian Centre on 22nd February proved very popular. Nineteen members took part and I am sure benefitted from the instruction which covered flat work, jumping and stable management. It was a bitterly cold day which of course was far worse for the poor instructors who were standing for several hours. Our grateful thanks to Caroline Nodding-Scott, Sue McGrath and Sue Bennett for making it an enjoyable day as well as instructive. Many thanks to Pippa Sarsfield-Hall for providing hot drinks. Most welcome in those wintry conditions.

As you will see from the Programme, we are very fortunate to have Miss Lindy Heaver, veterinary surgeon from Messrs. Grater & Partners of Salisbury, coming to give a talk at the Weyhill Fair on the 18th March. Hopefully she is going to tell us how to avoid those vet bills but she also said she will be happy to answer any questions members may have at the end of her talk. It should be a very interesting evening so try not to miss it.

Finally, the Be Fair Cup. Placings after the three show jumping competitions are as follows.

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| B. Donnelly | 57 | - Pippa Sarsfield-Hall | 15 | J. Budd | 5 |
| G. Sumner | 43 | J. Barron | 14 | - S. Bennett | 5 |
| S. Oliver | 29 | L. Rawlingson | 14 | R. Stockdale | 3 |
| J. Etherington | 23 | - T. Olliver | 10 | C. Stevens | 3 |
| P. Sarsfield-Hall | 22 | - S. Olliver | 7 | L. Humfreys | 2 |
| J. Beale | 16 | K. South | 7 | K. Duggleby | 1 |
| ✓ June Bush | 15 | L. Hills | 7 | | |
| ✓ W. Straker | 15 | ✓ A. Sealey | 7 | | |
| ✓ P. Hills | 15 | L. Calkin | 5 | | |
| ✓ C. Glover | 15 | ✓ J. Hyson | 5 | | |
| ✓ S. Hart | 15 | ✓ C. Nodding-Scott | 5 | | |
| ✓ P. Brotherwood | 15 | ✓ M. Hoare | 5 | | |

Carole Glover.