

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

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Dear Member,

We have held two very successful social events during the winter. There was a good turn out for the Christmas skittles evening on 16th December at the Queen's Head, Ludgershall. The Skittles match was not taken too seriously and was a lot of fun with 9 or 10 teams taking part; it was won by the "Wallopers" team of Nelson and Carole Glover and Anne and Dick Sealey who were much too good for the rest of us. Our thanks to Marti Johnson for organising this enjoyable evening.

The Wine and Cheese Party at Wallop Parish Hall on 16th January was also well attended but not by Bourne Valley members. Anne Sealey worked hard and had gone to a lot of trouble to organise this evening so it was disappointing that so few Bourne Valley came - particularly as social events had been requested by some members in order that they could have the chance to meet and get to know other members. The committee were there in force but only 5 or 6 other members turned up which is not a very good percentage of 80 plus members - what happened to the rest of you, surely you were not all buried in the snow?! However, nearly 50 people did brave the elements and it turned into a very good party. Nick Badham obviously knows his wine as he won the Wine Tasting Competition with a score of 6 out of 6 so congratulations to him. Many thanks to Anne for doing all the work, to Carole Glover who helped with the Competition and with the excellent food and last, but by no means least, to Dick Sealey and Nelson Glover, the two very hard working barmen.

June Bush
Chairman.

The instruction weekends at Chattis Hill continue to be enormously successful. We are very grateful to Shena Kozuba-Kozubska for her kind co-operation and hard work. I am sure she must be quite exhausted after teaching non-stop for a day! Although Sunday, 11th January was an extremely cold day, I think everyone enjoyed the Prix Caprilli instruction and competition and, for some members, it clarified what Prix Caprilli is all about. The results of the competition are as follows: 1st - Lindsay Hills, 2nd - Pat Sarsfield-Hall, 3rd - Julie Lancaster, 4th - Gill Sumner, 5th - Brenda Donnelly, 6th - Susan Hawes.

The 'Pat Burgess Day' was a sell out and we are sorry that some members were unable to take advantage of Pat's instruction which I, and I am sure everyone else, found most beneficial. Unfortunately, Pat is unable to commit herself to another session at present but she has said that if anyone would like more instruction would they please contact her on Salisbury 743878 as she teaches on Mondays and Tuesdays at Wylve and at Cholderton on Thursdays.

As you will see on the Programme, another instruction day has been

arranged with Shena at Chattis Hill and also Cross Country instruction with David Green at Wylve. The facilities at Wylve are superb and this is a marvellous opportunity to school over obstacles of all shapes and sizes! We are very grateful to Sue McGrath for organising all the instruction as it is not an easy task and very time consuming. Sue would like to hear from members who wish to be considered for the teams for the Area Competitions - Dressage, Prix Caprilli, Show Jumping, Equitation Jumping and Horse Trials. All those interested please phone Sue on Linkenholt 316.

June Bush is organising a day at Newbury Races on Saturday, 28th March. We are to meet at June's house - Duke's Wood, Ampport, at 11 a.m. or, in the main public car park at the racecourse at 12 noon, where we shall join up to eat our picnic lunches. June is buying the tickets in advance so would you please complete the enclosed form and send it to June together with your cheque.

The One Day Event which is to be held at Blue Bell Farm, Penton Grafton, (by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. R. Bennett) on Sunday, 3rd May, will require a great number of helpers both before and on the day. Please phone Sue Bennett (Weyhill 2341) if you can help in any way.

Finally, Dawn Williams is hoping to hold a Riding & Road Safety Test at the end of May. There will be two instruction sessions for the test, one mounted and one dismounted. Please telephone Dawn on Andover 810724 for further details.

Carole Glover