

1977

1. PROGRAMME REPORT

Our first Spring fixture, the Club Paper Chase, held on Good Friday, was greatly enjoyed by all the participants. It was well organised by the industrious Sam Hart who constructed all the jumps, single-handed, and spiced with an Easter flavour by Sylvia Hart, who kindly provided Hot Cross Buns at the end.

The visit to Herridge Farm Stud on Saturday 16th April was also a great success. Mr. and Mrs. Kilpatrick laid on a delicious tea for the twenty or so members present who very much appreciated their hospitality. One stallion being used as a teaser, has classic breeding and is available for servicing a suitable mare owned by any Club member for a nominal fee. Details from Herridge Farm.

Fortunately, only a select few attended the Plaiting and Pulling Demonstration on Tuesday 19th, which meant there was more space and time for practising the skills so ably demonstrated by Mary and Peta. (In fact, a member benefitted so much from the plaiting tips and experiments that she achieved a notable success at a recent Gymkhana by coming 2nd in the Best Turned-Out Class.

Our Spring highlight, however, was the Hunter Trials described in the following report which was featured in the Andover Advertiser:

We are extremely grateful to the many people who kindly gave time and energy to the various administrative jobs required on the day, such as jump-judging, time-keeping etc. and also to Mr. and Mrs. Portman, Dave Packman and Jackie Dibden for the generous use of their land, without which no Hunter Trials would be possible!

Special thanks to our indefatigable Scorer, June Bush (whose ears, we hope, have recovered from bombardment by field telephones, loudspeakers, etc.); to Mick Carol and Richard Razey, who carried out such splendid jump repair and reconstruction service, among other things, and to Carol Razey whose excellent home-made refreshments were so much enjoyed.

The Secretary's 'tent'-cum-garage certainly took on a new look for the day with a display of crafts and licensed bar which undoubtedly enhanced the convivial atmosphere. The lovely Jubilee Rosettes were much admired and we even made a reasonable profit for Club funds.

The only negative note concerns the marked lack of help with course-building before the event. Tom Olliver and Jenny Patterson assisted whenever possible by Richard Razey and Mike Carol, spent practically every evening and most week-ends for 3 weeks on the exhausting job of course building and it's remarkable there are no divorces impending, yet..! Seriously, it was not until the last moment, in response to repeated exhortations, that any help was forthcoming.

We do feel most strongly that all those who get something from the Club, as we believe an increasing number of people do, must be prepared to give something back.

The Jubilee Gymkhana we plan for August will be a testing point in this respect.

Hunter Trials Results as featured in the Andover Advertiser:Jumping for Jubilee Rosettes

After the last two Hunter Trials (one in sizzling June, the other on rock-hard ground in October), both organisers and participants were delighted that the going was so good on Sunday 1st May and that even the weather was kind. The courses at Lock's Drove, Upton, had been entirely re-constructed and presented a series of solid, varied and challenging fences, appropriate to each class. ("Almost like a mini-Badminton", according to one glowing young contestant). Keen competition for prize money and splendid Jubilee rosettes produced the following results:

Class II Novice Pony

1st	Carol Burgess	2nd	Melanie Burgess
3rd	Nicola Rolls	4th	Drew Patterson
5th	Jenny Nixon	6th	Julia Bayley

Class III Novice Horse

1st	Carole Cook	2nd	Carol Burgess
3rd	Amanda Colebrook	4th	Nicola Rolls
5th	Julia Taylor	6th	Drew Patterson

Class IV Open

1st	Stephanie James	2nd	Mrs. J. Young
3rd	Carole Cook		

Pairs

1st	Carole Cook and Julie Cobbold
2nd	Nicola Rolls and Karen Smith
3rd	Drew Patterson and Mandy Knox
4th	Ann Spencer and Jo Richards
5th	Polly Llewellyn and Diane Richards
6th	Jenny Bowman and Richard Foxwell

2. TEAM SELECTION FOR RIDING CLUB COMPETITIONS

We had a somewhat limited attendance for a preliminary selection practice at Lock's Dove on Sunday 8th May, mainly due to transport problems (which will be mentioned more fully later in this Newsletter). The final selection will still need to be made and practices organised but our Prix Caprilli Competition on the 12th June is the means by which the Prix Caprilli Team(s) will be selected. At the moment, the names of prospective competitors are as follows:

Show Jumping

Marty Hoare	Sue Hollands
Jenny Bowman	Diane Richards
Sandra Olliver	Tom Olliver
Bill Austin	Carole Cook

Cross Country

Marty Hoare	Sue Hollands
Jenny Bowman	Diane Richards
Sandra Olliver	Tom Olliver
Bill Austin	Carole Cook

Prix Caprilli

Tom Olliver	Sandra Olliver
Jenny Bowman	Shirley Myall
Bill Austin	Linda Thompson
Elizabeth White	Polly Llewellyn
Ann Spencer	Carole Cook
Diane Richards	

Dressage

Sue Hollands
Jenny Bowman
Ann Spencer

Individual members are free to take part in the Area Dressage Competition and also to enter a horse individually in a Show Jumping Class.

Please note that official tests for 1977 are:

Dressage:	Novice 12	Horse Trials:	Prelim 6
Prix Caprilli:	No. 8 1977	Pair Dressage Freestyle	(not more than 3 minutes)

All test sheets are 6p each and may be obtained direct from the B.H.S. or from our Secretary, Peta White. (Telephone : Burbage 559).

Any queries concerning Prix Caprilli or Dressage should be referred to our Chairman, Sam Hart, (Telephone : Tidworth 3378), and any concerning Cross Country and Show Jumping to the Vice-Chairman, Nixie Taverner. (Telephone: Andover 2554).

3. INSTRUCTION FOR RIDING CLUB GRADE EXAMINATIONS

At a meeting held at Polly Llewellyn's house on Friday 13th May, it was agreed that Sue Bennett would provide regular instruction (equitation) for all candidates and that Sue Hollands would undertake the stable management course.

It is our intention to arrange for the next Grades I and II Exams to be held in August or September and Grade III in October or November.

The candidates listed below have all undertaken to attend regularly the instruction sessions arranged:

Grades I and II

Carole Cook
Thelma Pointer
Rosita Knight
Jenny Bowman
Richard Foxwell
Linda Thompson
Elizabeth White

Grade III

Diane Richards
Tom Olliver
Shirley Myall
Polly Llewellyn
Bill Austin
Ann Spencer

Instruction Programme for the Next Few Weeks

Sunday 15th May	Mounted Instruction Grades I and II	2 - 3 p.m.
Tidworth Indoor School	" " Grade III	3 - 4 p.m.

(The main purpose of this combined effort was general assessment; we had a good attendance and all are "raring to go" for the next session).

Sunday 22nd May Mounted Instruction Grade III 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.
Tidworth Indoor School

Thursday 26th May
Sue Hollands Stable Management for all Candidates 7.30 p.m.
Bourne Park Estate, Hurstbourne. Tel. H.T. 333

Wednesday 8th June
Sue Bennett, Mounted Instruction Grades I and II 6.30 p.m.
Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton. Tel: Weyhill 2341

Sunday 19th June Mounted Instruction Grade III 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.
Tidworth Indoor School

Wednesday 29th June
Sue Hollands Stable Management for all Candidates 7.30 p.m.
Bourne Park Estate, Hurstbourne. Tel. H.T. 333

4. TRANSPORT

Transport of horses for those without it, is still a problem for any activities or events beyond reasonable hacking distance. Those with transport are usually quite willing to help other less mobile members when porrible, provided that the following conditions are observed:

- (a) At least one week's advance notice is given;
- (b) The passenger is easy to box and well-behaved in transit;
- (c) Insurance cover is adequate. (Members of the B.H.S. and an affiliated Riding Club like ours, are covered automatically for all the usual Third Party risks. But you are strongly recommended to check your own individual policies both for horses and vehicles, especially in cases where a member is using or sharing the use of private transport;
- (d) Passengers - or, rather, their owners - must be prepared to contribute a fair amount towards the cost of fuel and any other travelling expenses.

We are in the process of compiling a list of willing "transporters" which will probably be included in the next bulletin for competitors and exam candidates. In the meantime, however, if any problems arise, please contact Peta White or myself and we'll do our best to help sort them out.

5. NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Riding Clubs National Championships for 1977

Dressage Festival, including Novice Dressage, Pair Dressage, Prix Caprilli and Preliminary Round of the Eldonian Quadrille. 20TH AUGUST.

Team Show Jumping 24TH SEPTEMBER
Horse Trials Championships 25TH SEPTEMBER

Riding Clubs Summer Camp

To be held this year at Larkhill. 30th May to 3rd June inclusive. The cost will be about

Riding Clubs Summer Camp (continued)

£50.00 including full board and stabling and tuition. A deposit of £10.00 is payable on application (non refundable) and preference will be given to new applicants if overbooked.

6. PERSONAL TIT-BITS

First, warmest congratulations to Sandra and Tom Olliver who now have a baby son.

Secondly, cheering news for those with saddlery problems. Although, alas, the Saddlery at Ludgershall has had to close down, Shirley Myall is still taking repairs. Their new address is 24, Short Street, Ludgershall and their telephone number is, as before, Ludgershall 688.

Thirdly, you will see in the programme that we are holding Midsummer Revels at Lock's Drove. We are hoping to combine work with pleasure by clearing a space for a lungeing arena in the wood adjoining the stables, as a "Thank You" for continuing use of the land. Then, when the work is done, we shall all enjoy a Barbecue and possibly some Midsummer Magic! Do try to support the Club really actively on this occasion.

Best Wishes for Summertime Riding,

Nixie Taverner

