

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

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Annual General Meeting - October 14th.

About thirty members attended this year to see our Chairman, Sam Hart retire after ~~thirteen~~⁴⁰ years. There was a presentation made to him in the form of a silver hipflask for which he duly thanked members who had donated.

The new officers and committee were duly elected as followed:-

Chairman - Mr Rodney Bennett, Bluebell Farm, Penton Mewsey, Andover,
Hants. Tel: Weyhill 2341
Secretary - Miss Jill Vallis, Abbots Hill Farm, Little Ann, Andover,
Hants. Tel: Abbots Ann 626
Treasurer - Mrs Margaret Vallis, address as above.

Committee Members:- Shirley Myall, Sue Bennett, June Bush, Sandra Olliver, Cathy Hart, David Roberts, Carol Rasey, Gilly Facer, & Ian Walker.

It was discussed and agreed that subscriptions will remain the same for 81/82 - £5 & £4. Social evenings beginning in January will in future be held at the Poplar Farm Inn in an attempt to attract more people for a more relaxed social evening. The committee hope to arrange half an hours surprise entertainment on each occasion. Do please make time to come it will cost you nothing except your own 'Booze'!

It was suggested yet again at the A.G.M. that we should hold some indoor instruction, you will see in the list at the end of this newsletter we have acted accordingly. We plan one afternoon a month beginning in December.

Please study the enclosed agenda for the coming year. Dates & schedules for ridden events will be available in the new year, this is just an outline.

Next week there is the free film evening at Penton Village Hall, Tuesday 18th, tickets for the Christmas Social will be available at this event and thereafter at £3.50. The Band is 'Family Affair' - the date - December 5th.

Now some information of an event being held by the South Wilts B.H.S. District Committee. It is a film and advice evening on December 18th beginning at 7p.m. at Hale Hall, School Lane, Salisbury. The evening consists of the film Migrate to Survive promptly at 7p.m followed by any questions from the floor to a panel of experts from various spheres of the horse world.

Show Jumping - Tadik Kopanski, Horse Trials - Sue Benson, Breeding - Mrs Howell, Veterinary Surgeon - Miss Lindy Heaven, & M.F.S. Mr Simon Clarke.

Refreshments will be available. Tickets at the door - B.H.S. members £1.50 non members £2. 16 years and under & O.A.P.'s 50p.

For further information contact Cathy Hart - Teffont 460.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

This is a final reminder to those members who have not yet paid - & there are quite a lot of you in this category. Please put your cheque in the post as soon as possible to the secretary or come the new year you will be OFF the mailing list.

LETTER FROM THE NEW CHAIRMAN

Dear Members,

As your new Chairman I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all, as there are some of the members I have yet to meet and to give an outline of my thoughts for the future of the Bourne Valley Riding Club.

After the first committee meeting, I was very impressed by the enthusiasm of the committee members and we have outlined an energetic programme which I hope will cater for all the interests of members. We are a riding club therefore predominately the programme is riding orientated with an idea to helping everyone improve and enjoy their horses more.

Together with this I hope to see a development of the social atmosphere at club functions to include the non-riding members.

But, all this is pie in the sky if you do not participate. Without members attending events, it is pointless to put them on, and if your moan is that the events are not what you want then let me know what does interest you, and the committee will arrange it.

Do bring along your friends to any of the club functions as they are very welcome, and who knows, they might want to join.

A problem common to many members is transport or the lack of it, so if you are trying to attend a club do and need transport, do ring a committee member and they are going to try and help.

The instruction programme for the year is designed to cater for all levels, whether 'direction' is your main problem, or you are aiming at area competitions. Everyone can improve, so do make use of this facility.

Hoping that this will be an enjoyable and successful year for the club, and to see you all the Christmas Social
yours

Rod Bennett