

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER November 1984

The Annual General Meeting

There were 33 members and guests at Poplar Farm Inn for the A.G.M. which was taken by Peter Hills (Vice Chairman) in the absence of Tom Olliver. It was a lively meeting with lots of suggestions for future events and fund raising. Peter Hills was elected as the new Chairman and, as there were no other nominations for Hon.Secretary, I was re-elected for another year (but this really will be my last!). Since you received the Notice of Meeting, Gilly Facer decided to retire from the Committee, which left 4 vacancies and Sue Bennett, Martie Hoare, Caroline Nodding-Scott and Ann Sealey were elected. At a later committee meeting Sam Hart was re-elected as President and Sue Bennett was elected Vice Chairman. The full committee is:-

- President - Sam Hart, 14 Parkhouse Road, Shipton Bellinger, Tidworth.
Tel: Stonehenge 43378
- Chairman - Peter Hills, The Ridings, Dauntsey Lane, Weyhill, Andover.
Tel: Weyhill 2388
- Vice Chairman - Sue Bennett, Blue Bell Farm, Penton Grafton, Andover.
Tel: Weyhill 2341
- Hon.Secretary - June Busk, Dukes Wood, Ampport, Andover.
Tel: Weyhill 2474
- Hon.Treasurer - Ian Walker, 207 Pilgrims Way, Andover.
Tel: Andover 57110
- Committee - Julia Bayley (Andover 791054), Norman Crease (Salisbury 29448),
Carol Glover (Andover 781991), Martie Hoare (Andover 790397),
Caroline Nodding-Scott (Sparsholt 559, working hours),
Sandra Olliver (Weyhill 2984), Ann Sealey (Andover 781571),
and Gill Trickett (Shrewton 620580).

Carol Glover will be Assistant Hon.Secretary this year, Norman Crease is our Press Officer, Julia Bayley will be in charge of Social events and Sue Bennett will organise instruction.

When Cathy Edwards left the Club to go and live in Devon, she had very kindly presented a bell to the Chairman and committee. Peter Hills read her accompanying letter to the meeting and thanked her for her very useful gift. Needless to say, the committee had immediately christened it "The Chairman's Clanger"!

Jane Bailey, Mary Crease, Carol Glover, Ann Sealey and Caroline Stevens had all passed Grade III in September, and our President, Sam Hart, presented them with their certificates. He congratulated them and Sue Bennett, who had given instruction for the 6 months prior to the Test, on the 100% pass rate.

The Treasurer's report showed that we had a surplus of precisely £3 for the year, but total assets had risen to £681. One of our biggest expenses had been for the entry fees and travel costs of our teams competing in the Area events and at Stoneleigh. In view of this, the meeting agreed to the proposal that, in future, the competitor will continue to pay for the first 40 miles of a round journey and the Club will now pay for petrol at cost for mileage above 40 miles.

(This will apply to the horse transport only). I know it seems as if we spent a lot of our income on the teams this year but in fact about 40% of our riding members took part in one or other of the Area Competitions, so spread over that percentage, the costs don't look ^{as} bad. The meeting also agreed that subscriptions should be raised again by £1 for the year October 1985 September 1986. Our B.H.S. affiliation fee will rise to £2 per member this year.

The meeting closed with suggestions for this years' events and for raising some extra cash. One idea which the committee hope to follow up at once is to print our programme on post cards so that you can put it in a prominent place on your mantelpiece as a reminder - no excuses now for losing the programme sheet or forgetting an event!

Other Events

Horse Trial Championships

Our Horse Trials Team competed in the Championships at Stonleigh on 16th September. It had taken twelve years to get our second visit to the National Horse Trials Championships in Warwickshire, but we had actually managed to get a team, four horses and four riders fit, nervous but raring to go on the day.

Unfortunately two of the original qualifying team, Sandra Olliver and Judy Hyson, were forced to withdraw, but luckily two replacements Gill Trickett and Julia Lloyd George, (Julia substituting) were found only two days before the competition.

The eventual team consisted of:

Lucy Chambers	Nuits St-Georges
Julia Lloyd-George	Rubicon
Lindsay Hills	Charlemagne
Gill Trickett	Prembrena Matty

We walked the course with some trepidation but were agreeable suprised. Although there were three water obstacles one of which was in the middle of a coffin, and a rail complex involving a corner, the jumps weren't as large and formidable as we had feared.

The show jumping on the other hand was all at maximum height and spread with the result that very few clear rounds were jumped.

Lucy performed a reasonable dressage (51), blazed round the cross country fast and clear, but spoilt her chances of an individual sixth place by having three show jumps down.

Julia was well pleased with her dressage (46), but unfortunately "steps into water" on the cross country proved too much for five year old Rubicon.

Lindsay too performed a reasonable dressage (50), but the least said about the cross country the better. Suffice it to say that the commentator was convinced of Charlies elimination. Luckily he was wrong, but numerous penalties were amassed. Charlie redeemed himself slightly by completing the show jumping with only a single fence down.

Gill performed an extremely nice dressage test (41). She was very unlucky to fall off as Timmy crumbled on landing on uneven ground after the first fence. Bravely she remounted and completed the remainder of the course clear and with only seven time penalties. A very good effort in view of her fall early on the course. Timmy too completed the show jumping with just one fence down.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day even though we didn't win, and gratefully received their commemorative rosettes.

It was a very good effort from everybody - competitors, helpers and supporters. Our thoughts went to the two we left behind.

It is very encouraging for the club that we had at least six people capable of competing at the horse trials championship and hopefully it won't take another twelve years before our next visit!

Jumble Sale

The second Jumble Sale of the year took place at Penton on 6th October. We had had a lot of stuff left over from the first sale and that, together with a few bits of new jumble that had been collected, made a profit of just under £50 which was a very welcome boost to our finances. Our thanks to Sandra Olliver who again organised the Sale and to everyone who helped on the day - also to Norman Creese who arranged for the remainder to be sold for rag, which raised a further £7.77.

Socials

The first Social Evening of the winter on 15th October went off very well with 17 members coming to hear Maurice Ashley's informative talk on course building. Since then, Mr Ashley has been elected as the new Chairman of our Area Liaison Committee with Mrs Ashley as the new Liaison Hon. Secretary so we congratulate them both on their appointments as well as thanking Mr Ashley for giving up an evening for the B.V.

Posters

Ian Walker has now managed to get some posters printed for us (for free!) in order that we can advertise the Club as widely as possible. I have sent copies to all those members who indicated on last years "Helpers Form" that they would help with publicity, but if there is anyone else who would be willing to put some of these around for us - particularly in livery stables, riding schools etc., please let me know on Weyhill 2474. Rod Bennett has found a shop in Andover that will print T-shirts with a Club Motif at a very reasonable cost and he hopes to have an example on show at the next Social Evening.

Library

Two reminders - we do now have a small library at Blue Bell Farm, Penton where members can borrow books and leaflets. They are mainly text books aimed at people preparing for Grade tests but there are a few other books as well. Any contributions to the library will be gratefully received by Sue Bennett.

Subscriptions

Were due on 1st October - please if you haven't already done so, can you send your sub to the Hon. Sec, Dukes Wood, Ampport, Andover, Hants as soon as you possibly can. (Riding £7, Non-riding £6).

GET WELL SOON

I am glad to report that committee member Gill Trickett is now out of hospital and convalescing at home after her bad fall while competing recently at Larkhill. We wish her a full and speedy recovery.

It's a bit early, but have a good Christmas and a very happy New Year.

J.B.

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PROGRAMME

DECEMBER

Sun 2nd Romsey Indoor Unaffiliated Dressage at Wigley Manor, Ower,
Nr Southampton.

Schedules from:- Mrs P Skinner, Heather Cottage, North Common,
Sherfield English, Romsey. S.A.E.

Sat 15th B.V. Visit to Iar Baldings Racing Stable at Park House,
Kingsclere 10 A.M (from Whitchurch take the small road
signposted Kingsclere and the stables are on the R near
bottom of the hill before you get to Kingsclere village).
No entrance fee but there will be a 'whip round' for the
lads. Family and friends welcome please let June Bush know
by Thurs 13th December if you can come.

Thurs 20th B.V. Christmas Party at Kimpton Village Hall 8.30 p.m.
Music, Games, Bar and Light Refreshments.
Tickets £2 B.V. members - £2.50 guests from any committee
member - see Newsletter for "phone numbers".
Organiser: Julia Bayley (Andover 791054).

JANUARY

Sun 27th Dressage Competition at Cholderton Indoor School, Prelim
8 and Novice 12. (Organiser: Ann Sealey (Tel: Andover 781571).

London Weekend Equestrian Centre have Affiliated and Unaffiliated
Shows throughout the Winter. Schedules from:- Winchfield
House, Winchfield, Nr Windsor, Berks. Tel: Winchfield Row
882179.

