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BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUBNEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 1975

New Members: We would like to welcome all those who have recently become members and we hope to see them very soon. For their benefit, there are a couple of points about the Club which should be mentioned. The Bourne Valley is an Official Riding Club, and is affiliated to the British Horse Society. We are in Area 17, which covers Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and every Club in the Area has a representative on the Area 17 Liason Committee. This Committee helps to promote co-operation between Clubs in the Area and assists in bringing the Riding Clubs Committee of the B.H.S. into closer touch with the Clubs. The Liason Committee also arranges the Area Competitions for Dressage, Prix Caprilli, Show Jumping etc. to which we hope to send a team (or two) each year.

Questionnaire. We have not arranged very many events lately for various reasons. It is realised that the summer is a very busy time for most people and that they have other commitments, shows etc. to attend but we hope to produce a more comprehensive programme for the winter months. We hope, also, that events will be better supported than of late - any ideas for the winter programme will be very welcome - hence the enclosed questionnaire. Please find a few minutes to fill it in, and send it back to our Secretary, as it is the only way we can get an overall picture of what you all want.

Annual Dinner and Dance. Dave Packman, our President, has many attributes, not the least being his superb organisation of the always popular Annual Dinner Dance. This year it's being held at the Bere Hill House Hotel on November 28th. Tickets will be limited to 60 - there's a mouth watering menu - so get in touch with Dave Packman (Hatherden 205) or Sam Hart (Tidworth 3378) for your ticket. If you are hard up (or slimming) you can go to the dance only, for £1.

Fodder Scheme. The scheme got off to a quiet start with only six members taking advantage of the cheaper rates. However, the numbers are gradually building up and Tom and Sandra Oliver are doing a super job in organising this for us. Order forms are enclosed, giving the latest (October) prices, which are, of course, subject to change. A 20p handling charge will be added to all orders from now on to help with administrative costs. Please remember that members only may order food. If your friends want to join in the scheme, they must first become a member - incidentally, this is a good time to join as subscriptions paid after November 1st are valid for the whole of 1976.

Last Summer. A new innovation for the Club was Tent Pegging. It really started as a private competition to enliven the fete at Clarendon School, Tidworth but it soon developed into a match between the Bourne Valley and the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards - and, believe it or not, the Bourne Valley won! Tom Oliver and Bruce Saint were the heroes of the day but they were given a close run for their money by Lt. Christopher Beese and Cpl. Wallace for the 4th/7th.

At this same fete Sandra Oliver organised a Quadrille, which is another new event for the Club and one which we might continue if there are enough members sufficiently interested.

Only about half a dozen members went on the Salisbury Plain ride (where was the rest of the Club?) but there was a good turn out for the In Hand Judging at Tangley. Mrs. Glendinning, one of our Vice-Presidents, kindly acted as Chief Judge and we thank her very much for coming. We also thank all those who lent their horses and ponies for us to judge - please forgive any uncomplimentary comments we may have made about your animals! Last but not least, our thanks to Rosemary Hicks for providing us with such a splendid feast afterwards.

Clipping. Sue Appleton, who we all wish a rapid return to complete soundness from her broken ankle, will clip your horses either at her stables or yours. Please phone her at Weyhill 2439.

In closing, I am sure everyone will want to join in sending our congratulations to Lindsay Hart on her recent marriage to Nicholas Toeman and to wish them both every possible happiness in the future. Although Lindsay will now be living at Bracknell we hope to see her again whenever she is down in Bourne Valley country.

J.B.

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P.S. Don't forget the questionnaire!