

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

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Dear Member,

It does not seem possible that we are almost at the end of another Club year with the A.G.M. only a few weeks away. As you all know, the A.G.M. is to be held on Tuesday, 13th October, at the Weyhill Fair. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance as it is at this meeting that members have the opportunity to give their points of view on the way the Club is run and to put forward ideas for the programme.

Once again Bourne Valley have had success in the Area Qualifying competitions and, this year, it was the turn of the Horse Trials team to compete at the National Riding Club Championships. The qualifier was held at Thornicomb, near Blandford on 26th July and was hosted by Shillingstone R.C. Our team of Sandra Olliver, Liz Peerless, Brenda Donnelly and Caroline Stevens were faced with a very demanding cross country course over big fences. However, all our members completed the cross country phase with Sandra Olliver having a superb clear round, one of only five clear rounds all day. Well Done Sandra! Only three out of the eight teams competing got through to the show jumping which I think does reflect the difficulty of the cross country course. After the show jumping, Bourne Valley finished second to the Meon R.C. Results as follows:

<u>B.V. Team</u>	<u>Dressage</u>	<u>X.C.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>S.J.</u>
S. Olliver - Flippant Fancy	103	0	0	0
B. Donnelly - Madame Rumba	101	80	10	0
E. Peerless - Arena	49	40	11	0
C. Stevens - Slowki	69	140	43	E

Individual Placings in their Arena:

E. Peerless - 1st, S. Olliver - 3rd, B. Donnelly - 5th

Shillingstone also ran a Novice Horse Trials competition and two B.V. teams competed finishing in 8th and 9th places. The Novice competitions which have been run in conjunction with the Area Qualifiers have proved to be very popular and have enabled the Club to give more members the opportunity of competing in a team. Results of the Novice Horse Trials as follows:

1st	Shillingstone 'A'	-	176 faults
2nd	Chilworth 'B'	-	218
3rd	Purbeck	-	223
4th	Chilworth 'A'	-	226
5th	Meon	-	257
6th	Shillingstone 'B'	-	315

(10 teams competed)

<u>B.V.</u>	<u>Blue Team</u>	<u>(8th)</u>	<u>Dressage</u>	<u>S.J.</u>	<u>X.C.(inc. time faults)</u>
S. Nutley	- Natasha		104	0	0
M. Linssner	- Sir Winston		127	0	26
D. Osmond	- Splash Back		102	0	23
M. McKee	- Oliver		78	5	20
					<u>Total</u> 332

<u>B.V.</u>	<u>Red Team</u>	<u>(9th)</u>	<u>Dressage</u>	<u>S.J.</u>	<u>X.C.(inc. time faults)</u>
P. Sarsfield-Hall	- Samantha		80	0	0
A. Sealey	- Magic Banjo		84	0	43
C. Glover	- The Tactician		73	30	58
S. Hawes	- Monty		109	30	31
					<u>Total</u> 368

Pat Sarsfield-Hall was individual 5th in his arena.

The National Horse Trials Championships were held at Everdon in Northants on 23rd August and our team travelled up the day before with Brenda towing a caravan (no, Rumba did not travel in the caravan!) as there was no accommodation to be found anywhere that weekend. After walking the cross country course which the team thought to be quite fair although the going was very uneven, they decided to go out on the town! I understand that they had a thoroughly good time and thoughts of an early night in preparation for the following day were completely abandoned!! It is amazing how the fences seem less formidable after one or two drinks! Unfortunately, after all her hard work in selecting and coaching the teams, Sue McGrath was unable to go to the Championships but our Chairman, June, was there to cheer our team on. Thirty teams competed and Bourne Valley finished in 20th place doing better than the Meon who had won the Qualifier! The winning team had 195 penalties and Bourne Valley had 290 but the marks were close as the team in 6th place scored 225. Congratulations to Liz Peerless who was individual 4th in her arena and of course to the rest of the team who all completed the event.

<u>Results</u>	<u>Dressage</u>	<u>X.C. Faults</u>	<u>X.C. Time</u>	<u>S.J.</u>
S. Olliver	84	0	11	0 = 95
B. Donnelly	106	20	9	0 = 135
E. Peerless	56	0	4	0 = 60
C. Stevens	81	80	41	5 = 207

Thank you Sandra, Brenda, Liz and Caroline for representing Bourne Valley and for such a marvellous result and our thanks also to all members who have competed on the Club's behalf throughout the year. Sue McGrath has worked very hard organising the teams and I am sure you will all agree that she did an excellent job. Thank you Sue.

After a great deal of preparation, poor Pippa Sarsfield-Hall had to cancel the Team Fun Event as her mother-in-law was seriously ill in hospital. Carrie Burtenshaw kindly offered to instruct instead and Pippa contacted all those who had entered the event and offered them the alternative of instruction. About ten people said they would come but only two actually turned up on the day which was rather a waste of everyone's time especially Pippa who was having to travel to and from Worthing hospital. Our thanks to Carrie and of course, Pat and Pippa.

As I shall soon be retiring from the post of Secretary I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped me during the past two years and, in particular, June Bush. June is one of the stalwarts of the Bourne Valley and has herself been secretary many times. Her tremendous help and support has been invaluable and she has prevented me from making too many dreadful mistakes. Many thanks June and I hope that there is someone who will

take on the job as, without a Secretary, there can be no Club!

Don't forget the Club's 21st Birthday Party on 23rd October - details in programme.

Finally, subscriptions are due for renewal on the 1st October and I should be grateful for prompt payment as the Affiliation Fees have to be paid to Stoneleigh earlier this time.

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SEPTEMBER

Sunday 27th Kennett Vale Riding Club Hunter Trials to be held at Rushall, Nr. Pewsey, Wilts. Schedules from: Mrs. S. Ascough, Drapers, Drove Lane, Market Lavington, Devizes, Wilts. S.A.E. please.

OCTOBER

- Sunday 4th Riding For The Disabled - Downland Ride in the Linkenholt and Facombe Hills. Entry Forms from: Mrs. E. Marriott, The Flat, Donnington Elms, Donnington, Newbury, Berks.
- Sunday 4th Meon Riding Club - Hunter Trials. Schedules from: Mrs. L. Didymus, Soltaire, Sandy Lane, Waltham Chase, Hants. S.A.E. please.
- Sunday 11th Sponsored Ride at Longstock - 7 mile ride through Hampshire Farmland with about 40 optional jumps to suit all abilities. Schedules from: Mrs. J. Date, Paddocks, Birch Grove, Chilbolton, Stockbridge, Hants. Tel: Chilbolton 564
- Sunday 11th New Forest Buckhounds Novice Team Event to be held at Shirley Farm, Bransgore, Christchurch, Dorset. 2 mile course on grassland, heath and woodland - inviting jumps of approximately 3 ft. Schedules from: Mrs. J. B. Dixon, Grove House, Newtown, Minstead, Lyndhurst, Hants. Tel: 0703 813211
- TUESDAY 13TH BOURNE VALLEY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held at the Weyhill Fair, 7.45 for 8. Agenda enclosed.
- Sunday 18th Hunter Trials to be held at Blue Bell Farm, Penton Grafton, Nr. Andover, hants. Schedules available from Mrs. Sue Bennett at same address.
- SUNDAY 18TH BOURNE VALLEY FUN RIDE to be held at Farley Mount commencing 10.30 a.m. Organiser: Ms. Wendy Straker. Schedule enclosed.
- FRIDAY 23RD BOURNE VALLEY 21ST BIRTHDAY PARTY to be held at the Wallop Parish Hall, Middle Wallop. Tickets available from Ian Walker, tel. no. Andover 57110. £5 members £6 non-members. Hot buffet and licensed bar.
- Sunday 25th Unaffiliated Show Jumping at Bathampton Equestrian Centre. Clear Round, Class 1-2' 9" Novice (horses not to have won more than £25), Class 2 - 3' 3" Novice (horses not to have won more than £75), Class 3 - 3' 6" Open. Schedules from: The Secretary, Bathampton Equestrian Centre, Bathampton House, Wylve, Nr. Warminster, Wilts.

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