

# Newton Hall News

Quarterly

Summer 2005

## Who? What? Why? When...

**Encouraged** by your kind comments about our Spring issue, we hope that you find this Summer newsletter of interest. Apologies first though to Tim Fletcher who appeared as Kim in the Spring edition.

Thank you to all those who voted for the next NHEC profile, Woody finished well ahead of the rest so deserves his place here. We shall run another vote for our winter issue later in the year- the ballot box will again be in the office.

## Competition

**Enclosed** with this newsletter is a word search set by Rossie with 16 clues. The answers are (mostly) all found at NHEC. Complete your answers and hand in the form to the office by 31st October. First correct entry out of the hat wins a voucher for a half hour private lesson.

## Work in Progress

The NHEC web site is in the process of being up-dated and a new brochure will shortly be available.

## Media

**As well as** the newsletter, we try to keep Newton Hall in the public eye by providing editorial to the local press, media and horse magazines on a weekly basis. There is a press cuttings board in the barn. Please let us know if you have any news stories which we can feature.

**Sky Digital** 160 cameras were here in May to film for their *Britains Best Breaks* holiday programme about Suffolk. Riding attracts many visitors to the region and four riders from Newton Hall were filmed riding cross country as part of the programme which was screened at the end of June.

**We are a marketing** partner of the Horse of the Year Show 2005 and will again enter the Rural Business category of the annual Anglian Business Awards later this year. We were runners-up in 2004.

**Our display** featured in the BHS Marquee at the Suffolk Show 2005

*BHS marquee display*



## Exam Successes by our staff and trainees

BHS Stage 4:	Daniel Spencer BHS AI, staff member, passed the complete exam
Stage 3:	Pip Meredith Jones qualified to BHS Prelim Instructor Level and joined NH staff as a junior instructor
NVQ Level 2	Anna Carey    Carrie Farley    Vicky Frost    Faye Russell    Callie Goodall
Stage 3	Amelia Walker
Stage 2	James Pratt
Stage 2 Riding	Jodi Delande
Stage 1	Ashleigh Hurlock, Care
Stage 1	Anna Carey, Riding and Road Safety

***Congratulations to all and many others who have trained with us***

## At the Shows

The finals of the BHS Equitation Competition 2005 took place at Warwickshire College on Tuesday 31st May, a competition restricted to non-horse owning riding school clients under 18 years old. It consists of a short dressage test, jumping test and a theory paper. The pre-qualifying had taken place at 7 BHS Approved Establishments around the country and was also open to Licensed Riding Schools.

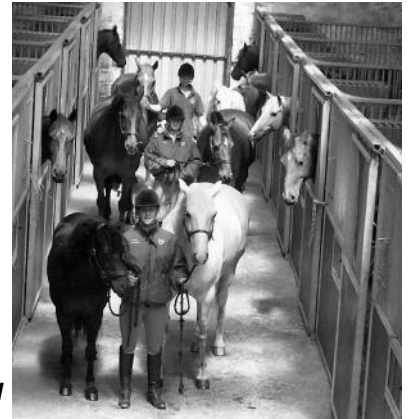
Emily Rogers and Rebecca Cunningham competed in the 13years and under age group and Jodie Delande and James Pratt in the 17 years and under. Emily and Rebecca finished just outside the top riders in their group but James and Jodie finished 2nd and 4th respectively. Well done to the four of you.

**Six horses and ponies** from Newton Hall Livery Yard qualified with their riders for 7 classes for the Royal International Horse at Hickstead in July.

The qualifiers in their classes were as follows:

Alice Hare on Oaklands Cloudburst- aka as Noddy - (Connemara ridden)  
Petrina Theobald on Uppacott Vacqueyras, owned by Jessica Pengelly (Dartmoor ridden)  
Hannah Martin on Uppacott Vacqueyras ( first ridden class )  
Emma Walker on Full Circle ( 15h Working Hunter Pony) and Rufforth Rowena (Intermediate Show Hunter )  
Daniel Bayes on Clifton Graffiti ( 15h Show hunter Pony)  
Georgia Potts on Splash of Light (Coloureds ridden)

*Newton Hall Livery Yard*



**Newton Hall** ponies and riders had a special week at Ponies UK, Newark in August.

Three of our riders qualified in the final 16 for the Elite Riders competition out of 65 riders who had competed at the pre-qualifiers. Two gold , three silver and four bronze awards were given to the top nine riders in the form of bursaries to help their training. Chester Sykes won a silver and James Pratt won a gold riding his own pony Carnsdale

Diplomat (affectionately known as Dippy) Petrina Theobald won 2 classes and reserve championships on both Splodge and Noddy.

Two of our horses were in the winning GB team in the International competition between teams of four riders each representing Australia, South Africa and GB. Jonjo was selected for the South African team and Fynnlads Dee Dee and Magic Decision ( Libby)for GB. Each rider rode horses that they had not previously ridden and all four did a show on the flat; all had to talk to the judges about their riding experience and knowledge and two of the team competed in dressage and two in a working hunter course.

**NHEC Profile**.....and Woody came out first in the voting

**PITLANDS WOODMAN or WOODY** is a 13h part- bred Welsh grey gelding. Born in 1993 at the Pitlands Stud in Norfolk, he came to Newton Hall as a 5 yr old when Petrina had heard from a friend that he was turned out in a NZ rug day and night and could do with a loving caring home.

He duly arrived looking rather thin and with a sore on his back from the NZ rug. He was wormed, given a good grooming, legs and feet washed off and treated for slight mud fever. As all the stables were full, Les resurrected the pen inside the hay barn where Sooty used to live and this is where Woody spent his first year. He had lots of attention from passers-by and put on weight as he was able to help himself to hay in the barn.

He was lightly lunged before being worked under saddle. Lucy Minta started off his competition career both on the flat and over fences, with Petrina involved in his early jump training. Daniel Bayes took over from Lucy when she was too old to ride Woody and this combination qualified for various WHP and SJ finals. When Daniel outgrew Woody, Hamish Golding took over and had him on loan. This partnership was most successful including BSJA 'double clears' in British Novice and winning money under rules



Since Hamish bought his own pony, Woody has partnered several young riders. He has qualified 2 years running for the BHS National Junior Equitation Championship with Rebecca Cunningham and latterly has partnered Laura Rogers in the BHS Junior equitation qualifiers.

Soon after we had bought Woody, an old Newton Hall friend knew that Rossie had got Woody and sent her a picture of him as a 3 yr old. As you can from the 2 pictures, not only humans go white haired with age!

*a young woody ( l ) and slightly older ( r )*

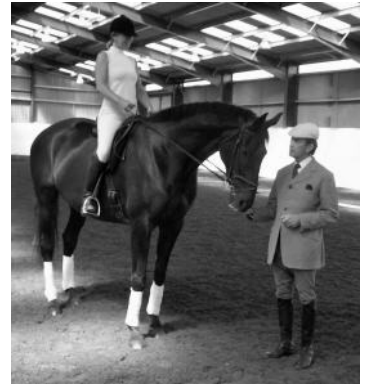


## Happenings

**John Lassetter**, an Internationally renowned dressage trainer based at Goodwood Sussex, held a day long clinic of both individual and group lessons for riders at Newton Hall in June. He renewed his acquaintance with Rossie Theobald, proprietor of Newton Hall Equitation Centre, as he was her instructor for her BHSI exam in the late 1960s.

He had just returned from a 6 week instructional tour of America including Hawaii and taught earlier in the year throughout Russia and Latvia.

Each lesson was a non-stop comprehensive 45 minute clinic and a thorough work-out for every horse and rider. The Lassetters came to Newton Hall in 2003 to open the Arena and they return again this September with their spectacular evening of dressage entertainment. A report of the evening will be in the next issue.



## Watch out for me in 2012 !

**As part of Ipswich Borough Council's 'Holiday Activities' programme** during the school holidays, Newton Hall Equitation Centre participated again this year to give Pony Rides in Christchurch Park Ipswich.

Four ponies plus instructors, students and volunteers enabled youngsters to ride on two consecutive Fridays in August and for many children it was their first experience of riding.

The response was overwhelming and at least 250 children between the ages of 2-10 years old, nearly all from Ipswich, took part over both days and received a signed certificate as a souvenir.

Two follow-up sessions were scheduled later in the holidays at Newton Hall so that youngsters who had signed up as a result of these pony rides could be given a short riding lesson and advice on handling, tacking, grooming, feeding and stable management. Under fives were offered another chance of a pony ride here.

These Pony Rides reflected very well on Newton Hall and all those instructors, students and volunteers who took part are to be heartily congratulated.



## NAGS from Jennie Gostling

### **Meetings-**

**Daniel Spencer** kindly gave up one of his few free evenings and instructed us in the art of Carriage Driving, ably accompanied by Squeak. It looks extremely easy when a competent person does it and made for a most interesting and entertaining evening.

At time of writing, our September meeting will be a long reining session with Pip Meredith Jones, the first session will be as a practice and at a later date we shall have a competition between ourselves.



The annual NAGS BBQ took place in July and was blessed with - RAIN. A gazebo was hastily erected by the hostess's husband and son who were really soaked at the end of it. Still, we weren't deterred. Mel was the cook and inside the gazebo it was warm and dry and we made the best of the bad weather.

NAGS is very grateful to people who give their time and come and speak to us or instruct us. Grateful thanks also go to Rossie who is very supportive and gives ideas as to what subjects we could cover.

If anyone wishes to join NAGS meetings, just turn up on the night. Posters showing the date of meetings will be in the office, barn and toilets. There is no membership fee to pay, just a cost of approximately £3 per person payable on the night. We will be pleased to see you.

If you would like any further details please contact Jenny

Gostling tel: 01473 623651 or e-mail: [jennygostling@aol.com](mailto:jennygostling@aol.com)

## Pony Club News from Jane Halls

The Pony Club enjoyed several events during the summer holidays. During August we visited Red Wings Sanctuary for the day, meeting and learning about some of the rescue horses and donkeys. Harry Potter seemed to be one of the favourite ponies, although the donkeys were not far behind. As part of the Pony Club the children decided to adopt Chockie and Harry Potter. We have put up the details of their history on our notice board. There were several ponies to choose from, so perhaps next year we will sponsor another two.

Our musical ride went very well and I am sure that the parents who watched the finalé were impressed. Everyone worked very hard, especially on such a hot day. Thanks to Nick Peek and Sarah du Boulay for their assistance, together with our energetic runners. The children firstly walked and planned the ride in the morning, then after lunch this was put to the test. Ponies at the ready, the children put them to work in pairs, each one having to stay in sequence with the other. Although this may seem easy to do, it is in fact very hard and with such a short time to practice they all did extremely well. I am sure that the children who took part would like to see this as a regular event and of course our new members will have a chance to take part.



We are very happy to increase our membership, so if you were wondering what the Pony Club may be able to offer your child, then please do get in touch with the office and they will pass on your details. We meet up regularly, with the children having a chance to enjoy a variety of different events, including working towards badges, awards and fun days. We try and spend a morning on a badge every other month, which may include such topics as preparing your pony for a show, first aid, bandaging and rugs, loading and saddlery. There are approximately 21 badges to work towards, together with awards for riding.

Our Lawn Flite event finals day on 25<sup>th</sup> September is the last in a succession of four events where the children collect points. We finish the season with a gymkhana, followed by our annual BBQ and we are now planning for the coming months and hope to include a lunging badge, awards and a cross country day. We look forward to seeing our new and existing members.

## Friends Re-United

Let us know if you have news of ex Newton Hall riders, instructors and students.

Caroline Steward has recently been appointed tutor for the equine team at Otley College. Caroline's mother Nicky used to compete at Newton Hall in the '70s on her own pony and Petrina Theobald and Caroline first met up when they were both only 'knee high to a grasshopper' at the Westerfield Show. They competed against each other in their teens and Caroline enrolled at 17 on the then Horsemasters Course at Otley and passed her exams to BHSAI. The circle is now squared as she is teaching her students who train at NHEC for their riding sessions.

## Moving On

Vicky Watts has recently moved to Wiltshire to follow a career with event horses after training and working at Newton Hall.

## Obituary

Mithril was put peacefully to sleep in March due to arthritis and old age. She was a very willing kind pony who taught so many riders to ride off the lead or lunge and was particularly good at introducing them to canter.

In the past, she competed in show jumping and ODE's but would always try to return to the collecting ring. No doubt this will bring smiles to many people as they remember her antics!

Our grateful thanks to Mithrail's owner Jane Scott for loaning her to us for so many years. Please accept our condolences- what a wonderful pony she was !

***The next issue is Winter 2005/06  
Let us feature your news, reports and photos  
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