

Newton Hall News

Quarterly

Winter 2006-07

Welcome and Farewell

Early in the New Year, we welcomed Steve Andrews BHSAI as yard manager and instructor. Steve holds the St 4 Care Certificate and comes with lots of equestrian experience having previously trained at Talland. A profile of Steve will appear in the next issue.

Newton Hall said goodbye to Daniel Spencer at Christmas. We thank Daniel for all his efforts and congratulate him on all his achievements during his 12 years with NH. We wish him well and hope he keeps in touch.

Pony Club potential



Kathy Walter sent us a lovely photo of her fourth child Sebastian Rupert who was born on 25th November. He weighed in at a healthy 9 lbs.

Kathy commented that he didn't seem to like his first riding lesson!

Town 102FM

Have you heard our commercial? When Town102fm was launched last autumn, we decided to advertise riding at Newton Hall for a trial period of six months.

The jury's still out !

Staff Christmas Lunch

It would be unfair to inflict a photo of the NAGS Xmas dinner on the reader for the 2nd year running- so here's the Staff photo taken at the Grundisburgh Dog...

Work in Progress

As part of a policy to continually up-date the facilities, the all weather outdoor Arena 1 has received a makeover with a new layer of silica sand covered with shredded rubber. The new surface is now softer which suits both horse and rider. It had only been laid 24hrs before a rider tested it!

Guess how many tons of sand and rubber were used and win a half hour lesson ! See page 2 for details

London 2012

Newton Hall could meet the criteria for the equestrian disciplines for both Dressage and Show Jumping especially as Newton Hall Arena is the only current indoor arena in Suffolk to comply with the preferred specification.

We support the TEAM Ipswich bid to be a host centre for teams preparing for the London 2012 Olympics.

However, we understand that any locations with Government funding, such as colleges or sports centres, must have priority over private enterprise.

We have accordingly submitted our application directly to the London 2012 organisation.

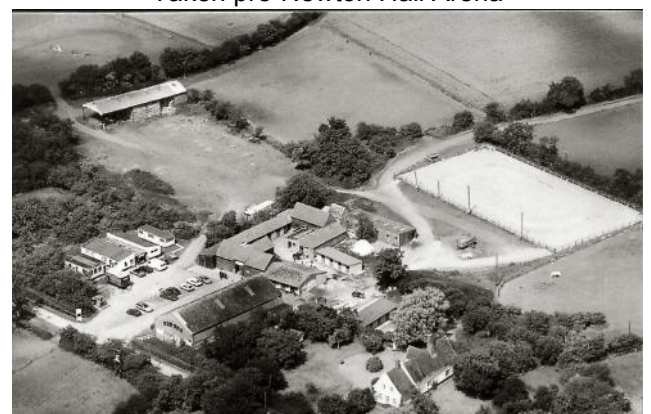
NH Pony Club and Nags

A more detailed report inside from both the NH Pony Club and NAGS as we did not have enough room in the last Edition.



Photo from the archive

Taken pre-Newton Hall Arena



Competition

You may have noticed earlier this year that heaps of both sand- suggesting perhaps that we were going in for camel racing- and shredded rubber appeared in the lorry park. The sand and rubber has been spread over the outdoor Arena 1 but how much sand and shredded rubber was used. Did you count the number of lorry loads? If you did then you may have a good chance to win a ½ hour riding lesson if you can tell us how many tons were delivered. Nearest to the amount wins.

Answer forms in the office, competition closes on 31st March- a couple of photos to help you.....



Hold the Front Page!

Horse and Pony monthlies, as well as the local press and ourselves, are always looking for items to feature in their next edition.

Thank you for the terrific response to our request last time for photos, especially to Susie Tucker who took the time and trouble to send us over 30 pony club photos- thank goodness for Broadband !

If you have anything that you want to tell us and others about, please forward to the editor of

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We always try and feature your submissions in this newsletter.

photos of children must have the consent of a parent or guardian before publication

NAGS News- Jenny Gostling

At the beginning of July we held a NAGS Equiquiz. We had four teams – three had four people on each but NHEC Office team had about 20!! We were running out of chairs and whenever someone arrived they were always part of the Office team. That's a bit of an exaggeration as there were only about 19 of them! Needless to say the Office team won, but only by one point as Lady Jane's fan club came a close second. Many thanks to Jon and Rachel Wilding for organising the quiz questions, prizes and refreshments. Perhaps we should hold an annual Equiquiz and only have two teams – NHEC Office v. The Rest.

Also during July we held a dressage competition. Hannah Aldridge planned and judged the test. Old NAG happened to see Hannah the day before and was told that if anyone required a caller for the test they would lose marks. Panic ensued as Old NAG's memory isn't what it used to be, can't map read and has no sense of direction so rushed home and, with test paper in hand, walked round the garden numerous times trying to get it into her head (and, yes, she was on the correct diagonal when she changed direction!) All participants were contacted and, never underestimate NAGS as all involved rode the test without a caller. Sue Sparrow came first and she was well chuffed as she had also passed her Stage I Riding and Stable Management – congratulations Sue. Thanks to Hannah, and also to Kirsten who was the writer.

The NAGS BBQ took place on 16 July and the weather was wonderful. Food and liquid were plentiful and the day went well. A husband of one NAG wasn't too sure if he wanted to come as he doesn't really do 'horsey talk'. However, he appeared to be enjoying himself and was reluctant to leave when his wife went home to get the house ready for their forthcoming visitors. It was suggested he could stay and his wife pick him up later but I think he knew THE look he was getting and it was time to go. However, he did mention that the visitors weren't due for a couple of days so what was the rush?!!

In August Felicity Roworth organised a Treasure Hunt for us. That was extremely good fun although it was getting dark when a few arrived back, unfortunately having lost the plot slightly along the way. Thanks to Felicity for organising the event.

In October Sarah du Boulay organised a Handy Pony event. That was well-supported and went well. Many thanks to Sarah for organising that for us. In December we had the NAGS Christmas drink and in March we plan to hold another Equiquiz.

Championship success at HOYS

Petrina Philp, who runs our livery yard, won the M & M WHP Championship last October at the Horse of the Year show. She won on a six year old Dartmoor stallion Moortown Honeyman owned by Mr and Mrs John Jordan and produced by Julie Barton.

Patrick Print FBHS

Patrick Print, Chairman of the British Horse Society, will be returning to Newton Hall on 7th March to hold a training day.

He last visited us in November 2005 when over 65 attended his standards setting day. Contact the office for details

NH Pony Club- Jane Halls

Newton Hall Pony Club has been running for almost five years, with many of our members progressing considerably in their riding skills, whilst others who may have recently joined, have just started working their way through the different badges and tests on offer. Not ones to sit back, we have realized that we need to keep our programme full and interesting, so that it appeals to all abilities. So exciting events on offer!

During February half term we had a friendly competition with our rivals, Valley Farm Riding School. We hope to run two quiz evenings, followed by a summer gymkhana – with points cumulating to find the winning riding school team. This is the first time that our Pony Club Centre has competed against an outside team and it should provide a challenge to both our experienced children and our most recent members. We hope this will be an annual event, with a cup going to the winning team. Lots of effort needed from NH....so start looking through your books to improve your knowledge! Not only will our members get a chance to use their riding skills, but they should improve their general knowledge.

Another new event for this year is the opportunity to visit some of the nearby yards, to meet the owners and get a feel for the way other business yards run. It will give the children a chance to see how a competition yard is organized.



Our Lawn Flite event will once again commence for the 2007 season. Our first event was on Sunday 11th February, with jumping and flat work. Members should try and attend as many of these events as possible as points are totalled on an individual rider, with the final event during September. A BBQ is normally held on this day to mark the end of the season.

Some of the badges that have been previously run are now being repeated. We began in January with the topic 'how to safely load your pony'. Whilst the children are fully supervised, (as this can be a difficult task), it gives them an opportunity to see the correct method to follow, together with safety points to remember.

A new badge, offered on the 4th February, was the Human First Aid Badge. We have covered how to treat your pony, so only fair that we look at the human side of things!

The Junior Cavalry Regiment- David Foster, Commandant

The Junior Cavalry (UK) LF Regiment Suffolk troop arrived at Newton Hall in September last year. The Troop was originally formed in 1991, and has performed at many shows, including Eye Show (2000 & 2002), the ILPH at Snetterton, plus many other small shows and fetes.



It is loosely based on the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment, but it is not a military Cadet unit, although for certain aspects of our work, the military connection is of absolute necessity. We work to achieve two display formats. Firstly, involving the full Troop - a mounted drill display. Secondly, a Musical Ride, presently with 8 members, of a more audience orientated display. The Troop have their own Trade Awards scheme in place, involving Riding, and Stable & Horse Management. A rank system is also in place, which rewards the individual for their experience and personal attributes within The Troop.

We currently have 11 members, of which 5 only joined since October. For any young rider who may be interested in joining The Troop, we do have a few vacancies available. Please make yourself known to any member or official of The Troop.

Competitions at NHEC



There is not enough space to report on the numerous competitions and events held at Newton Hall over the Winter period, so a selection of photos is reproduced below with apologies to those who have not been included. See also our web page galleries.



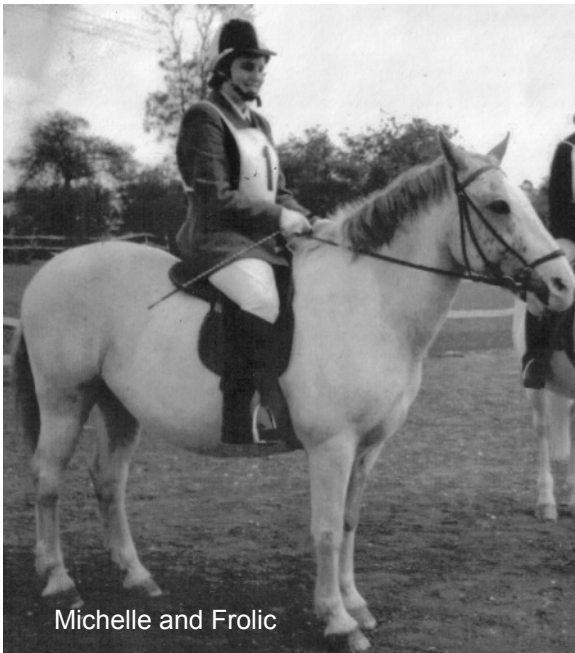
Frolic- profile by Rossie Theobald BHSI

Frolic belongs to the Horse Rescue Fund at Ilketshall. His mother was found in a very poor condition and he was the foal at foot. When they were moved to the farm, the foal was named Frolic because he was so full of life.

At 4, he went to the sister of a NH student and visited Pony Clubs and local shows before going to stay in Coddendam for a year. As Frolic was not particularly traffic proof amongst the increasing traffic around Coddendam, he came to Newton Hall as a 7 year old.

He has been ridden by many experienced riders who have brought him on especially with his jumping. Frolic has won show jumping and cross country competitions and his best achievement must be when he won the Christmas Puissance with Michelle Summers nee Hawkins by clearing over 4ft. Another notable claim, he was the last horse or pony that Rossie rode around a course!

Having taught so many people to ride both on the flat and over fences, Frolic is a great favourite with the RDA riders.



Michelle and Frolic

Unfortunately, in the last few days Frolic seems to be entering a second childhood and is living up to his name. Possibly as Spring in the air, the birds are singing and the grass is growing Frolic and his friends are feeling pleased with life. Suffice to say, he has insisted on cantering to the rear of the ride with novice riders and although being led, on one occasion he managed to leap forward, raise his back and jump an imaginary 2'6" fence- sending his young unsuspecting rider into the air! He hasn't done that since he was a baby. We now make sure we work him before he is ridden by novice riders to ensure that he just remembers to behave as a 28 yr old should !

Our Livery Yard Cat

As cats always seem to get their own way, Pumba rather fancies a picture of herself in this issue-

Happy to oblige!



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