

Newton Hall News

Quarterly

Winter 2005-2006

Welcome to our third edition.....

Thank you for your appreciative comments about the previous newsletters and we have added more photos inside in response to reader requests.

Competition

Rossie's Word Search in our last issue was won by Hannah Martin - answers on page 2. Thanks to all who entered and to paraphrase what Eric Morecambe once said ' some had most of the correct answers but not necessarily in the right order.'

The new competition is to put a caption to the photo on page 2 . The photo was taken during one of Rossie's lessons last year and Clare Nightingale thought it would be ideal for a caption competition - great idea Clare and it would be nice to know what really was said !

Entry forms are available in the office, please hand them in by end April and the competition will be judged by Peter with the winner receiving a voucher for a half hour lesson and the result announced in our Spring 2006 **NH News**.

British Horse Society Standards Day

Jeanetta La-Four, Development Officer for the Eastern Region of the BHS, recently organised a BHS Standards Setting Day at Newton Hall Arena.

Over 65 attendees, representing nearly every BHS approved yard in the region, listened to Patrick Print FBHS and Chairman of the British Horse Society as he explained and demonstrated their latest thinking on BHS Stages 2 and 3, riding, lunging and stable management.

Jeanetta congratulated Newton Hall not only on the excellent facilities and organisation but the warm welcome afforded to all members.

Rossie with Patrick Print plus James Pratt, Steph Rider and Daniel Spencer who assisted on the day



Work in Progress

The lorry park has been extended to enable more horse boxes to park and move easily by the NH Arena. Although we have not yet experienced the real benefits of the enlarged lorry park due to the dry winter, a few spring showers will soon put that right.

Media

Our thanks to the media for coverage of events at NHEC and especially to the Ipswich 'Evening Star' who have featured the Inter-Schools competitions in the "GrassRoots' pages. The East Anglian Daily Times will be publishing an EADT Equestrian Directory twice a year in Spring and Autumn, copies of the Spring edition will be available at NHEC in March.

Morag Clark signed copies of her novel "Green Wellies and Wax Jackets" at the Arena in December. The story mixes the daily activities at a riding school with the world of film-making and is published by Braiswick at £8.95.

Local author Morag Clark (r)



BHS Approval for NH Livery



Newton Hall Equitation Centre has been a BHS Approved Riding and Training Establishment for several years.

The BHS have recently given their approval to Newton Hall Livery as a BHS Approved Livery Establishment and Petrina Theobald BHSAI, who runs the livery, is shown proudly holding the approval sign.

As one of the few BHS approved exam centres in East Anglia, Newton Hall is possibly the only BHS approved riding school, training centre and livery in Suffolk and Norfolk which regularly teaches riding and training up to Stage 3 and holds the examinations on site.

Friends Re-United

Google for Newton Hall and see what happens! Beverly Nault did that last October and found our web site. She was a working student here in 1980-82 whilst her husband Gary was stationed at RAF Woodbridge and writes that she still proudly owns her NH tie, pin and BHS certificate. Beverly and Gary live in Southern California and have been married for 27 years with a son and daughter. Beverly works as a building manager and is a volunteer in community theatre whilst Gary is working in Aerospace. Contact Rossie if you want to e mail Beverly.

International Dressage Display by the Lassetters

John and Charlotte Lassetter's Dressage Display Team of five riders gave an impeccable display of riding in the NH Arena last autumn.



The Lassetters, based at the Molecomb Stud Goodwood, are International Dressage Trainers who have trained many Pony, Junior and Young Riders for the British teams and have themselves competed and prepared horses to Grand Prix level.

Rossie was instructed by John for her BHSI in the late 1960s and the evening was consistent with her aim to offer a wide variety of leisure, educational and instructional

opportunities at Newton Hall. This was an opportunity to be inspired and entertained by dressage riding of a very high standard. John returns to NH for one of his clinics in April .



Word search answers

- 1 stirrup
- 2 arena
- 3 one
- 4 school
- 5 rich
- 6 spice
- 7 S.J
- 8 nero
- 9 cream
- 10 hunt
- 11 axa
- 12 stamp
- 13 rat
- 14 pixie
- 15 tarn
- 16 tear



CAPTION COMPETITION

Write a caption to this photograph.

Entry forms in the office, closing date end April.

First prize is voucher for ½ hour lesson.

Competition judge is Peter Theobald who may offer the winner anonymity

Christmas and New Year Student Competitions

Students Christmas Equitation Jumping Competition

Two teams from Easton College, three from Otley College and a Newton Hall Keits team took part with each team of 4 riders using 12 horses from NH. Students were judged by BHS examiner Judith Walker on the style of their riding and a written paper. Congratulations to NH Keits in winning the team event and James Pratt who won the individual, closely followed by Jodie Delande and Stephanie Ryder



Inter Schools Christmas Show Jumping Competition

A full day of competition in Christmas week for both junior and senior events with 23 teams and over 70 riders competing. Students from all over Suffolk entered both the team and individual events. In view of the numbers, there was the added pressure of



jumping against the clock. South Lee 'Baubles' were the winners of the junior team event and Katie Rutherford was the junior individual winner. Sophie Kelly, Rebecca Rice and Charlotte Clark from Thomas Mills all went clear in the final timed jump-off against Newton Hall KEITS in the senior team event and Leigh Isaac of Thurston Community College was the senior individual winner.

Inter Schools Dressage Competition

Over 40 young riders, many of whom had competed in the Christmas Show Jumping Competition above, took part at team and individual level for an Inter-Schools Dressage competition. The South Lee team repeated the success of their junior team of show jumpers and made it two wins in a row whilst Rosie Daniel from Farlingaye won the junior individual event. Newton Hall KEITS riders Jodie Delande, James Pratt, Steph Rider and Harriet Jordan won the team event and Ellen Wilton of Woodbridge won the individual class.



NAGS ROUND-UP- by Jenny Gostling

The year 2005 began with the 2004 Christmas dinner in January - yes, it was a bit late but, nevertheless, about 30 of us went to one of the Chinese buffets in Ipswich and filled ourselves with food and drink.

Meetings have continued and speakers have included Bob Marland who spoke about Heavy Horses; Helen Turner spoke about Hands-on Healing/Manipulation; Chris Miller gave a slide talk on Suffolk Punch Horses and the Suffolk Punch Trust.

Practical sessions included Carriage Driving with Daniel Spencer [Old NAG, when she eventually managed to get Squeak going, went in ever decreasing circles]. Carriage driving is harder than you think, but it was an informative and fun session. We also had a Long Reining practice session with Pip Meredith-Jones followed at a later date by a Long Reining competition. We also had a Trot Pole/Clear Round jumping team competition with Kirsten complete with rosettes.



During the year Jon Wilding and Rachel Grant became man and wife and we wish them every happiness.

One of our number, who probably would prefer to remain nameless, reached his half century birthday and we're still waiting for the celebratory drink. We will be after you Mel!!

2006 kicked off with the 2005 Christmas dinner on 15th January.

Our grateful thanks go to Rossie for her continued support of NAGS and to all our speakers..

Our meeting in February is with Jane Van Lennop who will be our guest and the title of her talk is 'From Bucket to Barrow - the mysteries of the equine digestive system solved'. People who are taking Stage 2 and 3 exams or Pony Club B and H might find the session particularly helpful.

Anyone is welcome to come along to our sessions that are advertised in the office, barn (and toilets). There is a charge of approximately £3 per person. If you would like any information on NAGS please contact Jenny Gostling tel. 01473 623651 or e-mail jennygostling@aol.com

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Pony Club News- by Jane Halls



We had a marvellous year in 2005 with lots of events. During the summer we held our final Lawn Flite competition, which involved the children attending either all or some of the four competitions. The competition involved both riding and jumping. We had two winners, one from each category, 11 years and under and 11 years and over. Congratulations to Georgina Halls and Bernice Laws. There will be fierce competition for those winning cups this year! Each winner will have their name engraved and the winner is able to keep the cup for one year. We will be holding the first of these events starting on 26th March, followed by three more events.

We would also like to welcome all our new members who have joined and are enjoying being part of the group. In January we held the the Bronze Awards event. These are the first awards (3, 2 and 1), giving the children a chance to progress with their riding and stable management knowledge. The Silver Awards will be held on 30th April. Information about the awards is kept at Newton Hall and on the Pony Club website www.pcuk.org, follow the links to 'find a centre'. For forthcoming dates please ask the office. Watch out for our Dressage Clinic on Sunday 26th February.

Cassie- profile by Rossie Theobald BHSI

64 votes in total were cast for this issue's profile and Cassie finished ahead by 2 votes.

Cassie- Fynnlands Cassandra- was born in the Stowmarket area of Suffolk in 1991 and was backed by Stephanie Turner, a well known producer and judge. She was sold to Margaret Minns née Alexander for her daughter Charlotte who rode Cassie successfully on the lead rein and when she started working her off the lead, Cassie was liveried at Newton Hall. It was soon obvious that Cassie was not going to be a first pony so the little grey mare stayed on loan and was later purchased by Newton Hall.

Several young riders have helped to educate her and both Lucy Minter and Harriet Rayner did a lot of the early jump training. Olivia Barter rode her into 3rd place in the BHS Equitation Championships at Stoneleigh.

Cassie was a natural and when Beth Harvey Jones had her on loan, she qualified for the RIHS in both Nursery and 13hh WHP classes. She found the bullfinch rather too thick and tall in the 13hh class at Hickstead but jumped a clear round and came 13th in the Nursery- alongside the top ponies in the country.

Hamish Golding took over from Beth and continued the good work with many successes in WHP- show jumping, hunter trials and one day events. Like Beth, Hamish outgrew Cassie and her next partner was Hannah Martin who qualified her for the PUK Championships amongst many other successes. Since September 2005, Hannah Watts has been Cassie's latest 'foster-parent' and the partnership is progressing well as they currently lead the Winter Pole championship competition at Newton Hall and have had several successes in the evening and Sunday show jumping competitions.

What a fine partner for our young riders Cassie has turned out to be !



Horse Trials

After a gap of some 20 years, we are very pleased to see that riders from NH are becoming increasingly involved in the sport of horse trials.

Kirsten Theobald with Magic Decision (Libby), Daniel Spencer with Samira and Harriet Jordan with U Said It (Folly) have been competing successfully in Intro and Pre-Novice classes under British Eventing rules.

The juniors have been represented by Olivia Packshaw and Moriarti (Marti), who was in the Easton Harriers Novice Event Team and they have completed many E Anglian courses successfully. Hamish Golding with Blaircourt Nightjar (Jack) has won several unaffiliated events in Suffolk and Norfolk and was in the winning Woodbridge School team at Poplar Park.

Well done to all and good luck throughout 2006.

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