

Newton Hall News

Quarterly

Autumn 2007

Forthcoming Events-

Children's Christmas party for 13 years and under will be held at NH Arena from 2-4pm on Thursday 20th December.

With the new *Welfare in Transport* legislation, we shall hold a Certificate of Competence test day in Spring 2008. Anyone interested, please apply to office.

'Horses Inside Out' with Gillian Higgins (www.horsesinsideout.com). Improve your horse's performance by understanding how the horse works. Starts at NHEC 7pm on 19th April 2008. Tickets £20 BHS members/ £25 non members. Book early- these events sell out quickly. Organised by the BHS Suffolk committee..

Rossie's 'holiday' in Scotland



Rossie spent two weeks in the summer teaching at Pony Club camps in the Orkneys. She gave 5 days tuition to senior riders and 4 days to the juniors and also managed a mock B test for 6 candidates. There was an ODE at the end of camp for the seniors and a 'NHEC-inspired' pole competition for the juniors. This was a first for the juniors and all found it a great experience.

Both Peter and Rossie said that they were made very welcome during their stay with excellent hospitality and even found time for some sightseeing.

Photo of Rossie with Style Competition riders courtesy of Helen Foulis and Orkney Today

BHS PUFFA Junior Equitation Competition

We again staged one of the 15 Regional Qualifiers for the annual BHS Junior Equitation Competition, sponsored for the second year running by Ipswich clothing company PUFFA and joined this year by the Trot on Club.

It is only open to non-horse owners and there are classes for Juniors- riders 13 years and under and Seniors- riders 17 years and under. The competition comprises a dressage test, show jumping course and a set of equine related general knowledge questions and is designed to judge the ability of each rider.

The first and second placed riders in both classes will go forward to the National finals at Warwickshire College on 28th May 2008 where PUFFA will be providing prizes for the winning competitors and their Instructors. They also present rosettes and trophies for all the winners of the Regional qualifiers.



Junior winner Laura Butcher (left) and Senior winner (right) Bernice Laws with Mrs Bridget Farrar of Puffa

Congratulations to the four riders from the Newton Hall qualifier who are going to the National finals: Laura Butcher and Georgina Carr (13years and under) and Bernice Laws and Laura Johnston (17 years and under).

The event was judged by BHS Suffolk committee chairman Jean Lywood assisted by BHS East of England development officer Sally Andrews and Mrs Bridget Farrar of PUFFA presented the rosettes and prizes.

Good luck to our four riders!

Patrick Print FBHS 'Teaching Techniques' day

The Arena at Newton Hall Equitation Centre, Swilland, nr Ipswich was again the venue in September for a Teaching Techniques Day organised by the British Horse Society.

Over 50 BHS instructors and members from the East of England attended the full day presentation by Mr Patrick Print FBHS, Chairman and Chief Examiner of the British Horse Society and his theme for the day included four sessions on the rider's position and influence both on the flat and over fences.

Working with riders and horses from NHEC, Patrick taught the importance of a supple and balanced position with 3 riders of varying standards from Stage 1 upwards; the effect of the rider's aids using 3 riders of varying standards from Stage 2 upwards; and the rider's position over show jumping and cross country fences with two riders of Stage 3 - 4 standard.

Each session included questions and discussions.

Sally Andrews, BHS Development Officer for the East of England said ' These sessions are always well attended due to the opportunity to receive training at the very highest level and audience participation after each session indicated how well the day had gone.'



Patrick Print FBHS with Sam Spencer

What's this all about?



Gillian Higgins

See forthcoming events on page 1 and find out more at Newton Hall at 7pm on 19th April next year.

A unique and informative way of demonstrating the muscles and skeleton of a horse in motion.

More details on www.horsesinsideout.com

Competition result

The last competition was to identify one of our horses from a close up photo.

We had a good number of entries and 80% were correct in identifying Milly, so their names went into a hat and the winning entry was from Val Butcher who wins a half hour riding lesson.

Thank you to all those who entered, next competition will be in our winter 07/08 edition.

Our volunteers

We should like to thank our dedicated team of volunteers at Newton Hall who turn out in all weathers to make sure that our riders and visitors all benefit from their commitment. They include amongst others:

Beverley Bayes for the flowers outside the Arena and around in the yards.....Lynn Thompson for rosettes and organising the dressage competitions.....Sharon Potts and Mandy Palmer for catering for the judges and stewards at our Shows.....Sharron Curtis for organising the affiliated shows.....and thanks to all the others too numerous to mention who help with judging and stewardship. Thank you very much for all that you do.

Pony rides in the Park



We again took ponies to Christchurch Park Ipswich on three days in the summer holidays and gave rides to many youngsters with each rider receiving a signed certificate after their ride.

Our helpers played in a big part in the success with more riders this year than ever before- and NHEC has been doing this for over 20 years !

The introductory day at Newton Hall for 'Pony Riders in the Park' at the end of the holidays was split into a morning and afternoon session for youngsters who wanted to learn about the care of ponies and enjoy a riding lesson at Newton Hall.

Our helpers ready to give pony rides

Examination Results

Stage 1 Justina Apps, Francesca Foster, Ann Creasey, Laura Johnston, Lucy Rowbotham, Hannah Gunner, Sarah-Louise Weller and Susie Byles-Walters. **Stage 2** Rachel Skeels (complete) and Sharon Yardy (riding).

Stage 3 Clare Devonport (care), Sharon Yardy (care), Jenny Hitchen (complete), Caroline Murray (care), Nicky Johnson (complete), Jo Tootal (complete), Caroline Smith (complete) and Kimberly Ambrose (care).

PTT Jo Tootal, Caroline Smith, Kirsty Crawford, Nicky Johnson, Kimberly Ambrose, Steph Ryder and Callie Goodall.

Stage 4 Steph Ryder (riding) and Amelia Walker (complete).

Congratulations to all, please let us know if we have overlooked your result so we can include it in the next issue.

Suffolk Junior Cavalry Troop- Dave Foster

The Troop is progressing well, with more new recruits joining us ; Maisie and Rosie Hopkins, Emily Richardson and Laura Ellis. We are currently practising hard for our Mini-Display on 15th December. In late September, the Troop travelled to Fifield, near Windsor for a Riding Weekend at TV & Film Horses. We have been here many times over the years and are always made very welcome by Janet Rodgers, the owner. The Troop rode for nearly 8 hours over the weekend and built up their individual confidence. We were joined by members from the Somerset and Northampton Troops. A big thank you to all the parents and former members who came, supported and worked hard over the weekend.

We are now actively looking for display work, but still have a great deal of hard work to come.



NH Pony Club- Jane Halls

The Pony Club has been busy over the last three months and are looking forward to the coach trip to Olympia in December.

Recently, members spent a most enjoyable day with the puppies and hounds at the Easton Harriers hunt kennels and some photos from the day are shown here.



The new programme will be out in January 2008 and we look forward to another busy timetable.

Competition results

Congratulations to Petrina Philp who was BSJA Suffolk Senior Champion on 29 points and Daniel Bayes who was runner-up with 28 points.

The UK Riders 'Ride and Relax' Challenge National Finals were held at Warwickshire College at the beginning of September. In the final individual dressage class on the second day, Novice 38, Steph Ryder on Fynnlads BonJovi was first in the seniors and Hannah Martin on Hindleep Sweet William came second in the juniors.

In the Pairs Dressage, Steph on Fynnlads BonJovi and Hannah on Rowfantina Ladybird took third place.

Photos/ News/ Results/ Stories

We should like to publish more photos on our web site and in our newsletters from yourselves.

If you have any items for the next edition of **Newton Hall News** or our web site, please email them to:

crmdairy@btinternet.com

NAGS - Jenny Gostling

We had a fun session earlier this year that involved dismantling and re-assembling tack. Daniel Spencer was our "observer" and the results proved very interesting.

Also during the year Julie Voules was a guest, as was Steve Woods who explained course building. Also, Stuart Garrard the equine dentist came and spoke to us – complete with two horses' skulls with most teeth intact!

July saw us sunning ourselves during the annual BBQ when food and liquids were plentiful. Thanks to Mel – again – for being head chef.

Helen Turner is our guest at the December meeting at Newton Hall.

Rossie has been approached and is supportive of the suggestion of putting on a session on road safety which will include riders' responsibilities when on the road and also those of drivers and also have a rider to show and explain road signals etc. Hopefully this will take place in the early part of 2008. Details will be put on the notice board in the barn in due course.

NAGS is extremely grateful to all the guests who give their time to come and talk to us, and, of course, to Rossie

Work in Progress- up date



Progress on the new livery stables from August (left) to mid-November (right)



Work commenced in July during a week of torrential rain to build the 14 new livery stables and a 54' diameter 8-horse exerciser. Fortunately, the weather was kind during most of August and September and at time of writing, the stables remain to be fitted out and the horse walker needs to be installed. The existing livery stables are having windows fitted and are being redecorated.

Santiana- by Rossie Theobald BHSI

Santiana was born in 1985 and so is 22 years old and like some of us, going a bit grey around the ears! She was born in June out of Santa by a piebald cob stallion from the Diss area. Santa was due to foal on June 3rd- the day of HRH The Princess Anne's first visit to the RDA at Newton Hall- but fortunately she held on for a few days and Santiana was born in the far right corner of Cherry's Field. She was brought home to Box 14 in a wheelbarrow.

When she was about 6 weeks old, it was noticed that her off fore foot was turning out so our farrier at the time, Roger Clark, trimmed her foot every six weeks to help the leg grow straight. Can you see it now? Is it straight?

Her mother Santa was a good competition horse- horse trials and BSJA- and an excellent hunter but like her daughter very worried about clippers! Jan Pennock, now living and teaching in France, competed Santa and Ingrid Sach rode her with the Easton Harriers as the escort for our clients.

Junior staff and trainees backed and rode Santiana as a 3 and 4 year old. During her 5th/ 6th winter, she was schooled and competed by Steve Woods, our 'home bred' BSJA/WHP course builder. Their main claim to fame was winning the winter league championship at the evening indoor shows at Earls Colne.

Santiana has been a brilliant hunter and carried many riders on their first outing with the Easton Harriers and with the Essex and Suffolk. She has carried both whips and huntsmen and on one notorious occasion, she jumped a hedge without noticing a nearby wire which nearly garrotted the hunt official Tony Thorpe!

Sonnett, a 16.2hh liver chestnut gelding, was her big half-brother. He had very good paces and was a useful dressage horse and hunter but never very brave over fences. Auralia was her half sister- a 15.3hh dark bay with a white stripe- was also a good dressage and side saddle competitor and hunted with the Easton for many seasons. She died at the age of 17 of a heart attack whilst out hacking. Each February you may spot commemorative flowers on the roadside opposite Little Shambles bungalow just up the lane from NHEC. A faithful Auralia fan never forgets.

Santiana has competed in BHS Junior Equitation competitions, inter RE, ODEs, RDA and Riding and Road Safety. As one of the most comfortable horses on the yard, she is ideal now for the novice but can still give the more experienced a good ride over fences. Santiana has done it all and may she continue for many years to come.



*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a
Healthy and Prosperous New Year*

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