

Newton Hall News

Quarterly

Spring/Summer 2007

Rossie interviewed on Radio 2 by Jeremy Vine



Rossie was interviewed on primetime radio by Jeremy Vine on BBC Radio 2 in May in connection with the CLA-drafted bill to remedy the spiralling costs of insurance especially for equine businesses such as riding establishments. Rossie pointed out the number of riding schools who were no longer in business due to the unrealistic insurance premiums. Mr Vine also interviewed a representative of the Equine and Animal Lawyers Assoc and a spokesman from South Essex Insurance brokers. All agreed with Rossie in hoping that this CLA initiative was successful.

Rural Affairs Minister Barry Gardiner has apparently confirmed that the Government will support the bill which will be tabled in the House of Commons by the Stephen Crabb, Conservative MP for Preseli Pembrokeshire, under the ten-minute rule procedure this Summer at the end of June.

Soundtrack for new film

Newton Hall have also been helping sound technicians to record background horse noises for a forthcoming TV film production 'The Other Boleyn Girl'- due to be premiered later in the year.

Kirsten walked, trotted and cantered a horse with microphones attached to the bridle, saddle and legs around the yard and Arena. They also recorded the sound of horses feeding and being washed. What happened to just clicking coconut shells together?

The Best of Ipswich

We like a new web site run by Tracey Bacon, who rode at NH some 20 years ago and set up the first EADT Equestrian Directory. They list daily/weekly happenings in the Ipswich area and we advertise on their web site:

<http://www.thebestof.co.uk/ipswich>

Work in Progress

Work will commence in July to build an additional 14 new livery stables, each a minimum 12' x 12', and a 54' diameter 8-horse exerciser.

Both the new livery stables and horse walker should be completed by September and prospective livery owners are advised to contact Newton Hall at the earliest opportunity.

Rossie explained that the new livery stables are being built to meet the demand :

' Livery owners appreciate the facilities and schooling we offer at Newton Hall. The livery is adjacent to the 60m x 30m indoor Newton Hall Arena which means they can turn up to ride or compete on site whatever the weather throughout the year but especially during the winter months.'

She added *' With over 70 horses and ponies at Newton Hall, we are building the horse walker to ensure that they can get exercise on a regular basis all the year round especially when outside ground conditions are unsuitable.'*

(Report and pictures in the autumn edition)

Sharon Hunt

Suffolk's International Event rider Sharon Hunt was booked for an Eventing evening demonstration in the Arena in June- a report on the evening will appear in our next issue.



Sharon Hunt

Patrick Print FBHS 'Teaching Techniques' day



64 BHS instructors from the East of England attended a Teaching Techniques Day on Wednesday 7th March in the Arena

The presenter was Mr Patrick Print, FBHS, Chief Examiner and Chairman of the British Horse Society and his theme for the day comprised four sessions on 'Basic Scales of Training.'

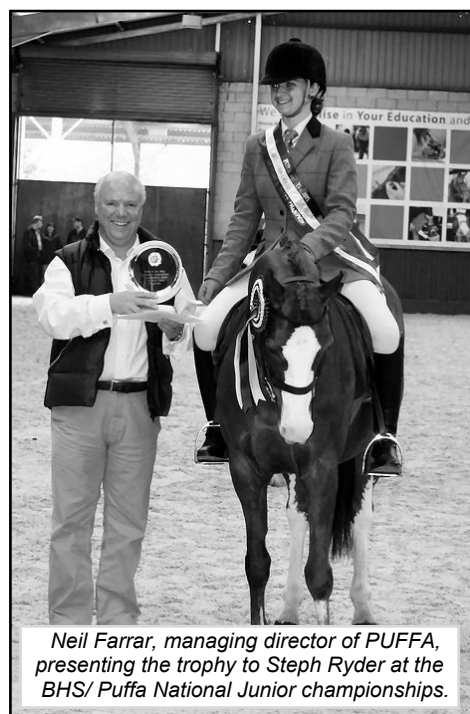
Using riders and horses from Newton Hall's qualified riding staff, Patrick taught the importance of rhythm and balance; the three areas of suppleness leading to contact with the horse; how to develop the horse's ability to carry and step and concluded the day on 'collection' being the ultimate aim.

Mrs Andrea Jackman, Acting Development Officer for BHS East of England, who had organised the day, said "It was a most successful day. Audience participation in the discussion after each session demonstrated how beneficial it had been for the instructors to receive practical training at the very highest level."

Championship successes

Some terrific results and performances in the last quarter, so many congratulations to:

- Steph Ryder for winning the BHS/Puffa National Junior Equitation competition and Otley College Prelim Dressage championships.
- Daniel Bayes and Clifton Graffiti for winning the Supreme Winter Novice/Restricted Championship at the April BSPS Winter Championships. *(editors note- unfortunately we are unable to show a photo of Daniel being awarded with the trophy as the official photographers were unwilling to let us publish their photo without payment of £50)*
- Lauren Hardwick for qualifying for the Marriages National Final.
- Jessica Pengelly for qualifying for RIHS Hickstead.
- Harry Jordan for finishing 7th on Midnight Rumba in their first BE event.
- Petrina Philp for qualifying on Rococco VI for the BE Intro finals.



Neil Farrar, managing director of PUFFA, presenting the trophy to Steph Ryder at the BHS/ Puffa National Junior championships.

100% Exam results

NHEC was the first centre to hold PTT exams under the new format. There was a 100% success rate and 6 of the 10 successful students trained here: Sam Welsh, Clare Sherman, Pernille Petersen, Carey Girling, Callie Goodall and Rebecca Bond. Carey completed his Stage 3, Steph Rider Stage 3 Care and Hannah Loveridge (from Kent) Stage 3 Riding

New Competition- Guess the Horse

Thank you to Fiona Purbrick for suggesting this edition's competition and also for supplying the photograph.

Answer forms in the office. Closing date is 31st August.

First correct answer opened wins a half hour lesson.



Who am I?

Competition result

In our last issue, we asked how much sand and gravel was used for the new surface on Arena 1. No-one guessed the exact quantity which was 40mt.

There were 2 entrants closest at 10.5mt and the winner drawn out of the hat was Madeleine Halls who wins a half hour lesson.

Pony rides in the Park

We shall again be doing our pony rides this summer in Christchurch Park, Ipswich-helpers required please.

NH Pony Club- Jane Halls

Our Easter gymkhana was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Susie Tucker for organising a wonderful egg hunt. Even the adults enjoyed hunting in the indoor arena for their named eggs! I wonder if there are any still to be found!

We are looking forward to several events in the coming months including a cross country evening in June under the expert guidance of Rossie. This event is aimed at the experienced rider. We have made a few changes to the way we run our events, which will include splitting the children into novice and experienced riders so that everyone is working to their potential- we always like to hear from the children of the type of events they would like us to run.



Our jumping competition called Lawn Flite runs again in June, with the final competition in September. The jumps can be large for all those budding show-jumpers or very small so that all can take part.

We like to finish the summer holidays with a BBQ and this year will be no exception. Any new members are welcome to come along. Details of our events are available from the office. If you would like any further information on Newton Hall Pony Club please contact janehalls@hotmail.com

The Junior Cavalry Regiment- David Foster, Commandant

Since the last issue, we have welcomed many new members: Demi & Shannon Read-Groves; Amy King; Oliver Clarke; Mary Davies; Adam Stratton and James Sadeghi. In December, Troop Sgt. Liana Goode was commissioned an Officer, and appointed Troop Commander. Other promotions were: Cpl. Helen Chamberlain promoted Deputy Troop Commander; L/Cpl. Vicky Howard to Section Leader; Tpr. Ayeasha Morrison to Senior Trooper and Tprs. Bettina Goode and Liam Morrison to Leading Troopers.

Over the May Day Sunday and Monday, the Troop was on duty at Glemham Game & Country Fair. The parents were also very busy manning the 'CAKE BAKE' and Tombola stall. This is our main fund raising event for the year. We are still in need of someone with Mounted Cavalry experience/knowledge, to further develop the Troop. Anyone who may be interested, then please contact me at the number below.

The Troop performed their Musical Ride at their June Presentations Day followed by a paraded dismount to receive their awards and promotions.

We still have a few vacancies available, so if there are any young riders who may be interested in joining The Troop, then please contact me on the above 01473-4137104.

NAGS 1 by Rachel Wilding

The NAGS Equi-Quiz 2007 took place in March after the positive feed back from last years quiz night. The event was held at NHEC courtesy of Rossie - all teams did really well in answering the various categories of horse related questions (ranging from general knowledge / match horse to rider and true or false). There was some tricky ones in there that caught a few out. A good time was had by all and we raised £40 to go to the Suffolk Air Ambulance.



The winning prizes went to the 'colts and fillies' team which was made up of Lesley (office totty), Kirsten Theobald, Daniel Spencer and Stuart Rodd.

Well done to all those who entered - remember look to the notice board early next year to see the date for 2008's Equi-Quiz!

Runners and riders in this year's Equi-Quiz

NAGS 2 by Jenny Gostling

Rossie came to NAGS in January armed with videos and talked us through the competitions and competitors. Her memory is wonderful as she knew exactly who was who and who was riding which horse. Grateful thanks to Rossie for giving up her valuable time. We then had the NAGS Christmas meal at The Oyster Reach at the end of January which was well attended. Old NAG thanks everyone for the flowers that were given to her - sorry but she doesn't really do speeches but was extremely grateful.



In May we held a riding competition that Kirsten judged. This consisted of a Texas Barrel Race and trot poles. Congratulations to Amy who won the Barrel Race in an extremely fast time, and congratulations to Carol for coming first in the trot poles. Rachel Newson must be mentioned as she normally comes last (she openly admits that!) but on this occasion she came second in the trot poles - photo of Rachel holding her precious rosette.



Old NAG was in Spain recently and happened upon a fiesta (no, not the car!), part of which included an equestrian display. Photo (left) shows perhaps the next Newton Hall uniform??? Note lack of hat and jodphurs. Will it ever take on??

Delsen Diggory Delvet- 1975-2007 by Rossie Theobald BHSI

Born in June 1975 at Eyke, Diggory came to N Hall in March 1976 when Peter Theobald bought young Diggory for daughter Kirsten. Diggory grew up here and was a companion for various horses and ponies who were resting. He spent 6 months in a meadow beside the B 1078 at Charsfield when he was 2 yrs old before being lunged by Rossie at 3 yrs helped by 4 year old Kirsten- already a capable rider off the lead thanks to another NH favourite Sooty.

Kirsten and Diggory grew up together attending the Easton Harriers pony club events, excelling in one day events, dressage and jumping (there are still 2 trophies circulating 'within the branch' with their names inscribed). They followed the Easton Harriers Hunt regularly, keeping up with Kirsten's uncle Gordon and his friends on their 16.2hh plus hunters. Diggory was never left behind and jumped fences up to 3 ft !

When Kirsten outgrew Diggory, he educated hundreds of children ranging from beginners to those embarking on a competition career.

Always a cheeky Welsh pony, he had a sneaky habit of dropping a shoulder and tipping little people off if he had had enough. On one occasion, Rossie saw him do this twice to a young rider in Arena One, so she thought that she had better sort out the problem. News went round the yard that Rossie was riding him well under control. A small crowd of onlookers gathered to watch at the yard entrance- some may remember a low patch filled with water at the far corner near the judges box.... Diggory chose his moment, stopped dead and dropped his head, sending Rossie in a complete somersault and landing on her back- looking up at him and still holding the reins !

Diggory was a faithful friend until recently to the RDA and he will be sadly missed by so many people and most of all his faithful friend Priscilla, still going strong at 34.

Thank you Diggory for so many memories

Kirsten on Diggory



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