

# Newton Hall News

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## NEW LOOK BRAND IDENTITY AND WEB SITE FOR NEWTON HALL

Specialist consultants have been putting the final touches to a new look brand identity and web site for Newton Hall. The web site will be more interactive and enabled to be easily updated- it is due for launch in the near future. Our next newsletter will reflect these changes so watch this space.

## BHS COACH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Mel Lawson who won the Eastern Region region qualifier for the National BHS Coach of the Year competition.

## EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT NEWTON HALL

Planning has been under way since last year to extend the facilities at the NH Arena and building commenced in late summer for completion in the New Year.

The extension on the eastern side of NH Arena will include a 200 seater gallery, a cafeteria, show office, lecture and class rooms as well as additional storage space and new toilets.

Peter is overseeing the project and the architects and project managers are Hollins of Framlingham who designed the NH Arena and livery stables.



Work in progress to extend the facilities at NH

The new facilities will complement our educational base as well as enhancing the capabilities of NH to continue to stage events and demonstrations, lectures and meetings. The cafeteria will be the ideal place for riders and spectators alike to meet in comfortable surroundings to enjoy a drink and a bite to eat.

## EXAM RESULTS

Our students continue to excel in their exam performances and the results of the Certificate in Equine Transport (CET) in July were no exception.

Helen Cunninghame, Jordan Gentle, Ruth Nicoll, Alison Turner, Cheryl Turner, Stacey Webb and Victoria Wright all achieved well above the pass mark (70%) with their results between 80%-93%.

Charlotte Kane sent an email to Rossie after passing her BHS Stage 3 Riding and Care and her comments are typical of several messages sent from other successful students 'I would like to say a huge thank you to you and your team for all your help..... I loved your lessons they were always fun and I have learnt a lot which I have passed on to my customers'  
Thank you Charlotte

## PRE-EXAM ASSESSMENTS RECOMMENDED FOR BHS EXAMS

You will notice that we continue to feature mock BHS exams in our programme.

We also recommend an assessment session for potential candidates **BEFORE** they book their BHS exam to avoid any disappointment.

Check for dates in our current programme to make sure that you are well prepared for these Examinations.

## YOUNGSTERS ENJOY PONY RIDES IN THE PARK

On three Fridays during the summer holidays, four of our ponies gave 'Pony Rides in the Park' for youngsters in Christchurch Park in Ipswich.



The youngsters were assisted by experienced young riders from NH under the supervision of Rossie and Kirsten and were a great credit to themselves and NH.



Each youngster received a signed certificate as a memento of their ride. Rossie commented '**We have been giving these rides in Christchurch Park for over 20 years and it is so nice to see that many of the youngsters are riding for the first time. It is not unusual for the first ride to be followed by two or three more in quick succession!**'

Some of our young riders who helped at the Pony Rides and a young lady enjoying her ride

## **PRIZE AUTUMN QUIZ**

Rossie has compiled a quiz connected with our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary earlier this year. See entry details below

1. What date was the NH 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party?
2. Approximately how many people attended the party?
4. Where was the party celebration held?
5. What was the colour scheme/ theme for the table decorations?
6. Name or occupation of two people who were unable to attend due to illness?
7. Where was the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration held?
8. Who were the two ladies who received bouquets in appreciation of their organisation of the event?
9. The 'morning after,' what happened on the yard at NHEC?
10. Who presented Rossie with a bouquet of flowers or from which organisation?

### **HOW TO ENTER**

Ten questions, write your answers 1-10 on a slip of paper and post it in the quiz entries box in the NH office. **Remember to add your name and telephone number.**

Prize of ½ hour private lesson for the first correct answer, the details of the winner and the answer will appear in the next newsletter.

### **READER'S CONTRIBUTION- by Theresa Talbot**

My gelding Colormore Pompadour was affiliated to the BSJA on Thursday 3rd December 2009 and he competed in his first BSJA Show at Newton Hall on the 6th December 2009 in the British Novice. He won this class with a double clear with his rider Amy Turner.

Not a bad feat for a 5year old who was a stallion up to September 2009 and has had very little competition experience!

The photo shows him competing at Forest Edge the following week where he obtained a creditable 7th out of a class of 40 in the Discovery Champs (sadly no photographer was around on the day of his win at Newton Hall)

*(Many thanks to Theresa- this contribution was held over from the special Anniversary edition of the newsletter)*

**Before reading on..... for all cross-country riding, NHEC recommend RACESAFE type body protectors, as worn by many jockeys, which give with the rider's movement and are much more comfortable. Details from office.**



*Colormore Pompadour*

### **NAGS- Jenny Gostling**

NAGS has now ceased its activities and the last get-together was in February at its annual Christmas meal. The group had met for almost 10 years and Old NAG tried to palm it off to someone else but there were no takers.

It had begun to get difficult to know what subject we could cover as over the years we had covered so much.

But, there, all good things come to an end and I hope those who attended the meetings/practical sessions over the years learnt a lot from them and also enjoyed them.

Nags was set up when I approached Rossie in February 2000 with the idea of starting a group and she was extremely supportive of the suggestion. We met again in March and bounced a few ideas around, and then we were off!

Our first guest spoke about the horse's behaviour, mood, etc which was really interesting. We had many guests including Shirley Green, Riding & Road Safety Examiner who also spoke about Riding for the Disabled; a Master Saddler; show classes; course building; Kirsten came a few times and on one occasion we all took it in turns to sit side saddle on a horse; equine dentist; Chris Miller on the Suffolk Punch. We had practical sessions including plaiting; bandaging; clipping; long reining;

carriage driving (how much fun was that?), and so it went on.

Rossie also came on a few occasions and also stepped in when a guest went AWOL. We went to Mike Daniels' yard once and ended up taking it in turns climbing up to the driving seat - that was pretty high!

We organised drill rides for the NHEC open day a few times. Paul Adams was our first instructor and then Alison James drew the short straw and instructed us for I believe another 3 rides.

We like to think as amateurs we did quite well. One year the complete group had only had 2 practices as some weeks one or two people couldn't make the practice sessions, however, as they say, it was alright on the night. Well, we did get applause at the end of them.

Jonathan and Rachel Wilding have organised equine quizzes which are great fun and have always been well-supported. Jon and Rachel have offered to organise further quizzes, so please watch the notice board for a date. Thank you both for organising them, you both put a lot of work into them.

I cannot begin to thank enough the guests who have come along to NAGS. I know that people in the equine 'industry' are very busy but they have given up any spare time they might have had to come and talk to us. Our grateful thanks to you all.

Thanks also to all in NAGS who have supported the group. I hope you all found the sessions useful and informative. I am extremely grateful for your support over the years.

My thanks wouldn't be complete without mentioning Rossie. As I said earlier, Rossie has always been supportive of NAGS and she has let us use the classrooms/barn/horses/tack etc. Her help in providing names of people who could be approached as guests was gratefully received. Thank you seems inadequate, but I don't know any big words that would say more, so, thank you it is.

We hope to continue meeting every so often socially to catch up with each other, and also meet at the Christmas meal. So, there it is- the end of an era. To one and all, thank you and just to mention that the proceeds from the quizzes and what was left in the NAGS moneybox was all donated to the Air Ambulance.

Jenny

**Jenny**  
**On behalf of all at NH and especially the NAGS, thank you for all the work you put in making NAGS so enjoyable for all those who attended such a variety of meetings and practical sessions- Editor**

## **PONY CLUB NEWS- Val Butcher**

Our pony club membership continues to grow and we welcome Tiffany, Aisha, Esmay, Jade, Ella, Victoria, Toby, Bo and Poppy, who have joined during the past year - we hope you enjoy our pony club events.

Our League Competition this year comprised gymkhana, dressage and jumping competitions with our final event being a Le Trec style outdoor competition which was new to Newton Hall Pony Club and much enjoyed by our members. The winners of the 2010 League were Megan McKeary in the senior section, and Emma Smith in the juniors – well done to you both.

Over the summer we held two camps – a senior camp over 3 days, where we camped in Cherry's Field, and a junior daily camp over 2 days.

Both were very successful, and our thanks go to Rossie for her tremendous commitment to these events; undertaking most of the teaching herself and ensuring that our riders both learnt a lot and also had a very enjoyable experience.



Junior Camp



Katie and Belle- senior camp

Senior Camp involved riding lessons for around 2 hrs per day, and also long-reining, bareback riding, and a gymkhana & fun competition. Badges were passed in lungeing, plaiting, tack cleaning and riding & road safety.

In the evenings there was a rounders match involving NH staff and students – thank you Kirsten for organising this, and an indoor jumping competition on foot (the champion Belle Rogers jumped an incredible height).

Junior Camp also involved 2 hrs of riding lessons, plus bareback riding, scavenger hunt and a gymkhana. The girls particularly enjoyed jumping on foot, piggyback rides and learning to play rounders in the evening.

Our programme for the year, as well as league competitions and camps, included two cross country training sessions by popular demand, and also riding and road safety, dressage and pole competition training and a fun jumping competition – we aim to provide something for everyone and welcome new ideas and requests! Our members have also been very successful in their achievement awards, and many have also passed road rider badges.

Our Friday evening pony club sessions have proved very popular this year, with attendance regularly in double figures, and we have seen many new faces and also non-members.

Our thanks go to Jemma who tailors the programme to suit the attendees, and who has both educated the children in all aspects of pony care and also made the sessions fun.

We must also thank Sarah and Claire for supervising the children at tea time every fortnight throughout the year - your help is very much appreciated.

The winners of awards for attendance at Friday pony club were Aisha Gilbert (Snr) and Emma Smith (Jnr) – both won a riding voucher kindly donated by Rossie.

Pony club could not run without helpers and I would like to thank everyone who has helped over the year – in particular Jemma Hunt,

Hannah Farrar, Sue McKeary, Eva Rogers, Sarah Smith and Laura Butcher, who have helped run almost all our events. Thanks also to our instructors, judges and other parents and members who have helped – there are too many to name but you know who you are!

Newton Hall pony club is open to any children/teenagers who would like to learn more about horse & pony care and take part in some fun events.

You are welcome to come along to our Friday evening club (fortnightly 5.30-7.30) – excellent value at £3 for members and £4 non-members, to learn about and practice pony care and earn PC badges. For members, we hold riding events at least once a month - our full programme of events is on display on our PC notice board in the barn, or in NH office.

Val



Saffron and Betsy



Senior Camp rounders

**PROFILE OF THIMBLE- By Rossie Theobald BHSI**

Thimble is a 11.3hh Welsh grey gelding who has lived at NH for the past 12 years. He was bought at the West Wales Horse Auction in 1992 by his present owners and had been working in a riding school.

He was very cheeky and green when lent to Fay Leggett from Henley who schooled and competed him with the Prince Philip Cup team (gymkhana) of the Easton Harriers Pony Club.

When Fay outgrew Thimble, he was sent to the owners' niece in the Essex and Suffolk branch where he competed in all pony club activities. Again the jockey grew too tall and he returned to his owners at Westerfield.

There wasn't anyone small enough in the family to ride him so he was offered to NH in 1998 when he was 12 years old. If you can work out the maths, that makes him the grand old age of 24 !

During his time at NH, he has taught many young riders to sit tight! He enjoyed his hunting season with a young James Pratt although he didn't like a water ditch on one occasion!

In recent years he has given great pleasure to the RDA members and has introduced many children to riding during our Pony Rides in Christchurch Park Ipswich. Although this summer he was showing his age so stayed at home.

We're glad to report that his health and condition have improved and he has returned to light duties. The Tuesday RDA are especially pleased to be working with him again.

Thank you to Mark and Sylvia for trusting us with your rather special pony.

Thimble in Arena 2 during an Own-a-Pony day



**FROM THE ARCHIVES**

Details from a NHEC programme in 1972- a Horse Show and Gymkhana held in aid of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund on Saturday 12th August. There were 4 rings and 41 classes overall- Admission- Car and Driver 35p Adults 10p Children 5p

**COMPETITION RESULTS**

Our new website will be able to load competition results as and when.

One of the early Regional Qualifiers for the **BHS Junior Equitation Competition for Non Owners 2010/2011** took place at NH this October.

This competition is only open to non-horse owners and each rider was marked for their ability at a dressage test and over show jumps as well as answering a set of equine related general knowledge questions.

There were 2 classes- Junior rider 13 years and under and Senior rider 17 years and under. The first 2 riders in each class qualified for the national finals at Warwick College in May 2011.

**Junior 13yrs and under**

- First place qualifier: Lucy Lummis on Miss Fortune
- Second place qualifier: Belle Rogers on The Earwig
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Anna Kinge on My Sweet Girl
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Toby Brand on Meadowrose Little Owl
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Sophie Little on Rowfantina Ladybird
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Jessica Fletcher on Miss Fortune

**Senior 17 years and under**

- First place qualifier: Jordan Gentle on Easy Life
- Second place qualifier: Stacey Webb on Hamlet
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Catherine Tween on Corporal
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Hannah Moore on Pittybeck Peles Reflection
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Jade Elves on Schoole Rosie
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Katie Duke on Pittybeck Peles Reflection

Congratulations to all riders who took part and good luck to our qualifiers for the national championship next year- Lucy, Belle, Jordan and Stacey

**SANTIANA**

Sadly, Santana recently passed away in the field. She was born in June 1985 out of Santa by a piebald cob stallion from the Diss area.

Santa was due to foal on June 3<sup>rd</sup>- the day of HRH The Princess Royal'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.

As one of the most comfortable horses on the yard over the past few years, she has been ideal for the novice but could still give the more experienced a good ride over fences. Recently she gave NH trainees a lot of fun- vaulting but just at the walk!

Thank you Santiana, well remembered by riders and friends alike

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| Class 1  | JUNIOR FOXHUNTER COMPETITION  |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| c. 1000  | Under Table 'A3'. Speed 328 yards per minute. To be judged as laid down in Rule 56 of the 1971 Rule Book.   | Entry Fee: 50p | Prize Money                          | £4    | £3  | £2  | £1  |    |  |
| Class 2  | JUNIOR JUMPING—OPEN   |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| c. 1115  | Under Table 'A2'. Speed 328 yards per minute. For ponies not exceeding 14.2h.h. to be ridden by children born in or after 1955.   | Entry Fee: 75p | Prize Money                          | £4    | £3  | £2  | £1  |    |  |
| Class 3  | DAILY EXPRESS FOXHUNTER COMPETITION   |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| c. 1200  | Under Table 'A2'. Speed 350 yards per minute To be judged as laid down in Rule 55 of the 1971 Rule Book.  | Entry Fee: £1  | Prize Money                          | £6    | £4  | £3  | £2  | £1 |  |
| Class 4  | THE 'NEWTON HALL' STAKES  |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| c. 1430  | Under Table 'A3'. Speed 350 yards per minute. For registered horses the property of and to be ridden by Members of the B.S.J.A.   | Entry Fee: £1  | Prize Money                          | £6    | £4  | £3  | £2  | £1 |  |
| Class 5  | TAKE YOUR OWN LINE COMPETITION  |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| c. 1515  | For registered horses in Grades 'B' & 'C' the property of and to be ridden by Members of the B.S.J.A. To be judged as laid down in the 1971 Rule Book.                          | Entry Fee: £1  | Prize Money                          | £5    | £4  | £3  | £2  | £1 |  |
| Class 6  | THE TALLY HO HUNTING STAKES (SCURRY)  |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| c. 1615  | Under Table 'S'. Speed 436 yards per minute. For registered horses the property of and to be ridden by Members of the B.S.J.A. To be judged as laid down in the 1971 Rule Book. | Entry Fee: £1  | Prize Money                          | £5    | £4  | £3  | £2  | £1 |  |
| <i>In all Jumping Competitions extra prizes will be added in the ratio of one prize for every five starters</i><br><i>If less than 10 entries only three prizes will be presented.</i><br><i>If less than 6 entries only two prizes will be presented.</i> |   |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| RING 2   |   |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| Class 7  | THE HENNESSY CUP  |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| 0900   | Neatest and Cleanest Horse over 13.2 hh.  | Entry Fee: 35p | Prizes according to entries received |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| Class 8  | SMALL HUNTER, exceeding 14-2 hh. not exceeding 15-2 hh.   | Entry Fee: 50p | Prizes                               | £1.50 | £1  | 75p |     |    |  |
| c. 0930  |   |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| Class 9  | HUNTER, over 15-2 hh.   | Entry Fee: 50p | Prizes                               | £1.50 | £1  | 75p |     |    |  |
| c. 1000  |   |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| Class 10   | WORKING HUNTER  |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| c. 1030  | There will be 6 fences, maximum height 3ft. 6ins.   | Entry Fee 50p  | Prizes                               | £2    | £1  | 75p |     |    |  |
| Class 11   | THE N.H.E.C CUP   |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| c. 1200  | Championship. 1st, 2nd Winners in Classes 7, 8, 9.  |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| Class 12   | THE BELVEDERE CUP   |                |                                      |       |     |     |     |    |  |
| c. 1215  | Jumping Pony not to exceed 12-2 hh.   | Entry Fee: 40p | Prizes                               | £1.25 | 75p | 50p | 40p |    |  |