

# Newton Hall News

Quarterly

Summer 2006

## Tree falls on line (headline borrowed from Network Rail)

Apologies from the editor for this late Summer edition- more like an Indian Summer edition!



I cannot even blame it on the the fallen tree which knocked out the electricity and phones at Newton Hall in early August.

Well done to the electricity engineers who responded immediately and restored power later the same night. The same sentiments cannot be extended to BT who took almost a week to organise reconnection of the lines.

A big thank you to all our clients for your understanding during this period when the only point of contact was Rossie's mobile which just registered a signal if used in the car park.

## NH Pony Club and NAGS round up

A report on the summer/ autumn activities of both the NH Pony Club and the NAGS will appear in our next issue.

NH Pony Club Autumn dates are on our web site - (page 3 of the future programme page).

## Highs and Lows

Spring this year was at a real high with the visit of The Princess Royal to Newton Hall. In early summer however, there was the sad news that Mrs Mackman has passed away at the age of 91. Rossie has written on page 2 about her mother and the part she played in Newton Hall life for many years.

Back on a high, and what a high when Petrina wed James in June and over 300 guests attended the reception at Newton Hall.

The weather was perfect, the flower decorations stunning and the catering of a very high standard. Some of the wedding photos inside on page 3.

**Chef's tip:** if you want to roast a whole bullock for dinner this Sunday, you need to start roasting it at 3am in the morning ( spit mark 7 ).

*Mr and Mrs James Philp*



## Work in Progress

There is now an alternative exit from the lorry park (bottom left corner by Cherry's field) and there will soon be additional lighting to cover more of the lorry parking area.

The chip and pin facility is working well and the state-of-the-art computer booking system continues to be refined and enhanced successfully.

We are in the process of making some commercials for TOWN 102. FM - the new radio station for the Ipswich area due to be launched this October.

## Overseas Visitors

We were delighted to see Beth and Garland Stamer again on their most recent visit to England. They both rode at Newton Hall whilst Garland worked at one of the USAF bases in East Anglia.

Beth and Garland keep 4 horses and 22 sheep on their farmstead in Oregon between the Cascades and the Rockies. They commented that hay prices have increased substantially due to the demand from California and it costs a bit more nowadays to fill up Garland's 7.8 litre pick-up !

They wish to be remembered to all their friends from Newton Hall days.

*Rossie Peter and Lesley with Beth and Garland*



## Our likely lads

Newton Hall is fortunate to have Les as our estate manager and Colin as the assistant estate manager. Les has been with us for 14 years and Colin has been here since the late 1990s. A lot of their work goes unseen which they carry out in all weathers.



*Colin taught Rolf Harris all he knows about painting with big paint-brushes*



*Who needs a JCB when Les easily lifts a telegraph pole into position on the lorry park*

## 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.

It might be a photo of yourself at a riding event...your new horse or pony... an exam success....a visit to an International event or meeting a famous rider....

If you have anything like this that you want to tell us and others about, please forward to the editor of **Newton Hall News**

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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*

## Mrs W E Mackman 20th February 1915- 7th June 2006

Affectionately known as Mrs M by all at NHEC, she was the leading light in this riding establishment. It all began when she arranged for her younger daughter Elaine's school friends to ride at Newton Hall every Wednesday afternoon for 25p and Rossie was encouraged to ride with them.

For many years, Mrs M ran the office, drove the horse box to shows and for hunting, cleaned the tack (extremely thoroughly!) encouraged her daughters to gain qualifications and ran the shows. She wrote poetry whilst waiting at the meets and organised children's residential courses during school holidays. Many of these children now have their own children riding at Newton Hall.

She will always be remembered for her driving of large vehicles, wearing large hats and caring for many riders at Newton Hall who she considered as part of her huge 'family.'

NHEC would not have happened without Mrs M and she would be very proud to know that the facilities and standards here continue to be second to none in East Anglia and that Rossie and her family are committed to keep up Mrs M's good work.



## Mr and Mrs James Philp

Petrina and James were married on 10 June at Withensham Church on a gloriously warm day. The marquee reception at Newton Hall was a splendid affair and the festivities ( *and the roast bullock*) lasted until well into the next morning. Due to their work schedule, the newly-weds will go on their honeymoon later in the year but suffice to say that Petrina and James spent a couple of nights in the week following their wedding in a horsebox on the East of England showground !



*Petrina and James*

The couple have made their home at Castle Hedingham where James farms in partnership with his father. Petrina Theobald BHSAI is now Petrina Philp BHSAI !



*A regal wave*



*Last minute check on his notes by the bride's father*



*Arrival for the reception*



*I wonder what my new son-in-law will say in his speech !*



*A distinguished top table*

**We wish Petrina and James a long and happy life together**

## The Autumn Programme

A glance at the autumn programme will confirm that, more than ever, there is a full calendar of events and activities equestrian at Newton Hall over the next quarter.

It is accepted that the equine industry standard is for those who have BHS qualifications and you will note that we are again holding BHS Stages 1-3 on site this quarter in addition to the PTT. There is on-going training for all these stages by our BHS qualified instructors. As one might expect at Newton Hall, which is both a BHS approved riding school and BHS approved livery yard, we place great importance on Riding and Road Safety and encourage you to take part in our training course so you may pass the formal test.

We are again holding a variety of evening shows and events throughout the autumn secure in the knowledge that Newton Hall Arena, the largest indoor equitation arena in East Anglia, offers our customers proven first-class facilities.

There are now around 80 horses and ponies at Newton Hall which are all well schooled to ensure that we continue to be one of the leading equitation centres in East Anglia.

## Over 300 youngsters enjoy Pony Rides in the Park

Several summers ago, we started to give pony rides in Christchurch Park, Ipswich. As Rossie explains "I started giving these pony rides in the park several years ago and we look forward to coming back every year. It gives youngsters the chance to see if they like riding and it is certainly very popular as the number of children that we see is increasing every year."



*Well done to our team of helpers*

Jazzy, Thimble, Rupert and Duke were four of the ponies that gave rides to youngsters in August helped by our instructors and excellent team of volunteers and helpers.

Despite heavy down-pours on both days, over 300 rides were given which surpassed last year's record numbers.

Can we beat 300 rides next year ?



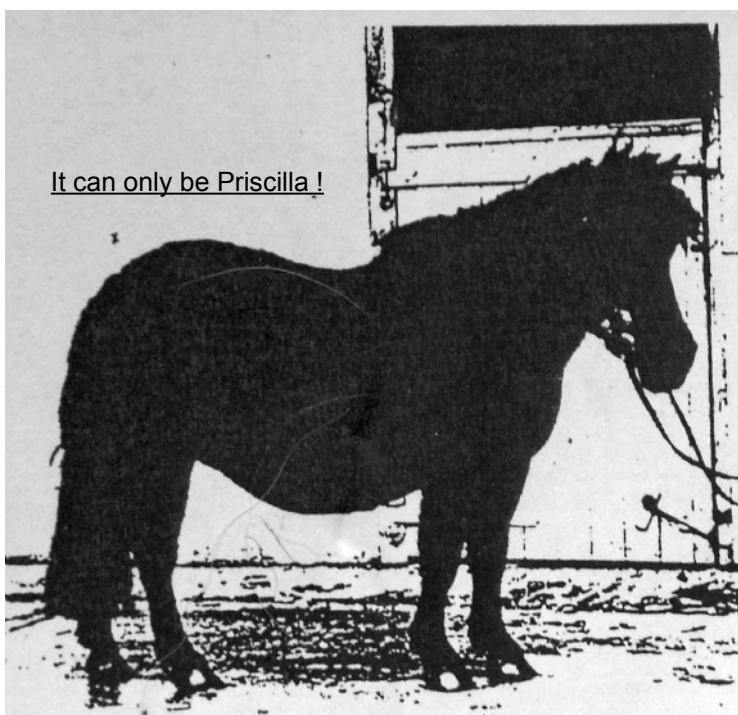
## Priscilla- profile by Rossie Theobald BHSI

Priscilla is a black Shetland mare born in 1974 and came to Newton Hall when about 4 or 5 years old almost untouched. We handled, lunged, long reined and rode her and she began to earn her living in the school- pony rides, lead rein, children's group lessons and gymkanas.

10 yr old Petrina rode her in the Easton Harriers Prince Philip Cup Mounted Games team. Although slower up and down the ring compared to the other ponies that were at least 12.2, Priscilla's size made it easier and quicker for Petrina to pick up objects and to jump on and off !

In 1987, Kirsten was in the Side Saddle Display Team that went to the German Equine Trade Fair in Essen and also rode twice daily at the Horse of the Year Show. The team were asked to ride in the Royal Tournament and wanted an interlude of light relief to the very elegant and correct musical ride in front of an audience who might not have appreciated their equine skills. A white Shetland was ridden by a 'human' mouse and Priscilla was ridden by a 'human' black cat and chased the 'mouse' in front of Princess Anne and other VIPs. The Tom and Jerry act was well received by an appreciative audience.

Since that highlight in her life, Priscilla has worked consistently at Newton Hall and has given many young riders a good start to their riding career. She is a regular on the Pony Rides in the Park. As a younger pony we had to watch her weight as she had several bouts of laminitis and she did suffer from several bouts of sweet itch, although fortunately she appears to have outgrown that unpleasant condition.



It can only be Priscilla !

Thank you Priscilla for some wonderful memories.

## Competition

The regular competition with a half hour lesson as first prize will feature in the next issue.

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www.nhec.co.uk  
The next issue is AUTUMN 2006**