



Netherfield Equestrian Club News Letter

Well we all hope that you had an enjoyable holiday period and can at last see around the winter corner into spring and summer. Your committee members have been working very hard to organise some future events which we hope you will attend.

The Quiz Night at the White Hart, Catsfield on 5th December was very successful and we had four teams that took part. The Landlord of the White Hart was our compere for the evening and set the questions. The final result was very close with:-

1 st	Diamond Balls	Roz & Mick Diamond Christine & Phillip Ball	43.5
2 nd	French Fancies	Lesley Martin & friends	42
	The Jolly Chops	Harold & Karl Cloutt Jane Rutherford	42
4 th	Eatendon Eejits	Peta Marsh & friends The team that got the wooden spoon!	41

We are hoping to hold another quiz evening in the not too distant future – watch this space for further details!

Dressage

Despite the very cold winter weather there was a very good turn out at Wilton House, Catsfield on 21 January 2006 for the Winter Dressage Series. Despite the weather the dressage was able to go ahead in the indoor school. A big thank you to those who came and took part especially those who do not live locally.

The Winter Series will continue again on Saturday 18 February 2006 at Wilton House – so we encourage all members to get their entries in! For dressage times please call 01424 838302 between 7:00 and 9:00 pm.

The Championships will be held on Saturday 25 March 2006 at Wilton House.

Area 10 – Team Show Jumping at Golden Cross EC – by Anna Clayton

The Club's show jumping team was put together during November and December 2005 and on 28th January 2006, off we went to Golden Cross to represent Netherfield Equestrian Club. Although this competition was supposed to be a "friendly" some teams seemed to get rather tense at times.

NEC team members:

Novice Rider;	Jane Rutherford	Ginny
Novice Horse:	Penny Holohan	Murphy
Open:	Anna Clayton	Harry

The events started with the Senior Warm-up of 34 starters, Anna and Harry finished 6th. Penny had an unlucky 4 faults, and Jane put in a good effort but unfortunately got eliminated!

So we were all set for the team event – there were a total of 23 teams taking part and Netherfield were drawn second to go in each section.

Jane went first on Ginny, unfortunately at fence 4 Ginny got a glimpse of the plastic banners hanging around the arena and stopped twice to get eliminated! Penny was the next rider to go in our team on Murphy. Murphy had had a very nasty leg injury several months ago and so Penny understandably was anxious not to overdo it, but he jumped a lovely clear round putting Penny in the jump off. Penny took the decision to take it steady in the jump off, which paid off as Murphy jumped another lovely clear round which put them into 5th place individually. Anna and Harry were next in the last section of the Open. Harry jumped a good clear round in the first round, and had an unlucky pole down in the jump off, putting them into 8th place individually.

After all 23 teams had jumped, even with Jane's elimination the team actually finished 12th, which is a really good result for our first representation.

It was a long cold day, we got home at 7:00 pm in the evening, but we all had a really great day.

We were really surprised to see many members and friends who turned up in the very cold weather to help and support us, so a very big thank you to you all!

Future Teams

If you would like to be part of a showing jumping or dressage team, please contact Anna on 01424 893868 for show jumping or Christine on 01424 838881 for dressage. The Club will do all it can to provide the support and training required.

Future Team Events

25 th June 2006 Show Ground	Dressage team	Kent County
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2 nd July 2006 Ground	Show jumping teams	Fellbridge Show
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Area 10 Training Grant by Christine Ball

This year the Area 10 training grant provided us with an afternoon at Willow Farm where Donald Kear explained what was required for Riding Tests. Phillip and I attended this and had a most enjoyable and informative afternoon. We were only sorry that the event was not better supported. Riding tests are judged mainly on the rider's position, balance, etc. Donald explained the difference between riding tests and dressage tests and told us that an incorrect canter strike off which is corrected would probably gain a 7 in a riding test and only a 4 in a dressage test! We left the event feeling quite inspired having decided that we should hold a riding test competition some time during the summer.

Future Dates for the diary

We would like to encourage members to attend the monthly talks at Netherfield Village Hall. Future topics will be our very own Trinny/Suzannah speaking about "What not to Wear", a talk on the regulations regarding transportation of horses whether it be by trailer or lorry.

The annual **Tack Auction** will be held on **Friday 31 March 2006** at **Netherfield Village Hall at 7:30 pm**. So if you are doing any early spring cleaning and want to get rid of those items that you don't use or need any more then bring them down to the village hall between 1.30pm and 3.30pm or 6pm on the day. All items need to be clean and in good working order. The Club will be taking 10%. So if your horse or pony has the odd spare rug that he does not wear any more or is no longer in fashion please bring it along! Last year over 400 items were on display!

Annual Show – this will be held on **Saturday 24 June 2006** and this year it is going to be a show with a difference. So if you have any smaller but still four legged friends please bring them along too so watch this space!

For further information and a list of the above you can go to www.netherifieldec.org.uk. Members can be assured that this site is up-dated regularly. Alternatively you can telephone Christine Ball on 01424 838881 or mobile 07836 591250.

We look forward to seeing you very soon at one of the above events or all of them!

NEC Committee