

May 2005



Dear Members

Welcome to the spring news letter! Since the last letter much effort and organisation has gone on to bring to you events, clinics, and lectures which we hope will be well attended and supported. Your views and comments are most welcome – this is YOUR club.

The tack auction, which was held on Friday 1 April 2005 at Netherfield Recreational Hall, was well supported and amazingly over 250 items of tack were auctioned. We would like to thank the Auctioneer, Karl Cloutt and his assistant Denise who tried to describe each horsy object with some imagination and character to entice people to buy! All in all it was a successful evening and many people went away with bargains.

The next event in the NEC calendar was the dressage show held at Glovers Farm on Sunday 17th April. The turn out on the day was encouraging and all participants certainly looked the part. Christine Ball stepped in at the last minute as unfortunately our judge, Jo Wooding was late due to unforeseen circumstances. Once Jo had arrived she took over at the helm and our thanks to her for giving up her time to judge the event which was enjoyed by many. One competitor came second in a class and it was her horse's first outing- so well done to her. Many comments were made that the atmosphere was "friendly" and "helpful". A letter of thanks was also received asking when the next NEC event was going to be held!

The dressage clinics held by Janet Bradshaw at Horseshoes Farm, Netherfield Hill have been a great success. The first 2 clinics held were fully booked. Again, thanks to Janet for running these clinics. They will continue to be held every 4 weeks.

Dressage Championship Series

This will be running throughout the summer and is kindly being sponsored by Pine Tree Farm, Freezeland Lane, Bexhill. Class 1 – Walk and Trot and Class 2 – Prelim 4.

Wilton House, Catsfield	Friday 3 June	1 July	5 August
New Barn Farm, Pett	Friday 24 June	15 July	12 August

Championship to be held at Glovers Farm on Sunday 4 September.

Entries are strictly limited and must be received by 6:00 pm the Monday before the event. Please call 01424 838302 between 6:30-8:00 pm on the Wednesday for times. Rosettes and points awarded up to 8th place. Those with the highest points at the end will qualify for the championship.

Horse Welfare I

Horse Welfare I kicked off on Saturday 21 May 2005 at Redwood Stables. This is hosted by Christine Ball. An entertaining and informative afternoon was had by all and hopefully by the end of the course all participants would have passed their exam ready to go on to take Horse Welfare III!

Two new committee members were also welcomed on board. Volunteers/helpers are also greatly needed for the Annual Show and Harriet Day display. If you have any spare time please let us know because a job will certainly be found for you!

Dates for your diary

June

- 12 **Flatwork with Roz Scott at Mount field Park Farm at 11:00 am.**
Maximum 4 persons at £10 pp per hour.
- 13 **Lecture from Robert White ex Household Cavalry at 7:30 pm,**
Netherfield Village Hall
- 25 **Annual Show, Netherfield Recreational Ground**

This year the format has changed slightly. There will be three rings, one for clear round jumping both of the horse and dog variety. There will be show jumping for hounds and also a horse and hound jumping competition against the clock. So all you dog owners (large or small) out there bring your hound and take part! There will also be a dog agility display.

The classes comprise of showing, clear round jumping and of course the gymkhana. For an entry form or further details you can either go to the website www.netherfieldec.org.uk or send your entries to Corriemulzie, Netherfield, Battle, TN33 9PY.

July

- 3 **Natural Horsemanship display by Harriet Day at Rushers Cross**
Farm, Rushers Cross, Mayfield
- 17 **Show Jumping at Glovers Farm.**
For a schedule please call Christine Ball on 01424 838881 (eve) or 07836 591250

August

- 20 **BBQ at Netherfield Recreational Ground**
All members & their families are welcome even the four-legged dog variety. Vegetarians will be catered for too not just the meat eaters. If you have a musical instrument bring that along for a sing-a-long around the fire!

September

- 12 **Lecture on Feed, 7:30 pm, Netherfield Village Hall**

Would all members note that those who have not renewed their membership need to do so immediately, as under the constitution those who have not renewed their membership by 1 June will no longer be members and will have to reapply.

We would also like to thank Cozee Homes, Equitravel, Georgie's Horse Laundry, Kings Smith Designs, Eldridge Feeds, Got the Gear but No Idea, Christine Ball for their sponsorship.

We hope that all events will be well supported and look forward to seeing you there. Also of note Clear Round Jumping will be starting on a Tuesday night at Pine Tree Farm, Freezeland Lane, Bexhill and this is kindly being sponsored by Philip Ball. Further details regarding a starting date will be advertised on the website. If you feel that anything is missing or if you have any views please let us know. We wish you enjoyment and success throughout the summer months and look forward to see you soon.

Netherfield Equestrian Club Committee