



SEPTEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER

It is with great sadness we have to report that Peta Marsh's husband, Ian, was killed in a car accident on 17 July. Peta is our Minutes Secretary and always helps at all our events. Our thoughts are with her and 10 year old Sam at this time.

So far it has been a very busy few months for the Club. The Pleasure Ride on Sunday 21 May was very well supported despite the terrible weather. There were over 134 riders who ventured out in the wet. We were able to raise £1500 for St Michael's Hospice. We hope to make the Pleasure Ride an annual event. Thanks go to Jan Auer who kindly allowed us to use the Normanhurst Estate and Kevin the Estate Manager. We would also like to thank all those who helped with this event to enable its smooth running and a special thank you also goes to Elizabeth Cloutt who spent many hours planning, liaising and ensuring the ride went ahead.

Clear Round Jumping – The Lawn, Potmans Lane

Anna Clayton has organised and run this very successful event on Friday evenings at The Lawn. Jumping heights have been to suit all abilities so we encourage members to continue to support this event.

Team Jumping at Hickstead

For the first year we have sent a team to the Riding Clubs team jumping at Hickstead. Although the team wasn't placed, everyone enjoyed themselves.

Annual Show – 24 June 2006

This was held at Battle Gates, near Catsfield by kind permission of Model Farm. The evening prior to the show the committee members prepared the venue which included gymkhana, jumping and showing arenas. The clear round jumping was a success as was the gymkhana. We would like to thank Robert and Emma for helping judge the classes and Shella who judged the dog show. The weather this time was kind to us unlike the Pleasure Ride! This also included a dog show which was enjoyed by the dogs and handlers alike.

Summer Dressage Series

This has been well supported and enjoyed by everyone. Unfortunately we had forgotten how quickly the nights draw in and the last two or three competitors in the championship had the ride their test in the dark!

The results of all the competitions will be printed in the December newsletter.

Clinics

We have organised flatwork, show jumping and cross country clinics to be held over the next few weeks. The flatwork and cross country clinics will be with Berith Eriksson and the show jumping with Anna Clayton. Please contact Christine Ball on 01424 838881 for details.

If you find it difficult to attend clinics in the Netherfield area, please contact Christine as we can arrange them in your area. As well as giving you and your horse the opportunity of training, the clinics give you a chance to meet other members.

We would be most grateful if you could please take the time to fill in the questionnaire below and let us know what you would like us to put on for you whether it be dressage clinics or just a pub quiz. Please also feel free to tell us where improvements can be made or if you have any suggestions.

Lusted Feeds

Lusted Saddlery and Feeds at Hankham have kindly agreed to give all members a 10% discount on production of your membership cards. Please note this does not apply to feeds or veterinary products.

Questionnaire

Name.....

Tel.....

Type of horse/pony

Is there more than one NEC member in your family?

What are your areas of interest?

What would you like to see more of?

How often do you think clinics should be held?

Would you be prepared to help out at least one NEC event?

If yes how much notice would you require?

Can you be contacted as short notice?

Did you attend any of the monthly lectures? If so do you think they should continue during the winter months?

Would you like the pub quiz to be a regular feature?

Please list areas where you think improvement is needed?

Please list any good qualities ie events that you have attended

Any other comments

Please complete questionnaire on-line and send to christinesball@aol.com or post back to Christine Ball, Redwood, Darvel Down, Netherfield, Nr Battle, TN33 9QF.

There are prizes for the first 3 questionnaires that are received!