



The British Horse Society
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THE BHS NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2008

Chairpersons Report

Welcome to the latest edition of your newsletter. It has been decided that the newsletter should be published at different times of year - June and January. This is so that you can put the dates of lectures /demos in your new diary and not miss any. I would like to welcome two new committee members - Lucy Lee and Lesley Taylor. Please remember all the committee work on a voluntary basis for your benefit. We are sorry that there is no ride this year as we are still looking for a ride organiser - is anybody interested?? All events will be advertised in Horse and Hound, Equestrian Life and the East Midland BHS website (www.bhsmidlands.org.uk) so come along and enjoy them. All members are welcome to the Annual Meeting in October - I hope to see you there.

Committee Vacancies

Newsletter secretary

Pleasure Ride organiser

Any members interested in becoming a committee member contact the chairman Sarah Tomlinson.

Questionnaire

A questionnaire has been included with the Newsletter in an attempt to learn more about Members in our area and to hopefully provide you with more of what you would like from your British Horse Society Committee. We would be grateful if you would take the time to complete this form and return it to Joanna Smith, BHS Development Officer, Holkham House, 151 Low Street, Collingham, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG23 7NL.

General BHS News

The British Horse Society is advising horse owners to be vigilant and take the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of their horses and equipment.

The BHS has received many reports over the last few days of stolen horses and people acting suspiciously around them. Internet forums are buzzing with speculation and text messages reporting incidents have been circulating widely. These incidents usually involve photographs being taken of horses in fields with unknown individuals showing a high level of interest in particular animals. While such activities in isolation may not appear suspicious, the descriptions of the vehicles and of the people involved are remarkably consistent.

In many cases, the reliability of the reports is hard to confirm and there is no doubt that many false rumours are circulating. There are no police records for a number of the alleged horse thefts and it appears that at least some of the text messages involved are not genuine. However, there is sufficient, consistent and confirmed information to cause concern to all horse owners.

The BHS is advising people not to panic but to remain vigilant and take extra steps to ensure their horses remain safe. There are many simple precautions that can be taken.

Horse owners are advised to ensure their fields and property are secured to make the removal of horses as difficult as possible. Such precautions must be sensible and not put horses at risk in the event of fire. Tack and other equipment should be locked safely away and, where possible, kept at a separate location to the horses. Horse owners are advised that it is a good idea to vary the times of their visits to their horse and to have an unpredictable routine. Where possible, owners should work together to keep an eye on one another's horses and it may be useful to ask friendly local residents to join in.

Freeze-marking and microchipping are both excellent deterrents to horse theft although, as microchips are not externally visible, signs should be displayed to advertise that horses are microchipped. Tack and other equipment can also be chipped or marked to prove ownership.

BHS Welfare Senior Executive Lee Hackett said: "We absolutely do not want people to panic or over-react to what are, in many cases, unsubstantiated rumours. However, there are certainly some grounds for concern and horse owners should take this opportunity to review their security measures. If this furore causes horse owners to take more precautions then it will at least have one very positive outcome".

The BHS advises anyone who observes suspicious activity around horses to note down as much detail as possible and report it to the police. Time, date, vehicle registration details and descriptions of any persons involved are particularly helpful.

BHS Welfare will be happy to offer further security advice to anyone who requests it.

Burghley Sponsored ride 2008 - Sunday September 7th 2008

History

This will be the eighth ride held on the Sunday of the main horse trials, cumulative proceeds for equine charities is over £100,000. Numbers taking part have varied from 300 – 500 each year with riders and horses of all ages and abilities welcomed to come and take part.

The Ride

Riders gather and park in a specially allocated area of Burghley Park and are marshaled on the ride circuit in groups for the 10 – 12Km ride. The tracks take riders onto the cross country course which, just the day before, hosted some of the best eventers in the world in an international four star eventing competition. Riders can walk or trot around the fences and enjoy the experience of seeing the massive fences first hand from the back of their own horses! The ride then directs riders around the park on tracks not normally open to riders and also takes in a second section of the course. Those wishing to take part in 'their Burghley' have to pre register with the organizers who then send out sponsor forms and joining instructions plus free car parking two weeks beforehand. Anyone wishing to make the best of their visit can then pay the pedestrian entrance gate fee to browse the legendary 400+ trade stand tented city and enjoy the final show jumping phase of the event.

To Take Part

Write to Burghley Sponsored Ride (with an A5 SAE) for an application form at : Belmesthorpe Grange, Newstead Lane, Stamford, Lincs PE9 4JJ. The minimum sponsorship donation is £27 per rider and this needs to be sent in only with the official application form and then get your sponsors signed up and friends to join you!

Summary

This is a great event for groups, clubs, yards or individuals. Open to all ages over 5 and the ride is suitable for all riding abilities. The ride will be making a donation to the BHS from part of the proceeds. Photographs, refreshments and toilets are all on site plus paramedic assistance. Further information can be sourced via the 'Your Horse' website: www.yourhorse.co.uk

Young Instructor Of The Year 2008

The Young Instructor of the Year will be taking place again this year and is a fantastic opportunity for young instructors to develop and refine their coaching skills as well as continue with their own professional development.

Last year's East Midlands qualifier saw five young instructors vying for a place in the final. All of the instructors commented on how beneficial the day was and although it was a competition, they had learnt a great deal and found the training extremely helpful in developing their skills.

The 2008 East Midlands Qualifier will take place on the **14th July 2008** at Brooksby College, Melton Mowbray. The winner of each qualifier will go forward to the Grand Final at Warwickshire College. For further details please contact the BHS training department on 01926 707820/707789.

Future Events

4th August Visit to Flawborough Equine Hydrotherapy Centre

Emma Hawthorne set up Flawborough Equine after her horse suffered a leg injury and was successfully treated with hydrotherapy. Flawborough Equine is a rehabilitation centre, offering the highest standards of treatment to aid recovery and rehabilitation aiding horses to return to soundness, using veterinary treatments and complementary therapies. Facilities include Hydrotherapy spa, large horse walker, solarium, individual turnout paddocks (small and large) plus 24hour supervision and tailor made rehabilitation programmes. (Further information on the website www.flawboroughequine.co.uk).

The visit will include a talk about hydrotherapy, sports massage and osteopathy. Refreshments will be provided and the cost will be £10 for members, £12 for non-members

Meet at 7.00pm at Hall Farm, Flawborough, Nottinghamshire NG13 9PA. So that we have an idea of numbers attending, it would be preferable but not essential to contact Sarah Tomlinson on 0115 9663459 or email sarah.tomlinson01@btinternet.com if you would like to go.

20th October Annual Meeting

This will take place at the Calverton Miners Top Club, Hollinwood Lane, Calverton, Nottingham starting at 8.00pm. All welcome – come and tell us what you want!

27th October Continual Professional Development Training Day

Brooksby College, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire

Morning session – Working the horse from the ground with Sabrina Jones FBHS

Afternoon session - Sports Psychology

This is a training day for instructors but is open to all and will also count as a refresher day for BHS registered instructors.

For further details please contact Joanna Smith on 01636 893629 or j.smith@bhs.org.uk

21st December Olympia Showjumping Coach Trip

Coach trip to watch the afternoon performance at Olympia. We are unable to confirm definite details for cost yet but due to rising fuel costs etc, tickets are likely to be about £55 this year – please contact Val Gant on 0115 9632673 as soon as possible if you are interested.

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