



June 2004

Issue 5

Summer Newsletter

A warm welcome to Louise, our new Yard Manager, Ellie, the Assistant Yard Manager who joins on 16th June, and to Emma. Find out a bit more about them in this letter.

Summer Shows

Summer activities at Severn Vale are now in full swing so please join us for some of these dates:

15th July and 19th August - Evening Show Jumping Competitions

A great way to have a go at a show jumping course. Classes start from 1' 6" and get bigger for those who want more of a challenge. Come and have a go. Book your horse and surprise yourself.

17th June, 29th July and 12th August - Evening Dressage Competitions

Everyone can do dressage. It may look fancy but it is really easy! Ask your Instructor for a copy of the tests and they will help you work towards them.

18th July - Family Show

This really is a family event. Speak to Juliet about her great gymkhana games or be creative with the fancy dress competition. Jumping and showing classes. It really is a fun day.

27th June and 5th September - One Day Events

A chance to do all disciplines - dressage, show jumping and cross-country. Don't panic if you've never entered before or are feeling a bit rusty as help is at hand with some training events:

Other events:

- 20th June Louise's ODE Clinic
- 24th June Evening Rally
- 22nd July Evening Rally
- 28th August Louise's ODE Clinic
- 2nd September Evening Rally

For more details speak with either Louise or Kim in the office.

Help Needed

We are always looking for helpers for the one-day events. If you can spare some time, please give your name in at the office

New Staff

Louise Marks

Hello, I've been asked to write a few lines to introduce myself. So here goes. My name is Louise Marks, 24 born and brought up in Somerset. First started my training at Huntley School of Equitation where I completed my PTT in 1997 then gained my Assistant Instructor Certificate in 1999. I then moved on to college where I completed a National Diploma in horse management with business studies. Work experience has taken me to lots of yards,

favourites would be David Pincus's Dressage Yard and Stud and the National Stud in Newmarket. Again, after training at Huntley in 2001 I became a registered BHS II. The last two years I've been self-employed combining teaching with house and horse sitting. To Severnvale I hope to bring a breath of fresh air, as I'm full of enthusiasm, drive and fun. This is an exciting time at Severnvale so watch this space!

Dates for your diary - 5th - 8th August - come and have a great time at my Summer Camp. Speak to me for more details.

Ellie Halsey

Hello to everyone. I'm shortly to be starting work at Severnvale as Assistant Yard Manager, which I'm really looking forward to! Here's my background. I have been a BHSAI for around 9 years, having trained at Hartpury College where I did a BTEC National Diploma in Equine Business Management. I also completed the Advanced National Certificate in Equine Business Management at Warwickshire College. For the last 4 years I've been working as Head Groom/Instructor at Prolock Vale Horse Hotel and Riding Centre on Exmoor, teaching all levels of riders in flatwork, jumping and cross country. I'm really keen to join the team at Severnvale and am hoping to work towards my Intermediate Instructors Certificate while I am here. Looking forward to meeting everyone soon!

Emma

I have worked previously in the racing industry, at a stud, and had plenty of teaching experience at a riding school. I have already achieved my BHS Stage 2 exam and whilst at Severnvale I hope to pass my PTT and Stage 3 exams as well as gaining some competition experience with my horse Tarquin.

Exam Success

BHS Exams

Congratulations to both Libby and Jon who have passed their BHS Stage 1 exam. Jon has also passed his riding and road safety exam. Libby is hoping to take her Stage 2 very shortly.

NVQ

Severnvale offers the chance to study an NVQ: levels 1, 2 and 3 in horsecare and level 4 in business management. Well done to Libby who has not only completed level 2 much earlier than the suggested time but she was also recognised as learner of the month by the NVQ awards body.

Severnvale Pony Club

Since January 2003 Severnvale has been recognised as a Pony Club Centre and run organised activities for members. We have now decided that the Pony Club will be the sole organisation, which will recognise riders' success. Riders previously worked towards BHS progressive tests. The Pony Club offers so much more for your membership.

So what does membership include:

- Achievement Badges - there are 20 subjects, ranging from bandaging and rugs to road safety, which members can test their skills against and receive an embroidered badge to sew onto sweatshirts.
- Progressive Tests - 3 levels, which help prepare members for the Efficiency Tests as well as being a great way to monitor progress.
- Efficiency Tests - these are the traditional Pony Club Tests.

The annual subscription entitles members to take part in the Pony Club activities. Members also receive magazines and other information to help them enjoy their riding. Severnvale is also going to have Severnvale Pony Club sweatshirts printed so you can sew your achievement badges onto these. Juliet is particularly keen to start a group for riders who have just started but want to do more. All activities are in the holidays so speak to Louise or Juliet for more information about the Pony Club and for application forms.

Our Pony Club written by Jess Marshall

Joining the Pony Club gives horse lovers a chance to learn more about their equine friends, while having fun. In Severnvale Pony Club we have a day with flat lesson, jump lesson, stable management lesson and a rally at the end. Our Pony Club has recently been working towards their D test. Pony Club has taught us to take care of the ponies.

3rd July Open Day

Our first Open Day! The aim is for new, existing and lapsed clients to come and see the changes, which will be happening at Severnvale. The hope is that by 3rd July the lecture room will be open. This will provide those who are studying stable management a place to work and learn.

There will be demonstrations in horseball and drill riding. Even a chance to win a lesson! So if you know some friends who would like to learn to ride or haven't been for a lesson for a while or you would like a look please spend some time with us on 3rd July. Even book that first lesson!

Severnvale Horseball Teams

Severnvale Horseball Teams have been training hard through the winter and are ready for another season. Our first match was Yorkley on 3rd/4th April. We would like to welcome some new members to the team - Joanne Cann, Sophie Gregory and Ocean Clarke. Children and parents have been working hard raising funds for the Horseball Team. We would like to say a big thank you to Claire for raising £70 in a 24 hour Sponsored Silence and if you know Claire you will appreciate how hard this would have been! And to Suzanne and Mr Marshall who ran the Forest of Dean Half Marathon in the rain and lots of mud to raise £300 for us.

Horseball by Jess Marshall

Horseball is a cross between rugby and basketball and having the ability to almost fall off the horse to pick it up. Severnvale have a Horseball Team, which practice every other Sunday. There are four per team in this sport with 3 age groups (13 under 'Cadets', 16 under 'Juniors' and over 16 'Seniors'). Horseball teaches balance in the rider and confidence and trust between horse and rider.

As you may have heard, Severnvale Horseball Team were on TV (BBC Point West) recently and they found it very exciting being interviewed and getting filmed whilst playing.

Juliet's Summer Camps

Summer is fast approaching and it is time to think of Summer Camps. The camps consist of 4 days with a pony, sleeping in tents. There will be loads of riding, fun, midnight games, etc. The camps book up very fast. Dates are in the gallery so book your place in the office now.

Driving to and from Severnvale by a mother and livery owner

Whilst riding down the lane the other day I was thinking about all the things that could frighten my horse:

- coke cans on the grass verge
- flapping plastic bags
- an animal rustling in the hedge

to name but a few. I drive up and down the lane at least twice most days and, like most of you, am normally in a hurry.

Please could I ask everyone to remember that the lane is also used for lessons and to exercise horses. They can be silly animals that sometimes think that everyday objects are going to kill them and, whilst they aren't frightened of your car, they may see a monster in the hedge just as you are passing.

When you are driving in the lane remember that there may be a pony round the next bend and slow down accordingly. Don't try to squeeze past and if you stop wait until they are passed before you pull away, it is very frightening to a horse to have a car spin its tyres in the mud just as they are level with it.

Hire of Plastic Jumps

As from this week the plastic jumps will be in the field and available for hire. So if you wish to use these jumps when you're not having a lesson please pay £3 in the office prior to using them. The wooden ones may be used as before.



December 2003

Issue 4

Winter Newsletter

It's hard to believe that Christmas is nearly upon us. 2003 has been a busy year at Severnvale. The surfaces for both the indoor and outdoor schools have been replaced, which will make a difference for everybody for the winter. Stables are being upgraded and other facilities have been decorated.

The Pony Club has really taken off and is practising very hard for their first test, which is examined by an external examiner and not Juliet this time.

Clients have had lots of success in dressage, show jumping and eventing, so the hard work is paying off. Let's now celebrate these successes by joining in the fun Severnvale offers over the festive period.

All the staff at Severnvale wish you a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

Christmas at Severnvale

There is always plenty to do at Severnvale at Christmas. Why not join us for one of the following:

12th December - 6.30pm Claire's Grid Work Sessions

For the novice rider wanting to improve their balance and position for jumping. Claire will work on jump position over some poles, building up to grids.

These 6 sessions will be held every 2 weeks and offer an excellent opportunity to improve confidence as well as you're jumping. For more information see Claire or Sally.

14th December - 1pm-4pm Adult Christmas Show

This year there will be a mixture of individual events and then a selection of gymkhana games for teams. These will include egg & spoon, sack race and sweetie race.

The afternoon is great fun and anyone can join in so persuade your friends to.

The sheets are in the gallery. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards!!

19th December - 6pm-9pm Children's Christmas Party

Time to unwind. Christmas games and a disco. This was a great success last year so we hope that you can join us again this year. More information is in the gallery.

21st December Children's Christmas Show

Another tradition at Severnvale is this show. There will be novelty jumping classes, gymkhana games and barrel racing. The sheets for the Christmas Show are also in the gallery, so sign up early so that you get the pony of your choice.

23rd December - 10.45am-4pm Fun Day

Need to do that last minute shopping without the children? Severnvale has the solution. Juliet will be running a fun day to really get things going for Christmas.

Opening Times over Christmas Period

- Wednesday 24th December a.m. only
- Thursday 25th December closed
- Friday 26th December closed
- Saturday 27th December lessons as usual
- Wednesday 31st December a.m. only
- Thursday 1st January closed
- Friday 2nd January lessons as usual

Horses and ponies have stockings too!

All the year the ponies and horses work very hard to help you enjoy your riding lessons and we were really hoping that Santa would visit them this year with some goodies to fill their stockings!

From 13th December there will be a sack where the tack is kept which we would like your help in filling. Ponies and horses love carrots, apples and mints.

So if you think they've been good for you and you would like to give them a treat, please put a contribution in the sack. We will then make sure that they have some treats over the festive period.

Stuck for presents? Here are some ideas to help

Severnvale Gift Vouchers

Severnvale offer a selection of gift vouchers, which can be used in return for any lesson. The gift vouchers are available from the office.

From Ride & Stride - St Arvans

Don't forget your trusted steed this Christmas. We have a wide selection of treats from 80p and Christmas stockings for under £5; Go on spoil your four-legged friend! We also have a wide range of gifts, from cute pony key rings, videos and books to miniature rocking horses. There are lots of stocking fillers including light up pens, grooming brushes, hats, scarves and gloves, new Land Rover mugs, key rings, wallets and T-Shirts...etc. Come and have a browse. You may be surprised what you can find. It's closer than battling to Cribbs Causeway!! P.S. January sale starts Friday 2nd January - lots of bargains to be found.

From Riders Saddlery - Lydney

Riders Saddlery at Lydney has lots of ideas to fill those Christmas stockings and delight all riders, which we can wrap for you free of charge. We're open until 6pm on Christmas Eve for last minute shopping. Come and have a look. Our sale starts on 18th January when we will be offering up to 60% off on some items.

New Staff

Jonathan Wilson

Jonathan has now joined the team. Jonathan is new to riding himself and is looking to make the equestrian world his chosen career. He is currently working towards his BHS exams and is also studying for his NVQ.

Exam Success

Congratulations to Libby Gent who passed her BHS Stage I exam. Libby and her colleagues are now busy working towards their Stage 2, which they hope to take in the spring.

Jeffress Scholarship Trust

And yet more success for staff at Severnvale. Berni has been awarded a much sought-after scholarship, which was set up by Albert Godfrey Jeffress. The scholarship is for the training of riding instructors. Berni applied after seeing an advert in the Horse & Hound back in June and, after consideration, the trustees have awarded Berni a training bursary. Needless to say, she is delighted and intends to use it for training towards the riding section for her BHS

Intermediate Instructors examination, which takes her to the next level of qualification. She hopes to take Merlyn, her 5-year-old thoroughbred cross Welsh gelding, to Chris Bartle, MBE and Fellow of the BHS, in Yorkshire. She chose Chris from the recommended list of top trainers because of the breadth of his experience and his success, which includes winning Badminton. Berni hopes that this experience will also help to prepare Merlyn for Novice Eventing next season.

Congratulations Berni.

Dates for Your Diary

12th December	Claire's Novice Grid Work Session 6.30pm open to all
14th December	Adult Clients Christmas Show
19th December	Children's Christmas Party 6.00pm
21st December	Children's Christmas Show
23rd December	Fun Day 10.45am-4.00pm
9th January	Claire's Novice Grid Work Session 6.30pm open to all
23rd January	Claire's Novice Grid Work Session 6.30pm open to all
5th February	BHS Stage I Course 7.30pm start for 10 weeks
6th February	Claire's Novice Grid Work Session 6.30pm open to all
21st & 22nd February	Green Horse Course
27th February	Claire's Novice Grid Work Session 6.30pm open to all
5th March	Claire's Novice Grid Work Session 6.30pm open to all
5th, 6th & 7th March	Pre Event Course
10th April	Easter Egg Hunt & Have a Go Horse Ball Afternoon
11th May	BE Training Day
2nd June	4 Week Course Stable Management & Equine First Aid Series
3rd June	Evening S J Comp
17th June	Evening Dressage Comp
20th June	Sally's ODE Clinic
24th June	Evening Rally
27th June	Riders Saddlery One Day Event
15th July	Evening S J Comp
15th-18th July	Lizzel's Adult Camp
18th July	Family Show
19th July	Juliet's Camps Begin
22nd July	Evening Rally
29th July	Dressage Evening Comp
July	Gymkhana Day
5th-8th August	Sally's Camp
12th August	PM Dressage Championships
19th August	Evening S J Comp
28th August	Sally's ODE Clinic
2nd September	Evening Rally
5th September	Ride & Stride Welsh Championships One Day Event



August 2003

Issue 3

Summer Newsletter

The summer has seen clients very busy competing and attending camps, clinics and fun days, as can be seen by some of the results and articles in this issue.

Cross Country Course

Eric is busy designing and building some new cross-country fences at different heights. They are portable so will add a new dimension to the existing courses.

Reminders to Everyone

Wheelbarrows now live down the ramp behind the wall in the car park not on the yard. Please tidy up after yourself, especially in the gallery area and around the schools. Many thanks.

New Staff

Each year we say goodbye to the old crew and welcome a new one. This year there is Emily, Hannah and Libby.

Hannah Johnson

Hannah has been at Severnvale for 2 months. She has her own horse "Mo" who she has already competed successfully in Novice Eventing. She hopes to get more riding and competition experience.

Emily Purchase

Whilst Emily is at Severnvale she wants to improve her riding and horse management skills so that she can take her BHS exams. She hopes to pass her Stage 2 and her teaching qualifications so that she can become a freelance instructor.

Libby Gent

Libby chose Severnvale as a place to broaden her knowledge of horses and ponies of varying abilities. She is currently working towards her BHS Stage 1 exam but hopes to obtain NVQ Stage 2 and her teaching qualifications whilst at Severnvale. She has also recently brought her own horse to the yard and hopes, with the tuition she receives, to event her at Novice level.

Exam Success

Congratulations to Claire Hinton who has recently passed her PTT teaching qualification. Claire is an excellent teacher and those who have had lessons from her have benefited from her tuition.

New Riding School Horse

Badger is a new pony for the riding school. He is an 11.2hh Welsh mountain pony that seems to be enjoying life at the school and is already a big hit with the younger children on the yard.

Severnvale Riding Club

Severnvale Riding Club has now been running for 10 months offering members training days and social evenings, as well as the regular Monday night rallies.

After some mishaps for both horses and riders (Leona and Ian) the good news is that the club is now back to full strength. Both are back on their feet with a winning smile!

The Show and Event season is in full swing and a lot of members now have the confidence to enter and succeed in showing classes to BE Eventing level. The club is now looking to form a show jumping team. The first event is on 27th September at Yorkley so any members interested in being involved please let Leona know.

Finally, all members would like to say a BIG thank you to Eric for all his time, patience and effort. Here's to success in the future.

Pony Club

This is due to start again on Wednesdays from September. The 1½-hour session includes stable management and riding. Members work towards achieving badges and progressive tests. Recently members completed their bronze award. So congratulations to those involved.

If you are interested in joining, the only criteria are members must be non-horse owning or, if they own a horse, be without transport. Speak to Sally or Juliet for an application form.

Summer Camps

This year there were five residential pony camps held at Severnvale. They ranged from a one-nighter for the young and less experienced to a four-day intensive three-day event course.

I've been attending these camps ever since they began 5 years ago, as both helper and participant, and every year we have had new developments to make camp life easier such as a shower - which is now named Nigel. This year a swimming pool appeared which proved to be very popular, and also useful for dunking birthday girls!

Each camp features 4 hours of riding lessons a day taken by Bernie and Juliet, finishing on the last day with a mini one-day event which all the children compete in.

On the advanced camp we were lucky enough to be taken to Brean Sands for the afternoon where we enjoyed a fantastic ride along the beach.

Once again, all the attendees were indebted to Juliet for her hard work in making these camps happen.

She deserves a great big thank you from all of us!

Sally's Camp

Sally held her first camp this summer and there was something for everyone. The days combined flat works, use of poles and some show jumping as well as large quantities of carrot cake! On Saturday afternoon there was an outing to Gatcombe where Mark Jenner walked us through the cross-country course. The gin and tonic was needed to deal with the size of the fences!

Sally is having another one-day clinic on 13th September, which will include walking the cross-country course at Blenheim.

Horse Ball

The teams are now hard in training for the NFU Mutual finals in Melton Mowbray, which are on 6th/7th September. The cadets are currently lying 4th in the league and the juniors 8th. The cadets were really successful in their last competition coming 2nd. Good luck for September.

Get Well Soon William

On his way home from a competition Emily's pony William was suddenly taken seriously ill. He was rushed to Langford (veterinary hospital) where he was operated on. He is making a very good recovery and hopefully will be returning to Severnvale very shortly to carry on with his convalescence.

Emily and Sue would like to thank everybody for their support and thoughts in what has been a very difficult couple of weeks, in particular Amy's Mum, Lois and Mark.

Forthcoming Dressage Clinics

If you've not had a go - come and try them. They're held on the first Friday of every month.
Next clinic 5th September 6.30pm and 8.00pm

BHS Stage 1

Severnvale is now holding regular sessions for clients interested in attaining a recognised qualification for their riding and horse care. Sessions are on Saturday afternoons. For more information see Sally.

Results

10th May - West Wilts

Prelim Dressage	Vicky Clark	1st
	Vicky Clark	3rd

17th May - Wales and West

Newcomers	Emily Gresty	5th
Foxhunter	Emily Gresty	5th

22nd May - Severnvale ODE

Under 16s	Lily Doyle	1st
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25th May - Monmouth Pony Club

Open ODE 3'	Emily Gresty	2nd
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14th June - West Wilts

Prelim Dressage	Vicky Clark	6th
	Vicky Clark	6th

14th June - Wales and West

Foxhunter	Emily Gresty	4th
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22nd June - Severnvale ODE

Rest'd Novice

26th June - Severnvale Dressage Eve

Prelim Dressage	Lily Doyle	1st
	Teresa Huntley	3rd
	Vicky Clark	4th
Prelim Dressage	Lily Doyle	1st
	Vicky Clark	2nd
	Teresa Huntley	6th

29th June - Cotswold Vale PC Show

Best Turned Out	Teresa Huntley	5th
Best in Hand	Teresa Huntley	1st

4th July - West Wilts Affiliated

Prelim Dressage	Vicky Clark	2nd
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5th July - Mount Ballan Affiliated

Novice	Lizzel Winter	6th
Elementary	Lizzel Winter	3rd

6th July - Mount Ballan Affiliated

Prelim Dressage	Vicky Clark	5th
	Clark	
Novice	Lizzel Winter	3rd
Elementary	Lizzel Winter	1st

5th-6th July - Killington

Novice Eventing	Eric Winter	1st
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10th July - Severnvale

	2'6"	Vicky Clark	6th
10th July - Lime Tree EC Affiliated			
	Novice	Lizzel Winter	2nd
	Elementary	Lizzel Winter	3rd
12th July - Wye Valley Riding			
	2'3"	Vicky Clark	3rd
	2'6"	Vicky Clark	4th
20th July - Severnvale Family Show			
	3' Derby	Emily Gresty	1st
		Lily Doyle	2nd
		Eleanor Aubrey	3rd
		Claire Hinton	5th
	2' Pairs	Vicky Clark	3rd
		Claire Hinton	3rd
	2'6" Pairs	Emily Gresty	1st
		Lily Doyle	1st
	2'6"	Claire Hinton	1st
		Eleanor Aubrey	2nd
	2'6" Bareback	Lily Doyle	1st
		Emily Gresty	3rd
	Nov Work Hunter	Emily Gresty	1st
		Vicky Clark	2nd
		Teresa Huntley	3rd
	Riding Club Horse	Teresa Huntley	1st
26th-27th July - Tatton Hall			
	Inter Eventing	Eric Winter	5th
	Inter Eventing	Eric Winter	8th
27th July - Forest of Dean			
	Prelim Dressage	Vicky Clark	3rd
	Novice Dressage	Vicky Clark	2nd
30th July - Monmouth Pony Club Show			
	2'6"	Lily Doyle	4th
30th July - Forest of Dean			
	2'3"	Teresa Huntley	1st
		Eleanor Aubrey	1st
	2'9"	Teresa Huntley	1st
		Eleanor Aubrey	1st
31st July - Severnvale Dressage Eve			
	Prelim Dressage	Vicky Clark	2nd
		Lily Doyle	3rd
	Prelim Dressage	Lily Doyle	2nd
		Vicky Clark	3rd



May 2003

Issue 2

At last - the 2nd Newsletter !!

We apologise for the delay and there is a lot to tell you.

Goodbye to Ted

Thank you to everybody for their kind wishes about Ted. He was a loveable horse and will be greatly missed.

Dear Ted

I'm sorry that I never had a chance to ride you and get to know you, but I know you were a wonderful horse and still are. I'd like to plant a tree in memory of you.

We will all miss you and never forget you.

With love

Hannah

Many thanks to Hannah and her family, who wished a tree to be planted in his memory. This can be found on the grass outside the office area.

Computerised Booking System

Severn Vale will shortly be implementing an automated system for booking lessons. We are really excited about this as not only are we the first riding school to implement this, but we have been involved in designing this package, which will be available for other schools. Already there has been interest in other areas.

Why have we done this? Ultimately, we want to make things easier by knowing which horses you ride and not having to ask you each time for contact details. Having these records will help make selection of horses easier and also help the running of the office.

As with all new systems, there may be a few teething problems, so please be patient with us if we do have any.

New Horses at the Riding School

We'd like to welcome several new horses and ponies:

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| May | a lovely 13hh liver chestnut that is suitable for a confident child rider. |
| Heidi | a 16hh chestnut mare with a successful showjumping record |
| Shannon | a 14hh gelding who is a super all rounder for the novice or more experienced rider. |

Hire of Plastic Jumps

There has been a note up in the office for the last few weeks letting people know about a £3 charge if you wish to use the jumps when not having a lesson. This needs to be paid to the office prior to using the jumps. Last year we invested in these jumps and want to try and make sure that they will always be available for our clients despite the inevitable damage, which has already happened and will continue to occur from use. The charge will help replace and increase the number of these expensive items. It only applies to the plastic jumps. The wooden ones may be used as before.

Staff

Lucy Dixon joined Severnvale last August and is working towards her BHS and NVQ qualifications. Lucy has recently had success with her horse Barney at Hand Equestrian Centre. As a result, she can no longer compete at Discovery level and in April jumped her first Newcomers at Bicton, where she came 3rd. Congratulations to Lucy and let's hope she has more success this year.

Pony Club

The Severnvale branch of the Pony Club is progressing well and already has 15 members. Over the Easter Holidays members have been busy in two rallies which were held, successfully passing the following awards:

Grooming - Jemma, Zoe, Sarah, Sophie, April, Lizzie, Becky J, Ellie S and Jemma

Points of the Horse - Maise, Ruby, Sarah, Claire, Jenny and Emily

Feeding - Maise, Ruby, Kate and Lizzie

Congratulations to all. In the gallery there is a chart, which will show members' progress over the following year with points awarded after each rally. Yes, and points make prizes. If you've not joined, speak to Juliet or Sally and join the fun.

Horse Ball

If you're not familiar with horse ball, it's been described as a cross between rugby and netball on horseback and is a growing sport in the UK. The game was created to improve balance and confidence between horse and rider and it involves sudden spurts, rapid stops, half turns and acceleration. Severnvale has two teams competing:

Cadet - 13 years and under

Junior - 16 years and under

We also have two further cadet teams who are training.

Recently, the cadet team competed at Epsom Polo Club where all their hard work paid off as they achieved 2nd place. Well done to everybody. Both teams are looking forward to the next competition in Kent. So if anybody would like to try their hand at this game, in particular we are looking to begin a senior team (16+), then speak to Juliet for more details.

Forthcoming Events

Dressage Clinics

Come and try them out, first Friday of every month. Next Clinic Friday 6 June 6.30pm and 8.00pm - tea, coffee and biscuits.

Family Show

If you've not been to this before, there is something for everybody. Why not come along and see on Sunday 20 July.

Show Dates 2003

Evening Showjumping	12 June
ODE	22 June
Evening Dressage	26 June
Evening Showjumping	10 July
2 Phase Event	13 July
Family Show	20 July
Evening Dressage	31 July
Evening Showjumping	14 August
Evening Dressage	20 August
Welsh Championships	31 August

Summer Camps

Summer Camps are fast approaching. Again, there are five camps this year and the dates are listed below.

After its success last year, there will also be a one-night camp for younger children.

The camps are run over four days and include many aspects of riding, dressage, showjumping and cross-country. Other activities this year will be a treasure hunt, camp fire, horse ball demos and excursions, to name a few.

Places are booking fast so for more information please speak to Juliet.

Monday 21 July	Novice
Monday 28 July	Advanced
Monday 4 August	Day Camp
Monday 11 August	Inter/Adv
Monday 18 August	Novice

Results

11 January - West Wilts

Prelim Dressage	Vicky Clark	3rd
	Vicky Clark	3rd

19 January - Forest of Dean

2'3"	Lois Poutianinen	3rd
	Teresa Huntley	5th
	Vicky Clark	6th
2'6"	Lois Poutianinen	1st

2 February - Hand Equestrian Centre

3'3"-3'6"	Emily Gresty	3rd
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9 February - Forest of Dean

85cm	Emily Gresty	1st
105cm	Emily Gresty	1st

15 February - Pencoed

Newcomers	Emily Gresty	2nd
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1 March - Rockhampton

PC Team Jumping (individual and team)		
10 & Under 2'	Emily Gresty	1st I
10 & Under 2'	Emily Gresty	1st T
12 & Under 2'3"	Emily Gresty	2nd T
12 & Under 2'6"	Emily Gresty	3rd I

	12 & Under 2'6"	Emily Gresty	4th T
2 March - Forest of Dean			
	Dengie Regional Final 1m	Emily Gresty	5th
	95cm	Emily Gresty	1st
4 March - Hand Equestrian Centre			
	Preliminary Dressage	Vicky Clark	3rd
9 March - Rockhampton			
	1m Open - Qual Scope Festival	Emily Gresty	4th
21 March - Aldon			
	Novice Eventing	Lizzel Winter	1st
22 March - West Wilts			
	Newcomers	Emily Gresty	3rd
23 March - Badgworth			
	PC Team Jumping (individual and team)		
	12 & Under 2'3"	Emily Gresty	1st T
29 March - West Wilts			
	Preliminary Dressage	Vicky Clark	6th
15 April - Hand Equestrian Centre			
	PC Team Jumping (individual and team)		
	12 & Under 2'6"	Emily Gresty	4th I
	12 & Under 2'6"	Emily Gresty	6thT
	14 & Under 3'	Emily Gresty	2nd T
16 April - West Wilts			
	Preliminary Dressage	Rebecca Shopland	1st
21 April - Chavenage			
	Beaufort PC - ODE		
	14 & Under 2'9"	Emily Gresty	6th
6 April - Hilltop			
	2 phase 2'9"	Esmé Doyle	4th
27 April - Forest of Dean			
	Preliminary Dressage	Vicky Clark	5th



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Issue 1

Happy New Year

and welcome to Severnvale's first Newsletter. We thought that it would be a great way of letting people know of developments at Severnvale, forthcoming events, clients' successes and to have some fun. The aim is to produce a Newsletter every 3 months and all contributions and ideas are welcome – so let's make Severnvale the place to be in 2003.

Smartie Appeal

A really big thank you, to everybody who helped raise money for upgrading the indoor school facilities. We raised £325. Needless to say, we have a long way to go, but hopefully by 2004 the project will be complete. We will keep you informed of progress.

The Riding School

Severnvale is a British Horse Society approved riding school. It provides riding tuition for all standards of rider, in groups and on a one-to-one basis. There are a large variety of school horses suitable for complete beginners and for very competent riders. People with their own horses are also welcome for tuition.

Facilities include an indoor school and an outdoor school, a full set of showjumps and a cross-country course.

Severnvale is open every day except Mondays and offers regular groups of various levels at weekends and in the evenings. Trainers range from student teachers to BHS and international trainer. See Sally for more information about what might suit your needs.

The Pony Club

Severnvale is pleased to announce that it is now a Pony Club Centre. This is a club for clients under 21 years who do not own their own horses or ponies. Members can benefit from activities organised by the centre such as rallies, camps competitions, tests and trips. The Pony Club aims to provide a high standard of instruction in horsemanship and animal care, which is why Severnvale is so delighted to be able to offer this to clients.

So what does membership include?

Achievement Badges – there are 20 subjects, ranging from bandaging and rugs to road safety, which members can test their skills against. Members who are successful are awarded an embroidered badge, which can be sewn onto sweatshirts.

Progressive Tests – there are 3 levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold, which help prepare members for the Efficiency Tests as well as being a great way to monitor progress.

Efficiency Tests – these are the traditional Pony Club Tests.

The annual subscription to join the Club is £17, which entitles members to take part in the Pony Club activities. Members also receive magazines and other information to help them enjoy their riding. So speak to Sally or Juliet to find out more information about the Pony Club and for application forms.

Christmas Show

The Christmas show was a success. All competitors had great fun. Congratulations to Bridget on Millie for successfully completing her first Clear Round. The party afterwards was excellent; a first for Juliet. Hopefully there will be more.

Good Luck Emily & Thank You Eric

Emily started riding at Severnvale when she was 4. Her comments on her first lesson were "When can I gallop?" Six years later, not only is she galloping, but successfully competing in affiliated show jumping. Those of you who have been coming to Severnvale for a while will remember Emily's first pony, Jelly, who was bought from the school. She was very sadly sold 15 months ago and is now leading a quiet life, semi-retired as a pet to two other children. Emily now rides William, who is on loan to her. She still has her lesson once a week and a big thank you to a very patient Eric, who puts up with her sulks (when the jumps aren't big enough), tears (Emily regularly inspects the indoor school surface!!!), but most of all smiles and laughter when it all goes right.

Emily's aim for this year is to compete in the National Newcomers final at the Horse of the Year Show and to win a Foxhunter competition. I'm sure there will be lots more tears and smiles along the way, but with hard work and a bit of luck she has every chance of achieving this.

Competition

As this is a start to the New Year and a new venture with the Newsletter, we want to have a competition to design a heading.

The competition is open to everybody under 16 years and will be judged at the end of February, so all those who are talented and wish to put an entry in, please do so by handing it in to the office by 24 February. Entries are £1 and will be judged on the following:

Represents Severnvale

Creativeness

Simplicity

Good luck and happy creating. The winning entry will appear on the next Newsletter as well as the winner receiving a half hour private lesson or a one-hour group lesson.

Horse Behaviour

Any horses' problems, especially clipping problems at this time of year, Juliet is a trainee horsewhisperer working towards her Preliminary Certificate in Intelligent Horsemanship.

Forthcoming Events

We offer a variety of riding activities:

Dressage clinics - held on the first Friday of every month. Next clinic Friday 7 February at 6.30pm and 8.00pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits with discussion. Ladies Morning - the group ride every Tuesday at 10.00am, followed with tea, coffee and discussion.

Birthday parties - 1½hrs for grooming and tack up and 1hr of gymkhana games plus rosettes for all - £14.50 per person.

Fun Day during Half Term week - also Gymkhana for older children.

Horseball match to be arranged at the end of January or February.

If you are interested in taking a part-time BHS Stage 1 Course, we'd like to start one in February - speak to Sally for details.

Show Dates 2003

Evening Showjumping	12 June
ODE	22 June
Evening Dressage	26 June
Evening Showjumping	10 July
2 Phase Event	13 July
Family Show	20 July
Evening Dressage	31 July
Evening Showjumping	14 August
Evening Dressage	20 August
Welsh Championships	31 August
Course Dates 2003	
Green Horse Course	22/23 Feb
Pre-Event Course	7/8/9 March
Evening Rally	19 June
Evening Rally	24 July
Evening Rally	28 August

For Sale

If you have any items, which you wish to sell, let us know for the next newsletter.

Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be produced for April. If you have an article, comment, item for sale, please hand it in to the office, for the attention of Vicky Clark, by 14 March.