

# **FELSTED HORSE SOCIETY**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**February 2009**

## **Chairman's Chat.**

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that it is now over a year since I accepted the nomination of the Committee to become Chairman of the FHS. It was not without some trepidation that I took on the role as the Society has been Chaired for over 25 years by a 'tour de force', Michael Smith, and I knew he would be a very tough act to follow. I and everyone involved with FHS, past and present, are indebted to Michael for his stewardship of the Society over those years.

He was very ably assisted by Peter Hughes in the role of Vice Chair. Peter also decided that it was time to step down and hand over the 'reins'. Our gratitude to Peter is also extended and I am pleased to say he has been a very welcome volunteer, as has Michael, at some of last year's events.

I am very fortunate to have Jane Carter as Vice Chair of the Society. Jane is a long serving member of FHS and has a wealth of experience and expertise in horse events. I have also been equally fortunate to have had the expertise and guidance of other long serving members of FHS, Norma Gerken, Secretary; Mac Gibson, Treasurer; Margaret Gibson, Annual and Showing Show Director; Karina Hammond, Christmas Fun Jumping Show Director and Committee members Carol Freeman, Katie Wase and Angela Horspool.

I am pleased to have met so many members and thank you all for your continued support this year. I can promise that 2009 will bring you more events to look forward to.

As always we are looking for your input so please tell us what events you would like and what you would like to see on the website and in the newsletters. We do value your comments and suggestions and you will notice that there have been some changes to the Showing and Annual Show schedules as a result.

The AGM is on 9 March at 8 pm in the Memorial Hall, Felsted and I look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

David Horspool  
Chairman

## Annual General Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> March 2009

### Points Awards

#### Show Jumping 10-12yrs

1<sup>st</sup> = Rosie Trembath

#### Show Jumping Adults

1<sup>st</sup> = Angela Thomas

#### Showing 9 & under

1<sup>st</sup> = Ella Hedges  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Emma Pass

#### Showing Adults

1<sup>st</sup> = Andrea Warden  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Angela Thomas  
3<sup>rd</sup> = Linda Herod  
4<sup>th</sup> = Judy Byford  
5<sup>th</sup> = Jessica Fletcher  
5<sup>th</sup> = Angela Horspool  
6<sup>th</sup> = Kathy Geraghty  
6<sup>th</sup> = Beverly Hayden

#### Show Jumping 13-16 yrs

1<sup>st</sup> = Charlotte Dawson

#### Showing 13-16 yrs

1<sup>st</sup> = Molly Geraghty  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Shannon Kindon

#### Working Hunter 10-12 yrs

1<sup>st</sup> = Rosie Trembath

#### Working Hunter Adults

1<sup>st</sup> = Angela Thomas

## **Events for 2009**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Fun Ride	Furness Farm, Margaretting	19 April
Showing Show	Sunnybrook Farm, Felsted	19 July
Annual Show	Sunnybrook Farm, Felsted	16 August
Christmas Fun Jumping Show	Norton Heath	7 November



Welcome to New Member

Hollie Crowe

**We look forward to seeing you at this year's events**



**PARC (Essex)**

Opens on 16 February 2009

Open day in the summer date  
to be advised

**Thanks to all those who participate in our Fun Rides each year, we have been able to make donations to this very worthy project.**

## EVENTS HELD IN 2008 UPDATE

### Fun Ride

April had been such a wet month that we feared that our annual charity fun ride on 27th April might have been washed away. However the day started fine and despite a few showers the real rain held off until the end.

Even though the forecast was not great we had our best entries for many years. Everyone was very keen to get out and canter away the cobwebs. The course at Furness Farm rode really well and everyone returned happy and safely.

Our charity this year was PARC ( Essex ) a play and respite centre for disabled children and their families. The work on the new building is complete and money raised went towards fitting it out. The Centre officially opens on the 16 February and there will be an Open Day in the summer, date to be advised.

My thanks go to my fellow committee members Norma, David and especially Peter, Jeanette and Peter, our paramedics, Poppies catering, JNA Photography and of course Simon Upton for his lovely course.

Thank you to everyone who entered and made it such a super day. I hope you enjoyed yourselves and it would be great to see you again next year.

Jane Carter

### Showing Show

FHS again held its Showing Show at Sunnybrook Farm by kind permission of Mrs. Joan Marshall. Following our 50th Anniversary Show it was good to see several "old" members returning to compete and there was a high standard in both the horse and pony classes.

Championships were sponsored by **Conor Fenelon Equine Clinic** and we are grateful for their support and attendance at our events this year.

The Committee would like to thank all the Judges, Stewards and helpers for their hard work to make a successful show and an enjoyable day.

### Annual Show

As always, the Annual Show was a very successful event and enjoyed by all who attended. The results are now available to download from our website events page - congratulations to all those mentioned!

## **Christmas Fun Jumping Show –**

On Sunday 21st December we again held our Christmas jumping show at Norton Heath, and extend our thanks to **Haydon Cars** who sponsored the event. As always it was a very early start for us with course building and setting up for the day but thankfully it was considerably warmer than last year. Once again, thanks to the committee members who came and helped, it's a long day packed with hard work! We again had a willing 'goaly', who saved all the goals, so thanks to Matthew and also to Chris. (Both were dragged out of bed by Karina in the small hours!) It was an enjoyable day with some good classes and the results can be viewed on the website.

A special mention for Angela Thomas, FHS member who brought two horses, entered almost every class and had a successful day – thank you for your support Angela.

The date for next year is 7th November and we hope to see more of our members this year!

**[www.felstedhorsesociety.co.uk](http://www.felstedhorsesociety.co.uk)**

To qualify for points towards members Trophies ALL riders must do a working party or help at a show or nominate someone to do so on their behalf.

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