

# HODGEMOOR RIDER

## Tons of Hoggin

In June this year, we had a call saying that the Chalfont St Giles Bowling Club needed to dispose of tons of hoggin excavated to build their new pavilion. This seemed like a good opportunity to miss, so we took it. The Bowling Club paid the £2500 cost of transporting the hoggin to a storage area agreed with Forest Enterprise beside the new BMX rack at the NW corner of the Woods and the Association contributed £200.

The 300 tons is approximately enough to surface 1200 metres of 2m wide trail. This is about what we have done already in the woods. The price of hoggin varies considerably but even at its lowest (£9.50), this amount is worth @£2800.

We hope to use this hoggin to patch up really bad small areas in the near future. And then when we have enough funds to resurface longer stretches, we will obviously be able to economise on the overall price as we'll have the hoggin already.

October 2005

## Trec Day in May



Seventeen members came to this TREC morning and many were pleasantly surprised – like Tim Taylor above – by what their mounts actually did for the first time ever!



*Tessa Bayliss and Martha took a little time to get over the "river" but did it in great style in the end.*

There will be another TREC morning on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The date has been changed from October 22<sup>nd</sup>. TREC is less susceptible to bad weather, and seems like a good way to cheer up those dull November days. This time there will be an orienteering section in the Woods, as well as the various obstacle challenges.

## Cross Country Mornings

Not many turned up to the Easter Fun Jump, but it was a different story on July 8<sup>th</sup>.



*Amy Hickey doing the new low course.*

This was clearly because of the new parallel low course with jumps between 1ft 6" and 2ft. Both high and low courses now have 21 jumps each, including two doubles.



*Angie Bunsell tackles the tyres on the high course*

And we had two photographers! Emma Taylor and also a local professional photographer (Peter Jones from Pretty Pictures) who wanted to have a go at equestrian subjects. He kindly put them up on his website afterwards.



*The contingent from Austens Farm arriving*

The next XC is on 1 October 10 to 12. Rosettes for clear round, £5 for first round, £2 for second round for members. Hope you'll come! Field has just been topped and jumps tidied up so looking good.

## Dressage Clinic

In early August, eventer and dressage expert Sacha Hamilton kindly hosted a dressage clinic to help the Association at her yard (Austens). Three people had to drop out at the last minute, but the

remaining three had a wonderful morning. Sacha has offered to run other clinics in both dressage and show jumping. Many thanks to her.

## Pig Tales

*Contributed by Richard Hill from Manor Farm*

Guinness had always suffered from grease in his heels, and, therefore, stamped his back legs. I tried clipping his feathers, not clipping his feathers, standing him in disinfectant, louse powder...you name it. Then one of our farriers suggested pig oil and sulphur, apparently an old remedy used by heavy horse owners, but kept by them as sort of a trade secret. The secret's out! It's great. Guinness has stopped stamping and almost the whole yard has used it for all sorts of mild parasitic skin diseases. And pig oil alone is a really good mane, tail and feather conditioner!

Pig oil is used by pig breeders to make their charges gleam before shows and is not easy to find. However, Penn Equine in Hammersley Lane, Penn, will order it. Sulphur or "flowers of sulphur" can be got from a pharmacist but, since it's an ingredient of gunpowder, you may be viewed with suspicion, especially if you have a straggly beard and a tea towel round your head. Thoroughly mix a handful of sulphur to half a pint of oil and rub it in. The only down side is the horses have started to oink instead of neigh....

## Future Events

**XC Funjump, 10-12 Saturday 1 October**

**AGM**, 8 pm, Monday 17 October, Chalfont St Giles Reading room

**TREC Morning**, Saturday 12 November

**Joint Ride/Drive** with Black Park Harness Club to Red Lion Club, Coleshill, Sunday 18 December.

**ALSO PLANNED: dressage/XC/SJ clinics and Xmas Treasure Hunt**



*Sue Hill-Venning and her mother Britannia (and 2 others!) taking part in procession to open Chalfont St Giles Fair on 3 September*



# HODGEMOOR RIDING ASSOCIATION



Annual General Meeting  
8 p.m. Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005  
Reading Room, Chalfont St Giles

## BEFORE THE AGM, DANIELLE LANSTONE OF ALLEN & PAGE WILL GIVE US A SHORT TALK ON NUTRITION

### AGENDA

1. Approval of Accounts
2. Fund-Raising Activities: Report on this year's so far, and others planned.
3. Use of Hoggin: "Patch Up and Save Up". There are now 300 tons of hoggin in Hodgemoor waiting to be used. Either we save up to do another 200 metre trail properly (which would cost @£6000, and we currently have @ £4000). Or we use some of our funds and some of the hoggin to patch up certain small sections not only in Hodgemoor but also in the Wickham Way bridleway. Or we do both, ie Patch up and Save Up.
4. Maintaining Membership levels and Communication with Liveries
5. Saving costs by using email.
6. Election of Officers and Committee  
*(please send us your nominations or bring them on the night. We are keen to see some new faces on the committee, especially anyone really interested in developing new bridleways. Meetings are about 4 times a year.)*

#### Current Committee:

Chairman: Marcus Bicknell  
 Treasurer: Tim Taylor  
 Secretary: Susie Bicknell  
 Members: Heather Black, Georgina Blair, Judith Broadley, Audrey Holbrook, Terry Holbrook

#### New Committee:

	Candidate	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman			
Treasurer			
Secretary			
Member			
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7. Any other business *(please feel free to raise your concerns and ideas)*

**BRING AND BUY SALE:** if you have any second hand horsey stuff to sell, come at 7.30 p.m. so we can mark it up! 25% to Hodgemoor,  
 Also any tombola contributions will be gratefully received!