

Area 5 Annual “On Foot” Rally at Pittern Hill, Kineton by kind invitation of Mr. R. Philpot.

Each year, in February, Area 5 holds an “on foot” rally for members and non members.

The morning started with cake and coffee and a presentation of the Area 5 Junior Point’s trophy from Roger Philpot to Jorja Deacon. That certainly got the day off to a happy start!

This year the theme in the morning was the affect the rider has on the balance of the side saddle and how to re balance the ride through correct saddle fitting and correct positional training of the rider. Expert side saddle guru and speaker, Mr Roger Philpot, showed members what to look for prior to the rider mounting.



With our two riders on board, Jane Bird on Storm and Lauren Faggeter on Sydney, Roger talked us through how, even if the saddle is sitting well on a horse, the rider can influence the saddle staying in balance with the horse.



Jane Bird had dressed to impress! This gave us valuable time to show our newer members the art of Equitation Turnout and a few tips on how to gain those all important extra marks.

Lunch took place in the newly decorated lecture room and was provided by the Area 5 ladies coordinated by Area 5 “mum” Jane Nicholas.

We were then ready to begin our afternoon presentation on Costumes for Concours Classes lead by Emma Richardson Steele and Katie Downing.

The room was festooned with outfits and more were to be seen on the projector! The ladies talked us through how to choose an outfit, how to wear it and which materials are best to use if you decide to make your own. From hat choices to covering safety hats, underwear and gloves, these two left no stone unturned.



Katie Gulliver and Jane Bird hit the catwalk as our models for the day and were very accomplished in their new found careers!

There is no doubt that Emma Richardson Steel and Katie Downing have given us a lot of inspiration!



The afternoon concluded with tea and more cakes! No one went home hungry!

Area 5 wishes to thank all those who supported and helped and to Roger Philpot for allowing us to invade his yard yet again!

