

Treatment: Treat with Praziquantel twice a year in spring and autumn (see table 2).
4. *Gasterophilus* species (bots): Clusters of yellow eggs laid on the hairs of legs and shoulders by flies are licked off.
Problem: Larvae may cause digestive tract irritation.
Treatment: Use ivermectin or moxidectin in the winter when the flies are dead to break the cycle (see table 2).

Strategies for Control and Pasture Management

In most situations, re-infection from pasture is a serious problem, so there are two complementary aspects to control: treating the pasture *and* treating the horse. The availability of infective larvae on pasture is markedly increased in early summer and late autumn when environmental conditions are warm and wet. Heavy rainfall following a dry summer (and hence a build up of eggs) may cause ‘super-infection’ with consequent attacks of colic in grazing horses.

The most effective way to reduce pasture contamination is to remove droppings regularly. In optimal conditions, eggs can develop into infective larvae in less than one week, so that twice weekly removal is necessary.

In addition to climatic effects, the infective potential of pasture is increased by: a high stocking density, over grazing (which forces horses to graze close to dropping patches), multiple changes of horses and the presence of young horses.

Resistant parasites can only survive by producing eggs and larvae to infect the next host. Pasture cleaning prevents this.

Drug Dosing

There are three main strategies when considering dosing.

- 1. **Interval dosing:** The traditional and most common approach with the administration of a wormer at regular intervals. Appropriate intervals must be adhered to and these depend on which wormer has been used. To avoid problems of resistance change wormer to a chemically unrelated class of drug every 12 months (see table 2).
- 2. **Strategic dosing:** Involves worming at

specific times of the year to disrupt the seasonal cycle of transmission: encysted small red worm larvae in late autumn, tapeworms in spring and autumn, bots in winter. Problems may arise when we have abnormal weather patterns or if there are heavily infested horses in the group.

3. **Targeted strategic dosing:** This would be the recommended strategy in most instances and in well-managed groups of horses. Baskerville, Horgan and Partners recommend this method. In conjunction with strategic dosing, individual worm burdens are assessed with faecal egg counts, and treatment is ‘targeted’ accordingly. It is the most reliable and ultimately the most cost efficient worming.

Table 1 is an example of a strategic dosing regime using Equest and Equest Pramox and controls all species of worms. The moxidectin in Equest is effective for 13 weeks, which allows giving just four doses a year, 3 months apart.

Use a weigh tape to give the correct dose, and worm at the correct interval for the wormer being used.

With good pasture management and by monitoring the worm burden with faecal egg counts, a plan such as above can be tailored to a horse’s individual needs – feel free to talk your vet about your specific situation! Faecal egg counts are extremely useful as they identify the most common types (small and large redworm and large roundworm) of parasite, and give an indication of the number of adult

worms in the intestine which, in turn, gives a measure of the degree of pasture contamination. Analysis only sometimes recognises tapeworms, due to the sporadic release of eggs by tapeworm, and will not indicate the existence of bots.

A horse faecal egg count of 1,000 eggs per gram can produce a pasture contamination of approx 80 million strongyle eggs per week.

On livery yards with large numbers of horses, faecal egg counts may be impractical and interval dosing maybe the only safe option. Ideally all horses should follow the same programme and be dosed at the same time. Newly acquired horses should be wormed and isolated for two days before grazing with existing stock.

Remember, small red worms are the most important to control as they encyst/hibernate in the gut wall over winter and can go undetected in a faecal egg count. Therefore, at the end of the grazing season all horses should be treated against small red worms (*cyathostomes*). A single dose of Equest (moxidectin) or five daily treatments with Panacur Equine Guard are the only wormers to do this.

For further information on the care of horses and ponies, together with a comprehensive range of information leaflets, please visit www.hampdenvets.co.uk. Baskerville, Horgan & Partners is the Equine Division of Hampden Veterinary Hospital.

Table 1

Season	Worms to target	Wormer
Spring/April	Hibernating Cyathostomes/ Tapeworm	Equest Pramox
Summer/July	Redworms	Equest
Autumn/October	Larval Cyathostomes/ Tapeworm	Equest Pramox
Winter/January	Bots	Equest

Table 2

Wormer	Active drug	Worms specifically killed
Equest	Moxidectin	Adult red worm, encysted and larval red worm, bots
Eqvalan/Furexel/Panomec/Eraquell	Ivermectin	Adult red worm, large red worm larvae, bots
Panacur/Panacur Equine Guard	Fenbendazole/ Fenbendazole 10%	Adult red worm/small red worm larvae at 5-day dose
Pramox/Equitape/Equimax	Praziquantel	Tapeworm
Strongid P/Pyratape P	Pyrantel	Double dose for tapeworm (not as effective as praziquantel)

CYNTHIA PITMAN: OBITUARY

First printed in the Daily Telegraph on 13th October 2007

Cynthia Pitman, who has died aged 94, was a lifelong hunt follower who was still riding to hounds in her mid-eighties, always at the head of the field and undaunted by weather or terrain; in her hunting colours and black top hat, she cut a slight but unique figure as the oldest woman in Britain regularly to ride in pursuit of the fox.

For some 70 years in season, she hunted for three days a week, rain or shine, and always rode out sidesaddle (she could not ride astride), cubbing in tweeds and bowler but, after the opening meet, dressed in full skirt and hunting jacket – blue and buff with the Duke of Beaufort’s hunt, black with the Vale of the White Horse. The whole outfit was crowned by a top hat of gleaming black silk.

Among her favourite hunters was Munster Bank, a bay gelding on whom she was painted by the foxhunting artist Lionel Edwards in the 1960s, and her last horse Douro, bought from the Queen through her brother, the late Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, a Crown equerry.

Cynthia Geraldine Amy Miller was born on December 7 1912 at Shotover Park, Wheatley, her family’s Oxfordshire estate. Both her father, General Alfred Miller of the Scots Greys, and her mother, died when she was still quite young and she and her younger brother were looked after by a nanny.

She was educated at Abbot’s Hill school, Hemel Hempstead, before returning to Shotover to live the life of a leisured young lady. In 1930, when she was 18, she was presented at court and launched into the London season from the family town house.

Her passion for horses began with ponies when she was still a small girl; her father had been Master of the South Oxfordshire, and the whole family rode.

It was in the hunting field that she met Tim Pitman, grandson of Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of the shorthand system, whom she married a year before the outbreak of war, and with whom she settled at the village of Long Newnton, on the outskirts of Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

During the war she ran a Land Army canteen and had a narrow escape when an RAF bomber crashed on her house and destroyed it while trying to land in fog at a nearby airfield.

In 1946 she and her husband moved to Eastcourt Park, a 400-acre Cotswold estate with manor house near Malmesbury. Shortly after it was built in 1662 the house was visited by Charles II’s wife, Catherine of Braganza, whose coat-of-arms can be seen above one of the fireplaces.

During the last war the house was commandeered by a school, and the couple lived in a cottage on the estate until the school left and the house was restored.

From here she would drive to join the Beaufort and Bathurst (later Vale of the White Horse) hunts – normally three days a week and going with the best of them, her cousin recalled – until she finally retired nine years ago.

In 1992, to mark her 80th birthday, Cynthia Pitman hosted a joint meet of the Duke of Beaufort’s and the Vale of the White Horse hunts. ‘I’ve had a wonderful hunting life,’ she told *Horse & Hound* magazine, ‘and I’m so lucky to have the health and fortune to be still enjoying it.’

Cynthia Pitman, who died on October 1, married, in 1938, Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart (‘Tim’) Pitman, a director of the Pitman family publishing and printing firm. He died in 1990, and she is survived by their four daughters.



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Blenheim Stud Revisited

When Shetland ponies met The Society of Equestrian Artists, there were some unexpected results, reveals Karoline Thorpe



ABOVE: Is this close enough?

After the article in the Spring 2006 issue of this magazine by my mother, Jill Evans, we had an e-mail from Mrs Jackie Henderson, who is a member of the Society of Equestrian Artists.

Jackie came out in the spring to see us with a view to holding a workshop here painting the Shetlands. She took loads of photos, and then arranged to come back with her friends later in the year.

In the meantime we were invited up to London to the Mall Galleries, for a private viewing of the latest annual exhibition in July, to be opened by Lord Oaksey O.B.E. So up to London we went on the hottest day of the year. What an eye opener the Art was! Fantastic! Some pieces seemed rather strange but on the whole it was great. Jackie had six pieces at the exhibition and the one I really liked was The Musical Ride: the colours were really vibrant, and the feel of movement quite amazing.

On the appointed day of the visit, 16th August, we watched the weather closely, and we were lucky – it was not too hot, yet nice and bright.

I managed to get an invitation for our local young artist, Oliver Harbour, to join Jackie and her friends for the day. They started by going round all the ponies with the cameras for well over an hour, and then

we put four mares and their foals, two in each paddock, for the close work.

The group stopped for lunch and had a general chat about what they had done in the morning and we answered any questions that they had about the ponies. After lunch, we put the four mares and foals back out with the rest of the gang, so that Jackie and crew could then spend the afternoon doing landscapes. Jackie spent a lot of time with Oliver and even had him playing with pastels for the first time. He said he found it very challenging, not to mention having to watch out for little people nibbling him and upsetting things!

The group stopped at 4 o'clock for tea and a discussion about the day's efforts. I hope Jackie, Oliver and friends enjoyed themselves – I know the foals did, as they have never had

so many people to attack, nibble and play with all in one go!

It would be nice to see the ponies on canvas, perhaps even at next year's Exhibition in the Mall Galleries (even if it does mean another trip up the Smoke), so watch this space – we may see a Blenheim Pony up in lights yet...

The Society of Equestrian Artists are at www.equestrianartists.co.uk. They put on exhibitions all over the country that are well worth a visit.



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December 2007

- 1 **PATCHETTS:** unaffiliated show jumping
- 1 **BERKSHIRE RIDING CLUB:** B.D Medium/FEI Show
- 2 **TWESELDOWN:** Point-to-point, Tweseldown Racing Club
- 2 **MILTON KEYNES EVENTING CENTRE :** Winter Indoor Show Jumping
- 2 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 2 **SNOWBALL FARM:** Unaffiliated Indoor Show Jumping
- 2 **KEYSOE EC:** BD Dressage
- 3 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 4 **MILTON KEYNES EC:** Novice Evening Show Jumping
- 4 **BERKSHIRE RIDING CLUB:** Robert Pickles Clinic
- 4 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 5 **KEYSOE EC:** British Dressage
- 5 **BERKSHIRE RIDING CLUB:** Douglas Hibbert Clinic
- 5-6 **PATCHETTS:** Dressage Clinic with Anna Ross-Davies
- 6 **MILTON KEYNES EC:** Unaffiliated Indoor Dressage
- 6 **ADDINGTON EC:** Affiliated Dressage
- 7 **PATCHETTS:** Dressage Clinic with Anna Ross-Davies
- 7 **BERKSHIRE RIDING CLUB:** BD Dressage Day
- 8 **MILTON KEYNES EC:** Novice Indoor Show Jumping
- 8 **ADDINGTON EC:** Unaffiliated Winter Dressage
- 8 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 8 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 9 **KEYSOE EC:** Showing
- 9 **MILTON KEYNES EC:** Junior BSJA
- 9 **ADDINGTON EC:** Indoor Hunter Trial
- 9-10 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Dressage
- 10 **ADDINGTON EC:** Clear Round Jumping Evening
- 10 **HALL PLACE:** Evening Dressage
- 10 **SNOWBALL FARM:** Affiliated Dressage
- 11 **ADDINGTON EC:** BSJA Senior Show Jumping – adv. Show
- 11 **KEYSOE EC:** Jennie Loriston-Clarke Demo
- 12 **BERKSHIRE RIDING CLUB:** Douglas Hibbert Clinic
- 12 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors PA
- 13 **ADDINGTON EC:** Affiliated Dressage
- 13 **PATCHETTS:** Show Jumping clinic with Stuart Reeve-Young
- 15 **MILTON KEYNES EC:** Hairey Scaries Christmas Showing Show
- 15 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 15 **KEYSOE EC:** Indoor Eventer Trial
- 15-16 **ADDINGTON EC:** BSJA Senior Show Jumping
- 16 **DUNTHROP:** Point-to-Point, Farmers Bloodhounds
- 16 **SNOWBALL FARM:** Unaffiliated Indoor Dressage
- 16 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Show Jumping
- 16 **MILTON KEYNES EC:** Unaffiliated Indoor Dressage
- 16 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors Am
- 16 **HALL PLACE:** Show Jumping and Christmas Show

- 17 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 18 **MILTON KEYNES EC:** Open Evening Show Jumping
- 20 **MILTON KEYNES EC:** Unaffiliated Indoor Dressage
- 20 **ADDINGTON EC:** Unaffiliated Winter Dressage
- 20-21 **PATCHETTS:** Dressage clinic with Anna Ross-Davies
- 21-22 **ASCOT RACECOURSE:** Family Day – the BGC Christmas Meeting
- 22 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Show Jumping for Ponies
- 23 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Show Jumping for Horses
- 24 **PATCHETTS:** Dressage clinic with Anna Ross-Davies
- 27 **PATCHETTS:** Show Jumping clinic with Annette Lewis
- 30 **BCA, BURCHETTS GREEN:** Inter-hunt Show Jumping, Garth & South Berks Hunt; Contact Nolan Best on 01189 304101
- 30 **MILTON KEYNES EC:** Winter Indoor Show Jumping

January 2008

- 5 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Show Jumping Derby
- 5 **KEYSOE EC:** Agility
- 6 **TWESELDOWN:** Point-to-point, Staff College & RMA Sandhurst Draghounds
- 6 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Showjumping or Combined Training
- 6 **MILTON KEYNES EVENTING CENTRE:** Winter Indoor Show Jumping
- 6 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping Senior Derby
- 7 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 9-10 **PATCHETTS:** Dressage clinic with Anna Ross-Davies
- 11-12 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 12 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Junior (Coral & Sparkle)
- 13 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Junior
- 13 **BCA:** OBH Hughenden Pony Club Open Show Jumping
- 13-14 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Dressage
- 16 **NEWBURY RACES:** Jumps
- 16 **PATCHETTS:** Show Jumping clinic with Stuart Reeve-Young
- 16 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors
- 17 **PATCHETTS:** Show Jumping clinic with Annette Lewis
- 18 **PATCHETTS:** Junior Affiliated Show Jumping Evening
- 19 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Show Jumping
- 19 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 19 **SNOWMAN'S BALL:** Phyllis Court Club, Henley. Contact Amanda Stewart, 01491 684151
- 20 **KEYSOE EC:** showing
- 20 **DUNTHROP:** Point-to-point Heythrop
- 20-21 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 22 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 24 **PATCHETTS:** Show Jumping clinic with Stuart Reeve-Young

- 24-25 **PATCHETTS:** Dressage clinic with Anna Ross-Davies
- 25 **PATCHETTS:** Show Jumping clinic with Annette Lewis
- 25 **NEWBURY RACES:** Jumps
- 26 **MILTON KEYNES EVENTING CENTRE:** Junior BSJA
- 26 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Show Jumping
- 26 **KEYSOE EC:** Indoor Eventer Trial
- 27 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 28 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Dressage
- 29-30 **PATCHETTS:** Dressage clinic with Anna Ross-Davies
- 30 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors
- 30 **CHILTERN EQUINE CLINIC:** £10 Lecture, Breeding your Mare & Caring for the Newborn Foal
- 31 **PATCHETTS:** Dressage clinic with Anna Ross-Davies

February 2008

- 1 **PATCHETTS:** Dressage clinic with Anna Ross-Davies
- 2 **KEYSOE EC:** Agility
- 2-6 **PATCHETTS:** British Dressage Winter Semis Southern Winer & Music Regionals
- 3 **BCA:** Wokingham Pony Club Open Show Jumping
- 3 **MILTON KEYNES EVENTING CENTRE:** Winter Indoor Show Jumping
- 5 **MILTON KEYNES EVENTING CENTRE:** Novice Show Jumping Evening
- 5 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 6 **KEYSOE EC:** British Dressage
- 8 **PATCHETTS:** Show Jumping clinic with Annette Lewis
- 9 **NEWBURY RACES:** Jumps
- 9 **KEYSOE EC:** British Dressage Premier League
- 9 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Show Jumping
- 10 **PATCHETTS:** Patchetts Showing Show; affiliated to Ponies UK inc Working Hunters
- 10 **TWESELDOWN:** Point-to-point South Midlands Area Club
- 10 **KEYSOE EC:** British Dressage Premier League
- 11 **KEYSOE EC:** British Dressage Premier League
- 11 **PATCHETTS:** Show Jumping clinic with Stuart Reeve Young Show Jumping clinic
- 12 **KEYSOE EC:** British Dressage Premier League
- 13 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors
- 14 **PATCHETTS:** BSJA Junior
- 15 **PATCHETTS:** Dressage clinic with Anna Ross-Davies
- 16 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Dressage Chiltern & Thames qualifier
- 16 **KEYSOE EC:** Indoor Eventer Trial
- 17 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors – Devoucoux Star Championship qualifier (Blue Chip Champs)
- 17 **MILTON KEYNES EVENTING CENTRE:** Junior BSJA
- 17-18 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Dressage
- 19 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Dressage Paralympic Winter Qualifier

- 19 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 20 **KEYSOE EC:** British Dressage
- 21 **PATCHETTS:** Show Jumping clinic with Stuart Reeve-Young
- 22 **PATCHETTS:** Junior Affiliated Show Jumping Evening
- 23 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Show Jumping
- 23 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 23 **VAGSB HUNT CABARET:** Haddenham Village Hall, 8pm start
- 24 **KEYSOE EC:** British Dressage
- 24-25 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 27 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors
- 27 **CHILTERN EQUINE CLINIC:** £10 Lecture, Laminitis: Treatment & Prevention
- 29 **NEWBURY RACES:** Jumps

March 2008

- 1 **NEWBURY RACES:** Jumps
- 1 **KEYSOE EC:** agility
- 1-2 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 2 **DUNTHROP:** Point-to-point, Bicester with Whaddon Chase
- 2 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA
- 4 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 5 **KEYSOE EC:** British Dressage
- 8 **KINGSTON BLOUNT:** Point-to-point, Oxford University Hunt Club
- 8 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Senior Amateurs
- 8 **PATCHETTS:** Showing Show affiliated to Ponies UK
- 9 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Juniors
- 9-10 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Dressage
- 12 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors PA
- 13 **PATCHETTS:** Show Jumping clinic with Stuart Reeve-Young
- 14 **PATCHETTS:** Show Jumping clinic with Annette Lewis
- 15 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Show Jumping
- 15 **KEYSOE EC:** Indoor Eventer Trial
- 16-17 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 18 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 19 **KEYSOE EC:** British Dressage
- 21 **PATCHETTS:** Showing Show
- 22 **KIMBLE POINT-TO-POINT:** Vale Of Aylesbury with Garth & South Berks Hunt
- 22 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Dressage Chiltern & Thames Rider
- 22-23 **KEYSOE EC:** BSPA
- 23 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Show Jumping
- 25 **PATCHETTS:** Show Jumping clinic with Stuart Reeve-Young
- 26 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors
- 26 **CHILTERN EQUINE CLINIC:** £10 Lecture, Colic and Colic Surgery
- 28 **NEWBURY RACES:** Jumps
- 29 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 29 **NEWBURY RACES:** Jumps
- 29-30 **KEYSOE EC:** Indoor Driving Chamionships
- 30 **TWESELDOWN:** Open Hunter Trials Wokingham Pony Club
- 30-31 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Dressage

April 2008

- 2 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors
- 5 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors
- 5 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Show Jumping
- 6 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping

- 6 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Jumping for horses, including Trailblazers second round
- 8 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 9 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 12 **NEWBURY RACES:** Jumps
- 12-13 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 16 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors
- 18 **NEWBURY RACES:** Flat
- 19 **KINGSTON BLOUNT:** Point-to-point, Vale Of Aylesbury with Garth & South Berks
- 19 **NEWBURY RACES:** Flat
- 19 **PATCHETTS:** Equine Affairs Grasshoppers Show Jumping Training Competition
- 19 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 20 **KEYSOE EC:** Chiltern & Thames Rider Dressage Championships
- 20 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 22 **KEYSOE EC:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 23 **KEYSOE EC:** British Dressage
- 23 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Show Jumping
- 26 **PATCHETTS:** British Dressage Para Spring Qualifier & Badminton Young Dressage Horse Of The Future
- 26 **KEYSOE EC:** amateur Showing Society
- 27 **KEYSOE EC:** trialblazers 2nd Round
- 27 **PATCHETTS:** Unaffiliated Dressage
- 28 **PATCHETTS:** Affiliated Dressage
- 30 **KEYSOE EC:** BSJA Seniors PA
- 30 **CHILTERN EQUINE CLINIC:** £10 Lecture, Common Causes Of Lameness

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A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COMPETITION



Not at all like last time, we have a new competition for our younger readers, with just one simple question:

What is the name of the hippogriff in the Harry Potter books?

The prize up for grabs is a selection of 12 recently published children's books, worth £50, some of which you can see below:



All entries to Susie Bell at Garners, Heath End, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 3UE, or by e-mail to editor@saddlemag.co.uk. Please include your name, address and phone number.



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Here are the best entries from August's competition (the photo was kindly provided by Dorian Harwood (see page 22):

- DIY X-ray kits now in stock with Baskerville & Horgan.
- Jean wondered whether she would be able to follow her new clipping stencil after all.
- Which one's his funny bone?
- Dobbin's glow-in-the-dark Hallowe'en costume was a big hit with the fillies.
- If you can see a horse's ribs you know he's too thin but this is ridiculous!

August's winner is Sugar Buxton (with the clipping stencil), and she wins a bottle of champagne. Don't say we didn't warn you!



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