



Bruce Lawrence Clinic 6-7th March 2010



It was wonderful to see Bruce again & marvel at the easy manner he has with horses. He is not one of the most extrovert teachers; he speaks gently, rides quietly & has a wicked smile, but as our members will have discovered, his teaching packs a punch. Participants were given the opportunity to participate in small group sessions which allowed them to benefit from watching others interpret the guidance given, but also to have ample

opportunity for individual coaching & the chance to see Bruce ride their horse & demonstrate the full potential.

It was an early start but Sharon, Leigh, Kay, Verity & Louise were on the ball & completed their first hour & three quarters in style & led the way for Penny, Jo, Lorna & Roger. There were several new members in the gallery watching as Bruce explained how he communicates the basic moves to horses & it raised a few smiles as some of us couldn't resist joining in & moving our belly button or rounding our lower back when directed. Although this wasn't anything compared to the following day when Andrew, Katherine & Nikki were treated to a very hands on demonstration on how subtle it should be to shift your weight by moving your hips!

The training was a delight to watch & spectators found a few horse rugs to help them keep warm & not miss the action ... the sun



shone to match our mood but it was a bit chilly sitting still. Jane's bacon rolls, endless hot drinks & famous lunch menu provided fuel to keep everyone going. Bruce demonstrated his passion for horses & their riders by an amazing display of stamina, taking only short breaks & showing as much enthusiasm on the last session as he had all weekend. Leigh & Kay kept

up their energy levels & managed training both days with Sarah joining the team on Sunday. It was wonderful to see the horses put through their paces & catch up on how they are progressing, plus see some new faces.

Well done to all who took part & showed us what can be done & we hope there was a bit of motivation generated for Bruce's next visit in August. He plans to stay with us a little longer so more members have the opportunity to meet & work with him. By splitting the three days up into sessions Bruce will be able to cater for varying abilities & members can choose the numbers of sessions they attend. This gives experienced riders an opportunity to identify & concentrate on particular areas they feel need work but also for beginners, those who have young horses & members just wanting to boost their confidence the chance to book a single session with a level 4 instructor at a similar price to a standard riding club lesson. This was our first club event to be held at the Newhall Equestrian Centre & most members appeared pleased with the venue. We had use of the indoor school, food hall, kitchen & could hire stables. The parking was suitable for the boxes & trailers attending & most appeared to find the place without a problem. It was interesting to see a working competition yard & many will have memories of the horse wash next to the school! A big thank you to Neil & his team for making this yet another successful event.

