

Horse breeder wins top award



● Dr Peter Read, left, chairman of the Animal Health and Agricultural Division of Hoechst UK Ltd, presents Miss Peggy Pacey, of Deddington with her Breeder of the Month award.

A Deddington woman, Miss Peggy Pacey, of Park Farm, was recently awarded the Hoechst

Breeder of the Month award at Newbury racecourse.

This award, initiated by

the National Hunt Committee of the Thoroughbred Breeders Association and sponsored by Hoechst Animal Health, aims to encourage and give recognition to British thoroughbred breeders of National Hunt horses.

The award is given to the breeder who gains the highest number of points achieved in National Hunt races by a mare or by the off-spring of one mare.

Miss Pacey runs a 150 acre farm, with a herd of 10 Hereford suckler cows and a flock of 30 Suffolk cross ewes.

She started breeding racehorses over 20 years ago and her first mare, Greenstone gave Lester Piggott one of his first rides as a jockey.

Miss Pacey now owns three brood mares and the winner of this award was a gelding, Ryeman, presently in training with Mr M.H. Easterby in Malton, Yorkshire.

She received a cheque for £350 and a bronze statuette of a horse's head from Dr Peter Read, chairman of the Animal Health and Agricultural Division of Hoechst UK Ltd.