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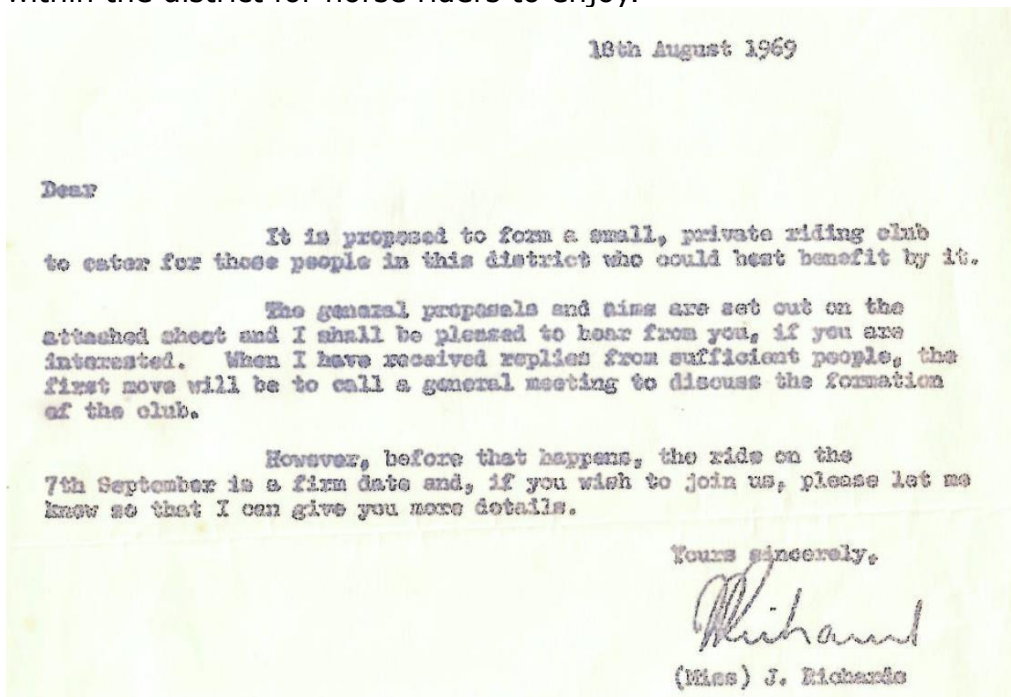
May/June/July 2019 NEWSLETTER



MRC 50th Anniversary 1969-2019

Over the next few newsletters, we would like to share with you some history and memories of our club which has been running for 50 years. In this issue, we look at how the club started and why.

The start of a riding club for the Manhood Peninsular began with a letter sent by J Richards on 18th August 1969 inviting people to express their interest in joining. The main reason was that back then there was very little in the way of clubs and events within the district for horse riders to enjoy.



There was also the option to join the first ride booked in for the 7th September that same year for a mere 15-20 miles! This would be an ongoing proposal to provide these (which now feel quite long!) rides on the first Sunday of the month.

EVENTS

Rides - It is proposed to hold a ride of 15-20 miles on the first Sunday of each month. There will be such a ride on the 7th September; details will be advised later.

The original aims of the club were set out:

- To encourage the enjoyment of riding and good care of horses and ponies
- To promote use and enjoyment of the bridle paths
- To provide facilities for jumping and schooling
- To arrange meetings and competitions with similar clubs
- To arrange lectures and possibly film shows

And were later formulated into a clear set of aims under the rules for the club

MANHOOD RIDING CLUB RULES

JULY 20th 1972

The Name of the Club

Manhood Riding Club.

Aims

To encourage the enjoyment of riding and care of horses and ponies.
To promote the use and enjoyment of the bridle paths.
To provide facilities for jumping, schooling, competitions, lectures, outings, as proposed from time to time.
To provide financial and manual assistance in the creation and maintenance of bridleways in the Manhood in co-operation with the West Sussex C.C.
To boost an awareness of the countryside and its needs.
To undertake tasks in the good interest of riding and the countryside as shall be agreed by the Officers from time to time.

Joining the club would have set you back 10/6d and was only by invitation or introduction and would have needed approval at the general meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

This will be by invitation or introduction. Once the club is formed, names of new applicants will be put to general meeting before application is accepted.

The subscription, for the first year of the club's existence, will be 10/6d. If this is found to be insufficient, the proposal to raise the subscription will be put to the members in general meeting during

More memories will be shared in the next newsletter. If you have any early memories, photos and copies of early newsletters that you would like to share, please email

sue.stokes5@btinternet.com or write to me at 30, Barton Way, Bracklesham Bay. W.Sussex. PO20 8JD. Please send photo copies of original documents and photos. If you do not have access to a photocopier, please phone me on 01243 673282 and we can discuss the options.

DIARY

May

11th Fun Jumping at Hunters Lodge

£5 per class, 4.30pm Start

Class 1 – Clear Round

Class 2 – Novice 1' to 1'9"

Class 3 – Chase Me Charlie

19th Dressage – Thorney Island

See MRC website for more information and entry form.

26th 50th ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS ONLY SHOW – Hunters Lodge

In hand and ridden members only classes and fun classes open to all. Special commemorative rosette for all members to celebrate 50 years as a club. This show is a qualifier for the South Downs Showing Series Finals to be held at Denmead Autumn Show on 8th September 2019. Schedule attached and on the website.

June

8th Fun Jumping at Hunters Lodge

£5 per class, 4.30pm Start

Class 1 – Clear Round

Class 2 – Pairs up to 2'3"

Class 3 – Novice up to 2'3"

25th Committee Meeting, St Wilfrid's Hall, Nutbourne, 8pm

July

13th Fun Jumping at Hunters Lodge

£5 per class, 4.30pm Start

Class 1 – Clear Round

Class 2 – Accumulator

Class 3 – Bucket Elimination

27th Dog Show, Rowlands Castle

Members, family and friends – 5pm start. Rosettes to 6th Place, goodie bags and burger van. If it is raining the event will be cancelled – please check Facebook/website. Schedule attached and on the website.

OTHER DATES for your diary

Aug 10 th	Jumping at Hunters Lodge
Aug 25 th	Open Show – details next newsletter
Sept 7 th	Jumping at Hunters Lodge
Oct 6 th	Autumn Show, Thorney Island, In-hand and Ridden
Oct 12 th	AGM
Dec 1 st	Christmas Show

2019 Performance Awards - no entry fee this year - see website to download Form

Show reports

31st March Spring Show - in-hand and ridden classes. A lovely day at Thorney, the judges were all very impressed with the ponies and competitor's and how polite everyone was. Many thanks for those that attended our first ridden classes hopefully they will increase in numbers 😊 Many thanks to everyone that came. See you in May at the members show. Results are available to view on the website.

16th March - Members practice evening at Hunters Lodge. Four attendees and a really good evening to practice whatever the group wanted to in a safe, pressure free environment. We chose to practice walk, trot and group canters plus individual shows.

13th April – Jumping at Hunters Lodge. A great evening once again, thank you to Kath, Heather & Jackie for all your help and support. Next jumping is 11th May, 4.30pm start.

27th April – Members practice evening at Hunters Lodge. Six attendees took part in the practice evening with a mixture of novice and more experienced horses. We kept to the pace and comfort of all those involved and ensured that everyone achieved their own individual goals. A noticeable improvement for those who attended the March practice evening and good timing ready for the May members show. Thank you to Jackie Brown for running the evening and all those who took part.

Precautionary Advice Regarding Horse Flu Vaccinations

Manhood Riding Club **recommend** that all horses are flu vaccinated. As a precaution, please bring your own water and buckets to shows and do not allow your horse to be in contact with others where possible. Different venues may have their own rules regarding the flu vaccinations and you are advised to check the schedule/information posted for each event.