



NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2019, JANUARY 2020

PLEASE NOTE: THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWS LETTER UNLESS YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE 31st DECEMBER

FEES WILL DOUBLE FROM JANUARY 1st 2020

The membership Form is attached and available to download from the website <http://www.mhridingclub.co.uk/>

DIARY

DECEMBER 2019

1st

Christmas Show, Thorney Island (schedule attached). We have a lot of fabulous sponsors this year and lots of sashes and Christmas rosettes plus our normal super raffle.



Our Charity this year – Teegan Barnard and baby Parker

There is still time to donate a raffle prize – all proceeds go to Teegan Barnard and her baby boy Parker. As you may be aware, Teegan was a past member of the club and very sadly passed away leaving her baby, Parker, behind. At the AGM it was agreed that this year's charity for the show will be for Parker so if you have anything that can be donated to the raffle or if you can come along and help, we would be greatly appreciative. Please contact Heather Linfield.

JANUARY 2020

1st

Come and join us to blow away the cobwebs for a New Years Day ride at Downs Farm, Downs Road, Funtington, PO18 9BU. The ride will leave at 10.30am sharp and be approximately 2 hours with hot soup and rolls afterwards. We are very lucky to have permission to park at the Farm and would ask members to make sure they tidy up after themselves picking up any rubbish or droppings. You must book in to come – please either phone

Charlea Sands on 07561116732 or send her a PM on Facebook. If the weather is bad the ride will be cancelled.

14th Committee Meeting 8pm - St Wilfrid's Hall, Broad Road, Nutbourne. PO18 8SW.

FEBRUARY

1st Members only practice evening at Hunters Lodge in-door school. 4.30 for 5pm start. £10 per person. Details below.

MARCH

7th Members only practice evening at Hunters Lodge in-door school. 4.30 for 5pm start. £10 per person. Details below.

Winter Practice/Clinics – 1st Feb and 7th March

Last year we ran a couple of very successful practice evenings at Hunters Lodge for members to bring their ponies/horses along for pre-show practice. The evening is very informal and we can tailor it to suit you and your horses abilities.

Last year it was all ridden ponies but if enough in-hand ponies wanted to come, we could do a 5pm and 6pm session. Last year we started off riding round together, lined up and then individually practiced what we wanted to do. It gave a lot of us a chance to ride with others and for the more experienced rider/horse there was time to practice a bit more advanced work.



The fee is £10 and non-refundable once booked in. This just goes to cover the school hire for an hour (although most of us were cooked in 30 minutes!). We will keep the groups small but if a lot book in we can run several groups.

Please let Heather know if your horse is a novice or advanced and book in by the Thursday before each session so that the times can be confirmed on the Friday before the event.

Please PM Heather Linfield on Facebook or ring her in the evening only on 02392 412550. You can pay online quoting your name to NatWest Acc No: 49851586 Sort Code: 60-05-24



For those of you who were at the AGM, you will have heard that our Committee Member, Sue Stokes, has stepped down in her role after over 20 years! Sue was an active member of the committee and one of her roles was to put together the newsletter for members, often also including her own articles of interest. The newsletter was a big task in the early days as each one had to be printed off (including any attachments!), folded into an envelope and sent off to each MRC member! This task has been made

much easier with more people having email and the club deciding this would be the method of choice moving forwards. The Committee would like to thank Sue for all her hard work and time she gave to the club and have made her an Honorary member. Thank you, Sue and hopefully we will see you at some of our events.



We are pleased to welcome two new committee members to the team. Charlea Sands joined us at the AGM and Jenny Henderson joined us part way through the year. Both committee members are warmly welcomed and we look forward to working with you on future club events.



The committee would like to wish all our MRC members who are taking part STARS Champion of Champions Southern Show 16th to the 17th November the very best of luck! We are very proud of you all.

Forthcoming events

- ☞ **Spring Show** – Thorney Island, March 29th. Schedule next n/l.
- ☞ **Dressage** – March 15th , April 19th and May 17th. Details next n/l.
- ☞ **Jumping** – April 11^h, May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, Aug 8th, Sept 12th. Details next n/l.
- ☞ **Members Show** – 31st May – Hunters Lodge;
- ☞ **Dog Show** – 25th July Rowlands Castle;
- ☞ **Open Show** – 23rd Aug - Hunters Lodge.
- ☞ **Compton Cross Country** – to be confirmed

Show Report – October 2019 Autumn Show

The weather was fantastic, the sun shone and those that were there had a lovely day, the entries were down in numbers but both judges agreed the animals forward were full of quality. Many thanks to all my helpers, Lisa Lawrence, Jackie Brown, Kath Chapman, Jenny Henderson and to our wonderful Judges Richard Stone & Michael Goddard. Thank you to Jane for the marvellous catering.

PS - the Form for next year's performance awards is attached or you can down load it from the website.

