

HODGEMOOR RIDING ASSOCIATION

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting, 22 November 2021 at 19.30

DRINKS AND NIBBLES

We will be providing red and white wine, soft drinks, tea, coffee, nibbles and pastries before and after the AGM. We look forward to relaxing with everyone on Monday evening

ARTY AT THE PARTY

Please note that several artists in the Association (Linda Tuttle, Anna Hienrich, Susie Bicknell, Diana 'Bunny' Bunyan and her son Philip, Georgina Wright and her daughter Carys) and will be displaying their art in the Reading Room before and after the AGM and party. Each might even be persuaded to part with a work or two so please think of bringing cash.

RSVP

For catering and seating, please let us know if you're coming. Either go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/602650024274815> and click GOING or email Susie@hodgemoor.org.uk

COVID-19

Do not come to the meeting if you have symptoms of Covid or flu. Please write your name and phone number in the register on arrival.

1. Welcome by the Chairman.

You can look at the minutes of the last AGM (which today's meeting will adopt if you agree) at <https://hodgemoor.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/agm2020.pdf>. If you have questions, please let us know in writing in advance (<mailto:chairman@hodgemoor.org.uk>).

2. Election of Officers and Committee

The current Committee is:

Marcus Bicknell (Chairman)	Shona Fraser	Francesca Jones (Social)
Susie Bicknell (Secretary)	Geoff Gudgion (Treasurer)	Charlotte Perry
Dawn Fleming (H&E)	Claire James	

Kirsti Hummel, as both a keen cyclist and horserider, was co-opted during the year and has agreed to stand for election to the committee, with responsibility for communication between riders and cyclists (she unfortunately cannot attend the AGM). Please note that Dawn Fleming has taken on overview of Health & Safety issues for the association, and Francesca Jones for our social events. The committee and officers will be elected as in the past by a single group vote unless any member proposes otherwise.

3. Approval of Accounts.

Last year's report from the Treasurer Geoff Gudgion is at https://hodgemoor.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/treasurer_report_2020.pdf and this year's at https://hodgemoor.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/treasurer_report_2021.pdf. Funds at year-end (Oct) stood at £14,811.81. Please look at the figures there and ask questions, preferably in writing in advance (<mailto:chairman@hodgemoor.org.uk>). We have 325 members at 18th November 2021 providing subscription of income of about £5,000 p.a. We now have 18 cyclist members of which 8 joined this year, and 8 walkers.

4. Health & Safety, Safeguarding and related provisions at our events. Update from Dawn Fleming.

5. Collaboration with cyclists.

Kirsti Hummel is promoting collaboration with cyclists via British Cycling UK and you will see a presentation of the plan with visual aids. Possible brochure and revision of Code of Conduct notices in wood which need replacing. Note also the BHS leaflet for cyclists and riders which we show at http://hodgemoor.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/cyclists_and_horseriders_leaflet_2018.pdf. Riders please note that the revised riding code mentions cyclists and is at http://hodgemoor.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/members_riding_code.pdf.

6. Report on Events.

Grove Farm kindly organised a fund-raising Trec in August 2021 which was very well organised and enjoyed by all. The Christmas Dressage 2020 at Waylands was cancelled the night before as lockdown was re-imposed. **Future Events...**

Winter Dressage Series: <https://hodgemoor.org.uk/hodgemoor-winter-dressage/>

Sunday 12th December at Waylands (Fancy dress awards)
Sunday 19th December at Manor Farm (Christmas fancy dress awards)
Tuesday 27th December, Bank Holiday, at Austens Farm.
Sunday 6th March at Oldefields
Sunday 13th March at Grove Farm
Sunday 27th March at Highclere
Sunday 24th April at Widmer

Riding Out with Hodgemoor

2 ride-Outs have so far taken place, a short one round Hodgemoor, and a 20 km on across to Penn and Coleshill. A third at Kensham Farm will have taken place on 21st November. If you want to be added to the WhatsApp *Riding Out with Hodgemoor* group, please contact chairman@hodgemoor.org.uk

TREC 18th April Easter Monday at Homefarm Orchard. Entries open in January

Hodgemoor Riding Association's 21st Birthday Party: Saturday 25th June, Saturday 2nd July or Saturday 9th July 2022. Hog roast, band and dancing at The Grand Barn, Flexmore Farm, Chalfont St Giles. Target price £20 per person, members only, with one guest each.

Combined Training (Show-jumping and Cross Country). Widmer has suggested holding this event in May.

6. **Trail Repairs and Relationship with Forestry England:**

- 370 metres of trail repairs were done in October 2019 at a total cost was for £29,800 to which the Association contributed £15,300, about half. FE agreed to pay half that time because of new regs imposing on us a contractor which was more expensive than our regular one. You can see a map at http://hodgemoor.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/hodgemoor_trail_works_2019_map.pdf
- With income of about 5,000 p.a., the Association would by 2023, have £20,000 (£15,000 present funds plus one years income) with which we could rebuild 250 metres if the rate is still £80/metre (if Forestry England do not contribute). Forestry England would prefer to wait and do more trail length as the works are disruptive for a couple of month.
- With that in mind, the Chairman and Secretary propose next works in 2023 or 24, for economies of scale.
- Meeting with Rob Bell, Forestry England Beat Manager for the Chilterns, on 25 November.

7. **Badger and Rabbit holes on Wickham Way at the Spring Link.**

Bucks CC had hoped to install metre deep vertical fences either side of the bridleway before the deadline for badger works on 30 November. We presume works will not go ahead now till next year. Last year, the meeting had agreed that the Association would contribute to costs.

8. **Horse Signage**

- a) Signage was erected at the end of 2020 on Chalfont Rd, seer Green, and Narcot Lane, Chalfont St Giles at our instigation by Bucks CC with agreement of the Parish Councils. These inform horse-riders of the law, i.e. to go on the grass verges and not on the footways. Claire James said that these signs were a reassurance to horse-riders that they were legally permitted on verges and to pedestrians who can now feel safer on the footways (even though bikes are allowed there).
- b) Bucks CC did not help us with signage on Stratton Chase, a private permissive trail in the centre of Chalfont St Giles, sop signage has not been installed. However, after consultation with the owners, and as they have confirmed by email their permission for horse-riders to ride there as long as they don't canter and slow for pedestrians, we propose to leave this un-signed".
- c) Twitchells Lane (St Giles to Jordans past Austens Farm). With thanks to Sheila Grimshaw and helpers, four "Please Slow Down" for horse-riders signs have been installed independently from Bucks CC.
- d) Shona Fraser and members at Oldefields are assessing what they can do improve signage on Chalfont Road, Seer Green to warn cars of riders on the blind bends and to get them to slow.

9. **Renovation of XC course and canter trail.**

10. **Any Other Business.**

Susie Bicknell, Secretary, and Marcus Bicknell, Chairman. 18th November 2020