



FDRC NEWSLETTER ISSUE 3 – SEPTEMBER 2019

NEW MEMBERS:

A big warm FDRC Welcome to our newest Member: Christine Watkins, Kerry Wren and Sarah Pickard

A THANK YOU

The Have-a-Go Horse Agility Sue organised back in April pledged to give a donation to the charity The Compassionate Friends – a charity close to my own & Bev Horkan's (Mockbeggar landowner) hearts. Compassionate Friends helps support bereaved parents and their families.

I am pleased to tell you that we were able to send them £55.00 thanks to all those who supported the event. We have now received the following Thank You from them:

Dear Bev

I write to confirm the safe receipt of the cheque for £55 to The Compassionate Friends from the Faversham & District Riding Club following your Fun Horse Agility Day in memory of your son Joe.

As you know, The Compassionate Friends very much relies on fundraising and donations from individuals and organisations. Financial contributions like this ensure that we can continue to offer comfort, support and hope to bereaved parents so that together they can survive after the heart-breaking loss of a precious, much-loved child.

I hope that everyone did indeed have fun on the day. Please do thank everyone involved for their generosity and their support

Best wishes.

Stephen Armstrong (Head of Fundraising)

For more info : <https://www.tcf.org.uk>

COMING UP

SYMMETRY IN THE SADDLE on Wednesday 9th October Starting at 7pm

Please note change of date from last Newsletter

A Practical look at the rider's position & saddle fitting, showing the way they influence the horse.

Location – Little Duskin Farm, Covet Lane, Kingston, Canterbury, Kent CT4 6JS. In the indoor school, seating provided, but please dress to keep warm.

Car Parking – at the factory car park

Refreshments – Hot drinks provided – tea coffee fruit teas etc. and biscuits.

Charge – £5 entry fee, which David and Maggie wish to go to their chosen charity the 'British Horse Society' **Places need to be booked with Lindsey Bootes. Please make the most of this opportunity!**

Goodie Bag – For all attendees including a WOW discount voucher– to be used against a new saddle or girth.

Talk Content –

- The evening will begin with the opportunity for everyone to sit on a WOW saddle and appreciate the different styles available.
- We will also use a saddle horse and rider to explain how we can predict the way the horse will work from the way the rider sits
- We will discuss head plates and panels and with visual aids determine the correct fit required.
- We will use a members horse to show where you should look for symmetry or asymmetry in the horse including shoulders, rib cage quarters and rib cage” lift” and David will describe what he is seeing in terms of musculature and how he would expect the horse to work.
- There will be educational videos to show among other things, the use of pressure testing.
- There will be a chance to sit on a saddle on a saddle horse and experience the saddle being pumped up and adjusted. Also plenty of time for Q&A

Talk Length – we expect maximum including Q&A to be 2 hours.

The evening will run from 7pm, there will be plenty to see and do and a great deal of knowledge to take home.

To book your place or to find out more then please contact Lindsey from the Faversham and District Riding Club on 07729763470 or LF.Bootes@btinternet.com We hope you can join us!

FUN TREC DAY on Saturday Nov 2nd at Coldblow Livery Yard, Detling, ME14 3LR

This event will be weather dependant

An event for newcomers to the sport, or seasoned competitors, to practise TWO TREC skills of , Control of Paces and Obstacles, in a fun filled, friendly environment. **Entry Fee £10.00**

The event will take place in the cross country field and the out door school ,there will be time to practice over the obstacles and control of paces with help from seasoned trecies.

At the end of the day there will be a chance to put it all together were you will be marked and scores awarded there will be a gold silver or bronze rosettes for all .

If you wanted to finish your day with a **ride round the local toll ride** this will be possible with a extra cost of £5 Closing date for entry - **28th October 2019**

SCHEDULE & ENTRY FORM enclosed

DOG SHOW at Kemsley Village Hall on November 16th 2019

Our annual indoor show for your other four legged friends.

This is a Kennel Club affiliated Companion Dog Show and we welcome dogs of all shapes and sizes.

Classes for Pedigree & Novelty each with their own Championship.

There will be refreshments & home made cakes on sale

Looking forward to seeing you there

SCHEDULE ENCLOSED

RIDING CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER on Friday 6th December at The Alma, , ME13 0DU

Sorry to mention this while we are enjoying a real Indian Summer but time will fly and our next Newsletter will be with you too late to book your menu choices. This is a really good social get together – time to catch up with FDRC friends for a chat and good food. Don't miss this festive occasion.

A GROUP DOG WALK at Rhodes Minnis, on Saturday 28th December

Walk off the Christmas Pudding and welcome in 2020 with a Riding Club Group Walk – All dogs welcome. Meet at 10.30 at **The West Wood Forest Car Park** at CT4 6DN for a 90 minute walk through West Wood & Park Gate Woods. Hot Drinks & Nibbles on return.

For more information or to register your intention to join us please contact Liz on 07813880373 or at Elizabeth.roberts@leescourtestate.com.

It was great fun last year – lets make it even bigger & better this year with a prize for the most tinsel worn by a dog and one for the best Christmas outfit for either dog or walker! Walkers without dogs welcome too.

MORE IDEAS IN THE PIPELINE FOR 2020... Social Ride, Prix Caprilli/Dressage Sandwich, XC training – Grassroots Training – our diary is always evolving - please keep a look out for extra events & dates which will appear on our website & facebook page plus being emailed round – posted to those who do not give us email addresses.

LOOKING BACK:

EQUIPILATES LECTUR/DEMO at Bossingham Village Hall on May 30th

Summer seems to have flown by and although it only seems like yesterday, it was back on 30th May that we had a most interesting talk on equipilates by Laura Carter at Bossingham Village Hall.

The evening was enlightening and extremely informative, with Laura explaining how our own imbalances make such an impact on our horses. Laura explained how she works, assessing each rider through a series of exercises to 'body map' and find the crookednesses we all suffer from. Riders are then given individual exercises to help combat and improve these issues. If undergoing several sessions with Laura, you would then be body mapped again to see improvements and again specific exercises would be given and so on until you reach an equilibrium.

The evening ended with a lively Q and A, coffee, tea and most importantly cake!

Laura runs HorseKind, and is based in Thanet covering all of East KENT. Laura is a qualified Equine Sports Therapist having trained first as a human massage therapist, went on to train with the late Mary Bromley MBE. Laura works with all types of horses from British Champion Games ponies, Dressage Horses, Showjumpers, Driving Horses and the lovely happy hackers!

Laura continued with studying the rider and the effect the horse and rider have on one another and decided to train as an Equipilates Biomechanics TrainerTM

Laura work with riders within a variety of riding disciplines in the form of; mat work classes, 1 to 1 sessions, Biomechanics sessions and also workshops all over Kent.

The work with the riders helps them to become more body aware, they learn how their body is currently functioning and how it can function more effectively so as to improve their riding, she works with riders to reduce muscle spasms that may have been present in the body for years and causing a number of restrictions that have gone undetected.

VERSATILE TREC HORSE COMPETITION & INDOOR DOG SHOW
at Willow Farm EC (ME13 0RS) on July 21st 2019

On July 21st 2019 we ran our third Versatile TREC Horse Competition at Willow Farm Equestrian Centre. After a slightly slow start to the entries we finished the day with 30 riders taking part in the three phase competition. We could have taken a few more but there were good entries in each class and competitors travelled from all over Kent, Surrey & Sussex despite the M2 being closed that Sunday.

Everyone who came seemed to have a really good time and we had many "thank yous" both on the day and afterwards. It is a rather unusual competition consisting of an obedience test, timed control of paces and an obstacle course and therefore something a little different to do with your horse.

A big Thank You to all the people who volunteered to help on the day and our Sponsors SEC Ltd (Builders), P R Elvin Engineering, Gillett Cook Country Store, Mount Ephraim Gardens & Lady Dane Veterinary Surgery.

The Dog show which was held in the indoor arena at 2.00 pm was a barking success with 50 dogs taking part in the 18 classes with 26 in one class alone. Some competitors had ridden in the morning and then took their canine companion into the dog show. Many thanks to the Judge, Tony Franklin and Mandy, our Secretary.

RESULTS:

Class 1 – VTH Starters

- 1st Kathryn Ovenden on Whizz'n'Quik
- 2nd Kim Leney on Harry
- 3rd Simon Rake on Rupert
- 4th Linda Jermain on Egg
- 5th Evie Cassidy on Casper
- 6th Julie Salt on Arthur

Class 2 - VTH Novice

- 1st Lynette Marsh on My Girl Suzie
- 2nd Kim Leney on Harry
- 3rd Sue Saunders on Indian Moon
- 4th Jeanette Wellard on Ferneyknap
Royal Cruiser
- 5th Debbie Harris on Rupert
- 6th Jo Murrell on Monmore Girl

Class 3 - VTH Intermediate

- 1ST Kathryn Lynn on Mr Dick
- 2nd Sam Prior on Daisy
- 3rd Pauline French on Sam
- 4th Tina Coburn on Ruby
- 5th Lindsey Bootes on Bea
- 6th Kay Ford on Dylan

Class 4 - VTH Open

- 1st Pauline French on Stan
- 2nd Kay Ford on Dylan
- 3rd Tina Coburn on Ruby
- 4th Kathryn Lynn on Mr Dick

DOG SHOW WINNERS:

Class 1	Best Pedigree	Liz & Remy	Class 12	Dog Judge would like to take home -	
Class 2	Best Crossbreed	Derek & Boyzee		Marie with Tilley	
Class 3	Best Shortcoat	Barnett with Otis	Class 13	Most Appealing Eyes –	Rachel & Neitze
Class 4	Best Longcoat	Debbre & Luna	Class 14	Junior Handler	Imogen & Lenny
Class 5	Best Veteran	Rachel & Neitze	Class 15	Best Family of Dogs	Jackie & Mocha
Class 6	Best Puppy	Chloe & Rusty	Class 16	Best 6 Legs	Maxine & Jazz
Class 7	Best Rescue	Dave & Millie	Class 17	Waggiest Tail	C Rusoush & Bibi
Class 8	Best Condition	L Barnett & Otis	Class 18	Most like Owner	Marie & Tilly
Class 9	Handsomest Dog	Barry & Dexter		Best In Show - Debre with Luna	
Class 10	Prettiest Bitch	M Adams & Lady		Reserve Best In Show – Barry with Dexter	
Class 11	Senior Handler	Adrienne & Gary			

SIZZLING SUMMER BBQ & QUIZ on The Alma on July 27th

Nearly 30 members and friends took part in the BBQ & Quiz night at the Alma, Painters Forstal. It was a really enjoyable evening with a good mix of questions from Lesley Evans our quizmaster for the evening giving us all something to think about. .

Richard at The Alma provided us with a Marquee & heater in case the weather was less than kind and did us proud with his delicious BBQ food. A really good social evening. Something we might repeat in 2020

TEAM NEWS

Senior Intermediate Dressage Elem 42 Championship 2019 at Bury Farm on April 26th Report by Julia Izzard

In the last Newsletter we had a Stop Press announcement of Libby's success at this event – here is a short account which she wrote about her day there.

RESULT :Arena 1 Elem 42

1st Stefanie Mansell riding Bellvue Irish Pride - Cwmaman RC – 78.59%

2nd Julia Izzard riding Liberal Lady II - Faversham RC – 77.97%

3rd Julie Jeffes riding Hedefeld Ash - Malvern Hills RC – 76.41%

Quietly representing Faversham & District Riding Club, it was a tale of 2 halves today ... a Medium test messed up like I have never messed up a dressage test in my life (gulp) and an elementary test of 77.97% and a second place in the Equitheme Winter BRC National Championships ... we are not dressage divas however I am mildly pleased to say the least lol! 😊)... and thank you to Spillers for the weighbridge - Libby still needs to lose more weight (40kg!) and the bag of treats for Libby and I (little mars bars) were so welcome.

AREA 10 HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER on June 2nd at Coombelands

Julia Izzard and Faye Smith were our riders at this event and we are pleased to say they both qualified for the Championships. **WELL DONE GIRLS**

AREA 10 DRESSAGE TO MUSIC QUALIFER on June 30th at Stilebridge

Well done to the FDRC Members who took part in this event and a big thank you to Chrissy Sutton for being the helper.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to:

Debbie Harris on Carillions Varden	PL15 – 1 st and PL DTM – 2 nd
Debbie Harris on Liberal Lady	Nov 38 – 3 rd and Elem DTM – 3 rd
Mel Lewis on Rushett Lad	Nov DTM (with BD points) – 6 th
Debbie Harris on Clooneen Rira	Nov DTM (with BD Points) – 1 st
Liz Roberts on Leaps and Bounds	AdMed Freestyle DTM – 1 st

Debbie & Liz have qualified for the DTM Championships in September

WHAT A DAY FOR FAVERSHAM!!

TEAM & AREA COMPETITONS COMING UP:

ARENA EVENTING QUALIFIER – at Petley Wood – Saturday Oct. 26th

WINTER NOVICE DRSSAGE – Blue Barn - Sunday 24th November

WINTER INTERMEDIATE DRESSAGE QUALIFIER - Petley Wood – Sunday Dec 1st

WINTER NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE SJ QUALIFIER at Hadliow College on Sunday Dec 15th

Details will be posted on our Facebook page & Emailed round

THE TEAM & HELPER'S CHARTER –

This was in the last newsletter and is being trialled for 2019 and will be open to being revised from time to time – this is slightly updated. See Below

THE TEAM & HELPERS CHARTER

- 1. All designated FDRC Helpers for Area Team Competitions organised by another club may claim travel expenses of 45ppm***
- 2. All FDRC team members and /or individual riders competing at a competition organised by the BRC or another club will pay a sub of £10.00 per horse which will go towards the helpers/club expenses.***
- 3. Should a rider be able to provide a helper e.g. Parent/partner/friend/relation the helper may claim the travel allowance and that rider will not have to provide a £10.00 sub.***
- 4. All team members should put their name forward to help at a club run or team event at least once a year to repay the favour – we do not pay helpers expenses for any competitions organised by the FDRC.***

LEAGUES

Redhorse Dressage 2019 FDRC Members Points League – Willow Farm EC

We have arranged with Redhorse Dressage to run a points system for FDRC members, which will run during from February 2019 – January 2020. When entering a competition at Redhorse Dressage, write on your entry form that you are a FDRC member or tell Sue Barradell on the day. Please contact Liz Roberts if you have any further questions - Check Redhorse Dressage Website for show dates.

Results will be announced at the end of Jan 19 and League Rosettes will be awarded at the 2020 AGM

BRC Grassroots Points League 2019

The Grassroots Points League is a new opportunity for all BRC Members

All dressage (Walk and Trot and Prelim Level) and show jumping (60cms and 70cms) competitors can gain points at BRC Club organised competitions. Area Qualifiers and National level competitions will not count. Points can be gained when competing at BRC Club organised competitions only.

There will be two separate leagues; show jumping and dressage. Monthly score updates will be provided; therefore competitors must return their score card to the BRC head office no later than the 7th of the following month. Results on cards received after this time will not count. The competition will run for ten months from **January – October 2019**, there will be rosettes down to 10th place, sashes down to 3rd and there will be an overall supreme champion prize for the competitor who has accumulated the most points in the two leagues.

It's so simple, just follow these easy steps:

1. Download and print your blank points card from the BRC website.
2. Compete at any dressage (Walk & Trot and Prelim Level) or show jumping (60cms & 70cms) BRC Club organised competition.
3. Ask the Secretary at the event to confirm your placing with their signature.
4. Post your completed points card back to BRC HQ by the 7th of the following month.
5. Finally, wait for the results .

TRAINING & TRAINERS - Please see What's On page training dates at

www.favershamridingclub.com if you are not on the internet and want a diary posted to you contact Sally on 01622 851807

PLEASE NOT THERE WILL BE NO SJ TRAINING WITH MARIA OR JULIE DRAPER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE – Please watch out for new dates later in the year on the Whats On page of the Website

SJ Clinics with Julie Draper at Twisden , Great Chart, TN26 1JS

(SORRY NO LESSONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)

SJ Clinics with Maria Draper at Twisden , Great Chart, TN26 1JS (Generally on a Saturday)

(SORRY NO LESSONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)

Polework & Novice Show Jumping Clinics with Ali Ferry BHSII (SM)'

New dates out – check the Website Whats On page

For novice horses, those riders that want to build up their confidence or just improve their horse's way of going, then these dates are aimed to help you. They are a chance for you to work over poles and small fences progressing to a course.

To be held at Chilham Park in the Soft Track Arena. These will be 1 Hr sessions at 12.00 mid day and 1.15pm

Cost is:- £14 per rider (4 to 5 riders per group) To find out more or to book a place on the above training.

For SJ & Pole Work please contact Lindsey Bootes on 07729 763470 or email lf.bootes@btinternet.com

Flexi Time Flatwork Clinics with Liz Roberts at Mockbeggar Farm, Rhodes Minnis

Liz Roberts (Listed BD Trainers Database and BD Trainee Judge, Fully Insured) who competes regularly in dressage will be taking these clinics in a 20 x 60 arena. Its Flexitime as **YOU** are in charge of when you have your lesson. **YOU** book direct with Liz at a time which suits **YOU** and this can be evenings as well as daytime as the arena is fully floodlit, weekdays as well as weekends These sessions are to suit all levels & abilities .

Cost: Individual Lesson of 45 mins to 1 hour - £30.00

To book your time or for more info contact Liz on 07813880373 or equinelaser@gmail.com

Payment will be made via www.clubentries.com ahead of the clinic.

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FAVERSHAM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB REGALIA

Sweatshirts - £22.50 Baseball Caps - £9.50

Polo Shirts – 19.50 Fleece - £26.50

Half Zip Fleece - £25.60

All the prices above include for the item of clothing and the embroidery work of the club logo on the front, with your name underneath the club detail on the back.

Members usually purchase their own blue saddlecloths and these can be embroidered with the club name and your own name for £10.00 -

For all orders contact Lindsey Bootes (details above)