



FDRC NEWSLETTER 2025 ISSUE NO. 2 – JUNE

FIRST A BIG WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Melanie Snoswell, Kayleigh Payne, Saoirse Byrne, Jo Lambourne, Claire Sedgewick, Ginny Stokes, Grace Blackband, Bonita Boyd, Elizabeth Brown, Holly O'Brien, Esther Sharp, Erin Shepherd, Katrina Hayter, , Maddison Green and Vicki, Harriet & Amelia Plummer, Kaye Ford, Shantala Carr. Also a huge welcome back to all our members who are renewing their memberships – we must be doing something right!! Membership at 179 today!

NEWS & VIEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We would like to welcome three members who volunteered to join the FDRC Committee recently Dana Freeman, Lisa Daniels & Rosie Baur. They have got off to a flying start from stepping in as a Team Manager, Organising and Quiz Night a Pizza Night and Saddle Fitting Talk/demo (more about those later in the Newsletter) and new XC Base tops with FAVERSHAM down the arm, to add to our Regalia.

Helpers ARE Important

It may seem to you that we are always asking for helpers for events at which FDRC Riders are competing, but it is actually a condition of entry that we send one helper for a whole day per team or 2 individual riders. So one team and two individuals competing would mean we had to send two helpers for a whole day, if we cannot provide helpers, our riders would not be allowed to compete. If we have enough volunteers the Club can send two people to cover one slot i.e. two helpers for half a day each to cover one slot. Riders can also help by volunteering for competitions at which they are not riding.

Some competitions are more "helper hungry" than others and need more helpers ,eg, CT, XC & TREC If you are unsure what you might be asked to do please read our Helpers Information Sheet at <https://www.favershamridingclub.com/schedules-1> Helping at an event can give you another perspective on competing and can give you a glimpse into the Judges view. So don't be afraid to volunteer, you are an important part of the FDRC Teams as you will see in the following piece by Ali Martin

A Different View from C – Volunteering at Felbridge Combined Training by Abi Martin

On Saturday, 10th May, our club hosted its annual Combined Training event at Felbridge — and while I wasn't competing I volunteered to help.

Over the past few years, I've made it a point to help out at this event as a way of giving back to the club. Last year I was teamed up with the show jumping judge. This year, I was the dressage writer for one of the judges — and what a great experience it was.

Sitting at 'C' gave me a completely different perspective on the test. The judge was incredibly informative, taking time between riders to explain why certain marks were given and how small changes could have improved the score. It really opened my eyes to how the test is viewed from the judge's side and gave me lots to think about as a rider myself.

A big thank you to everyone who worked hard behind the scenes to make the day run smoothly, and to all the competitors for making it such an enjoyable event to be part of.

A SAD LOSS – OBITUARY TO TONY UPHILL



It is with regret that I have to inform you of the passing of Lynn Uphill's husband Tony Uphill. A lot of you will remember him from FDRC Shows where he was always somewhere to be found, box parking, stewarding, sorting out the PA system, catching loose horses and much much more.

In the Club's days of running a huge annual show with 8 rings & 2 Dressage arenas Tony was there for the whole three days they took to put up, run and put away. Building endless rings, banging in endless posts, erecting tents, putting up the PA, towing caravans & trailers of equipment to & from the showground. Tony always had a smile on his face and a kind word to help keep us calm.

He also put up with the FDRC Quadrille Teams – for the seven years we sent FDRC teams to compete at the qualifiers & qualified for Olympia every one of them. His daughter Carly was a member of our early teams and Tony put up with a whole gaggle of mad women in fancy dress on horses obsessing about music & costumes for a very long time as Lynn was involved with the teams for the whole seven years.

Tony had many other hobbies and pastimes including having his own driving pony but the FDRC will always remember him for his help & calm demeanor in our club activities.

LOOKING BACK

SOCIAL RIDE FROM CROCKSHARDS FARM on SUN 13th April

Another Great ride with Philippa Ballerio Jo Boraston and rest of gang great fun fabulous weather. Many thanks to Philippa for hosting and leading this ride in the beautiful sunshine.



STEADY NEDDY SOCIAL RIDE FROM SYNDALE FARM, OSPRINGE on 26th April



We are extremely grateful to Vicky Clinch who hosted and led this ride over open private farmland and our thanks must go to Hugh & Fiona Boucher

and Olga Romanoff for the use of their land. It was a lovely day and as people unloaded their horses we realised that all four horses were grey!!

Steady Neddy rides are proving very popular. The ride went from Syndale Valley to Lewson Street and back via Tickham. On return to the boxes we all sat in Vicky's garden in the sun and made short work of the cakes & biscuits on offer!

SOCIAL RIDE FROM BROOMFIELD on 31st May ~(postponed from March)

Report by Gillian Ransome



On Saturday 31st May six riders met at Broomfield Lodge, Stalisfield Near Charing for a social ride. There is an extensive bridleway network in this area in beautiful countryside, incorporating open fields, valleys and woodland.

The chosen route involved many of these that linked up without much road work. The first group set off at 11.30am, a relatively late start but as a stop at the Bowl Inn Pub was planned, it was important not to arrive before it was open! The second group left around ten minutes later but unfortunately caught up the first group in an area suitable for cantering.

Later everyone met up at the Pub and we decided to continue as one group of six, helping each other out with the bridleway gates on the way. After two and a half hours we arrived back at Broomfield Lodge where, after washing our horses down everyone tucked into much cake and sandwiches.

We were lucky to have a lovely sunny day for the ride. Many thanks go to Brian and Stephen Homewood for allowing us to park at Broomfield Lodge. I am planning to have another ride from this venue later in the summer.



THE STEADY NEDDY RIDE at BIGBERRY EC on June 8th - Report by Sue Elliot



After the torrential rain on Saturday, the sun came out for the steady neddy ride that left from Bigberry Farm.

Nemo was joined by Jan's lovely boy Thomas and Claire's gorgeous girl Ophelia for a nice hour and a half wonder through the orchards.



The ground was super after the rain so we managed some lovely trots along with lots of nattering. Safe to say it was a success and thoroughly enjoyed by both humans and ponies despite there being no scrumping opportunities. Maybe next time.....

DEMONSTRATION AT KENT COUNTY SHOW July 4th – 6th



The Riding Club has been invited to put on a short demonstration of Formation Riding to Music at this year's Kent County Show alongside some other Area 10 Clubs – we were happy to accept. A call went out and a team of four has come forward and they are busy practicing now. They will appear in the Nesfield Arena. The team will require time, commitment and lots of practice. This is as well as taking part in the Riding Club Show Jumping Competition in the on the Sunday 6th July in the John Standen Ring..

COMING UP – have we got lots for you to do.....

MEMBERS ONLY STEADY NEDDY RIDE on THURSDAY 12th JUNE - FULL

Our 2nd one this year from Syndale Farm, Faversham Rd, Ospringe ME13 0RJ

By kind permission of Vicky & John Clinch & Fiona & Hugh Boucher & Olga Romonoff

Ample Box Parking Box Parking: for up to 4 lorries/trailers – hard standing if wet

1 hr 45 mins to 2hr aprox Arrival 10.30 am for 11.00am ride start

Places limited to 3 - MEMBERS ONLY plus lead rider Vicky Clinch

Hard Hats & Hi-viz MUST be worn that conform to the latest BHS Guidelines. The ride will be over mainly farmland, bridleways, woods & quiet lanes. These Steady Neddy Social rides are aimed at Members who want a shorter and/or slightly slower ride and for older, younger or novice horses and/or riders.

At all times, the groups will go at the speed of the slowest rider No one will be pressured to ride outside of their comfort zone. The Route between 7 and 11 kms

.Please bring something to 'socialise' with for after the ride (tea/coffee/cake etc!)

Please clear up after your horse & bring implements to do so.

DRESSAGE TO MUSIC DEMO WITH AVERY MAUDE

at SADDLESDANE, BADLESMERE on 20th June – Starting at 6.00 pm

Avery has worked with a range of riders and horses from prelim to Grand Prix. Creating both floorplans and music that work to highlight the strengths of each partnership and create a harmonious picture between horse and rider. She has had freestyles at the Tokyo and Paris Paralympic Games, HOYS, multiple internationals, premier leagues, and countless championships.

Avery's musical background comes from a childhood of music lessons and she holds a range of qualifications in music

examinations including up to Grade 8 in vocals and Grade 7 in flute. Tickets available in advance from My Riding Life <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=511219>

COST : Members £10.00 and Non-Members £15.00



FDRC 2 DAY CAMP with ANN BERRY on 28th & 29th June 2025 – FULL

at Welwyn Stud, Hawkinge Folkestone Kent CT18 8LS

Our 2 day camp will be held the weekend of the 28th and 29th June.

There will be a maximum of 10 spaces.

Cost will be £180 which includes overnight stabling and lessons.

A 50% deposit will need to be paid to guarantee our weekend and the price.

If you are interested please let Ali know

This has filled up fast but you may email to favershamridingclub@gmail.com to go on the waiting list.

NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
MEMBERS SOCIAL for IN HAND PONIES/SMALL COMPANIONS ONLY WALK
on Saturday 5th July

This is for those of us who have 12hh and under ponies, either as companions or retired and want to take them for a social outing ... it could be rather jolly... It will be like a dog walk but with our little ponies...



Meet at 11am at Mockbeggar Farm, Rhodes Minnis CT4 6XY

<https://w3w.co/ducks.similar.guesswork>

Approx 1hr walk in West Wood, if enough interest, we can pop to Lord Whiskey Cafe for Tea/Coffe/Cake (bring some ££).

Alternatively, bring something for back at the yard... (or both).

HiViz must still be worn by handlers and ponies must be bridled or have a controlling headcollar.

No Dogs as I think a group of cheeky ponies will be enough for anyone to handle!

£5 per household (as some members might have two or more ponies)...

Enter via MRL

<https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=515744>

A TRIP TO THE RACES ON JULY 10TH TO NEWMARKET LADIES DAY – Some places left



Following the popularity of last year's outing we are offering the chance to join us on a trip to Back by popular demand! Get ready for a day of glamour, excitement, and unforgettable memories at Newmarket's prestigious July Course!

Whether you're dressing to the nines or prefer a comfortable, stylish look, all are welcome to join us for this special occasion.

What's included in your unforgettable day:

- * Minibus Transport: Relax and enjoy the ride with convenient collection and drop-off at designated points Folkestone, Ashford and Maidstone (exact locations TBC)

- * Morning at the Newmarket Gallops: Witness the thrill of racehorses in training, see the trainers in action, and enjoy some friendly banter with the exercise riders.

- * Choose Your Adventure:

- * Behind-the-Scenes Yard Visit: Explore a bustling racing yard and see how it all works.

- * Racing Museum & Simulator: Enjoy an informative tour and test your skills on the racing simulator and see if you could be the next Frankie Dettori (small additional cost).

- * Newmarket Town Exploration: Wander through the charming town, browse saddlers, and find unique souvenirs.

- * Delicious Breakfast: Start your day right with a tasty breakfast (pre-order required).

- * Full Day at the Races: Immerse yourself in the electrifying atmosphere of Ladies Day. Get up close to the horses, watch the parade, place your bets, and hopefully, celebrate some winners!

- * Comfortable Return Journey: Relax and reminisce about your fantastic day on the return trip to Kent.

Important Details:

- * Limited Places: Only 31 spots available! Book now to avoid disappointment.

- * Booking: Open now on My Riding Life!

<https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=504904>

£50.00 per person (no price increase from last year!) treat yourself to a fantastic Ladies Day experience.

Price includes transport and entry to racecourse. ** 2 non-members per member only **Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to experience the magic of Newmarket Ladies Day! Secure your place today and get ready for a day filled with style, excitement, and unforgettable moments.

HAVE A GO at SIDESADDLE on Sunday 13th July from 11am at Mockbeggar Farm, CT4 6XY

Have a go at side saddle and 'next steps' (for those who have already 'had a go' with Rebekah Marks-Hubbard, BHS Accredited Coach, SSA Instructor)

Have a go at side saddle... if you have wanted to try this marvellous art of riding, bring your horse and astride tack to Mockbeggar Farm for one to one instruction. Each session will last approx 1 hour and will include the



correct fitting of a side saddle (supplied on the day) to your horse, then you get on and try it under the watchful eye of Rebekah. For those who attended the first session, Rebekah will be able to work with you on moving on with your horse. The saddle will again be fitted and further instruction on how to improve.

Bring friends and cameras for this excellent opportunity to see if you enjoy this wonderful elegant way of riding.

You will need to be wearing a fitted riding hat to current BRC standard, riding gloves, and long boots without buckles, (in addition to your regular riding wear).

Once entry has been received you will be emailed a form that must be completed so that the correct side saddles are brought along to fit the horses entered in for the clinic.

The charge is £40 Members of FDRC and £45 for non members

Entry via <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=516175>

PLEASE NOTE: IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO FIT A SIDE SADDLE TO YOUR HORSE, YOU CAN EITHER CONTINUE TO HAVE AN ASTRIDE LESSON, OR WILL BE REFUNDED IN FULL (LESS THE MRL FEE). VERY WIDE OR FLAT/NO WITHER HORSES MAY BE DIFFICULT TO FIT - BUT PLEASE ASK PRIOR TO BOOKING IF YOU FEEL THIS MAY BE AN ISSUE.

BIGBERRY XC COURSE SOCIAL AFTERNOON ON SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST

3.00pm – 5.30pm DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 3PM!!

Kindly organised by Sue Heatlie-Elliott by kind permission of Amy Knibbs

Open to members and friends and family who are not members.

Enjoy a ride around the course, jumps are optional (small fences up to 1m).

B BODY PROTECTORS MUST BE WORN!

Please bring food and drink (& a chair) to socialise afterwards

COST: Members £15 Non Members £20

Booking through My Riding Life

<https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=513556>

NO DOGS ALLOWED!! Even in lorries.



1 DAY FULL TREC at Levels 1 & 2 on Sept 20th 2025 at Knowler Farm, Stelling Minnis

Classes for level 1 and level 2, for pairs and individuals, which will all also be TREC GB Championship qualifiers.

For those new to TREC here is a brief explanation, it is a three part competition, which you can do as an individual or a pair as it's a one day competition it will be run in the following order.

ME: Control of Paces – where you ride one way along a 2m wide corridor in canter as slow as possible and then back the other way in walk as fast as possible without breaking pace.

PTV – Obstacles – You negotiate a course of 16 obstacles such as a gate, S bend, Reinback etc

You get a mark for each obstacle and if you don't wish to do any you may miss one and get 0 as long as you inform the Judge.

POR:- Orienteering – You copy the master map onto the plain copy you are given and then set out to follow the route passing through checkpoints on the way.

Level 1 – 150m COP – 16 Obstacles PTV – up to 15 km POR

Level 2 – 150m COP – 16 Obstacles PTV – up to 20km POR

Level 1 is suitable for beginners so if you have never ridden in any TREC, or have done the Winter Arena TREC but never tackled the map reading or if you are a seasoned Treccie this is the competition for you.

HELPERS NEEDED AS WELL AS COMPETITORS - This competition takes a lot of people to run and we have always had good support from the FDRC members at past events, as well as friends and families and hope many of you enjoyed your experiences and will join us again,

Please email us at Favershamridingclub@gmail.com if you could help or have any queries about the event
Packed lunches and chocolates provided along with our undying gratitude for all helpers.

We look forward to hearing from you, competitors and helpers alike.

We really will need lots of helpers so please please put your name forward – you don't have to be horsey - all will be explained to you

The Knowler Farm Café will be open all day for home made refreshments for Competitors and Helpers alike.

SCHEDULES OUT VERY SOON

Sarah, Sally & Chrissy (Organisers) can be contacted at favershamridingclub@gmail.com

PIZZA NIGHT at Knowler Farm on Sept 5th. – Hold The Date - Details TBC

QUIZ NIGHT at Godmersham Village Hall on Friday 3rd October – Details TBC

SADDLE FITTING TALK/DEMO – details TBC

THERE ARE EVEN MORE EVENTS IN THE PIPELINE!!!!!! WATCH OUT FOR THEM on FACEBOOK and by EMAIL or the WEBSITE

TEAM & LEAGUES NEWS.

Note: To represent the FDRC in a team or as an individual club you need to be a fully paid-up member of the Club. We will highlight these competitions as we go through the year asking for riders & helpers by email, Facebook, and Website. Please keep a look out and let team managers know if you are interested in being in a specific team as & when they are put forward. See Committee List to see Team Managers details.

You need to fill in a TEAM FORM which can be found at <https://www.favershamridingclub.com/team-events> which will explain how proceed. Helpers for these events always needed.

FDRC MEMBERS POINTS LEAGUE

As you will have seen from the AGM report the FDRC Members Points League is worth joining.

Entry £10.00 will be via MRL at is now OPEN.

To enter you need to go into your MRL account and search for Faversham & District – Take OUT your post code & milage and it should magically appear!!

This is a very simple points league but with lots of prizes. ***Remember “points mean prizes!”***

On entering you will be sent a points card to complete during the year. for events in which you take part.

This covers competitions run by FDRC plus competitions NOT run by FDRC, FDRC Training, FDRC Social Events, Running an event & Helping at FDRC events gets you even more points!!

Fill in the form and ask the Event, Secretary, trainer or organiser (or Committee Member who may be present) to confirm and sign your card.

The League runs from the 1st January to 31st December 2025 with the prizes being allocated at the 2025 AGM (Feb 2026) - You can, of course, enter this at any time during the year.

REDHORSE DRESSAGE 2025 FDRC MEMBERS POINTS LEAGUE – WILLOW FARM EC

An extra way of getting a little more out of your dressage tests. When you enter a class or classes at a Redhorse Dressage Competition at Willow Farm and you tell Sue Barradell 'who runs the shows, that you are an FDRC Member - your placings are converted to points for the FDRC Red Horse Dressage league. Sue runs the points system for FDRC members, which runs from February 2025 to Jan 2026.

PLUS at each show the highest placed FDRC Member gets a lovely rosette

Check [Redhorse Dressage Website](#) for show dates.

Results will be announced and League Rosettes will be awarded at the FDRC AGM held in Feb 2026



THE FDRC JOINED THE E-RIDERS - VIRTUAL DRESSAGE COMPETITION



Following a recent post and a lot of interest on the E-Rider BRC monthly dressage event.

We have decided to register the FDRC with E-Riders. Instructions below on how to register and how to make your entry. As well as upload! <https://www.e-riders-dressage.co.uk/instructions>

General rules below. <https://www.e-riders-dressage.co.uk/rules>

Filming is simple! No cuts or edit, sounds must be on as you have to say your name and the month of the test you are doing. <https://www.e-riders-dressage.co.uk/how-to-film>

Home | E-Riders Online Dressage

We have had a number of members that have joined in on the E-Riders BRC online dressage, we are 3 months in the 6 monthly league. We are currently in 6th place in the league. We receive individual points as well as league points for the club. There is the chance to qualify for the E-Riders Championships as well; if you receive a score of 63% or higher 3 times at the same level within the qualifying period.

The more entries we submit as part of the club,

the more points we receive! Points mean prizes!

The tests are for everyone from Intro to Advanced Medium. The entry deadline is the 28th of the month, with your video deadline being the last day of the month. The instructions are all online and it is simple to upload your test. The results are out within a couple of days uploaded to Facebook. You do receive your score sheets and I must admit the comments are very helpful.

There is the chance to win some rosettes with rosettes to 10th place, which are posted out to you.

Come and give it a go, film at any time and upload your test this month. Let's get some more club points!

LOOKING BACK

British Riding Club Winter Dressage Championships at Arena UK Report by Abi Martin

On Saturday, 26th April, we set off just before 6 a.m. for Arena UK, Grantham, to compete in the British Riding Club Winter Dressage Championships. We were thrilled to have received wildcard entries for both the Prelim and Novice tests.

Dan, travelled brilliantly and settled into his stable with quickly, giving us several hours to rest and prepare before our first test. The Prelim went really well, and I was so pleased with how he performed — calm, focused, and really listening throughout.

After a short break, it was time for our Novice test. Dan was feeling a little more opinionated by this point and added a few cheeky bucks into the mix! While we didn't get placed, we still had an amazing time and I couldn't be prouder of how well he behaved — especially for such a big occasion.

A massive thank you goes to my mum for driving and grooming (and keeping us on track!), and to my boyfriend — also called Dan — for being the ultimate super groom. And finally, thank you to the club for giving us the opportunity to be part of such a memorable experience.



British Riding Clubs Winter Show Jumping Championship Arena Uk – Report Shannon Lunt

A huge congratulations to Teah Lamb and her pony, Shantic Diamond, who represented the club this weekend just gone at ARENA UK SHOW Centre in the Junior 80cm, BRC Equilibrium Winter Show Jumping Championships!

They came 31st out of 85 entries! With a super clear round in the first round and then a unlucky pole at the last fence of the second round meant they weren't able to ride in the jump off! However what an amazing achievement to qualify and have two lovely rounds!

It is so fantastic to have our club represented at these big championships!

Teah, you should be very proud to have done so well and we are so excited to see what the future holds for you!



British Riding Clubs Winter Dressage Championship at Arena UK - April 2025 report Zoe Pinyon

Many congratulations must go to Zoe & the Comanch for representing Faversham & District Riding Club at the BRC Winter Dressage Championship on 25th April.

Zoe & The Comache did two tests and we are proud to say they were placed a well deserved 3rd in the PL1 section with less than 1% behind the winner. That is an amazing result at Championship level.

What a result – well done both of you. You must be so proud.



COMBINED TRAINING AT FELBRIDGE on 10th MAY by Shannon Lunt run by FDRC

What a successful day at the BRC Area 10 Combined Training Qualifier held at Felbridge Show Ground Firstly a massive thank you to the volunteer's ground crew and organisers on and off the committee that makes this show run so smoothly! It was a long day for all, in the sun but is greatly appreciated!!

A huge thank you to all our helpers who were many – without you we couldn't run this event

As a club, we were well represented sending two teams and individuals.

The FDRC results are as follows

Team 1 - 2nd place who consisted of: Jenny Garrard, Julie Hanks, Kim Laucins, Shannon Lunt

Team 2 - 5th place who consisted of: Claire Merry, Nikki Welch, Jenny Garrard, Shannon Lunt

Individuals:

Dana Freeman got her 1st qualification in the 50cm & 60cm

80cm - Preliminary 1 : 2nd Jenny Garrard, 8th Louise Burley, 10th Nikki Welch, 11th Claire Merry

80cm - Novice 1 : 3rd Shannon Lunt, 5th Nikki Welch,

90cm - Preliminary 2 : 3rd Jenny Garrard, 5th Julie Hanks 12th Claire Merry

90cm - Novice 2 : 7th Shannon Lunt, 9th Kim Laucins

Congratulations everyone! I hope you all continue have a successful season!!

Well Felbridge Show Ground certainly was the place to be! Faversham was, as usual, running this qualifiers. I so love this venue, a big thank you to Shaun! It was a good day of competition, lovely to see so many spectators enjoying the day.

The weather was amazing as were our team and all the volunteers and helpers. Thank you all for making the day happen and Congratulations to everyone who qualified for the Championships, or who achieved a personal best and everyone for presenting some really lovely horses.

Thank you admin team for pulling it all together.



NEW SJ SERIES QUALIFIER 50 & 60 cm – report By Dana Freeman

Well, we are going to the finals! 🎉

Got our second 50cm qualifier and won the class! Sadly missed out on our 60cm as Blaze wasn't feeling 100% after being run into the back of by a big horse in the warm up! Still plenty of time to gain my 60cm though so not the end of the world.



COMBINED CHALLENGE at LODGE FARM on SUNDAY 8th JUNE **Report by Dana Freeman**



On the 8th of June several of our riders and 5 helpers headed off to Lodge Farm for the Combined Challenge! It was a day of mixed emotions with one particular showjumping filler that was causing a few stops for many riders and clubs throughout the day! Our riders rode brilliantly and the results do not always reflect on how the day has gone.

We sent a few riders that are new to the club, as well as riders/horses that are not as experienced, so we must say a huge well done and look forward to watching you and your horses grow with time and experience. Thank you to all 5 of our brilliant helpers who we could not compete without!

We are pleased to say that the following FDRC riders were placed in the 90cm class:
Claire Clarke - 3rd Nikki Welch - 9th Elizabeth Roberts - 10th

Here are some words from a couple of our riders...

"I had a fantastic time! Super pleased with how Benji behaved and thought how they set it up this year was brilliant. Can't wait for next years! " Nicola Welch and Simply Vivendi

"The Combined Challenge at Lodge Farm was a wonderfully run day; it was a welcoming and fun event. The course was inviting, whilst asking a few questions. It was reassuring to see some familiar, friendly faces volunteering to help make it all possible.

There was a lot of 'firsts' for Rani and I. It was our first time being part of Faversham and District Riding Club Team (and I felt proud to be wearing the smart, new navy base layer), our first Combined Challenge, our first SJ on grass in a competition and our first placing (3rd) in a competition. For those of you that know Rani, she hasn't always been the easiest Mare, but she is slowly maturing and our partnership growing, we look forward to being part of more Riding Club events and fun in the future." Claire Clarke and Rani-K Van 'T Kattenheye

"It didn't go quite as planned for us on Sunday! Bested by the brown fence of doom! Luckily my air jacket meant that I bounced on landing and walked away unscathed! Not the day we were hoping for but at least we got a funny photo out of it!" Vita Welcome and Sir Troy

"Well done everyone who competed at Lodge Farm cross-country course today! A really challenging day with

the course causing so many problems. You all did brilliantly, and once again it was so lovely to represent the club. Benji didn't completely embarrass me with just one baby mistake in each round on the xc course, but considering this time last year we didn't make it past fence 3 in the show jumping, I would say huge success!

TEAMS & COMPETITIONS COMING UP

NOTE TO RIDERS WHO COMPETE IN TEAMS & AREA COMPETITIONS

We are Re-Vamping our Team Form that **MUST** be filled in before you compete in any competitions representing the FDRC as a member of a Team or as an Individual. We feel that perhaps we have not explained certain things clearly enough. The new form will be emailed to all members and will take the place of the old version.

Before you actually get to a competition you **MUST** send in certain pages of your horses passport to the team manager – the pages that contain ALL vaccines (not just the recent ones) and the page with the horses name on it.

On the day of the competition you MUST always bring your HORSES PASSPORT, YOUR RIDING HAT(S) and BODY PROTECTOR(S) to the Secretary's as they need to be checked on the day by an official. This is very important as if you do not present these to the Secretary you will be **Disqualified from the competition** and obviously this not only affects you but your team.

TEAM COMPETITIONS COMING UP - when schedules are published we will inform members

JULY

6th - KENT COUNTY SHOW – DETLING – Riding Club Team Show Jumping

20th – Area 10 Horse Trials 70cm Friends of Freddie – Lodge Farm

27th -- RIHS Riding Club Team Jumping - Hickstead

UP TO DATE TIME TABLE ATTACHED-INCLUDES ALL UP COMING COMPETITIONS , TRAINING, SOCIALS

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES & VENUES FOR 2025

Championships	Date	Venue
Equilibrium Winter Show Jumping Championship	5 – 6 April	Arena UK, Allington Lane, Allington, Grantham, NG32 2EF
SEIB Winter Dressage Championships and Quadrille & Equetech Dressage to Music Championships	25 – 27 April	Arena UK, Allington Lane, Allington, Grantham, NG32 2EF
TopSpec Arena Eventing Championships	30 May – 1 June	Aston Le Walls, Washbrook Farm, Daventry, NN11 6RT
SEIB Horse Trials Championships	2 – 3 August	Swalcliffe Park, Grange Farm, Swalcliffe, Banbury, OX15 5EX
NAF Five Star National Championships	30 - 31 August	Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincolnshire. LN2 2NA
SEIB Combined Championships	27 – 28 September	Aston Le Walls, Washbrook Farm, Daventry, NN11 6RT

TRAINING & TRAINERS -

Please see Website page for training dates at <https://www.favershamridingclub.com/training> or on [FDRC Facebook Page](#) and look out for Diary Update Emails

CROSS COUNTRY CLINICS with CLAIRE STRYZYK

We are pleased to offer cross country training with Claire Stryzyk at various local XC courses. Claire is a BHSI 5 Performance Coach and Chief Instructor for the East Kent Pony Club. The clinic will last for 90 minutes and will be split into two groups:- **Under 80cm and Over 80cm**.

Body protectors **must** be worn

It is recommended that on XC Clinics you bring someone with you on foot to assist in the event of a rider fall. Members £45 Non-Members £50 The price includes course hire

Details on [FDRC Facebook](#) Events page Places can be booked through [My Riding Life](#)

SHOW JUMPING CLINICS with KATY FORD at DRAYHORSE ARENA, CHALLOCK

These sessions with Katy Ford who is an Accredited BS UKCC Level 3 show jumping coach.

Katy is extremely knowledgeable and sympathetic in her teaching are very popular.

Held at Drayhorse in the 60 x 40m arena

Our clinics with Katy Ford continue to be extremely popular and fill exceptionally fast. In fact, several weeks in advance.

The trial of new group heights has proved very successful and we will continue to run with

The groups are:-50-60cm, 60-70cm, 70-80cm, 80-90cm, 90-1m ****Option for fences to be bigger than 1m.**

£20 Members/ £25 Non-Members via MRL

The clinic will be groups of 4 for an hour and in five height categories.

POLEWORK / GRIDWORK SESSIONS with CLAIRE STRYZYK at COBBES MEADOW RDA CHARTHAM

Choose between pole or a grid work lesson with Claire Stryzyk, BHSI stage 5 Performance Coach and BD list 5 Judge. These will be held at Cobbes Meadow RDA Centre

Members £20/rider Non-Members £25/rider

Max of 4 per group Please book via www.myridinglife.com

ARENA EVENTING CLINICS AT BREACH BARN WITH CLAIRE STRYZYK.

Arena Eventing is over a mix of show jumps and cross country fences.

Groups of 4 – **Please note March will be our last clinic until October.**

2 height groups 50-80cm and 80cm+

Body protectors **must** be worn. This can be either an air jacket or body protector or both.

Open to all £25 members £30 non-members

Places can be booked through My Riding Life: <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=492811>

CLUB REGALIA



You can order a Hoodie, Polo Shirt, Sleeveless T-Shirt, a Cap and a Bobble Hat. The front embroidery is included in the price and for an extra sum you can have the back embroidered with the larger motif as well. To order go to: <https://www.jbembroidery.co.uk/embroidered-faversham-district-riding-club.html#/>

We also offer self sew patches which come in two sizes:

8cm for sewing onto your own clothing at £10.00

11cm for attaching to saddle cloth at £12.00

Useful if riding for the club teams.

To purchase go into your MRL account search for Faversham & District – Take OUT your post code & milage and it should magically appear!! The badge(s) will then be posted to you.



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