



FDRC NEWSLETTER

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A big warm FDRC Welcome to our newest Members: Jo Jones, Laura Jeffreys, Claire Gibson, Bryony Mann

NEW WEBSITE

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new FDRC Website. Many of you will be aware that we had problems with the old site being unable to update it from last Autumn. It has taken some time to put together but we hope you feel it is worth the wait. The new site has a calendar you can print off so that will be more up to date than the sheet we used to send out with the Newsletter. If anyone does not have any access to the internet and would like the diary posted to them please contact Sally on 01622 851807. Please take a look at the new site and send us your comments.

Here is the new website address: www.favershamridingclub.com

CHANGES TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

We felt that our Facebook Page was being taken over by people who were not actually FDRC Members posting adverts etc. making it difficult to find actual club events and news and so it was agreed at the Riding Club AGM we will be making some changes. From now on only FRDC members will be able to post and all posts will require approval from Admin. Events which we feel may be of interest to members will be posted if Admin are contacted and details sent to us. BRC and Area 10 information will also be posted.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your Membership with the FDRC for another year. We are delighted to have you on board and have a good programme of events planned. If you have not yet renewed your Membership and want to do so – go to the Membership page of our new website where you can join online or print off a form.

CONGRATULATIONS to SUE SAUNDERS & TIM BRIER

HUGE congratulations to BHS North & West Kent volunteers and Sue Saunders (our FDRC Secretary) and Tim Brier (who regularly judges for the FDRC) who collected their BHS Volunteer Long Service Awards - 20 years and 10 years respectively..... where would the BHS be without amazing people like these



LOOKING BACK:

FDRC XMAS DINNER held at The Alma on December 9th



On December 9th nearly 40 Members & Guests gathered at The Alma at Painters Forstal for a delicious Christmas meal. The food was delicious as always and the company was convivial. Thank you Anne for organising it.

REDHORSE TEAM DRESSAGE held on December 10th at Willow Farm

We entered two teams for this competition

The Faversham Falcons: Eliza Wigdahl, Jean Smith, Jane Elwell
and

The Faversham Kestrels: Nina Moore, Debbie Harris & Rosey Hill

All riders did very good tests and both teams were placed. Eliza had a problem with transport on the day but gallantly, not wanting to let the team down, came to the venue and borrowed a pony to do the test. So a big thank you to Eliza & her mum Philippa for organising that.

We are delighted to report that out of over 20 teams

The Kestrels – Nina, Debbie & Rosie came 2nd and The Falcons Eliza, Jean & Jane came 8th with Jane coming 1st in her class, Nina coming 2nd in hers and Eliza & Debbie both coming 5th in their classes.

Well Done girls – we were proud of you all.



LEFT – Jane & Jean collect the Falcons 4th place rosettes.

RIGHT – Rosey & Team Manager (for the day) Sally collect the Kestrels 2nd place rosettes & sashes.



FDRC AGM at Norton Village Hall, Norton, Nr Faversham ME13 0SW on Monday 20th Feb 2017

The AGM was not very well attended this year – which is a shame as it is traditionally the time when the Committee can hear what the Members want from the Club, and the Members can hear what we did during the previous year and what is planned for the future and make suggestions. Maybe in this day & age when communication is so quick and easy it is not considered the occasion or event it used to be.

The 2016 awards to Members who have been most active for the Club were given out as were the Redhorse FDRC League awards FOR 2016 and sadly very few of the winners of these awards were at the AGM to receive them which was a little sad. Not quite the same to receive it in the post after the event.

The Chairman's Awards for the Most Active Club Members for 2016 went to:

Shannon Lunt
Linda Sumner
Anne Adams
Sarah Reith
Chrissy Sutton

The Chairman's award for Most Supportive Non-Club Member went to:

Bob Holroyd

Anne also presented Jenny Marshall & Sally King with beautiful orchids for helping at most events during the year.

The FDRC Redhorse Dressage Points League 2016

Congratulations to those who took part in the Red Horse Dressage League for 2016 - the winners are:

1st	Steph Hughes	133 points
2nd	Linda Sumner	83 points
3 rd	Mel Lewis	78 points
4th	Maxine Harding	71 points
5th	Nina Moore	66 points
6th	Carol Sudds	45 points
7th	Anne Adams	28 points
8th	Sarah Guest	26 points
9 th	Lindsey Bootes	25 points
10th	Jane Ewell	10 points

Well done - we will be running the league again for 2017

THE OPEN SHOW by Sally

The future of the Open Show had been discussed by the Committee Meeting previous to the AGM and under AOB the subject was discussed at the AGM. The Open Show, once the jewel in the FDRC crown attracted, at its height, 200+ horses on a regular basis. Classes were full and 20 + in Showing & 40 in Show Jumping were the norm. But sadly that is no longer the case – in the last few years numbers have dwindled to the point where if we give out 6 rosettes we think it's a good day. We have tried tweaking the schedule, changing judges, adding qualifiers etc but to no avail in 2013 & 14 we could blame the weather but 2015 was a beautiful day and still numbers were very poor. I know we clashed with a couple of things last year but in the "good old days" it would not have made any difference to our show.

We are not sure what the reason is, perhaps in these days of every Equestrian Centre holding regular, if not weekly shows, with points leagues & qualifiers maybe the one off mixed class show has had its day – or maybe it's down to the fact that more & more competitors only want to compete on a surface and not on grass. Who knows!

We used to have team of 15-20 members & partners who would come along on the two days before the show to erect the show ground and a similar number to clear up. So when there were just 6 of us setting up on the Saturday last year and I believe not one of us was under 60 it became apparent that perhaps we would have to rethink our options.

The show not viable either in time, money or effort as it is. So for this year at least, we will not be running it. If you won a trophy last year we will still want it returned as we may start again next year or we may re-allocate them to new or different events.

I am personally saddened by this as I have been involved with every one since the first show we ran in my field at The Oast in the early 1980s and as the show expanded in size we progressed to Willow Farm (Painters Forstal), Goodnestone Court (Graveney), Collington Farm (Baddlesmere), Derbies Court (Stalisfield), Badlesmere Court Farm (Sheldwich), Plum Puuding Field (Dargate) to Saddlesdane (Badlesmere) - I have most of the schedules from 1988 onwards - a lot of memories.

COMING UP

Beginners XC with Ali Ferry at Chilham Park on March 19th

Following the success of our first clinic we are pleased to arrange another clinic with Ali Ferry at the beautiful Chilham Park course. The clinics are aimed at those new to cross country and want to have a go or who want to gain confidence and experience whether it be horse or rider.

The price is £45 which includes a 90 minute lesson and the use off the course.
The groups will be a maximum of 4.

Payment is required at the time of booking either online with www.clubentries.co.uk/favershamrc or by cheque made payable to "Faversham & District Riding Club". and posting to:

Ali Martin, Stoneacre Farm, Stone Street, Stelling Minnis CT4 6DD with your the following details:

Name

Contact Number

FDRC Membership Number

Places will be confirmed on receipt of payment. In the event you are unable to attend, all efforts will be made to find a replacement but if one is not found payment will not be refunded as the place still needs to be paid for.

If this proves popular there might be more XC training watch this space

Contact Ali Martin for further details at batty2205@gmail.com or via FDRC Facebook Page

THE FDRC SPRING SHOW at Willow Farm on May 21st

This is the perfect start to the season with classes for everyone from the very novice to the more experienced. Schedule enclosed.

This would be the ideal show to start getting points for the NEW BRC Grassroots League – see details under LEAGUES section later on.

VERSATILE TREC HORSE & FUN DOG SHOW at Willow Farm on July 30th

And now for something a bit different..... This is a new venture for us – and based on the interest in out Have-a-Go TREC ring at the Open Show last year we thought would be a good next step.

Points will count towards the SE TREC VHT League 2017

A Versatile TREC Horse competition is a three phase competiton with an obedience test taking the place of orienteering that you have in a Full TREC.

Phase 1. Obedience Test - this is ridden in a 20 x 40 dressage arena and the emphasis is on accuracy and obedience of the horse not how the horse goes ie: "with impulsion" etc.

The test may include movements such as rein back and immobility for specific number of seconds. Tests will be printed in the schedule.

Phase 2. Control of Paces (MA)- in this phase the horse & rider canters as slowly as possible along a 2m wide marked corridor which may or may not be a traight line. Oncethe horse has completed the canter they

then walk as fast as they can back down the corridor. If they break pace or step outside the corridor it is zero points.

Phase 3. Obstacle Course (PTV) - In this phase the horse & rider tackle a course of obstacles that (in the most part) represent obstacles you might find out hacking - like a gate, a narrow path, low branches ec.

Competitors have times (like dressage) for each section of the competition.

Data Sheets for each obstacle will be displayed on the day.

Data Sheets & Rules in the e-rulebook on the Trec GB Website.

To go with this (and as most horsey people have a dog too!) we are running a FUN DOG SHOW - with classes for Pedigree & Heinz 57 alike

The schedule will be out in the not too distant future..

TEAMS

We have quite a few Team Competitions coming up, schedules can be downloaded from the new FDRC Website Schedules page.

Area 10 Friendly Show Jumping Teams at Willow Farm on March 12th

We have one team entered in this competition.

Area 10 Intermediate Team Dressage Qualifier – Junior & Seniors at Blue Barn on March 26th

We have one Senior Team, one Senior Individual & one Junior Individual competing at this event.

Area 10 Combined Training Teams Qualifier – Junior & Senior at Felbridge on April 1st.

Faversham & District are again running this event so we need all the Helpers we can get.

We have two teams entered for this event.

We realise this is not exactly local to us but this the best venue for this competition & it is good fund raiser for your club so members support would be most welcomed.

If you are volunteering as a helper please let Sally King know at faversham.rc@gmail.com or on 01622 851807

Area 10 Dressage to Music Qualifier & Friendly Dressage Teams at Blue Barn on April 9th

We have one team entered for the friendly team event.

Area 10 Horse Trials Qualifier – Juniors & Seniors at Bonfleur on May 14th

We are looking for Team Members for this event as well as Helpers of which we have to send 2 helpers per team or the team can't compete.

Teams of 4 (all seniors or all juniors) or individuals - The whole team must jump the same height.

The Heights are: 80 / 90 / 100 / 100+

If you are interested in being in a team or going as an individual please contact Julie at juliesalt@yahoo.co.uk or on 07885098408 letting her know which heights you would be happy competing over. Preliminary Entries have to in by 23rd April

LEAGUES

Redhorse Dressage 2017 FDRRC Members Points League

We have arranged with Redhorse Dressage to run a points system for FDRRC members, which will run during 2017. **Rosettes will be awarded at the Clubs AGM.**

When entering at competition at Redhorse Dressage, write on your entry form that you are a FDRRC 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.

BRC Grassroots League – NEW for 2017

This is a new venture from BRC to encourage those who do not aspire to be in teams to gain points for their club while competing at any BRC Riding Club organised Show in Show Jumping at 60 or 70 cm or in any Intro or Prelim Dressage Test. **The SPRING SHOW would be perfect for getting your first points towards this league.** Details on enclosed sheet or on the new website.

Area 10 Virtual Dressage Points League – NEW for 2017

A dressage test done in a relaxed atmosphere that will go into an Area wide competition - sound good?? check this out.

What is the BRC Area 10 Virtual Dressage League?

- A points league just for Area 10 Riding Clubs
- Monthly competitions - 5 levels with long and short arena options
- Compete for you club without having to travel
- Every time you enter you could gain points for your club
- Ride and film your test at a time to suit you
- Receive constructive and encouraging feedback from our judges
- Rosettes to 10th place in every class each month

To take part, you need to be a member of one of the 30 Riding Clubs in Area 10, which covers Kent, East Sussex and part of East Surrey. Entering is simple. All you need is a flat piece of ground with a marked out dressage arena and a digital video camera or smart phone to film your test

For full details entry forms etc etc. go to: <http://www.justsoequestrianevents.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/BRC-Area-10-Virtual-Dressage-League-v2.pdf>

See enclosed sheet

Our DIARY is always evolving and we will send out notifications & reminders of dates, social & ridden events, team info etc to all our Members by email
So keep a look out for your FDRRC Emails & checkout the FDRRC Facebook page and of course the NEW website

Please tell us if you would prefer to receive this info by post – tel: Sally on 01622 851807

The Newsletter will be sent out in March, June, September, December and we welcome articles or reports by Members – please send to the editor – Sally King (details on back page) by the 1st week of the above months.

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TRAINING & TRAINERS

Please see Whats On page training dates on www.favershamridingclub.com if you are not on the internet and want a diary posted to you contact Sally on 01622 851807

'Show Jumping Clinics with Maria Draper'

To be held at Twisden (next to Blue Barn Equestrian Centre) Ashford
These will be a 1 Hr sessions starting at 3.00pm on each date – Height starts at 2' 9"
Cost is:- £15 per rider (max. 4 per group)

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

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)

Please contact Lindsey Bootes on 07729 763470 or email lf.bootes@btinternet.com

To find out more or to book a place on the above training.

Dressage/Flatwork Clinics with Bridget Draper-Jones (Sundays)

Bridget Draper-Jones is an experienced dressage trainer who specialises in dressage & eventing. Individual or group lessons to cover all levels & abilities. Clinics to be held at aprox monthly intervals on Sundays (monthly) starting at 12.00 noon

Individual or group lessons to cover all levels & abilities.

To be held at Twisden (next to Blue Barn EC) Great Chart, Ashford, TN26 1JS

Cost: Individual Lesson - 45 mins - £35.00

Shared Lesson 1 hour - 2 riders - £30.00 each / 3 riders - £20.00 each / 4 riders- £15.00 each.

Please contact Anne on 0797932818 or v.a.ball@outlook.com stating if you would prefer group or individual session or if enough interest we can get a Monday group together too.

Dressage/Flatwork Clinics with Liz Roberts

Liz Roberts (Listed BD Trainers Database and BD Trainee Judge, Fully Insured) who competes regularly in dressage will be taking these clinics which will be held aprox once a month usually on a Saturday starting at 10.00 am at Baden Stables, Oad Street, Stockbury in their 20 x 60 arena with ample parking.

These sessions are to suit all levels & abilities - shared or individual.

Cost: Individual - 45 mins- 1 hour - £30.00

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

X/C Training

There is no regular monthly training at the moment but we have got the Beginners XC Course on March 19th and we are looking to organize more XC Training this summer. Watch this space..... And of course the NEW website & Facebook plus club emails.

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Cross Country/Hunter Trials Teams

SJ Teams

Show jumping & XC Training
Club Regalia/Welfare Safeguarding Officer

Faversham District Riding Club Regalia



Sweatshirts - £22.50 Baseball Caps - £9.50 Polo shirts - £19.50
Fleece - £26.50 Half Zip Fleece - £25.50

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 and the club detail on the back. Sizes are standard Small Medium and Large, with children's sizes available as well.

Members generally purchase their own blue saddle clothes and these can be embroidered with the clubs name and your own full name underneath on each side for £10.

For all enquires and orders please contact Lindsey Bootes at LF.Bootes@btinternet.com or on 07729763470

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