



## **FDRC NEWSLETTER 2025 ISSUE NO. 1 – MARCH**

### **FIRST A BIG WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Clare Slater, Ellen Latchford, Nicky Bentley, Claire Warren, Peta Young, Jason Merry, Ruth Bolton, Jo Smith, Bev Horkan, Kathryn Connell, Isabelle Hodgins, Serena Stokes, Delia Cooper, Luke Wigmore, Emily Barker, Jo Murrell, Amy Whitehead, Jodi Corby and Louiza Adam. This takes our 2025 membership up to 159

### **NEWS & VIEWS**

#### **SOME SAD NEWS - OBITUARY FOR JAN REID by Sally King**



It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that Jan Reid has recently passed away. A lot of you will have known Jan and we, the committee are very saddened by her passing. Jan was a valued part of the FDRC, her husband, Rufus was Chairman for many years and Jan was his support and the Club's first lady despite never actually becoming a member herself.

Jan, Sue Fayers and Wendy Sullivan were famous for the amazing Judges lunches they produced and served at our annual horse show. We actually had top judges asking if they could judge for us due to the wonderful lunches we provided. I can still taste the banoffee pies, the sausage plaits, the array of different salads, the coronation chicken, the various gateaux and the endless teas & coffees.

Jan would always go with Rufus to team events and shows to support the riders. The Reid family got involved with the riding club when their daughter Hannah joined as a junior member with her horse Ted. Jan was a lovely person and will be very sadly missed by her family and by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Our sincerest condolences to Hannah, Steven & Emily, you are all in our thoughts.

#### **MEMBERSHIP AND OUR NEW PLATFORM – SPORT80 by Sally King Membership Sec.**

As a lot of you will know in Dec 2023 the BRC Introduced a new platform for Members to join the Club called Spot80 and December 2024 was the first time we had used it to renew memberships. I have to say that after a sticky start and a lot of time spent on the phone to BRC Helpline over the first half of 2024 the BRC have listened to the suggestions made by Clubs around the country and it is now running a lot smoother and we hope you have found your way around it easily when joining or renewing your membership. Some of the Sport80 emails are now appearing in your inbox giving the sender as British Riding Clubs. It is not spam and is OK to open.

#### **AN ARTICLE SENT IN BY DANA FREEMAN**

I joined Faversham Riding club the middle of last year, I have a few friends who are members and liked the idea of being able to regularly go out to clinics and other activities. My dad was also a member a long time ago with his horse Heron who he competed on at the team events. He still has fond memories of competing at the Kent show.

I haven't had a lot of luck over the last few years with my pony being poorly and saddle issues, it took me a lot longer to get out to a club event than I originally hoped. The long breaks hadn't done my confidence any favours either. With my new saddle arriving just in time before 2025 kicked off, I booked my first Katy Ford Clinic on 1st February.



If I said I wasn't nervous, I would have been lying. My pony isn't always easy, some days she gets herself all worked up before we have even got on. Drayhorse is a lovely relaxing environment, Blaze found the atmosphere relaxing enough to allow me to get on by myself, which if you know Blaze isn't always easy either. The clinic itself was brilliant, having been popping over cross poles for some time, wondering where I was going wrong, I hardly recognised myself after jumping some of the fences. The sort of fences that would make me feel uncomfortable and wondering why I was doing this, but that feeling was totally gone. I felt a sense of self belief and determination.

And just like that, I was back on MRL to book more! The support of the FDRC community has been wonderful, there are no judgements. We are all different and the club caters really well for that. I am really looking forward to continuing building my confidence and improving my riding at Katy's clinics and attending camp in June!

### **A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE NEWSLETTER BY NICOLE WEBB**

I joined Faversham Riding Club last year, hoping to get out and do a bit more with my big lad, Big Al. Now, let me tell you, Big Al is not just any horse; he's a super sensitive, super sharp, and generally a walking, neighing nightmare! But despite his antics, I've been welcomed with open arms. Honestly, it's like I've joined a support group for horse owners with "unique" equine personalities!

Take, for example, the jumping clinic with Katy, who knows us both all too well. Big Al was only a little bit of a naughty boy—just a smidge of chaos! After his turn, he decided to showcase his dramatic flair by throwing a full-on temper tantrum in the field, which I can only describe as the equine version of a toddler throwing their toys out of the pram. I was half-expecting someone to hand me a "Parenting 101" book! Thankfully, he calmed down before he could send me flying into the next county, and at no point did anyone tut or complain. In fact, one lovely club member even messaged me to say she was going to say hi but thought better of it once she saw I had my hands full with my overgrown drama queen!

The camaraderie at Faversham Riding Club is fantastic. Everyone is so kind and supportive, and they've made me feel right at home, despite Big Al's occasional social faux pas. We've also had some well-behaved clinics—yes, they do exist! where everyone was genuinely nice and just there to enjoy their horses and have a good time.

Now, Big Al and I have been on a little hiatus for a few months (but trust me, there's another Al story brewing for another day), but we're gearing up to get back into the swing of things soon. I'm really looking forward to more clinics and more adventures with my big lad!

At 50, I was super nervous about joining, but I can honestly say that Faversham Riding Club is a gem. No cutthroat competition here—just a bunch of lovely folks looking to enjoy their horses and share a few laughs. If you're looking for a place where you can embrace the chaos of horse ownership and feel supported while doing it, this is the place to be!

### **ADDENDUM** by Nicole

*After sending in the article above I have had such sad news and I would like to pay tribute to my heart horse, Mr. Al. He was a gentle giant who filled my life with joy, laughter, and a few too many adventures. Though he was often too much horse for me, he taught me invaluable lessons about patience, trust, and the importance of truly listening. Together, we attended riding club clinics, where his playful spirit and knack for mischief kept everyone entertained. He showed me how to embrace the silly moments and find joy in the little things. More than just a horse, he was my confidant and my mental health support, always there to lift my spirits with a nuzzle or a playful nudge. I miss him dearly and will forever cherish the bond we shared. Thank you, Mr. Al, for all the love and laughter. You will always gallop in my heart!*

Thank you so much Dana & Nicole for your contributions to the FDRC March Newsletter. It is so good to have feedback about Members experiences and I remember being on several teams with Dana's father Graham and his amazing horse, Heron although it was a good few years ago now!!! I am sure all the club members will join me in sending you our sincere sympathies to Nicole at the loss of Big Al. - Sally – Editor

## LOOKING BACK

### CHSITMAS GET TOGETHER at THE WOOLPACK, Chilham on NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>

By Heather Stubbs



This year we decided to venture out to a different venue. The club has grown tremendously over the past few years and our members cover a vast area within Kent, so we tried to find somewhere new and in a convenient location – we were not disappointed.

Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and 35 members of the club arrived at The Woolpack Public House nestled away in

the little gem of a village we all know as Chilham. The pub was tastefully adorned with Christmas decorations, getting us all in the spirit for Christmas despite it still being November!

The food, having been pre-ordered arrived promptly and without any issues, no mean feat when you have that amount of people to accommodate, so a massive, big thank you to all of the staff for their hard work. With the drinks flowing, the guests munching away at the delicious food, and the conversations around the tables largely being somewhat equestrian themed (no surprise there) – it was obvious although the night was young, we were going to have some fun.

Desserts were approaching so it was time to commandeer the troops to purchase some raffle tickets. On offer we had 12 very worthy prizes, catering for everyone from arena hire and lessons to beauty / hair treatments, dog grooming and cakes (plus the must have bottles of Christmas plonk). A huge thank you to all that purchased tickets, and to all that very kindly and generously donated gifts – we raised over £300. The perfect evening came to an end, and we all left The Woolpack feeling very content (aka full to the brim of tasty food and wine). Roll on for the Christmas Get Together 2025 !!

### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL RIDE with WENDY NEATH on 15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December at Saddlesdane



The brilliant idea of having a fun Christmas Musical Ride Session was Wendy Neath's as she had run similar get togethers with other riding clubs. The idea proved so popular that we had one session one Sun 15<sup>th</sup> and two on Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

Riding to music is fun and helps with rhythm - Wendy broke it up in to different movements that were practiced and then joined together as the session progressed. Ending with a well put together routine to traditional Christmas tunes.

Thank you Wendy for suggesting and running these fun sessions.



## **THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR (ON FOOT) SOCIAL DOG WALK AND GET TOGETHER**

**Dec 28<sup>th</sup> from Knowler Farm, Stelling Minnis.**



What a lovely walk around The Minnis on December 28<sup>th</sup> with FDRC - lovely to see so many well behaved pooches ( and humans 🌈 ) and Knowler Farm were again excellent hosts providing fantastic nibbles and warming drinks

Many thanks to Elizabeth Roberts for organising and to everybody who came along We had about 20 dogs & owners came along. What a great way to walk off some of the calories consumed over the festive break.

## **MEMBERS ONLY SOCIAL RIDE FROM CROCKSHARD FARM, on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Report by Philippa Balerio who hosted and organised this ride**

A great group social ride, as usual, from Crockshard. A big thankyou to Jo Boraston for leading the other group in the opposite direction so we could meet in the middle at The Griffin's Head - thanks to the staff there for their excellent hospitality when we took over the car park!

The route rode well in both directions (minor decapitation risks aside) and a good time had by all, I hope!

We will look forward to seeing new and familiar faces for the next one

This was our first Social Ride this year kindly organised by Philippa Balerio



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup> at THE WHITE LION, SELLING**

**Great Turnout for AGM & Presentation Evening! By Elizabeth Roberts**

We were thrilled to see so many of you at our recent AGM (Friday, 28th March) and Presentation Evening! With 35 attendees despite a last minute change of date!, It was a fantastic opportunity to connect and celebrate another successful year.

During the AGM, we shared some exciting updates:

\* My Riding Life Enhancements: We're pleased to announce that My Riding Life will soon be implementing BRC membership number storage, streamlining our records. Even more exciting, they are exploring integrating with the Sport80 platform, which will eliminate the need for manual membership cross-checking. This will save us all time and effort!

\* Get Involved! Abi Martin gave an informative presentation on how to participate in the E-Riders online dressage series, offering a great opportunity for riders to compete virtually. Elizabeth Roberts then explained the ins and outs of our Points League, clarifying how it works and how members can earn points throughout the season.

On the downside we did lose Jenny Marshall from the Committee as she now lives too far west to come to many functions although she has remained a Member and will help at events near her

Following the formal meeting, the real celebration began! We presented a fantastic array of rosettes and trophies to our well-deserving winners. A huge congratulations to everyone who achieved success this year

A special thank you to Shannon Lunt for creating a wonderful video montage showcasing the diverse range of events we've enjoyed throughout the year. It was a fantastic way to reminisce and appreciate all the hard work and fun we've had.

Finally, everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet, providing a perfect opportunity to socialise and catch up with fellow members..



Philippa Balerio

**Massive congratulations to the following winners:**

- Senior Member of the Year 2024 Philippa Balerio
- Junior Member of the Year 2024 Issy Mason
- Helper of the Year 2024 Jan Barlow
- Most Improved Polework 2024 Veronique de Caesteker
- Most Improved XC / AE 2024 Jo Boraston
- Most Improved Junior SJ 2024 Fern Farr
- Most Improved Senior SJ 2024 Claire Merry
- Against All Odds 2024 Sarah Reith
- Faversham Fancy Flyer 2024 Harriette Seymour
- Best Club Representative Kim Laucins
- Most Supportive Member 2024 Lisa Daniels



Lisa Daniels

**Redhorse Dressage Points League**

- 1st Abi Martin - 51 points
- 2nd Kim Leney - 24 points
- 3rd Sue Elliot -14 points
- 4<sup>t</sup> Shannon Lunt -13 points
- 5th Amy Boaler - 8 points

**FDRC POINTS LEAGUE PLACES**

- FDRC Points League Champion 2024 Joy Loyla
- 2nd Debbie Harris
- 3rd Liz Roberts
- 4th Amy Boaler
- 5th Kim Leney & Flash
- 6th Sue Elliot
- 7th Veronica Crouch
- 8th Sally King
- 9th Kim Leney & Ricci

**FDRC POINTS LEAGUE SECTION WINNERS**

- FDRC Points League M & M Amy Boaler
- FDRC Points League Showing Joy Loyl
- FDRC Points League Dressage Liz Roberts
- FDRC Points League TREC Debbie Harris
- FDRC Points League Veteran Sue Elliot



Kim Laucins



A special award 'Keep Calm and Carry On' was presented to Alicia, our Club Secretary, and the backbone to so many of our training and social events. Ali really does go above and beyond to make sure spaces are filled, riders are kept fully informed, and alterations/changes/switching events etc are dealt with effectively and efficiently... we didn't manage to get a photo, but she received a lovely trophy and a big rosette! This award will be available again for next year... who is up for the challenge!



We will be in touch with members who were not able to attend on the night to collect their prizes, and we will be forwarding vouchers to Philippa, Issy and Jan.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the evening such a success! We look forward to seeing you all at future events.

Abi winner of Redhorse league

**More photos on FDRC Facebook**

**MEMBERS ONLY STEADY NEDDY SOCIAL RIDE at Selling on March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Organiser & Lead Rider - Sarah Reith – report by Sally King**

This was our second Steady Neddy Social Rides for FDRC Members which are aimed at those who prefer a quieter ride in a group. We were very lucky to get permission to use the Car Park in Selling next to the school. It proved a perfect base giving level hard standing and plenty of room. The weather, for once, was lovely sunshine & blue skies all day!



Chrissy Sutton & myself were ground crew for the day and were able to welcome the five riders and Sarah, our lead rider & organiser, who all arrived in good time to get saddled up and ready for the 11.15 start. Sarah had worked out a lovely route using quiet country lanes and tracks round & through Perry Woods.



The ride went past the Rose & Crown Pub and Chrissy & I met the ride there for a break and refreshments. We waved them off on the second leg of their ride and went back to base to await their return. Indra Morris joined us on foot at the Rose & Crown and took some lovely photos, which you can see here, the rest are on Facebook.

The ride arrived back at the box park safe and sound and there were some lovely smiling faces and after the horses were settled everyone gathered together for a chat and some coffee & cake etc. before departing.



## AN AFTERNOON WITH FRANCIS WHITTINGTON SUNDAY 9TH MARCH AT SADDLESDANE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE



What an incredible afternoon we had with Francis Whittington Equestrian! Over 50 enthusiastic attendees joined us for a truly insightful session.

Francis kicked things off with his talented young event horse, demonstrating the power of pole work for developing balance and rhythm. We watched as he expertly guided the horse through a series of poles, seamlessly transitioning into a grid of fences. It was fascinating to see how these simple exercises lay the foundation for successful jumping.

After a short break, the action continued with Francis's son, Max, taking the reins of a more experienced horse. Max expertly replicated the exercises, showcasing the versatility of these techniques across different levels of training.



Francis then adjusted the fences, revealing how the same principles can be adapted for progressive challenges.

A huge thank you to Francis and Max for sharing their expertise and making it such a fun and informative afternoon! We're also incredibly grateful to Samantha Whittington for her help in making today happen.

We have many more exciting events planned with Francis, including yard visits and training sessions. Lovely video of the a short part of the demonstration on Facebook

### COMING UP

### MEMBERS ONLY SOCIAL RIDE - BROOMFIELD LODGE, ON Sun 23RD MARCH - 1 PLACE LEFT From: BROOMFIELD LODGE, RUSHMORE LANE, CHARING, ASHFORD, TN27 0AF

- Organised and by kind permission of Brian Homewood and Gillian Ransome
- What3words : vented.uneearthly.timidly
- Meet from 1100hrs, ready to ride for 1130hrs
- The ride will be for approx two and a half hours and will include a pub stop... please bring some money if you want a drink! Please bring something to 'socialise' with for after the ride (tea/coffee/cake etc!)
- The route will be on lanes and bridleways.
- Hardhats and plenty of Hiviz MUST be worn.
- At all times, the groups will go at the speed of the slowest or least confident rider. No one will be pressured to ride outside of their comfort zone.
- Each group will have a dedicated group leader.
- Please note that there are approx 10 bridleway gates to be negotiated.
- This ride is limited to 7 riders.
- Parking: The lanes to this venue are quite narrow and the turning in to the venue is quite tight from one particular direction, so it is best to access for large lorries if from Housefield Road direction.
- There is plenty of hard standing. DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS, as the ground here will be soft and you may get stuck(as well as making a mess!)
- Cost £5. enter via <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=499283>
- Please bring equipment to clear up after your horse.



**MEMBERS ONLY SOCIAL RIDE FROM CROCKSHARD FARM, on APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> FULL**  
**From: CROCKSHARD FARMHOUSE, CROCKSHARD HILL, Nr WINGHAM, CT3 1NY**

- Organised and by kind permission of Philippa Ballerio
- Meet from 10.45am, ready to ride at 11am.
- This ride will be limited due to parking restrictions which will allow only 5 trailer/horse box parking spaces.
- The ride will be for approx two hours (weather dependant) and will include either one to two pub stops... please bring some money if you want a drink!
- Please bring something to 'socialise' with for after the ride (tea/coffee/cake etc!)
- The route will be on lanes and bridleways. Hiviz MUST be worn.
- This ride will include cantering (ground permitting), so you must be confident to canter in a group in an open space.
- Please be considerate to other riders in the group, and the Ride Leaders' word is final.
- Parking: For trailers and small lorries will be at Crockshard Farmhouse, please drive down the drive and park near to the barn and stables.  
What3 words is <http://w3w.co/cure.item.browsers>
- **Cost £5. enter via <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=501672>**
- Please bring equipment to clear up after your horse.

**MEMBERS ONLY STEADY NEDDY SOCIAL RIDE on SAT APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**

- **From Syndale Farm, Faversham Rd, Ospringe ME13 0RJ**
- **By kind permission of Vicky & John Clinch & Fiona & Hugh Boucher**
- Box Parking: for up to 6 lorries/trailers – hard standing if wet
- Length: up to 1hr 15m to 1hr 30m, at walk and trot
- Arrival 10.30 am for 11.00am ride start
- Places limited to 5 - MEMBERS ONLY
- 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 Social rides are aimed at Members who want a shorter and 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
- Please bring something to 'socialise' with for after the ride (tea/coffee/cake etc!)
- **Cost £5 - Entries via MRL As soon as entries open we will email all Members**
- Please clear up after your horse & bring implements to do so

**FDRC 2 DAY CAMP with ANN BERRY on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:favershamridingclub@gmail.com) to go on the waiting list.

**A TRIP TO THE RACES ON JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> TO NEWMARKET LADIES DAY**



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.

***Lots more events in the pipeline – look out for notifications on FaceBook & by Email.***

### **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.

### **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, points will be allocated as per the attached sheet.  
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 2024 FDRC MEMBERS POINTS LEAGUE – WILLOW FARM EC**

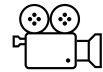
An extra way of getting a little more out of your dressage tests. When you enter a class or classes at a Redhorse Dressage Competition at Willow Farm and you tell Sue Barradell 'who runs the shows, that you are an FDRC Member - your placings are converted to points for the FDRC Red Horse Dressage league.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

PLUS at each show the highest placed FDRC Members 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 JOINS 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>

When you upload the video for a 'Riding Club Arena' it will ask you at that point to select your riding club, I have checked and we are on there! You can also go into your account, click on your rider profile and click edit, then you can add the club there, too.

Entering into the Riding Club Arena also gives you the opportunity to qualify for the Main Arena Championships. You will also get points for entering on the Club's Points League

Susie at E-Riders is very helpful, if you have any other questions, her email address is [susie@e-riders.co.uk](mailto:susie@e-riders.co.uk).

The website is very self explanatory though.

**Any queries please contact Abi Martin either via Facebook or at [favershamridingclub@gmail.com](mailto:favershamridingclub@gmail.com)**

## **TEAM & COMPETION REPORTS – LOOKING BACK:**

### **FDRC CHRISTMAS CRACKER TEAM**

The annual Christmas Cracker Competition came round again, with one team entered. A fun time was had by all, including the horses!



Abi

#### **Results:**

Alicia Martin and Joey 65%

Lisa Daniels and Waffle 64.4%

Abi martin and Dan 67.4%

Elizabeth Roberts and Simps 67.41%

The team came 52 out of 88 teams in this countrywide Competition.. So congratulations to you all especially as this was Joey's first ever test. .



Lisa



Ali



Elizabeth



## **AREA 10 WINTER DRESSAGE QUALIFIER at HADLOW COLLEGE on FEB 8<sup>th</sup>**

We had 7 riders representing the FDRC at this Area Qualifier riding 12 tests between them. Area 10 had decided to pack all the Dressage Classes into one day – usually they have the Intro & Music sections separately.

This meant the organisers running over 200 tests in one day which made for early starts & late finishes and some long waits in between. Nevertheless our 7 riders, some riding as individuals and four of them making up a team did us proud.

Here are the results:

The team was: Abi Martin, Nikki Welch, Rosa Grad & Kim Laucins. Here are the results

### **Novice Qualifier**

P1 Zoe Pinion 2<sup>nd</sup>      P2 Zoe Pinion 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Intermediate Qualifier**

P3 Abi Martin 3<sup>rd</sup> (Team)      P3 Nikki Welch 5<sup>th</sup>      N2 Abi Martin 4<sup>th</sup>      N2 Nikki Welch 2<sup>nd</sup> (Team)

N3 Kim Laucins 5<sup>th</sup> (Team)      N3 Wendy Neath 3<sup>rd</sup>      E1 Rosa Grad 2<sup>nd</sup> (Team)

### **Dressage to Music Qualifier**

Prelim Victoria Birt 1<sup>st</sup>      Novice Wendy Neath 2<sup>nd</sup>      Novice Kim Laucins 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Intermediate Team**

3<sup>rd</sup> place

## **CONGRATULATIONS to the following members who have qualified for the BRC Winter Dressage Championships at ARENA UK on 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Zoe Pinion** Senior Novice Individual in two classes (Prelim)

**Abi Martin** Intermediate Individual in two classes (Prelim and Novice)

**Nikki Welch** Intermediate Individual (Novice)

**Rosa Grad** Intermediate Individual (Elementary)

**Victoria Birt** Prelim Freestyle to Music

**Kim Laucins** Novice Freestyle to Music

Venue Arena UK - Please let Liz Roberts at [favershamridingclub@gmail.com](mailto:favershamridingclub@gmail.com) know at your earliest convenience if you wish (or not) to attend as we need to accept or decline the championship invitations. There is always the opportunity to ask for a wildcard for those who are attending just the one class (if you took part in another class at the qualifier)

**WELL DONE EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART**

**TEAM NOTE:** I believe I am right in saying that we had at least one FDRC Member qualify for **every Championship** there was in 2024 and it looks as if we are heading in the right direction already this year!

## **TEAMS & COMPETITIONS COMING UP**

### **AREA 10 COMBINED TRAINING QUALIFIER at FELBRIDGE EC, on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The FDRC will again be organising the Area 10 Combined Training Qualifier at Felbridge Showground on Saturday 10th May 2025.

**CALL OUT FOR BOTH for FDRC RIDERS and HELPERS FOR THIS EVENT.**

We realise that Felbridge is not really our usual area but it is the only Equestrian Centre with enough arenas & warm up facilities to run this smoothly. As we run this event we need more helpers than the usual 1 person per team so if you feel you could help Please contact - Sally King on [kingsally316@gmail.com](mailto:kingsally316@gmail.com).

This year there are Open Unaffiliated Classes too – so spread the word to friends who might like to take part. **SCHEDULE ATTACHED.**

## TEAM COMPETITIONS COMING UP 2025 - as & when schedules are published we will inform members

### MAY

10<sup>th</sup> - Combined Training at Felbridge EC - **FDRC are organising this and need helpers & team members**

25<sup>th</sup> – Area 10 Horse Trials Qualifier 80 & 90 cm only – Blindley Heath

26<sup>th</sup> - Area 10 Horse Trials Qualifier 100cm on Blindley Heath

### JUNE

7<sup>th</sup> - Area 10 Combined Challenge, Lodge Farm

14<sup>th</sup> - Area 10 Summer Show Jumping Qualifier, Hadlow College

### JULY

12<sup>th</sup> - Area 10 Summer Dressage Qualifier, Hadlow College

20<sup>th</sup> – Area 10 Horse Trials 70cm Friends of Freddie – Lodge Farm

22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> RIHS Riding Club Team Jumping

**PLEASE NOTE:** All Competitors must fill in a **COMPETITORS FORM** and the completed forms for any team event **MUST BE EMAILED** to the relevant Team Manager at [favershamridingclub@gmail.com](mailto:favershamridingclub@gmail.com) together with a **FULL VACCINE RECORD** for each horse. **RIDERS FEES** as set out in Team Info Sheet must be paid via MRL

**HELPERS:** For every team or individual rider entered in an Area 10 competition we have to supply the relevant amount of helpers or the team can be disqualified.

So if you can help at any of the above competitions please let the relevant Team Manager by email to [favershamridingclub@gmail.com](mailto:favershamridingclub@gmail.com) To see what's involved please find **HELPERS INFO SHEET** .

**QUALIFIERS** - There will be more Area 10 Qualifiers and we will notify you by Facebook & Email as soon as we know the dates or have the schedule.

**UP TO DATE TIME TABLE ATTACHED - INCLUDES ALL UP COMING COMPETITIONS , TRAINING and SOCIAL EVENTS**

## **CHAMPIONSHIP DATES & VENUES FOR 2025**

<b>Championships</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
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

Please see Website What's On page for training dates at <https://www.favershamridingclub.com/whats-on> or on **FDRC Facebook Page** and look out for Diary Update Emails



## **TRAINING & TRAINERS -**

### **CROSS COUNTRY CLINICS with CLAIRE STRYZYK at CHILHAM PARK**

We are pleased to offer cross country training with Claire Stryzyk at Chilham Park. 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](http://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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