



FDRC NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO. 2 – JUNE 2023

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS by Sally King – Membership Sec

A big warm FDRC Welcome to our newest Members we look forward to meeting you all soon at an FDRC Event. Claire Stryzyk (Ashford), Imogen Wood (Sittingbourne), Trish Gooch (Hythe), Rosie Ochs (Whitstable) Layla-May Darley (Waltham), Sarah Mileham (Ashford), Ocean Spice (Yorkletts), Ellie Lord (Chilham), Mary Murison (Rochester) and Millie Phillips (Whitstable).

That brings our membership up to 97 with enough Junior Members to make up teams. This really has been an amazing year for recruiting new members for the FDRC.

CHANGE OF CLUB OFFICERS

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Angy Spoor for being the FDRC SJ Team Manager from 1994 to the present. Angy has decided it is time to step down and let someone else have a go. We are pleased to report that Shannon Lunt has taken over as Team Manager for both Show Jumping and Horse Trials.

LOOKING BACK

SOME SAD NEWS

In March we learnt of the passing of Rufus Reid. Rufus was a much valued member of the FDRC and our Chairman for many years seeing the club through the glory years of horse shows for 200+ horses at Dargate.

At his Dargate Garage he kept our cars, boxes & trailers running and our spirits high. He was a good friend to so many and nothing was ever too much trouble for him.

Rufus was one of life's gentlemen. He always looked on the bright side whatever the situation. His warmth and old world curtesy were just part of his charm. He always had a good word and little cheeky joke for everyone. One of our Committee Members said that even before she joined the FDRC she particularly remembered our shows because Rufus always made her feel so welcome as a competitor.

Rufus was one of life's good guys and he will be very very sadly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



LOOKING BACK

BRC AREA 10 COMBINED TRAINING NAF FIVE STAR QUALIFIER 2023 – Report by Lindsey Bootes

We as a club organised and ran the event at Felbridge on Saturday 8th April this year. The weather was so kind to us after all the wet weather and as always the facilities at Felbridge served us well. Even though entry numbers were down this year, it was a good day of competition and lovely to see so many spectators sitting out around the arena's enjoying the day.

The event is a massive team effort headed up by Lynn Uphill and myself. The team of volunteers from our riding club was bigger than ever this year and included both committee and club members and their families, to whom I am really grateful. My dad, husband and sister form a great scoring team and not forgetting mum, who holds the fort at home, which allows us to be at the show. All equestrian events are the same, they really could not go ahead without a team of volunteers who are willing to give up their day and make it happen. Thanks to you all!!!!



The club had several riders competing at the event this year.
Our junior rider Desti Horton and her own Quiney came 3rd in the Prelim 13 class, jumping 85cm.
Kim Leney and Knockanoroe Queen came 6th in the Prelim 2 jumping 75cm.
Liz Roberts and Simply Jolene came 3rd in the Novice 34 and 4th in the Novice 28.
Congratulations to them all and thank you to Wendy Neath for organising our riders this year.

I think the big take home from the show this year was that riders need reminding that -:
You must keep your [horse passport](#) with your horse, pony or donkey whenever it is transported.
The text above is taken from the government website.

I know there are not many competitions now a days when your horse or pony's passport is checked, but it is not just a request from the British Riding Clubs to conform to the rules for qualifiers and championships, it is the law. So even though we check your passport and vaccination record prior to the competition, it still needs to be shown to the declaration team at the event. BRC also uphold the rule, that a horse or pony cannot compete if it has a vaccination in the 7 days before the event. This rule can only be upheld if we see the passport on the day. I hope everyone appreciates the importance of this request, it is there to safeguard our equines and it is our duty with regard to their welfare.

Next year the Combined Training NAF Five Star Qualifier will move to the summer season for the first time, following changes to the British Riding Clubs event calendar. See you next year!? xx

MEMBERS SOCIAL RIDE on April 15th – Report by Chrissy Sutton



This ride was from The Grain Store, Well House Farm, Shottenden Organised by Liz Roberts by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Martin Holmes

The ride was originally going to take place on 26th March due to rain and high winds, little did we know that the night of 14th April and early morning the 15th would also be wet and a bit breezy. However, the rain stopped and a group of intrepid riders met Liz Roberts at around 10am to get ready for an interesting ride.

We went in two groups, Julie Salt and I in the first group (riding two of Julie's lovely horses Arthur and Wilma) with three other riders, and then a second group of three went later. We both had a ride leader complete with map.

Some of the roads were flooded in parts and the horses were brilliant walking through the water, brilliant TREC training. Due to the very wet ground conditions, we stayed in walk and trot and missed out a loop in the woods. But had some very enjoyable conversations as we rode.

On our return, and the horses settled, snacks were shared and discussion on how the ride went between all the riders. Despite the weather conditions we all had a great time and a big thank you to Liz Roberts for organising the event.

DONATION TO ANIMAL RESCUE CHARITY

The Club has received a thank you letter from Happy Endings Rescue for the £100.00 donation we made to them from running the Hoof Print Challenge last Winter. Thank you to all the members who took part in the popular photo treasure hunt. We are pleased to say that Veronica Crouch has said she will run another one this coming Winter. Watch this space!

2 DAY CAMP at Welwyn Stud on 13th & 14th May – Report by Jo Boraston

On this weekend in May, about a dozen horses and riders, most from FDRS, gathered at Welwyn Stud at Hawkinge for camp with Anne Berry. We all arrived during the first part of the morning and were allocated stables for each of our horses, separated into groups for the first session, and given time to settle our horses and ourselves. We were mostly camping in our lorries or trailers, so the camp beds and inflatable mattresses were out in force!

Anne had us in two groups for the first morning, concentrating on poles and lateral work, hard work for riders and horses. Those not riding had a rider pilates session with Laura Bolder. It was amazing how much effect (and pain!) she could generate with a yoga mat and a ball. We all came away saying how much better we felt, despite the discomfort at time, not dissimilar to a good massage.



All brought picnics for lunch, so that was a time to meet our other campers and generally talk horses. In the afternoon we were split into three groups for more polework and some small grids. The evening consisted of a takeaway, a few drinks and karaoke courtesy of Liz Roberts and Shannon. Lots of fun was had by all, with the last stragglers staying up until the cold got the better of us. (There are photos!)

Sunday dawned dry and a little sunny, and after a quick sort out of stables and breakfast, we were off on our morning sessions, this time grids and jumps, small for some, up to 80-90cm for the brave!

Then in the afternoon, we had two groups out on the cross country field, where the ground was perfect. Anne started with the 50-60 group, riding up and down the banks, over small obstacles and a ditch and finishing with a reasonable course around the whole field. The 70-80 group did much the same but using bigger obstacles.

Overall it was a brilliant weekend, Anne pitched the teaching at just the right level so all of us, horses and riders, made real progress. Thanks go to Anne Berry of course for the use of her wonderful facilities, providing stables, parking, ad lib tea and coffee and for her brilliant and constructive instruction. Then of course we have to thank Anne's right hand person Sam for the administration and to Alicia for the organisation for the club.

I think most of us are looking forward to next year already!

MEMBERS SOCIAL RIDE on May 29th. – Liz Roberts



A windy, but dry Social Ride - Mockbeggar Farm, Rhodes Minnis, CT4 6XY today, 6 members braved the wind and took on the sights over the Elham Valley. All horses behaved very well especially as we had to deal with quite a few cars, horse lorry and motor bikes on what are normally quiet lanes.

Amy Jolley lead the route on her new big Ex racer, who was very confident, and we all swapped around places to make conversation with old and new friends. Definitely a day for duns, (three shades of dun, one spotty, one bay, one chestnut... really looking at get the whole colour spectrum!). 6.5miles and some long hills.. ground was hard so sadly no cantering.

Once back, we all wished Amy a Happy Birthday and all tucked in to some nibbles and coffee...

COMING UP

NEXT MEMBERS ONLY SOCIAL RIDE is on 25th June organised by Veronica Crouch. from Ivy Cottage, Whatsole Street TN25 5JW

Enjoy the lovely hacking round Elmsted from Ivy Cottage which was the base for our POR last year.

The What3Words for the field entrance to park trailers and small horseboxes is **competent.pelt.lakeside**
The easiest turn into the entrance is from Elmsted church end as the gate is on an angle.

The Peachs have kindly agreed to open gates to a concrete yard (just down the hill) from 10am so any large lorries can park there and hack up to my field to start.

What3Words for this parking is **eliminate,adjuster,carriage**

It would be helpful if anyone booking could tell me if they have a large lorry so I know how many to expect. Please email me @ veronicacrouch@btinternet.com

Meet from 10.00am, ready to ride at 10.30am. The ride will be for an 1.5 to 2 hours.

Entries in advance via our Secure Online Entry System – [My Riding Life](#).

Payment is secure and it goes directly to Faversham & District Riding Club.

You will receive an email confirmation of your booking and payment.

Members only - Cost: £5

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

More Rides planned – watch out on FaceBook and Emails

FRDC RIDING CLUB RALLY DAY - A ONE DAY CAMP **Entries Now Open!! Few places left**
Saturday 15th July 2023

Cobbes Meadow RDA Centre, Candles Way, Chartham, Kent CT4 7TU
(W3W – stunts.brilliant.dressings)

A day of fun activities mounted and unmounted from 9.00am to 4.30pm, including:

- Drill (or Formation) Riding with Wendy Neath
- Polework with Julie Salt
- A demonstration of Long Reining by Kate Spillett
- TREC Taster Session with Sally King & Chrissy Sutton
- Improve Your Dressage Score with Louise Edwards.
- Short map reading/orienteering talk by Sarah Reith

And to finish off the day

- Practice your map reading skills with an On Foot Treasure Hunt.

Bring your own lunch and we will provide hot drinks & water

There will be a cake stall in aid of the RDA

There will be time to chill out & chat to fellow riders during the day and to have a drink and sample the cakes.

Good facilities one indoor arena & one outdoor arena, ample hard standing for parking, toilets and kitchen facilities all set in surrounding fields & woodland.

Entry Fees : £55.00 FDRRC Members & £65.00 for Non Members

F&DRC Members will take priority.

Entries can be made via [My Riding Life](#)

In the afternoon you choose between TREC Practice & Improve Your Dressage Score – You are asked to state which you would prefer to do on the entry form. We can not take more than 6 in a group so when one section is full you will be allocated to the other – **so get you entry in early.**

FULL SCHEDULE available on Facebook Files or [FDRRC Website](#)

TEAM & LEAGUES NEWS.

Note: To represent the FDRRC 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.

Redhorse Dressage 2023 FDRRC Members Points League – Willow Farm EC

Redhorse Dressage run a points system for FDRRC members, which will run from February 2023

– January 2024. Check [Redhorse Dressage Website](#) for show dates.

Results will be announced and League Rosettes will be awarded at the AGM held in Feb 2024

BLINDLEY HEATH AREA 10 HORSE TRIALS on 28th May – Shannon Lunt

Unfortunately it was not our teams day in terms of results, however I think a lot was learnt from the experience! A big well done to Kim Laucins and Rosie Ochs, who made up the team with myself! It was so lovely to have a team and that we all got to meet up and support each other! As a riding club, we are all about having fun, enjoying ourselves with our horses and at the very least I think we all enjoyed the sunshine!

A massive thank you to our wonderful volunteers, Jenny Marshall and Rachel Brett, as if it wasn't for them kindly coming forward to help, we would not have been able to compete.

We are very grateful that they took the time out of their bank holiday weekend to be there! It may not have been our day, but there is no reason why we still can't have a great season ahead of us!

AREA 10 QUALIFIER DTM AND INTRO at Cobham Manor on June 11th – Ali Martin

A brilliant day at the Area 10 DTM/Intro Dressage.

All riders were placed and 2 getting places to The BRC Championship.

Abi Martin 1st and 4th

Debbie Harris 2nd

Wendy Neath 4th

Elizabeth Roberts 1st and 2nd.

A massive well done to all our riders and a special thank you to Rosie Ochs for volunteering at short notice which allowed our team to compete!

Congratulations everyone

TEAM CALLOUT

If interested in being in a team in any of the SJ competitions listed below please contact

Shannon Lunt – shannm.95@gmail.com

Schedules can be found on the Website or Facebook page.

July 8th – Kent County Show – teams of 4, seniors & juniors 95cm – juniors & seniors
July 30th – RIHS Hickstead – teams of 3 all scores count – **TEAM ENTERED**
June 25th - Area 10 SJ at Hadlow College – Teams of 4 Seniors & Juniors

Dates for Diary

June

4th - Pole Work Clinic - Caroline Hadris
11th – DTM/Intro – Cobham Manor
10th - Jumping Clinic with Katy Ford at Drayhorse Arena, Challock
25th – Area 10 SJ - Hadlow
25th - Social Ride - Ivy Cottage, Whatsole Street TN25 5JW

July

1st - Jumping Clinic with Katy Ford at Drayhorse Arena, Challock
8th - Kent County Show Team Competition
15th - FRDC Riding Club Rally Day
16th - Area 10 Horse Trials 70cm - Matfield
29th - Jumping Clinic with Katy Ford at Drayhorse Arena, Challock
30th - Royal International Horse Show, Hickstead Teams of 3 Competition
TBC - Members Social Ride – Ospringe, Date & Details TBC – Look out for email/facebook

August

12th - Jumping Clinic with Katy Ford at Drayhorse Arena, Challock

TRAINING & TRAINERS

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
If you don't have internet & want details posted contact Sally on 01622 851807

X COUNTRY TRAINING – We hope to be able to announce some new XC Clinics soon – keep a look out on Facebook

SHOW JUMPING CLINICS with KATY FORD - see Whats On for dates through to July

held at Drayhorse Arena, Faversham Road Challock, Kent, TN25 4BQ
These popular sessions with Katy Ford who is an Accredited BS UKCC Level 3 show jumping coach.
Katy is extremely knowledgeable and sympathetic in her teaching.
Held at Drayhorse in the 60 x 40m arena

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

Group 1 - X poles to 50/60cm Group 2 - 60/70 cm Group 3 - 75/80cm, Group 4 - 80cm and over.

Cost includes arena/course hire:- £20 for members and £25 for non-members.

These clinics are proving to be very popular.

NEW – POLEWORK SESSIONS – with Claire Stryzyk

at Cobb's Meadow RDA Centre, Candler's Way, Chartham CT4 7TU What3words stables.talkative.pancake
NEXT DATE – July 2nd - further dates will be published on the Dairy on [FDRC Facebook](#) we aim to run sessions once a month.

Go to [Whats On page of FDRC Website](#) to book via **My Riding Life** and for more info.

Claire is a BHSI stage 5 Performance Coach and BD list 5 Judge and a knowledgeable experienced instructor happy to help riders and horses at all levels from grassroots up.

Members £20/rider, Non-Members £25/rider, Max of 4 per group

Please book via My Riding Life details

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. It's 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



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 £7.00

11cm for attaching to saddle cloth at £8.00

Useful if riding for the club teams.

We have a stock of these which you can purchase by emailing your order to faversham.rc@gmail.com and paying by BACs to: **Faversham & District Riding Club - Account No. 30858356 - Sort Code: 60 19 25 REF: Your Name/Patch** The badge(s) will then be posted to you.



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