



FDRC NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

I am afraid it is that time of the year again where we are after your money!! All memberships are due for renewal on Dec 31st. (except anyone who took out extended membership since Oct 1st) so make sure you get yours off in time

You can renew your Membership in one of three ways:

1. Use the enclosed Membership Form and post it off with a cheque or pay by BACS
2. Go to <http://clubentries.co.uk/favershamrc/> and pay by credit card or paypal
3. Go to <https://www.favershamridingclub.com/membership> where you can fill in an online form & pay by BACS

I am pleased to say there is no increase in the Annual Subscription this year. We hope you feel that our subs offer good value for money.

The cost of a year's subscription for 2018 is :

Adult / Junior Full Member - £30.00

Adult / Junior Family Member - £17.50 – Must have a full member at the same address

Adult / Junior Non-Riding Member- £17.50 – Juniors must be under 17 yrs on Jan 1st 2018

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS FOR 2018

Your Membership number is made up of three parts – year – club number – your personal number

For example 18 116 123 and in past years all that has changed is the year prefix BUT this year some of you will be getting a new personal number as well so please do not use your 2018 membership number until it has been confirmed to you by email or letter. This is because over the years list has got a bit unwieldy and we are taking the opportunity of sorting it out.

TEAM FORMS

If you wish to represent the Club in a team in 2018 please use our new Online Team Form which can be found at <https://www.favershamridingclub.com/teams> . This form gives you the opportunity to upload your horses passport before submitting the form. If you do not wish to do this online please contact Sally King and we can email or post a team form to fill in by hand & post or email.

Not sending in a Team Form does not exclude you from being in a team but it does make it much easier for the Team Manager who is filling in the entry forms etc. to have all the details to hand. Whenever there is a Team Competition coming up we will email round the details, put it on face book & the website and it is up to you to let the Team Manager know you will be available on that date & wish to take part.

DON'T FORGET THE SPECIAL OFFER FROM EQUINE RESCUE SERVICES

Equine Rescue Services are offering all FDRC Members 15% discount off Horsebox /Trailer Breakdown Assistance & Recovery when they first join. To take advantage of this offer just phone them and state that you are a Faversham & District RC Member and you will get 15% off your first year. See advert later in the newsletter. Contact: Web: www.equinerescue.co.uk Phone: 01300 348997 Email: info@equinerescue.co.uk They promise when you ring you will always get straight through to a human and not a robot!

My Experience of Equine Rescue Services – Sally King

I was already a member of Equine Rescue Services when this offer was first put up for Members and back in September I had to call them out for the first time. I took Molly over to Chrissy Sutton's to ride out with her on her new horse. Just as I arrived at her place to park in the paddock my Discovery stalled, restarted then stalled again and then refused to start. The bonnet felt oily, it turned out to be a fuel pipeline leak and it had just literally run out of fuel.

I only had the trailer covered by Equine Rescue Services and the car with the RAC. I contacted RAC first as I thought they might be able to get me going again but they could only offer a low loader to my garage and said I had to get the vehicle out of the field as they would need it on the road for the pick up – Philip Sutton & his trusty Golf amazed us all by towing my Discovery up hill and out of the field. VW Rules!

So now I had to get Molly & my trailer home again. I contacted Equine Rescue Services, they were really helpful from the start – they arranged for one of their appointed drivers to come along in a 4x4 and take me, Molly, all my tack etc & the trailer home. They continually kept me informed of what was happening, checking that I & my horse were safe while waiting for their driver. The driver arrived and hitched up, we loaded Molly and stowed all my tack etc into his vehicle. He drove us home very carefully, giving Molly the smoothest of rides. I was very impressed with my first experience of using Equine Rescue Services and would definitely recommend them.

I think when I renew my Membership I will get the car covered as well as it would have been easier than sorting the car & trailer out separately and as they say I did speak straight to a human and not to a robot. Despite their learning of my plight after the RAC, Molly & I arrived home before the RAC got the car to the garage. I must thank Chrissy & Phil for their patience & hospitality and Phil's help in waiting for RAC guy while Chrissy & I went out for our ride and for the amazing tow out of the field.

LOOKING BACK:

TREC GB AFFILIATED PETHAM TREC - REPORT & RESULTS by Sarah Reith

On Sunday 27th August Faversham & District Riding Club organised another competition to support TREC in Kent, following the success of our Versatile TREC Competition at Willow Farm.

31 competitors took part in the level 1 POR (orienteering) event, held at Petham, Nr. Canterbury, Kent. With kind permission of Frances Mount and her Family and Mr. & Mrs Swire, of Kenfield Hall Estate.

The weather was beautiful, though a little hot. The level 1 route passed along woodland tracks, farm land and quiet country lanes. It was challenging enough to cause a few hiccups, with some missing the correct track at the beginning and a few not finding the ticket, on the final stage of the route but the aim of the route was to be enjoyable and encourage newcomers and novices to have a go at TREC again.

Thank you to those that took part, both new and more experienced, your good humour and enthusiasm encourage organisers to run more competitions.

We had a lovely selection of helpers, covering parking, secretary, tack check, map room, scoring and check points and a 'manned ticket'. Thank you so much!

An important contribution to the planning and how the day ran was Kay Kitson, who was our TREC GB Technical Delegate and is responsible for the safety of those helping and taking part, the suitability of the route and the scoring. She is the 'eyes and ears' of TREC GB and we thank her for the time, effort and stress involved in helping at our event.

We all deserved the lovely cakes, under the gazebo, which raised money for Cobbes Meadow RDA. by Sarah Reith, Sally King and Chrissy Sutton.

RESULTS:

Class 1 Novice Individual

1. Katie Holmes
2. Julia Phebey
3. Charlotte Briscall

Class 3 Open Individual

1. Veronica Crouch
2. Cecilia Harrington

Class 2 Novice Pairs

1. Nicky Cameron & Diana Morrison
2. Pauline Hartley & Penny Price
3. Katie & Isobel Jamieson
4. PriceFrances Mount & Diane Gower
5. Adrea Davey & Anne Farren
6. Plum Goodsell & Harmonie Jones

Class 4 Open Pairs

1. Natalie Jenner & Courtney Addington
2. Julie Salt & Claire Gibson
3. Vicki Glynn & Amanda Marfleet
4. Jean Ashford & Jane Elwell
5. Clare Foy & Pauline French

URBAN PHOTO TREASURE HUNT – on Sunday October 1st by Sally King

This was a new slant on a walking treasure hunt – each group or pair was given a map of Faversham and a list of 30 objects to photograph varying from a Zebra Crossing to a Shepherd's Crook. Competitors had 1 hour to complete their task with time penalties given for every minute over the time.

The weather forecast was not good but we decided to go ahead anyway and in fact the weather was not too bad at all. 17 Members & friends took part and we met in Faversham Car Park at 4.30 for a 5.00pm start – with Sarah Reith on the stopwatch they all set off in different directions after a countdown to the start time.

The finish was in the Coffee Lounge of the Sun Inn and Sarah & I settled ourselves down there to await the arrival of the first ones back – stopwatch at the ready. We could see out onto West Street from our cosy retreat and spotted several of the competitors walking past, some at more leisurely pace than others! Everyone got back in good time and while everyone compared notes and chatted over a drink the marking began. Craig had come along to do the scoring and Sarah & I checked photos off against the lists.

The Results:

- 1st Christina & Jenny
- 2nd Phil, Lesley, Alice & Luke
- = 3rd Chrissy & Phil
- = 3rd Jenny & Sarah
- = 4th Linda & David
- = 4th Ali & Lin
- 5th Lynn, Tony & Cody

Best Selfie Winner - Christina & Jenny with their Something beginning with "D" photo of a dog
Best Selfie Runners Up – Lynn, Tony & Cody – with photo of Cody & Lynn on a swing

Most Artistic Winner – Phil, Lesley, Alice & Luke's photo "Reflections"
Most Artistic Runners Up – Sarah & Jenny's photo "The Creek"

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Treasure Hunt and it was lovely to see family groups taking part. Maybe another one in 2018??

KENNEL CLUB COMPANION DOG SHOW at KEMSLEY VILLAGE HALL on Sat November 18th by Sally King

On a rather bleak November Saturday Anne, Bob, Chrissy, her sister Margaret & myself arrived at Kemsley Village Hall to run the annual FDRC Companion Dog Show. We set out the chairs and ring – put out the delicious sandwiches, home made cakes, drinks & snacks - & arranged the raffle prizes and set up the Secretary's table. Then the dogs & owners started to arrive not so many to start with but as we got nearer the time for the Novelty Section to start a second wave of entrants arrived. Eventually we had 59 dogs competing in the 25 classes, some entering many classes each..

Prizes were kindly sponsored by Salvatori Medway Ltd. And Championship Rosettes were kindly sponsored by JB Embroidery & Rosettes

It would have been nice to see a few more Members but this show is now a firm fixture in the local dog show calendar.

The Winners were:

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| 1. K Waite & Ghost | 14. Arlene Meyar & Phoebe |
| 2. Patsy Bird & Laura | 15. Rachel Lee & Cortana |
| 3. Frances Goldfinch & Bebe | 16. Meryn Douson & Jack |
| 4. Marie Cullimore & Tilly | 17. S Tucker & Leo |
| 5. Suzanne Crow & Edena | 18. Ava-May Anastasi & Jessie |
| 6. Meryn Douson & Jack | 19. Frances Goldfinch & Bebe |
| 7. Clare Osborne & Ellie | 20. Karen Baudry & Maggie |
| 8. Peter Willis & Daisy | 21. A Joyce & Mr Whizzy Puff |
| 9. Patsy Bird & Pixie | 22. Arlene Meyar & Phoebe & Letty |
| 10. A Joyce & Mr Whizzy Puff | 23. Susan Buba & Blossom & Alfred |
| 11. Susan Baber & Alfred | 24. Liz Lee & Noir Chocolat |
| 12. Susan Henson & Peggy | 25. Rachel Lee & Cortana |
| 13. Layla Keccei & Indie | |

Best Pedigree in Show – Clare Osborn & Pia

Reserve Best Pedigree in Show – Frances Goldfinch & Bebe

Best Novelty in Show – Meryn Douson & Jack

Reserve Best Novelty in Show – Frances Goldfinch & Bebe

Best Junior Handler – Layla Keccei & Indie

COMING UP



XMAS DINNER at THE ALMA, PAINTERS FORSTAL, ME13 ODU SATURDAY DECEMBER 9th

Put this date in your diary **now** - Don't miss the Club's annual Xmas Dinner – always “a right good do” and a time to catch up with fellow members & partners in convivial surroundings – **Menu & Booking Form can be found at**
<https://www.favershamridingclub.com/schedules-1>

FDRC AGM at Norton Village Hall, Norton, Nr Faversham ME13 0SW on Monday 12th February 2018

This is the place for you to be on Feb 12^h to hear all about the past year's trials & triumphs and to have your say on what the Club will be doing in 2018.

The FDRC Redhorse Dressage League Winners will be presented with their rosettes & Special Members Awards will be given out to those who have gone that extra mile for the Club in 2017. Refreshments will be available— time for a good gossip and to catch up with fellow club members.

How do you fancy getting more involved with the running of the Club? Ever considered being on the FDRC Committee?? New faces & fresh ideas welcomed – if you would like to find out more please ring Anne on 07979 432818



GERMAN NIGHT with Food & Wine Tasting and themed Quiz on Sat March 24th 2018.

Join us for a social evening with a difference at Norton Village Hall Norton, Nr Faversham ME13 0SW

Experience the taste of Germany - a chance to try something new, and catch up with fellow FDRC Members over a glass or two of wine or beer (soft drinks available too of course!) plus some delicious food to sample. There will be fun themed quiz during the evening.

Cost: £8.00 for FDRC Members & £10.00 for Non Members.

Please let Anne know if you are coming on by filling in the enclosed booking form & sending it to Anne by post or email by March 12th.

'Prost - Wir sehen uns dort' or in other words – Cheers, see you there. (I think!!)

Area 10 Combined Training Teams Qualifier 2018 at Felbridge on March 31st 2018.

For the fourth year running the Faversham and District Riding Club is going to Organise and run the Area 10 Combined Training Qualifier. Please make a note in your Diary!!

Sue Saunders has booked the Venue at Felbridge Show Centre once again. We realise this is not local but it is an ideal venue for the event as we need five all weather surfaced arenas to run the event efficiently and Felbridge is really the only centre that can accommodate this.



There are both Junior and Senior teams and individual classes and the schedule will be out after Christmas. So whether you are looking to be in one of our Club teams or you are able to give up your time and help on the day, we really do need you. This event takes an army of Riders, supporters, family members and helpers to really make it happen!

A huge thank you to everyone who has been part of this event in the past, it really is appreciated and if you are able to help us again in 2018 we would love to see you there.

TEAMS

Area 10 Novice & Intermediate Winter Show Jumping Qualifier – 4th November at Duckhurst Farm by Sally King

This was the first of the Area 10 Winter Qualifiers and four riders came forward to represent Faversham in the 80cm class of this two round competition. They were: Faye Smith on Jigsaw Jack, Anne Adams on Walisco, Lucy Adams on MD Connie and Vicki Wise on Annalise Grace. I had volunteered as the designated helper for the day and was put ring entrance duties so had a really good view of the whole competition. Our on the ground team was completed by Claire Stryzyk as Team Manager.

The first to go was Faye who did a scorching clear round to start us off. This was followed by Anne who also went clear, then it was Lucy's turn and she gave us another careful clear. Vicki went in as our last rider and had an unfortunate 4 faults but as it was the best three scores to count we had ended up on 0 faults – as good as it gets really for the halfway mark. The jumps went up and the second round started, Faye, Anne and Vicki all went clear again but poor Lucy had an unfortunate fall but with 3 clears we were still on 0 faults!

I am pleased to report that our team were the clear winners being the only team to get three clears in each round. This qualifies the team for the Championships in the Spring.

All the team rode beautifully and I was so proud of them all & Claire for her calm and efficient Team Management. It was Lucy's first outing for the FDRC and what a success it was. There was a very good team spirit on the day with all the riders actively supporting each other.



From left to right:
Vicki Wise, Lucy Adams,
Anne Adams & Faye Smith

Area 10 Senior Novice Winter Dressage Qualifier on November 5th at Blue Barn

This was the next Area 10 Winter Qualifier – Senior Dressage this time. Again we had one team forward and the team members were:

Faye Smith on Lavemill, Mel Lewis on Rushett Lad, Debbie Harris on Balingaddy Prince and Claire Gillanders on Sleenhaun Paddy.

Our helper for this event was Anne Adams who was allocated the job of Judges Writer.

Faye & Mel both rode Prelim 12 with Debbie & Claire riding Novice 28

All riders rode very good tests and all attained scores of 60% or above.

The team came a creditable 8th out of 19 teams. Well done girls.

TEAMS MEMBERS & HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING TEAM COMPETITIONS:

Area 10 Team & Individual Friendly Dressage

& Junior Novice & Intermediate Winter Dressage Qualifiers on Sunday Feb. 4th 2018 at Blue Barn

Class 1 – Junior Novice Teams – 4 riders – 2 Prelim & 2 Novice

Class 2 - Junior Intermediate Teams & Individuals – 4 riders - 1 Prelim, 2 Novice, 1 Elementary

Class 3 - Area Team Friendly & Individuals – Seniors or Juniors – 4 riders

(Teams can be all juniors or all seniors or mixed) - 1 Intro, 1 Prelim, 1 Novice & 1 Elementary

Schedule on our website – please read to check tests & restrictions on points etc.

Please let Liz Roberts know if you are interested in riding in a team & which test you would prefer or if you can be a helper on the day.

Area 10 FRIENDLY TEAM JUMPING COMPETITION on Sunday 4th February 2018

Organised by Dartford & District Riding Club at Blue Barn (with the team friendly dressage)

Teams of 4 - Schedule out soon.

Please let Angy Spoor or Lindsey Bootes if you are interested in being in a team.

Equi-Theme Area 10 Intermediate Winter Dressage Qualifier – Sat March 3rd 2018 at Blue Barn

Class 1: Senior Teams - 4 riders – 1 Prelim, 2 Novice, 1 Elementary

Class 2: Pick Your Own Test for Seniors & Juniors riding Medium or Medium Advanced

Schedule on our website – please read to check tests & restrictions on points etc.

Please let Liz Roberts know if you are interested in riding in a team & which test you would prefer or if you can be a helper on the day.

Area 10 Combined Training on March 31st 2018 at Felbridge EC

Teams of 4 Seniors or 4 Juniors - 2 x Prelim/75cm & 2 x Novice/85cm

As you will see above the FDRC are organising this so it would be lovely if we could make up some teams to compete. Schedule out soon.

Please let Lindsey Bootes know if you are interested in riding in a team & which test/height you would prefer or if you can be a helper on the day

Any further team events will be put on the website / Facebook & emailed round to Members

LEAGUES

Redhorse Dressage 2017 FDRC Members Points League – Willow Farm EC

We have arranged with Redhorse Dressage to run a points system for FDRC members, which will run during 2017. When entering a competition at Redhorse Dressage, write on your entry form that you are a FDRC member or tell Sue Barradell on the day. Please contact Liz Roberts if you have any further questions - Check Redhorse Dressage Website for show dates.

Results will be announced at the end of Dec 17 and League Rosettes will be awarded at the AGM

BRC Grassroots League

The 2017 league ended on October 31st. Not heard if this will be repeated in 2018 yet. Did any of you take part?? Please let us know.

Area 10 Virtual Dressage Points League – This was 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

Open to FDRC Members. 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>

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 Julie Draper' – dates on website

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)' - dates on website

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 – new dates out in new Year

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.
 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.

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

Liz Roberts (Listed BD Trainers Database and BD Trainee Judge, Fully Insured) who competes regularly in dressage will be taking these clinics in a 20 x 60 arena.

Its Flexime as you are in charge of when you have your lesson. YOU book direct with Liz at a time which suits YOU and this can be evenings as well as daytime as the arena is fully floodlit, weekdays as well as weekends.

These sessions are to suit all levels & abilities

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

To book your time or for more info contact Liz on 07813880373 or equinelaser@gmail.com
 Payment will be made via www.clubentries.com ahead of the clinic.

*Wishing all our Members & their families
A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy &
Healthy New Year*



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 FDRC Emails & Facebook page

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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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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