

FDRC NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO. 4 – DEC 2022

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. Sharon Vanstone (Newnham) Alison Hargreaves (Stelling Minnis), Abby Bourne (Bladbean), Sue Elliot (Herne), Alex Nurse (Whitstable), Sam Miller (Hawkinge), Noelle Skingle (Ashford), Georgia Whiskin (Yorkletts), Ann Farren (Ashford), Aeryn Gower (Kennington), Rosie Baur (Crundale) and Sharon Carter (Smeeth).

Committee Changes

This year has seen three people step down from our committee. Claire Stryzyk, Sue Saunders & Linda Powell. Sue has remained our Area 10 Rep flying the FDRC flag at Area 10 meetings.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their contribution to the running of the club over many years and all the help stewarding, scoring, judging, taking secretarial duties etc at events. We must also thank Linda's husband David who despite not being a member for the many hours he has given to the Club putting up & taking down showgrounds, stewarding, scoring and endless hours car/box parking. We hope you will all stay involved with the FDRC and you will all be missed at our meetings.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – A cost which is NOT going up this year!

Hopefully you will be pleased to hear that we are NOT putting the yearly subscription up this year. Despite the BRC charging us more per member. Membership is due for renewal on Jan 1st 2023

FULL RIDING MEMBER – Junior or Senior - £35.00

NON RIDING/ FAMILY MEMBER Junior or Senior - £23.00

(Family Members must have a full member at the same address)

This does not apply to those new Members who have taken up the Extended Membership offer – their membership for 2023 will automatically be renewed in January at no extra charge.

Committee Members pay a nominal sum as a thank you for running the club and we ask **Hon Members** if they wish to contribute a sum towards the running of the Club, not compulsory. .

There are three ways of sending in your membership renewal:

1. Using the club website <https://www.favershamridingclub.com/membership> online form where you can pay by posting a cheque or transferring the money by BACS.
 2. Print & fill in the attached Membership Renewal Form & post it with a cheque
 3. Online via <http://clubentries.com/favershamrc/> where you can pay by card or PayPal
- Details for all the above can be found on our website at the address above.

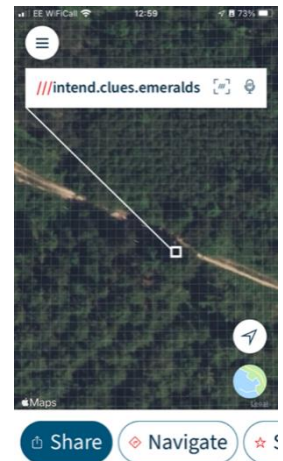
WHAT3WORDS – IT CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE OR MAKE SURE THAT DELIVERIES ARRIVE!

I am sure many of you have heard of What3words but have thought “why do I need another app on my phone” or “oh I won't know how to use it” or “I don't have a need for it”... don't be fooled. This amazing little App can save your life or even make sure deliveries go to the right place, but saving a life is, for me, a game changer. We have been using What3words for some time at work, great for getting deliveries to fields etc...but during some training I undertook last year with Kent Police they highlighted how it can quickly be used in 'reverse' when you don't have much time (or in my case, don't have my glasses on) for the control room to locate you quickly.

There is no need to imagine any scenario... here are two real life occasions I have seen how amazing this app can be...

The first time I use it during a stressful situation, was when I was driving down an unmarked lane to find an elderly woman in distress, injuries to her arms and clearly not in a good place. It became clear she was suffering a serious dementia type episode. I rang 999 for help. I didn't really know where I was... I was in a lane somewhere between Aldington and Bonnington. I said I had what3words and can they 'ping' me my location, within seconds I received a text which gave my location... the Ambulance and Police now had my exact location – help was on the way...

The second, was when out riding with my husband Tim, deep in forestry commission land, off the main track, winding our way down a little used track... The horse Tim was riding tripped – in walk... he fell awkwardly. I knew it was serious, the human body - well the head and neck to be precis, cannot bend like that without breaking. I knew that the only people who would know my exact location were both away... I let the horse go and allowed them to graze, whilst I held Tim still. I called 999 and explained what had happened. I immediately asked them to 'ping' my what3words app... immediately I received a text, in bold enough writing that without glasses I was able to read them the three words. Within 35mins we had the first of four paramedic teams with us. Imagine trying to explain to someone in the Control Room where I was.. would I be able to recall which of the many tracks off the main path I was on... was it the third or the fourth...what would have happened if it had been my first-time riding in that location. I would probably have had to have made a decision to leave my location to go and get help. (NB – at some point when waiting for help, I did remember another local friend who knew the forest and “the track with the fallen tree” and called them to come and get the horses).

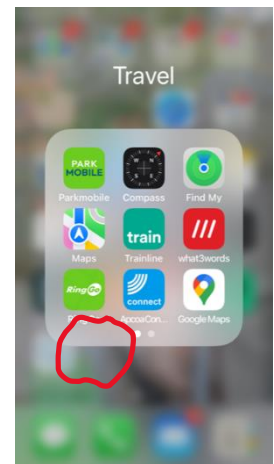


The app is FREE. It was developed by a farmers' son, who couldn't locate his father from the description his father was trying to give him. He mapped the whole world in to 3m square grid all with their own unique three words; however, you do have to be clear on the three words, add or leave off a letter and you will be sent to the wrong place, as I did the other day, sending all our social riders off to Alaska! In an emergency... spell the words out...

[Download What3words today... via the app store or google play. Even if you don't use it yourself, if its on your phone... then the emergency services can ping you...](#)

In our opinion What3words saved Tim's life, although it took three hours to extricate him from the Forest, he was receiving medical care within 35mins from our initial phone call and was stabilised. He had suffered a catastrophic neck injury which required major reconstruction, and his surgeons have said that due to the speed in which he received correct medical care, he should make a full recovery.

Just download the app.. one day it might save your life or someone else's.



Other uses for what3words...

- Use it for deliveries – even to a field gateway.
- Use it to mark water meters or other important landmarks
- Use it for your own address – even better than a postcode
- If you break down, use it for the breakdown companies to find you
- You can even use it for a treasure hunt

LOOKING BACK

MEMBERS ONLY SOCIAL RIDES



ALDINGTON SOCIAL RIDE on Sunday 11th Sept from Frith Farm, Aldington by kind permission of Jon and Sam Webb.

9 riders took part in this Social Ride divided up into smaller groups depending on experience of horse & rider.

The weather was lovely as was the route, which was almost exclusively round private fields and woods with only a tiny bit of roadwork. All beautifully sign-posted for us to follow and the only road crossing was kindly manned by Jon to ensure our safety.

Thank you to our hosts Sam Webb and Jon Webb for their hospitality and allowing us to use their farm for our ride.

LEES COURT SOCIAL RIDE on 9th October from Gosmere Farm, Sheldwich



Again we were blessed with amazing weather – 9 riders divided into two groups of 4 & 5.

We set out with the faster group going first followed by those who fancied a more sedate ride.

The route took us up to through Sheldwich, on to Badlesmere and out towards Molash and back through Selling.

The ride was along country lane and bridleways, through woods and the lovely wide grassy valley through Lees Court Estate. Some of the riders had their first canter on their horses in a group and in wide open spaces. All arrived at the other end safe & sound. Lovely to see so many new faces.



PERRY WOODS SOCIAL RIDE run on Tuesday 22nd November from Perry Woods Car Park

The weather wasn't kind to us for our first chosen date, so we hastily rescheduled for the following week and picked the best day! A little chilly, but the sun was out and the sky was blue. Sadly, only four of us could make the new date.



A ride through Perrywood, is a route of circles, round and round the two prominent mounds, one on either side of the road. We did go up to the top of them both, and took in the view across towards Kingswood.

We had two little canters, very controlled with no silliness! One up the edge of the vineyards and the other up to the view point - that made their muscles work!



There was much chat and many ideas muted for future events...

We will be organising more rides for 2023 – watch out for more dates.

**LATE SUMMER SOCIAL –SEPT 24th
STEAM TRAIN RIDE – WALK ON THE BEACH – LUNCH AT BRITANNIA**



Nine of us and assorted dogs assembled at Hythe RH&D Light Railway station on a rather blustery day to set out on our social trip to Dungeness for a dog walk & lunch. We all clambered aboard and enjoyed the trip to Dungeness where we disembarked.

We all set out on the bracing walk along the beach with all the dogs having a lovely time racing up and down the beach. When we felt they had all had sufficient exercise we retired to The Britannia for a delicious lunch. I have to say the fish finger sandwiches were amazing. The portions were very generous and most of us did not have room for pud!

I have to say all the dogs were impeccably behaved on the train, on the beach and in the Britannia.

Following our lunch we eventually got back on the train for the return trip to Hythe. Everyone had a good time and It certainly was, as we said it would be, something a bit different! Many thanks to Hearher for organising it.



HAT CHECK & FITTING EVENING at SADDLESDANE on Nov 29th



This evening was run in conjunction with Saddlesdane who kept their shop & café open for all comers use. It was put together as BRC, BE, TREC GB & PC are all changing the criteria for hats that may be worn when competing at their events from 1/1/23 and was offered as an opportunity particularly for FDRC Members to get their hat checked for the coming change.

Saddlesdane offered a free hat fitting and a generous discount for anyone needing a new hat.

This event was well attended and after checks were done everyone was invited to join us in the café for refreshments and a chat. The hot chocolate was quite something as was the lemon drizzle cake!

FDRC COMPANION DOG SHOW held on Nov 12th

58 dogs of all shapes & sizes came along to our dog show at Kemsley Community Centre on November 12th. Many thanks to Alison Harper for judging with some classes having 20 plus dogs in. It raised a good sum for the club which is its aim. The refreshments with homemade cakes, sandwiches, snacks & soft drinks did a roaring trade. Many thanks to Chrissy & Jenny for running it and to Heather & Tony for stewarding and selling an amazing amount of raffle tickets. Here are the results:

- Class 1: Lynn Barton with Plush Velvet
- Class 2: Class cancelled
- Class 3: Charlie with Rolo
- Class 4: Lynne Basham with Echo
- Class 5: Anne Ball with Ed
- Class 6: M Coupland Kelsey
- Class 7: Jackie Purne with Bonnie
- Class 8: Sarah Clough with Coco
- Class 9: Derek Fielder with Boyzee
- Class 10: Peter Willis with Mr Chips
- Class 11: Kizzie Mayo with Ronnie
- Class 12: J Francis with Sally B
- Class 25: M. Douson with Jack
- CHAMP. PEDIGREE: Sarah Clough with Coco
- NOVELTY: Pauline Falzon with Xin

- Class 13: Jackie Purne with Bonnie
- Class 14: Lynne Basham with Willow
- Class 15: Lisa Clough with Molly
- Class 16: Lenny Franks with Flo
- Class 17: Eileen Williams with Bow
- Class 18: Pauline Falzon with Xini
- Class 19: Lenny Franks with Flo
- Class 20: Claire Morgan with Blue
- Class 21: Misa with Rayer
- Class 22: Kim Stevens with Kaiser
- Class 23: Lynne Basham with Willow
- Class 24: Kizzie Mayo with Ronnie

- RES. PEDIGREE: M Coupland with Kesey CHAMP.
- RES. NOVELTY : Kim Stevens with Kaiser



Pedigree Champion



Novelty Champion



Best Puppy in Show



Loki the Sec's Helper



HOOFPRINT CHALLENGE No. 2 Dec 1st – Jan 31st - still time to enter



Following the success of last year's Hoofprint Challenge Veronica Crouch has kindly agreed to run on another one this Winter.

It is a photo treasure hunt for you and your horse(s) to take part in to cheer up those Winter hacks or leading out in hand. It is surprising how alert you become when out & about.

Although it started on December 1st you may enter at any time during the running time. Please see attached sheet for all the details and how to enter

CLUB REGALIA UPDATE

We are in the process of getting new Club Regalia sorted – at the moment we can offer Patches of the new club logo to sew/stick/pin onto your saddle cloth or your own clothing like T Shirts/Sweats etc. .

The patches come in two sizes: 8cm for clothing at £7.00 & 11cm for saddle cloths at £8.00

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

Very soon there will be an online shop where you can order items of clothing direct with the logo embroidered onto it with an option to have the back embroidered as well with a design at an extra cost.

More details of this will sent out soon. There has been a slight delay on this as Jenny who is doing all the embroidery is having sourcing problems with some items.



COMING UP

FDRC XMAS DINNER on DECEMBER 14th at Sittingbourne & Milton Regis Golf Club, Wormdale Hill, Newington, Kent, ME9 7PX

Contact Lindsey Bootes at lf.bootes@btinternet.com

NEW YEARS SOCIAL WALK – Sunday 8th January starting from Rose Cottage, Minnis Lane, Stelling Minnis CT4 6EB

Starting at 11.00 and afterwards at the Rose & Crown if you wish to. The walk will last approx. 1 to 1.5 hours

A lovely way to start the new year – a social walk round The Minnis to which all dogs are most welcome. Hot drinks and mince pies/sausage rolls on return to the cottage. Cost £3.00 each paid on the day, which will go towards Club Funds.

Please let us know you are coming by accepting the Facebook Invite or emailing faversham.rc@gmail.com

Contact number on the day: 07813 880373

Please park considerately on the lane opposite the cottage. What3words: <https://w3w.co/numeral.dusty.quiet>

SPLILLERS WEBINARS - January to March

Spillers are again doing a series of Webinars that you can book into which may be of interest to you. Subjects cover Feeding the Senior Horse, Feed & Management for Gastric Ulcers, Feed & Management fir those prone to Laminitis and Spring Tips for the Good Doer.

You can find out more & how to book at <https://www.spillers-feeds.com/webinars>

FDRC ANNUAL GERNERAL MEETING on Feb 20th 2023 starting at 8.00 pm

This will again be held on Zoom as it has proved popular in past years.

Here is your invite:

Elizabeth Roberts is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

FDRC AGM

Time: Feb 20, 2023 at 08:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84196983362?pwd=VkZlcWxaNmxaM1RxZGR2bHdVSmJYZz09>

Meeting ID: 841 9698 3362

Passcode: 491716

2 DAY CAMP for MEMBERS * NOW FULL Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th May 2023**

We are pleased to announce that the FDRC have booked a 2-day camp with Anne Berry at Welwyn Stud, Hawkinge.

There are 10 places available. The 2 days will consist of lessons (flat, show jumping/polework and cross country), talks and a hack to the local pub.

The cost is £150 (members) and to secure your place we will need a £75 deposit paid by BACs.

To go onto the reserve list :

Email Ali at batty2205@gmail.com to inform her that you wish to book a place at the Summer Camp

2023 (or message her at 07920488398) Pay the £75.00 deposit by BACs to: Acct Number : 30858356

Sort Code: 60 19 25 Ref: CAMP 23 Your place will be confirmed by email once you have paid the deposit

TEAM NEWS.

Please see Website What's On page for competition dates at www.favershamridingclub.com

Info also on FDRC Facebook page and look out for FDRC emails.

If you are not on the internet and want details posted contact Sally on 01622 851807



Area 10 Winter SJ 16/10/2022 at Hadlow

Two riders attended this event on our behalf - Abi Martin and Shannon Lunt and they both had good rounds. Abi got an unfortunate 4 faults but Shannon got a double clear but unfortunately Tom was 10 seconds too slow to get placed.

Thank you girls for flying the Faversham flag and congratulations on a job well done.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER DRESSAGE

A few weeks ago, we entered a FDRC Team for the BRC Christmas Cracker Online Dressage Competition... although our team wasn't placed, our scores had us midway, and two of our Team members got individual placings

Team consisted of Liz Roberts, Abi Martin, Alicia Martin - Batt and Shannon Lunt

AREA 10 WINTER DRESSAGE at FELBRIDGE on DEC 10th DECEMBER – report Sally King

Faversham was well represented at this event with three teams and five individual tests, this is our biggest number of team members at an event for a long time and hopefully a good sign for our teams in 2023..

Our entered riders were: Debbie Harris, Abi Martin, Rachel Brett, Sandy O'Connell, Kim Leney, Shannon Lunt, Ali Martin and Liz Roberts.

Our designated helpers were: Sally King, Veronica Crouch and Wendy Neath.

The weather forecast was for snow, ice & sub zero temperatures but Rother Valley decided to go ahead as the day was supposed to get warmer.

Many riders withdrew from the earlier classes including Ali, Abi & Debbie who decided not to tow that early on an icy morning.

Unfortunately, two of our helpers Veronica & Wendy both came off their horses in the week prior to the competition. So, Debbie, Abi & Ali stepped in to take over the helpers' slots. A very good example of Faversham teamwork in action – as all bases covered.
The results are not out yet so will report at a later date
Congratulations to all our riders for braving the weather and riding such good tests.
We wish both Veronica & Wendy a speedy recovery.
A personal thanks to Sandy for coming to thaw Debbie & I out with a hot drink & a bacon roll when it was still sub-zero!!!!

TEAM EVENTS COMING UP

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.

Redhorse Dressage 2022 FDRC Members Points League – Willow Farm EC

Redhorse Dressage run a points system for FDRC members, which will run from February 22 – January 23. Check [Redhorse Dressage Website](#) for show dates.

Results will be announced and League Rosettes will be awarded at the AGM held in Feb 2023

WE ARE HOSTING AREA 10 COMBINED TRAINING – Felbridge EC on April 8th

Date for your 2023 diary - We will be hosting the Area 10 Combined Training Qualifier once again, at Felbridge on Saturday 8th April, which is the Easter Weekend.

Looking forward to a good day of competition which will need the normal army of helpers to make this day happen. If you can help, then please get in touch.
If you want to be in a team – let us know

Contact - Lindsey Bootes - lf.bootes@btinternet.com

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

SHOW JUMPING CLINICS with KATY FORD 15th December - ~~SADLY CANX DUE TO WEATHER~~

at Breach Barn, Elham Valley Road, Barham, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 6LN.

Jumping clinic 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 Breach Barn in the 45x90 arena

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

Group 1 Poles to X poles

Group 2 X poles to 50/60cm

Group 3 up to 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 filling up fast – we will be holding more in 2023 at Bigberry & Breach

POLEWORK/GYMNASTICS FOR YOUR HORSE with CAROLINE HADRIS – next date Sun 15th Jan at TRIPLE H EQUESTRIAN - held monthly

Help your horse become a willing, supple athlete by using poles and simple lateral work/exercises. Will also help build confidence and horse/rider partnership within a safe environment under the expert tuition of Caroline Hadris. 1 hour session for groups of 3 or 4 (depending on uptake)

Members - £15 Non members - £18 by prior arrangement with Elizabeth Roberts, as priority will be given to members. **Booking in advance via www.clubentries.com/favershamrc**

Venue. 20 x 60m arena with mirrors. Easy access off Stone Street, between Stelling Minnis and Petham.

What3words: entire.sparrows.hints

DRESSAGE CLINIC with EMMA KINSLEY at Mockbeggar Farm, Rhodes Minnis, CT4 6XY

W3W: pays.contoured.woven

Flatwork/Dressage clinic with Emma Kinsley including,
45 min individual sessions or pairs (find your own partner) and 30min 'Taster Sessions' available.
60x20m arena

Individual £30 member £35 non member

Pairs £20 Member £35 non member - per rider

Taster Session £20 member £25 non member (only one taster session per person)

Please book via www.clubentries.com/favershamrc

Emma has an excellent understanding of equine biomechanics and is able to work with you and your horse to improve both physical well-being to increase suppleness and allow your horse to work to its full potential.

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

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